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**TAMAR CHOTZEN GOODFELLOW NAMED NEW CHAIR OF  
HAWAII COMMUNITY FOUNDATION BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Honolulu, HI** — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) is excited to announce Tamar Chotzen Goodfellow as the new Chair of its Board of Governors, effective January 1, 2026. Chotzen Goodfellow has served on HCF's Board for nine years, most recently as its Vice Chair. She takes on the role from Peter Ho, Bank of Hawai'i Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, who has served on the Board for 19 years.

"During her time on the Board, Tamar has been integral in leading our Maui recovery efforts, serving as the board liaison for the Maui Strong Fund Oversight Committee, along with being an active member of our Neighbor Island Leadership Council," says Ho, who will remain on the board as Vice Chair. "I look forward to partnering with her to advance our mission of building capacity for change and serving as an effective philanthropic partner to Hawai'i's communities."

Chotzen Goodfellow has long been a leader in environmental education, conservation, health care advocacy, and community engagement. She understands both the fundraising and fund-giving aspects of organizations, giving her a unique perspective.

"HCF is an amazing organization with an outstanding staff and board. I am honored to work with them towards building a better Hawai'i," shared Chotzen Goodfellow.

Beginning as an Outward Bound instructor on Hawai'i Island, Chotzen Goodfellow went on to serve as executive director of the Hawai'i Nature Center, which provided hands-on experiences for thousands of Hawai'i's children and families, and developed her expertise in nonprofit leadership, fundraising, and strategic planning.

Chotzen Goodfellow was the senior vice president of Education and Centers at the National Audubon Society from 1999 to 2004, establishing over 20 Audubon Centers nationwide in

collaboration with local communities. She has garnered numerous accolades, including the United Nations Environmental Leadership Award and the American Museum Association's Nancy Hanks Memorial Award for Professional Excellence.

Her community impact is evident through her extensive board memberships and volunteer leadership roles. She serves on the Board of Maui Health Systems and is board president for the Maui Health Foundation. Chotzen Goodfellow has established and endowed several foundations, including the Red Cabin Foundation and the Translational Research Scholars through the Jimmy V Foundation. She is a Stanford University alumna with a Master of Arts in Education.

"HCF's Board of Governors, under the direction of Peter Ho, has done an exemplary job charting the course for our foundation," says Terry George, HCF CEO and President. "Given Tamar's talent for leadership and her clear commitment to Hawai'i's people, I know she will continue to build upon the work under Peter's leadership. HCF is in good hands for the road ahead."

\*\*\*\*\*VISUALS\*\*\*\*\*

Headshots for Chotzen Goodfellow and Ho can be found at [this Dropbox link](#).

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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-108-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 freshwater 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 their people. HCF works in communities across Hawai'i, with offices and staff located statewide. In 2025, HCF stewarded more than 1,175 funds, established by individuals, businesses, and organizations committed to building a better Hawai'i. Through these funds, along with contracts and private foundations, we've distributed over \$116 million in grants statewide so far this year, including scholarships assisting more than 1,400 Hawai'i students. For more information about HCF, please visit [Hawaiicommunityfoundation.org](https://hawaiicommunityfoundation.org) and follow our social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.