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*"Compassion allows you to recognize that other people's needs are as valid as your own."*

*Aung San Suu Kyi told Hawai'i students that it takes courage and compassion to achieve peace, plus a lot of hard work.*

## Global Peace Leader Inspires with Her Passion and Courage

A brief visit to Hawai'i by Nobel Peace Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi left a lasting impression on many.

Among them, nearly 300 public and private high school students and teachers who attended Suu Kyi's address, "Peace Takes Courage and Compassion," which included questions from the young audience. In describing her 25-year-long effort to move Myanmar toward democracy, the Nobel Peace Laureate told Hawai'i students that peace takes courage—and not just the kind you display on the battlefield, but also the courage to compromise.

Her story encouraged many in the audience to expand their own horizons. Alex Nam, senior at St. Louis School, is now considering international affairs and political science as a major when he gets to college and Alina 'Ō 'Ō, of Mililani High School, thinks she could become an ambassador someday.

It is precisely that ripple effect—catalyzing people in the islands to think about and practice peace—that motivated Pam and Pierre Omidyar in 2012, with the Hawai'i Community Foundation, to launch Pillars of Peace Hawai'i: Building Peace on a Foundation of Aloha. Since its start, Pillars of Peace, along with other partners, has enabled the visits of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and John Hunter, founder of the World Peace Game. Aung San Suu Kyi's visit was co-hosted with Rotary International, East-West Center, and the Myanmar Association of Hawai'i.

Please visit [www.pillarsofpeacehawaii.org](http://www.pillarsofpeacehawaii.org) to learn more about Pillars of Peace Hawai'i, or to watch a playback of Suu Kyi's speech.

## OUR *Mission*

We help people make a difference by inspiring the spirit of giving and by investing in people and solutions to benefit every island community.



*Paul Kosasa and Kelvin H. Taketa*

### LEADING THE MISSION

*A message from Paul Kosasa, Chairman of the Board and Kelvin H. Taketa, President & CEO*

### 2013: A Year of Challenge and Opportunity

Our work, with your help, is all about investing in the potential of individuals and creating a safe harbor for Hawai'i's nonprofits.

Nowhere was this more apparent than at our annual donor recognition event—held at Harbor View Center in Honolulu Fishing Village's Pier 38—where the

theme of the evening fit the setting and the challenge: "All boats rise with the tide of caring philanthropy." An enthusiastic audience of over 200 heard from 14-year-old Crystal Cebedo of Wai'anae, who shared the story of her mother's death through an intimate video portrait she and a small team of middle-school students created as part of PBS Hawai'i's HIKI NŌ statewide news network.

Over the three seasons since HCF supported the establishment of HIKI NŌ, it has become recognized as the first statewide student news network in the nation and model for other PBS stations. This popular PBS Hawai'i program works with over 80 public and private schools across the state whose students produce stories from their own viewpoints and voices. This honest and fresh perspective celebrates Hawai'i's dispersed island cultures and sheds light on stories that would otherwise never be seen.

Crystal closed her presentation with this message to the Hawai'i Community Foundation and the many donors who helped make HIKI NŌ possible: "Thank you for believing in the full potential of a couple of teenagers."

The late Senator Daniel K. Inouye devoted his entire life to recognizing the potential of individuals and communities to make a better state and nation. Many of us at the Hawai'i Community Foundation had the privilege of working closely with the senator and his staff and witnessing the tremendous leadership and inspiration he provided. With 49 years of service, he was the longest-living serving member of the U.S. Senate, but the legacy of what he accomplished for his country and for our community is more appropriately measured in generations than in years. In his honor, the Daniel K. Inouye Memorial Fund was established at the request of Irene Hirano Inouye; the fund will support some of the organizations and causes championed by the senator.

As he would want it, HCF is continuously seeking to improve the impact of charitable giving in and for our community. Contact us to learn how you can get involved in creating a better Hawai'i for every one of us who lives here. ***Mahalo.***



*Senator Dan Inouye*

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!** Complete the enclosed survey and help students who are the first in their families to attend college.



## UPCOMING *Events*

HCF holds Legacy Society lunches throughout the year to give members an opportunity to connect and learn.

**June 19:**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION IN HAWAII**

***Josh Stanbro***

Learn about innovative energy solutions underway in Hawai'i and at HCF and pick up some tips on how to conserve energy.

**September 26:**

### **WHAT'S NEW AT HCF**

***Kelvin Taketa/Executive Team***

Learn about current initiatives at HCF that will change the landscape of Hawai'i, including the Fresh Water Initiative and Pathways to Resilient Communities.

**December 17:**

### **HELPING HAWAII'S VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

***Susan Jackson***

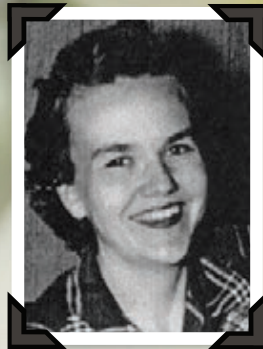
Learn about a new initiative serving at-risk youth and families, working to change the way we address education and human services challenges.



*Legacy Society members Richard and Myrna Cundy*

For more information on the events or to learn more about the Legacy Society, please contact Evie Carranza at (808) 566-5526 or [ecarranza@hcf-hawaii.org](mailto:ecarranza@hcf-hawaii.org)

## FEATURED *Profile*

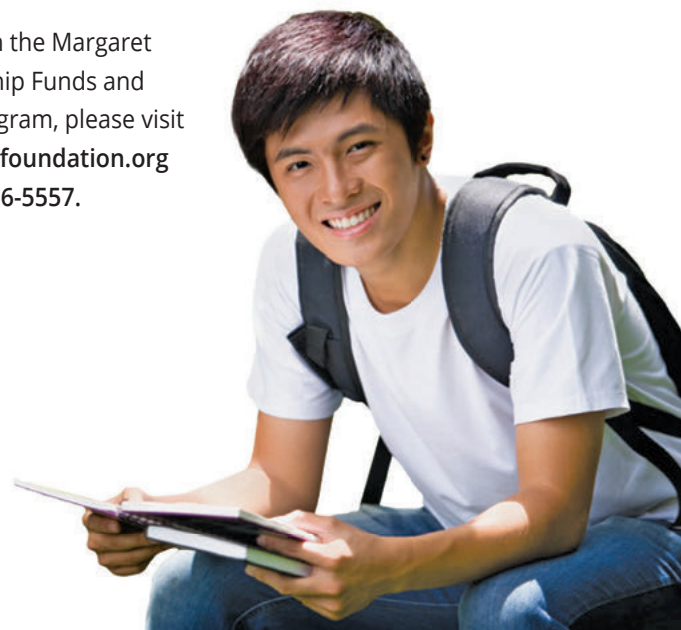


## Margaret Follett Haskins: A Legacy of Hard Work and Academic Achievement

A survivor of the Great Depression, Kansas-native Margaret Follett Haskins attained her academic goals despite great odds, working her way through the community college system to ultimately graduate from the University of Kansas and become a successful pharmacist. In her honor, Margaret's husband Walter established two memorial scholarship funds at HCF after her death in 1976.

Having fallen in love with Hawai'i on visits years before, Walter relocated to Maui with his wife Peggy in 1983. For the rest of his life, Walter Haskins remained committed to helping students realize their potential through higher education. When he passed away in July 2012, his estate established a third scholarship fund in memory of Margaret Follett Haskins. Her hard work and determination to earn her way to a better life continues to serve as a model and inspiration for the many Hawai'i students who have and will receive support from the Haskins' generosity.

For more information on the Margaret Follett Haskins Scholarship Funds and the HCF Scholarship program, please visit [www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org](http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org) or call Eric La'a at 808-566-5557.





# HCF Happenings

More than 200 donors and clients attended the Hawai'i Community Foundation's annual recognition event on April 10 at Harbor View Center. The evening honored guests for their ongoing commitment to improving our communities and celebrated the impact their charitable giving has on Hawai'i's families, kūpuna and youth.



Kitty O'Reilly, Takayo Inatsuka, Carol Hosaka



Allison Wong Daniel, Cecily Wong, Shera Mercer



Dr. David McEwan, Gigi Lee, Richard Reese



Vicky Cayetano, Ben Cayetano, Elizabeth Grossman, Kimberly Dey



Leonard Kamp, Koshu Lalachand, Gulab Watumull, Indru Watumull



Top: Linda Adamson, Manuel Sylvester, Patrick Duarte, Sister Alicia Damien, Stacey Schiller Bottom: Margaret Sylvester, Edith Leong



John Allen, Crystal Cebedo, Robert Pennybacker, Mahealani Nieto-Lopes, Leslie Wilcox, Luane Higuchi and Miki Kamimura



## News YOU CAN USE

### Update on Hawai'i's Charitable Deduction Tax Incentive

We are pleased to announce that the legislation removing the cap on deducting charitable contributions has made it to Conference Committee. By the time you read this, hopefully the deduction will have been fully restored. Thanks to all of you who lent your support to this measure.

As background, since 2011, Hawai'i law has limited all itemized deductions, including charitable contributions for state income tax purposes. Individuals making more than \$100,000 can deduct up to only \$25,000 of itemized deductions, while couples with more than \$200,000 of income can take only a maximum of \$50,000 in deductions.

Granted, the cap applies only to higher-wealth individuals, but they are the very people whose individual contributions make up the lion's share of all charitable contributions to Hawai'i's charities. While donors do not make charitable gifts only for tax reasons, tax incentives make more and larger gifts possible.

Unlike deductions for mortgage interest and medical expenses, the charitable deduction is the only deduction that does not represent a personal expense for the benefit of the taxpayer. It makes sense to "carve out" charitable gifts from the deduction cap because that deduction is unique. We thank all of you for your commitment to the charitable organizations in our community and we are hopeful that Hawai'i will remove the tax disincentive for your continued support.





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*Tom Kelly, Vice President of Knowledge,  
Evaluation and Learning*

## Knowledge CENTER

[www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/knowledge-center](http://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/knowledge-center)

Hawai'i Community Foundation has accumulated a vast amount of knowledge over its 97-year history and continues to do so. . . making it the "go-to" resource for information about nonprofit organizations and trends in charitable giving, both local and national. "Because the sharing of knowledge multiplies its value, we've created an online knowledge center for the community" explained HCF's Tom Kelly, vice president of knowledge, evaluation and learning. Tom, himself, is a recent addition to the HCF team, bringing with him decades of experience in philanthropic learning and evaluation, most recently with the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

### CURRENTLY IN THE KNOWLEDGE CENTER

- A recent research study—UnderDeveloped: A National Study of Challenges Facing Nonprofit Fundraising—by HCF partner CompassPoint on the difficult challenges faced by nonprofit fundraisers and development directors

### UPCOMING IN THE KNOWLEDGE CENTER

- New data on Hawai'i's nonprofits, including trends in revenue and charitable giving
- Information on newly launched initiatives for middle-grade students and families at risk of homelessness