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**HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OPENS OFFICE
IN HILO TO SERVE EAST HAWAI'I COMMUNITY**

HILO, Hawai'i — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF), which has served the people of Hawai'i for 99 years as one of the oldest community foundations in the nation, announced the opening of a second office on Hawai'i Island in Hilo. Senior philanthropy advancement officer Andrea Furuli leads the new Hilo office, located at the Hawai'i Innovation Center.

The East Hawai'i office will serve as a resource for donors and nonprofit organizations in the region, which has seen a steady increase in philanthropic activity in recent years. Residents will be able to meet with HCF giving officers in their community to ensure their charitable contributions benefit causes in East Hawai'i or the rest of the state, depending on their wishes.

"I look forward to leading the work of the foundation as it expands its presence in the Hilo community and throughout the region," said Andrea Furuli from Hawai'i Community Foundation. "The people of East Hawai'i have shown incredible support and generosity for causes near and dear to them, and we look forward to working with them even more closely to transform their generosity into lasting change."

Hawai'i County has seen a steady increase in philanthropic activity in recent years, including the establishment of the regional East Hawai'i Fund, which provides residents the opportunity to target their donations toward needs specific to the area. Over the past four years, East Hawai'i organizations have received nearly \$200,000 in grants from the fund, with \$66,000 distributed to 21 local charities in the past year alone.

"Hawai'i Community Foundation has long been a valuable resource for giving across the state," said Barry Taniguchi, an East Hawai'i resident and past member of Hawai'i Community Foundation's

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board of governors. “As the foundation develops deeper roots in East Hawai‘i, it will provide more opportunities to focus on the community as a whole and help shape positive change and growth.”

Hawai‘i Community Foundation has staff in island communities statewide, including offices on Maui and Kaua‘i, two Hawai‘i Island locations, and its headquarters in downtown Honolulu. Next year, the foundation will celebrate its centennial, marking 100 years of growth and service to communities across the state of Hawai‘i.

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About the Hawai‘i Community Foundation

With 99 years of community service, the Hawai‘i Community Foundation (HCF) is the leading philanthropic institution in the state. HCF is a steward of more than 700 funds, including more than 200 scholarship funds, created by donors who desire to transform lives and improve communities. In 2014, HCF distributed more than \$46 million in grants and contracts statewide, including over \$4.5 million in scholarships. HCF also serves as a resource on community issues and trends in the nonprofit sector. For more information, visit www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org.

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