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### **OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS HONORED**

*Hawai'i Community Foundation recognizes two community-minded professionals  
for inspiring philanthropy*

**HONOLULU, HAWAI'I**— Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) today recognized two Honolulu-based professional advisors, Judy Y. Lee, Esq. and Gayle S. Tasaka, CPA, for their commitment to philanthropy in their personal and professional lives. The 2021 Outstanding Professional Advisors in Philanthropy event was attended virtually by 140 of Hawai'i's top legal, financial and tax advisors.

"Our honorees are exceptional community-minded professionals," said Jen-L Lyman, director of Philanthropic Partnerships at HCF. "They help to inspire charitable giving through their work with their clients and they remind us all, that no matter what our role is, there is something everyone can do to bring about positive change in Hawai'i."

Lee is an attorney and partner with Goodwill Anderson Quinn & Stifel, LLC, where she concentrates her practice in estate planning, probate, guardianships, trust administration, and estate controversy. She helps to promote philanthropy by initiating conversations with her clients to encourage charitable giving, and speaks to local nonprofit organizations, often on her personal time, about estate planning and the importance of legacy gifts. Lee feels privileged to work with clients who choose to give generously to causes they care about. "With a grateful heart we can encourage others," says Lee. "Support can come in different forms. It could be compassion and kindness or giving of time and donations."

Tasaka is a certified public accountant for individual taxpayers, estates, and trusts. Prior to opening her own business, she was a senior tax manager for Deloitte & Touche. Tasaka has served as a resource to the professional advisor community in Hawai'i by encouraging ways to include charitable giving as part of the conversation. She says she often works with clients who want to give, but don't think they have enough money to make an impact. "Helping clients to understand their options is always enjoyable," Tasaka says. "When they see that their contributions are making a real difference, they're surprised and motivated to do more."

The Outstanding Professional Advisors in Philanthropy event was established in 2006, and as part of the award, honorees recommend a Hawai'i nonprofit organization of their choice to receive a \$2,000 grant award. Lee's donation will be split between Nu'uano Baptist Church, Susan G. Komen Hawai'i, and Domestic Violence Action Center. Tasaka's donation will go to Hawai'i Literacy.

View past honorees and learn more about HCF's work with professional advisors [here](#).

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#### About Hawai'i Community Foundation

With 105 years of community service, HCF is one of the leading philanthropic institutions in the state. HCF is a steward of more than 1,000 funds, including more than 300 scholarship funds, created by donors who desire to transform lives and improve communities. In 2020, HCF distributed \$142.4 million in grants and contracts statewide, including \$9.2 million in scholarships. HCF also serves as a resource on community issues and trends in the nonprofit sector.