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Matt Beall and Jennine Sullivan Appointed to the Hawai'i Community Foundation's Board of Governors

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF), one of the state's leading philanthropic institutions, has appointed two new members to its Board of Governors effective April 1, 2024.

Matt Beall is CEO, co-owner, and co-founder of Hawai'i Life, the leading residential real estate brokerage in both sales volume and number of luxury listings across the island chain, with more than 330 brokers and agents across 20 offices in Hawai'i. A staunchly independent, locally owned company, Hawai'i Life co-founded Forbes Global Properties in 2020 with Forbes Media, which today includes more than 15,000 real estate sales professionals across the globe. Beall served as the president of the Kaua'i Board of Realtors in 2012, on the Executive Committee of the Hawai'i Association of Realtors in 2013; and is currently a member of five separate Realtor associations across Hawai'i. Since 2014, he has served as a board member of the Hawai'i Land Trust, a land conservation organization with over 20,000 acres in perpetual conservation. He also serves on the Kaua'i Leadership Council for the Hawai'i Community Foundation, where Hawai'i Life has a donor-advised fund to which its brokers, agents, and employees make charitable contributions.

Jennine Sullivan is the executive director of The Pantry by Feeding Hawai'i Together, the largest nonprofit e-commerce food distributor in Hawai'i, providing custom-packed fresh, diverse, nutritious food and household goods to over 1,000 households every week. Born and raised in Hawai'i, Jennine returned home to apply her skills across innovation, technology, and business transformation after spending over a decade working on the continent and internationally. Named one of General Electric's most impactful employees in 2019, Jennine held multiple senior roles working across finance, operations, and business development. Most recently, she worked at GE Ventures, contributing to the development of two startups in the aviation space from ideation to Series B. She is passionate about food systems and social equity and is presently pursuing a master's degree in supply chain management.

"In their respective fields, both Matt and Jennine have been making waves globally for world-class organizations, acquiring tremendous knowledge and expertise while being deeply rooted in Hawai'i," says Peter Ho, HCF Board chairman and Bank of Hawai'i president and CEO. "We will rely on their insight and guidance as HCF continues its commitment to a vibrant Hawai'i where all of our island communities thrive."

The HCF Board of Governors comprises respected community leaders who represent the rich diversity and broad interests of Hawai'i. Their knowledge of and sensitivity to Hawai'i's issues and needs provide invaluable leadership to the Hawai'i Community Foundation. The board establishes policies, sets organization-wide priorities and program strategies, and ensures that the financial stewardship and operations of HCF are conducted with integrity and accountability. The work of current board members builds on that of former Board of Governors members who have served HCF with distinction over the organization's more than 105-year history.

"I'm excited to come on board, because I've always had a focus on wanting to help make Hawai'i a better place," says Jennine Sullivan. "And I think HCF is one of the leading providers in the nonprofit space carrying out that mission. I'm happy to contribute in any way I can—both from my professional background of structured finance, big corporate innovation, as well as my experience as someone who has Hawai'i in my heart."

"I'm such a believer in the power of philanthropy, not only for the impact it has in the community, but the benefits for those who are giving," says Matt Beall. "I watch the Hawai'i Life employees managing their donor advised fund, and it's so touching to see the effect it has on them, getting that philanthropic muscle memory built up, and then getting excited enough to bring in their friends and family and clients. It leads to this ripple effect, with all these concentric circles of influence throughout Hawai'i."

Beall will serve on the board's Finance & Audit Committee and Investment Subcommittee, which oversees the integrity of HCF's finances and investment of HCF's assets. Sullivan will serve on the board's Finance & Audit Committee, the Investment Subcommittee, and the External Engagement Committee, which is responsible for connecting HCF to the world beyond our doors, providing strategic direction and advice to align HCF's external outreach, engagement efforts, and messaging, as well as serving as an ambassador of the foundation.

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For headshots of Beall and Sullivan, please visit [this Dropbox folder](#).

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About The Hawai'i Community Foundation

The vision of the Hawai'i Community Foundation is to create an equitable and vibrant Hawai'i in which all our Island communities thrive. With our more-than-105-year history, our trusted expertise, and the generous support of donors, we are working to address the root causes of our state's most difficult challenges, including expanding access to affordable housing, conserving fresh water resources, and ensuring the healthy development of Hawai'i's young children. We focus our efforts through the CHANGE Framework, which identifies six essential sectors affecting the overall well-being of these islands and its people. HCF works in communities across Hawai'i, with offices and staff located statewide. In 2023, HCF stewarded more than 1,160 funds, established by individuals, businesses, and organizations who share our passion for a better Hawai'i. We distributed over \$107 million in grants to the community from funds at HCF, contracts, and private foundations statewide, including scholarships assisting more than 1,000 Hawai'i students. For more information about HCF, please visit hawaiicomunityfoundation.org and follow our social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).