

**News from Napili Kai
Foundation
April 2012 – June 2012**



Kamehameha Day Ho'olaulea

Mauī's Kamehameha Day Parade and Ho'olaulea (celebration) was held on Saturday, June 16, 2012.

For the second time, the keiki performed at the Ho'olaulea which follows the annual King Kamehameha Day Parade at Kamehameha Iki Park in Lahaina. A big Mahalo to Debbie Mahuna who organized and manned a concession stand where we sold refreshments and T-shirts, as well as to the keiki families who supplied the sodas and water."



Keiki from Napili Kai Foundation dancing at the ho'olaulea



Parent volunteer Sally Werblun at our concession tent, where we also had the opportunity to promote our weekly show



Kumu (teacher) Kathy Ralar dancing with Matthew Erickson and Daryl Fujiwara co-chairs of the Kamehameha Day parade and also alumni of the NKF

**Napili Kai Foundation Awards
\$13,500 in Scholarships**

The Napili Kai Foundation is proud to announce our 2012 scholarship awards, totaling \$13,500, which were presented on June 12th, at the conclusion of our weekly performance.

The awards came from three different scholarship funds:

The Perna Foundation for Hope was founded 3 years ago by Janet Perna who retired after 31 years from executive positions at IBM. Her foundation reaches out nationally and internationally to help a wide variety of organizations;

The Dennis Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund was started a year ago by Dennis' widow, Jamie, and her friends who wanted to honor and memorialize him. The late Mr. Wilkinson was an architect and owner of a unit at Napili Lani.

The J.C. Millar Memorial Scholarship Fund was started more than 20 years ago by the friends of Jack Millar, the founder and, for many years, Manager of the Napili Kai Beach Resort.



Kerilyn Dofa, Kelcie Naleieha, Lou Ross, Caitlin Panis, Michael Akiona, and Dominique Laborte

This year our scholarship recipients are all alumni of Lahainaluna High School, the awardees are:

Michael Lloyd Akiona, whose mother has worked at the Napili Kai Beach Resort for 8 years, received \$1,500 from the Perna Foundation for Hope and \$1,500 from the J.C. Millar Memorial Scholarship Fund. He is entering his third year at Kapiolani Community College, seeking a degree as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Kerilyn Dofa, a graduate of the Napili Kai Foundation (12 years), received \$1,500 from the Perna Foundation for Hope and \$1,500 from the Dennis Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Kerilyn will be completing her final year of studies at the University of Hawaii, Maui, in order to obtain her Dental Hygienist degree.

Dominique Laborte received \$2,000 from the Perna Foundation for Hope and \$1,500 from the Dennis Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Dominique, who is a graduate of the Napili Kai Foundation (11 years), will be entering her final year at Linfield College in Oregon, majoring in Athletic Training.

Kelcie-Marie Naleieha, whose grandmother, Natalie Naleieha, recently retired from the Napili Kai Beach Resort after 38 years, received \$2,500 from the J.C. Millar Memorial Scholarship Fund to help her start her first year at the University of Oregon.

Caitlin Panis, received \$1,500 from the Dennis Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund. Caitlin will be entering her third year at UH-Maui, majoring in Photography and Marketing. She was a member of the Napili Kai Foundation for 3-1/2 years.

The 46-year-old Napili Kai Foundation is the oldest running keiki hula show in the State of Hawaii and has been awarding higher education scholarships to its graduates and to the children of employees of the Napili Kai Beach Resort, for over 20 years.

Foundation DVD



Filming for our new DVD has been completed and the producer, David Barry, is in the process of incorporating interviews with our Kumu, alumni, and selected individuals to add to the performance. This will enable us to use the DVD for grant applications, scholarship and endowment fundraising. After the weekly show we are frequently asked if we sell a DVD of the show. Soon we will be able to accommodate that request.

David has been producing DVDs for the Slack Key

performances and has generously volunteered his time and expertise to the Foundation. We look forward to completion of the DVD shortly.

New Foundation Website

We are also well into the process of a complete redo of our website. We have been introduced to a local Kapalua based marketing firm (K3 Marketing) and they are redesigning our website to bring it up to current needs and standards. In addition to updated photos, the website will also allow us to post our current newsletter, post current publicity, and feature links to a scholarship section, event notifications and signups, an e-commerce site for online donations and a NKF merchandise shop. We will also have links to the Napili Kai website, sponsors, and social media sites. There will be a separate, password protected section for Kumu Kathy to maintain a members-only section for communication with the keiki and their parents.

Brighton Company Fundraiser

As many of you are aware, Brighton is a well-known, high-end women's jewelry, handbag and accessory company. They have instituted a new fundraiser at each of their local stores to support arts for children. Brighton has chosen NKF as the recipient of the "Brighton Loves Kids Across America" campaign on Maui. For every "Americana Bracelet" sold, a full 50% or \$24 will be donated to the Foundation.



Anyone wishing to participate must purchase the bracelet from the Brighton store in Whalers Village at Kaanapali. If anyone on the mainland would like to purchase a bracelet, please contact Janice Studwell at: janicestudwell@yahoo.com and we will coordinate your purchase. This is a limited edition bracelet and the fundraiser will continue until July 31st.

NKF Golf Tournament

The Foundation has been invited to perform at the Washington State Hawaiian Civic Club's Annual Hula Festival, to be held in March 2013. This is great opportunity for our keiki and preliminary plans have been discussed with the parents. Since travel is a very expensive and prohibitive proposition for our entire membership, the current proposal between the Foundation Board of Directors, our Kumu, and the parents, is that we create a Travel Fund for this purpose. The parents have proposed separate fundraising that they will spearhead, to create an ongoing Travel Fund.

At the suggestion of Kumu Kathy Ralar, a travel troupe consisting of 14 keiki would be selected to participate in this particular invitation. The Kumu and the musicians (6 in total) would also participate, and would double as chaperones for the event. The kumu and musicians will also be responsible for their individual cost of travel. No directors or

parents will attend. This would bring our travel group to 20.

The parents have already organized the first fundraiser in the form of a golf tournament to be held on Sunday, September 2, 2012, at Kapalua's Bay Course. The cost will be \$125.00 for the tournament and luncheon, and signups are currently underway.

If any shareholder or owner will be on Maui on September 2nd and would like to participate, please contact Janice Studwell at: janicestudwell@yahoo.com. Donations are, of course, always welcomed. All donations can be directed to one of the Foundation's specific accounts (endowment, scholarship, general, or travel).

Very exciting happenings all around, mahalo for your constant support, and we will keep you posted on the results.

