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**HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW
SENIOR DIRECTOR OF THE MAUI RECOVERY EFFORT**

The new senior director of the Maui Recovery Effort signifies a commitment to Maui-based leadership aligned with the pivot to longer-term recovery for Lahaina and broader Maui.

KAHULUI, MAUI — As Maui continues its disaster response and moves toward mid- and long-term recovery, the Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) has hired Keanu Lau Hee as our senior director of the Maui Recovery Effort. She officially joins HCF on July 16.

In her role, Lau Hee will lead HCF's external efforts related to Maui County, inclusive of HCF's role in Maui's recovery from the wildfires. She will represent HCF executive leadership across Maui County on all related matters, specifically represent the Foundation in Maui recovery efforts, and engage regularly with the Maui Strong Fund Special Oversight Committee and the broader HCF Board of Governors, CEO and senior leadership team.

Lau Hee brings unique experience in emergency management (including eruptions, flood, hurricane, and now wildfire) as well as critical strategic planning, land use, resource and project management, and communication skills. Her current deputy roles for both the Maui County managing director as well as the Office of Recovery have provided incredible opportunities for her to demonstrate strong capabilities, courageous leadership, and a deep commitment to the community's recovery. This, coupled with her passion to contribute to the Maui community for the long-term, will be highly valuable in the days ahead.

"I am particularly drawn to this role at Hawai'i Community Foundation due to its dedication to forging connections and advocating for equity, which resonates with my professional philosophy and personal values. I am eager to bring all that I have to offer to the HCF Maui team and broader organization, contributing to impactful recovery and resilience for our local residents, businesses, and community resources that are critical to our well-being," says Lau Hee.

HCF CEO and president Micah Kāne expresses strong confidence in Lau Hee's capabilities as both a team player and a leader who will be essential in this particular recovery and the broader Maui County efforts moving forward. "We are very excited to have Keanu as part of our leadership

team, especially as we continue to work closely with Maui County, the local nonprofits and residents toward a future they have longed for and deserve,” Kāne says.

For nonprofit organizations seeking funding from the Maui Strong Fund, please visit this section of HCF website for detailed instructions on how to apply for a MSF grant.

<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/strengthening/maui-strong-fund/apply-for-a-grant>

For donations to the Maui Strong Fund at HCF, please visit

<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>.

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About the Hawai'i Community Foundation & Maui Strong Fund

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. HCF works in communities across Hawai'i, with offices and staff located statewide. For more information about HCF, please visit hawaiicommunityfoundation.org and follow our social media channels on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [YouTube](#).

The Maui Strong Fund of the Hawai'i Community Foundation is providing financial resources to support the immediate and long-term recovery needs for the people and places affected by the Maui wildfires. HCF works in close collaboration with federal, state and county agencies, nonprofit organizations, and community members to get an understanding of the evolving priorities on the ground and deploys grants to address unmet needs. To ensure transparency, all grantees and award amounts from the Maui Strong Fund are updated regularly and can be found [here](#). The Maui Strong Fund is designed for the long haul, using a four-phase approach that includes recovery, stabilization, risk reduction, and resiliency building. Learn more about our four-phase approach [here](#).