



March 14, 2023

Aloha mai kakou!

Please help the Puakea Foundation and the Puakea Learning Center continue to perpetuate Pacific Island canoe culture

Through carving, building, racing, and reforestation efforts the Puakea Foundation is looking to instill stewardship and a connection to the koa canoe from the mountain to the sea with the next generation. Robert "Uncle Bobby" Puakea, our Kahuna Kālai Wa'a, or Master Canoe Carver, takes immense pride in teaching the art of koa canoe carving and building, and many have witnessed the journey of a koa canoe from the mountains to the sea through his guidance. 2019 saw Uncle Bobby's dream come to fruition with the blessing of 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 community, and visitors. The Foundation has been able to raise the funds to complete construction of the project through grants and fundraising efforts and is now raising funds for the last phase of the project; building a retaining wall and installing electricity as well as site maintenance.

For the first time since 2019 the Puakea Foundation is excited to present Casino Night on June 16, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Armed Forces Association of Hawai'i National Guard Association Center. Event highlights include a fun-filled afternoon of casino games, great Hawaiian music, food, and a silent auction of an array of local and canoe related items. All proceeds of the event will be used to perpetuate Pacific Island canoe culture by Uncle Bobby and the Puakea Learning Center through workshops, student tour groups, etc.

We are sending letters to local vendors to request your support via silent auction donations or monetary donations to help the Puakea Foundation spread canoe culture to the next generation on the Windward side and the world (through visitors to the Puakea Learning Center).

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

To provide **a contribution for the silent auction** please fill out the attached donation form and include it with your contribution.

Please send all items to Puakea Foundation, Attn: Casino Night Fundraiser, P. O. Box 1799, Kailua HI 96734 or call us and someone will come to pick up your contribution.

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

- **Checks** may be made payable to: **Puakea Foundation**. Please write "Puakea Learning Center" on the memo line.
- **Online donations** may be made via the Puakea Foundation website: www.puakea.org. Click on the "Donate" menu header.



All donations are tax deductible and you will be provided with an acknowledgement letter that includes our Federal Tax ID number.

We appreciate the generous support of businesses in the community and hope that you will give favorable consideration to this request. Please contact Lynda Murakami-Nishimoto at (808)783-7323 or lynda.murakami@gmail.com or Dorothy "Dottie" Mack at (808)372-3402 or waamau@puakea.org should you have any questions.

Mahalo nui for your consideration,

Lynda Murakami-Nishimoto
Puakea Foundation Board Member, Silent Auction Committee Chair



Puakea Foundation Casino Night
June 16, 2023

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Thank you for your contribution to our silent auction. Please complete this form and return it with your donation by **June 7, 2023**.

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Company: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please provide a brief description of the item you are donating:

Retail value of item: \$ _____