

## News from Napili Kai Foundation



### OHA Awards a Grant to the Napili Kai Foundation

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) recently named the Napili Kai Foundation a 2010 recipient of the Community Grants Program in its Kauhale category. The grants program assists nonprofit organizations working to address the needs of the Hawaiian community.

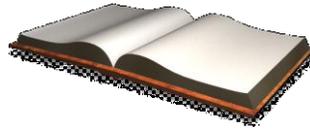
The \$10,000 award will help extend the Foundation's cultural legacy of Hawaii program to children ages 6-18 and include an extended and modified program targeting residents of the Hawaiian Homelands in Lahaina's Villages of Lei'ali'i. There are currently 400 Hawaiian residents in Lei'ali'i (near the Civic Center), and their keiki have been invited to participate in special workshops.

At the conclusion of the workshops, and with the purchase of additional hula implements, made possible by the OHA grant, the Napili Kai Foundation will be able to offer membership in its year-round program to the keiki of Lei'ali'i and thereby serve more West Side children.

This is the first time that the Foundation has received a grant award from OHA and we

hope they will continue to help support us.

Our new volunteer Grants Writer, David Carpenter, has been hard at work and we will report on his accomplishments in future issues of Talk Story.



### 2010 Scholarship Recipients

The J.C. Millar Memorial Scholarship Fund was founded in 1986 to help NKF graduates and children of Napili Kai Beach Resort employees wishing to pursue their education beyond high school.

This year, Lahainaluna High School graduating senior Michael-Lloyd Akiona — whose mother, Lorene, works at Napili Kai Beach Resort — received \$2,000 to pursue a career in the medical field at Kapiolani Community College.

Caitlin Panis of the Lahainaluna Class of 2010, a NKF member for three-and-a-half years, received \$1,000 to pursue a degree in Photography at the University of Hawaii Maui College.

NKF alumnae Angel Melody Bode received \$2,000 to help her complete her fourth year at UH Maui. A NKF member for 12 years, Angel is majoring in Art and Philosophy.

During the past year, Angel illustrated a children's book, "Kalani's Wish," and traveled to Chiang Mai, Thailand to complete a mural at a bilingual elementary school.

Nine-year NKF member Brittney Kalilikane, who is studying Psychology at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, and 11-year member Dominique Laborte, who is transferring to Linfield College to pursue a degree in Sports Medicine and Athletic Training, each received \$3,000 to help them complete their third year of college.

Finally, Kamalu Kaina, who is attending Menlo College for the third year, received his first \$2,000 award to help him continue his studies of Mass Media Communications.

His mother, Amy, worked at Napili Kai Beach Resort, and his father, Andrew, is an entertainer in the resort's Sea House Restaurant. All of the recipients are graduates of Lahainaluna High School.

The Foundation will be sending our news from now on through Talk Story, as it is a very timely and efficient way of communicating with our Napili Kai Ohana.

