



December 5, 2016

Aloha mai kakou!

*Help us build The Puakea Learning Center at He'eia State Park –
A canoe hālau for the community to learn Pacific Island canoe culture*

Through building, racing, and reforestation efforts the **Puakea Foundation** is looking to instill stewardship and a connection to the koa canoe from Mountain to the Sea. “Uncle Bobby” Puakea, our Kālai Wa'a, takes great pride in teaching the art of koa canoe building and many have witnessed the journey of a koa canoe through his guidance. Over the past few years, the Puakea Foundation has focused our efforts on building a permanent hālau structure (**The Puakea Learning Center**) at He'eia State Park where Uncle Bobby can continue to share his mana'o and knowledge with the younger generations, the Windward Community, and the many other visitors who stop to talk story each day. We are just beginning our fundraising efforts and hope that you can help us complete this project by the end of 2018. The Foundation has already raised approximately \$80K towards the project through grants and fundraising efforts and are looking to the community to help us reach our goal of \$250,000.

Join us as the Puakea Foundation presents our fourth annual Casino Event on April 09th, 2017, 2pm-6pm at He'eia State Park. Come enjoy a fun filled night of casino games, 'ono pūpū, music, food, and a silent auction of local and canoe related items. All proceeds of the event will be used to help fund the completion of the Puakea Learning Center.

There are several ways to show your support for this event.

To provide *a contribution*, provide a letter/memo to the Foundation that includes the following:

- Description of the item
- Value of the item
- Name of your business/company and contact info (To be provided so that the Foundation can ensure to send a proper acknowledgement letter for the donation)
- Call us for pick up or mail items to Puakea Foundation, PO Box 1799, Kailua HI 96734.

If you would like to provide a *monetary contribution*:

- Checks may be made payable to: Puakea Foundation, with “Puakea Learning Center” on the memo line.
- Given online via the Puakea Foundation website: www.puakea.org, click on the donate menu header.

All donations are a tax write-off and receipts with our Federal Tax ID number will be provided.

Mahlo nui! We appreciate the generous support of businesses in our community and hope you will give favorable consideration to this request. Please contact Dotty Mack at (808) 372-3402 or dorothy.r.mack@gmail.com should you have any questions.