LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS HISTORY

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
We are an organization founded for the promotion of business and economic growth in Hawaii based upon the principle, "Members Supporting Members."

The organization provides leadership and programs which promote membership interaction, resulting in growth and the continuation of its legacy.

We continue creating opportunities since 1900 to promote fostering friendships, connecting "B2B" (business-to-business), and mālama ka ʻāina (‘caring for the land’).
A Message from the Chair

The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce [HJCC] celebrates its 123rd year in 2023. This booklet will overview the organization's history, leadership and the various programs available to its members. It clearly reflects a strong legacy that has been established by our founders.

Our primary focus is our members and our programs and events are designed to add value to our membership whether it be networking events or seeking assistance from fellow members or member companies.

Preserving our Legacy, Embracing the Future

As the 2023-2024 Chairperson of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express my commitment to honoring HJCC’s long-standing culture and traditions while also ensuring that we are well-positioned to serve the future. We recognize that in order for us to move forward and adapt to a constantly changing business environment, it is essential that we remain true to our roots while growing and expanding our reach. Our mission is to foster strong relationships, promote economic growth, and embrace the new opportunities that come with it.

We are in the process of upgrading our website and membership management system for ease of navigation and to better connect members to members. In two years, we will celebrate our 125th Anniversary and plans are already under way to commemorate this auspicious milestone.

Our commitment to honoring tradition to serve the future membership applies not only to our business operations but also in how we strive to be a positive force for change in our local community. We are dedicated to leveraging our resources to foster meaningful dialogue and promote initiatives that will have a lasting impact.

The most critical work is not accomplished by the Chair alone. HJCC is fortunate to have influential and prominent leaders serving on the Executive Committee, its 30-member Board of Directors, along with the active support of its past chairs, the dozen standing committees with committee chairs & vice-chairs, our dedicated professional staff, and our President & CEO, Steven Teruya.

By embracing the spirit of innovation and collaboration, we know that together we can make meaningful progress and create a brighter future for all. We look forward to continuing to serve our community, Hawaii, and beyond. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Kristi Inkinen Yanagihara
Chair of the Board FY 2023-2024
Owner
Remedy Intelligent Staffing

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Corporate Members

As of June 2023

Chairman’s Circle
- Central Pacific Bank
- Hawaiian Airlines
- Island Insurance Co., Ltd.
- Servco Pacific Inc.
- Y. Hata & Co., Limited

President’s Circle
- ABC Stores
- First Hawaiian Bank
- Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd.

Director’s Circle
- NEC Corporation of America

Executive Circle
- Accuity LLP
- Edward Enterprises, Inc.
- Finance Factors, Ltd.
- HEI
- JTB Hawaii, Inc.
- N&K CPAs, Inc.
- Occidental Underwriters of Hawaii, Ltd.
- Pacific Guardian Life Insurance Co., Ltd.

Corporate Circle
- 31AIKALIMA LLC
- aio Digital
- American Savings Bank
- Atlas Insurance Agency
- Englekirk LLC
- FCH Enterprises, Inc.
- Hawaii National Bank
- Hawaiian Telcom
- Kawailoa Development LLP
- The SSA Group

Small Business Circle
- AHL
- ARC & Partner
- Becker Communications, Inc.
- Ceridian
- Cetra Technology
- ConnectWorks Group Hawaii
- Flora-Dec Sales, Inc.
- Greg Ryan & Associates, A Limited Liability Law Company
- Hawaii Business Magazine
- HMSA
- Island Energy Services
- MW Group, Ltd.
- ProService Hawaii
- Raymond James
- Remedy Intelligent Staffing
- Sodexo

Join the HJCC!

Individual & Corporate Memberships Available

Scan the QR code to learn more about becoming a member of the HJCC. Download a printable application form or register for membership online!

As of June 2023
Board of Directors

Elected Directors (2 Year Term)

Chris Anjo
VP & Commercial Banking Officer
First Hawaiian Bank

Selji Aspengren
CEO
Aloha Freight Forwarders

Tobie Egami
Marketing Coordinator
G70

Miki Ikeda
Vice President | Renewable Energy Sector Manager
Bank of Hawaii

Tetsuya Kubo
President and CEO
JTB Hawaii, Inc.

Scott Kuioka
Senior Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
Island Insurance

Richard Manungas
Assistant Vice President
Branch Manager & Loan Officer
Territorial Savings Bank

Gayle Marumoto
Relationship Officer
Hawaii National Bank

Scott Miyasato
Senior Vice President, General Counsel
Outrigger Hospitality Group

Sanford Morioka
President
Edward Enterprises, Inc.

Jodi Nozoe Chang
Managing Director - Investment Officer; PIM Portfolio Manager
Wells Fargo Advisors

Shannon Okinaka
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer
Hawaiian Airlines

Joanna Oshiro
Managing Director
Deloitte & Touche LLP

Michael Saines
Partner, Vice President of Development
Form Partners

Kaiulani Shinsato
Director, Customer Energy Resources Programs
Hawaiian Electric Company

Jenna Teruya
Asset Manager
Chopped Hawaii
Board of Directors

Elected Directors (2 Year Term) (continued)

Randi Tsushima  
SVP and Manager  
American Savings Bank

Ronald Ushijima  
President Emeritus  
Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce

Neal Yokota  
President & CEO  
Stryker Weiner & Yokota Public Relations, Inc.

Paul Yokota  
President  
FCH Enterprises

Dean Yoneshige  
Assistant Vice President of Brokerage Sales  
Pacific Guardian Life Insurance Company

Board of Directors

Appointed Directors (1 Year Term)

Aaron Muraki  
President  
Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce

Nozomi Heenan  
Vice President, Client Service Manager, International Banking Division  
Central Pacific Bank

Chenise Iwamasa  
Attorney  
Ziva Law, LLC

Taylor Kirihara  
SVP and Mapunapuna Commercial Banking Center Manager  
Central Pacific Bank

Karl Kobayashi  
Partner  
Carlsmith Ball LLP

Rus Murakami  
Regional Vice President  
The SSA Group

Jennifer Okubo Polido  
Attorney  
Law Office of Jennifer R. Okubo Polido LLC

Kristine Wada  
Marketing Manager  
Servco Pacific Inc.

Marcus Yano  
Vice President, Business Sales and Technical Consulting  
Hawaiian Telcom
Board of Directors

Advisory Council

Walter Saito
Past Chair FY 1980
President Emeritus
Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii

Wayne Miyao
Past Chair FY 1990
Chairman
Hiroshima-Hawaii Sister City Committee

Gerald Ushijima
Past Chair FY 1996
Principal
Gerald Y. Ushijima, CPA

Wayne Ishinara
Past Chair FY 1999
President & CEO (retired)
Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce

Arnold Hirotsu
Past Chair FY 2004
President
PSH Insurance, Inc.

Glenn Nakamura
Past Chair FY 2007
CEO & Principal Broker
BRYCL Resorts International

Kathryn Inkinen
Past Chair FY 2008
Founder (retired)
Inkinen Executive Search

Sidney Hamada
Past Chair FY 2010
President
Flora-Dec Sales, Inc.

Christine Kubota
Past Chair FY 2012
President
Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert

Scott Higa
Past Chair FY 2013
President
Robert M. Kaya Builders, Inc.

Gordon Kagawa
Past Chair FY 2014
CEO
Occidental Underwriters of Hawaii, Ltd.

Candice Naito
Past Chair FY 2015
Senior Vice President and Oahu Region Manager (retired)
First Hawaiian Bank

Tyler Tokioka
Past Chair FY 2016
Chair of the Board
Island Insurance Co., Ltd.

Dave Erdman
Past Chair FY 2017
Founder, CEO & President
PacRim Marketing Group, Inc.

Brian Nishida
Past Chair FY 2018
President & CEO
Step Stone Business Development

Melanie Okazaki
Past Chair FY 2019
Regional Marketing Manager
McDonald’s Restaurants of Hawaii
Board of Directors

Advisory Council (continued)

Jon Tsukamoto  
Past Chair FY 2020  
Vice President  
Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

Jason Ito  
Past Chair FY 2021  
Vice President of Administration, Labor and Community Relations  
Kyo-ya Management Company, Ltd.

Rika Hirata  
Past Chair FY 2022  
Vice President & Team Leader  
First Hawaiian Bank

Myles Shibata  
Past Chair FY 2023  
Principal  
MSS Consulting

Staff

Steven Teruya  
President & CEO

Merilyn Oda  
Office Manager / Director of Accounting

Mina Sakai  
Program Manager & Japan Specialist

Mai Shiomi  
Special Events Manager / Digital Marketing Specialist
Past Chairs

1909-1912  Wasuke Motoshige  1964  Jinshi Murashige  2001-2002  Howard Hanada
1913-1915  Danzaburo Yonekura  1965  Shinzaburo Sumida  2002-2003  Ronald Migita
1917  Yoichi Takakuwa  1968  Hideo Kawano  2004-2005  Gregg Mueller
1918  Kakuro Yamamoto  1969  George Fukunaga  2005-2006  Wayne Kirihara
1920  Masao Kawahara  1971  Teruo Himoto  2007-2008  Kathryn Inkinen
1949  Hideichi Fukunaga  1986-1987  Russell Mezurashi  Myles Shibata
1951  Kumaji Furuya  1988-1989  Daniel Takehara
1952  Tokuyoshi Awamura  1989-1990  Wayne Miyao
1953  Masayuki Tokioka  1990-1991  Raymond Yamasaki
1955  Shigeru Horita  1992-1993  Benjamin Fukumoto
1956  Takeo Isoshima  1993-1994  Allan Totoki
1959  Masayuki Adachi  1996-1997  Garrett Serikawa

Back Row: Scott Higa, Christine Kubota, Tyler Tokioka, Sidney Hamada, Wayne Ishihara, Gregg Mueller, Arnold Hirotsu, Glenn Nakamura, and Brian Nishida
Seated: Dave Erdman, Gordon Kagawa, Joichi Saito, Kathryn Inkinen, Melanie Okazaki, Jon Tsukamoto, Candice Naito, Raymond Yamasaki, Wayne Kirihara
PROGRMS

WHAT WE DO

Under the leadership and work of the committees, the HJCC provides its members with numerous events and programs each year. Here are some of the Chamber’s activities:

**Signature Events**

**Shinnen Enkai**

Held in January, the Chamber’s annual New Year’s banquet, Shinnen Enkai, features a lively celebration with food booths, omamori sales, and a special pre-show entertainment. The highlight of the evening is the kabuki play Gonin Otoko, with members re-enacting the scene on the Inase River from the *Shiranami Gonin Otoko*, kabuki play that premiered in Edo (Tokyo) in 1862. Five infamous dorobos (thieves) tell their life stories before being captured by the police.

**Game Changers**

Coordinated by the Small Business Advocacy Committee and Community Relations Committee, members and guests come to learn how businesses have changed their game plans in today’s dynamic and challenging marketplace.

**Chopsticks & Wine**

Chopsticks & Wine is the Chamber’s signature fundraiser which features delicious cuisine from Hawaii’s finest chefs, paired with wines and spirits from a variety of distributors. The event attracts sellout crowds and is great for networking.

**Inauguration & Generational Award Celebration**

Each July, members and guests offer their congratulations to the incoming Chair of the Board and the newly elected Officers and Directors. The event also honors a member company with the Generational Award for their significant contributions to the growth and development of Hawaii’s business and community sectors over two or more generations of ownership.

**Samurai Classic Golf Tournament**

The Samurai Classic Golf Tournament host a full field of members and guests alternating at member courses, Hawaii Prince Golf Course and the Pearl Country Club.

This annual tournament always guarantees a great day of friendly competition, networking and laughs.
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Connecting B2B Events

Business Solutions Workshops

Coordinated by Small Business Advocacy Committee, members are provided with informational workshops on pertinent topics to help their businesses grow.

Fostering Friendship Events

Networking Events / Pau Hanas

Coordinated by the HJCC Membership Development Committee, new members are invited to networking events / pau hanas. The purpose of these gatherings is to welcome the new members and provide them an opportunity to meet other members in the Chamber. Networking events are held multiple times a year.

Mālama ka ʻāina Events

Laulima - Community Partnership Program

The Laulima Program provides members with fellowship opportunities and leadership experience all while "giving back" to the community. Members are encouraged to recommend non-profit organizations in need of volunteers and manpower.

Emerging Young Business Leaders Program

Started in 2017, the HJCC in collaboration with the Hiroshima Prefecture launched the EYBL program with the primary objectives to develop leadership skills among its young members cohorts and to build cross-country, long term relationships.
Standing Committee Chairs

Budget & Finance
Joanna Oshiro
Monitors overall fiscal management, operations and planning of the Chamber to ensure that a sound financial posture is maintained. The committee provides guidance and assistance in the management and maintenance of an efficient accounting and financial reporting system of the Chamber. Also assures that member derive maximum benefits from Chamber services through budgeting and allocation of funds.

Communications and Marketing
Kristine Wada
The committee was formed to develop the aspirational brand message for the HJCC. It also develops and maintains an internal communications plan which encourages member participation and results in greater awareness of the value of membership.

Government Affairs
Michael Saines
The committee maintains Chamber awareness and involvement in government affairs affecting business and the community in general. It establishes and coordinates the Chamber’s positions on public or legislative issues that best reflect the interest of our members.

Japan Business Relations
Nozomi Heenan
Directs HJCC initiatives in business enhancement and expansion as part of Hawaii’s overall economic development vision for the Pacific, with a focus on Japan. It plans seminars on topics of interest to the business community. Determines if business missions to Japan to encourage trade between Hawaii and Japan are appropriate.

Legal Counsel / Human Resources
Karl Kobayashi
Serves as legal counsel to the Chamber and establishes and maintains rules and procedures that provide the most efficient means by which the Chamber can fulfill its objectives. Maintains sound employment policies and staff procedures, to include fair employee compensation and benefit program.
Standing Committee Chairs

Standing Committee Chairs (continued)

Membership Development

Jennifer Okubo Polido

Increases the membership in the Chamber by broadening the membership base so that all business, professional and industrial sectors are represented to ensure financial stability of the Chamber. Develops strategies for new member recruitment and retention.

Small Business Advocacy

Taylor Kirihara

Implements policies, procedures, actions that support the development and growth of small business by providing a voice in the Chamber programs related to legislative and regulatory matters, and economic development. It plans special workshops focused on the needs and interests of small businesses, including the annual Business Solutions seminar and Game Changers event.

Ways & Means

Dean Yoneshige

Plans and carries out fundraising events to satisfy the fiscal requirements of HJCC. Annual events include Chopsticks & Wine and the Samurai Classic Golf Tournament.

KAIKA (Women's Diversity Initiative)

Tobie Egami

This committee was formed to promote and enhance the HJCC woman member experience within the Chamber through meaningful programs and initiatives and to grow the number of women members within our organization. They plan / carry out events, seminars, forums, etc. in women's interests for all HJCC members.

Community Relations

Kaiulani Shinsato

The objective of this committee is to ensure that the HJCC through its many programs and events improves the community's understanding of the Chamber's mission.

Technology

Marcus Yano

The Information Technology (IT) Committee will provide technical oversight & guidance in support of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce’s operations and activities.
Outstanding Member of the Year

Each fiscal year, a selected individual(s) of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce is designated by the Chair of the Board of Directors to be the "HJCC Outstanding Member(s) of the Year" for significant contributions to the Chamber.

Past Outstanding Members

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KUROKO Award

Kuroko in Japanese describes the kabuki stage people who are dressed in black and assist the performers with stage props and dress. They are behind the scenes and do not stand out for the audience. Every year the selection is done by the Chamber staff, who can readily identify these members.

Jennifer Okubo Polido

Attorney
Law Office of Jennifer R. Okubo Polido, LLC
Member Since 2015
Generational Award Honoree

The Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce established the Generational Award in 2005 to recognize local businesses that have made a significant contribution to the growth and development of Hawaii's business and community sectors over two or more generations of ownership. Award recipients are honored at the Chamber's Inauguration and Generational Award Celebration.

Generational Award Celebration events and the presentation of the 2020 ~ 2022 Generational Awards were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Past Generational Award Honorees

2005  Iida's Store
      Iida Family

2006  Robert M. Kaya Builders, Inc.
      Kaya and Higa Family

2007  ABC Stores
      Kosasa Family

2008  Hawktree International
      Takaki Family

2009  Tony Hawaii Automotive Group, Ltd.
      Masamitsu Family

2010  Occidental Underwriters of Hawaii, Ltd.
      Kagawa Family

2011  Y. Hata & Co., Ltd.
      Hata Family

2012  Iolani Sportswear Ltd.
      Kawakami Family

2013  S & M Sakamoto, Inc.
      Sakamoto Family

2014  Standard Capital Group, Inc.
      Totoki Family

2015  Aloha Tofu Factory, Inc.
      Uyehara Family

2016  Conrad Enterprises, Inc.
      Sasaki Family

2017  M. Harada Enterprises, Inc.
      Harada Family

2018  Beretania Florist
      Nakamoto Family

2019  Servco Pacific Inc.

2023  Hawaii National Bank
      Luke Family

Hawaii National Bank and the Luke Family

Kan Jung Luke, known to most as K.J. Luke, was born and raised in Kohala on the Big Island and grew up tending his father's general store. He eventually moved to Honolulu and graduated from Saint Louis School, then the University of Hawaii, and Harvard Business School. In 1960, K.J. started Hawaii National Bank to serve Hawaii's diverse population and the local business community. From the beginning, the bank's mantra has always been the “Home of Warm-Hearted Bankers” and that remains true to this day, through three generations of family leadership. Today, K.J.'s son Warren Luke serves as Chairman of the Board, and Warren's son Bryan Luke is President and CEO. With branches on Oahu, Maui and Hawaii Island, Hawaii National Bank is a community bank that specializes in serving locally owned, closely held businesses.
Milestones

Founded in 1900, the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce (HJCC) is relevant today as it was when it was started. We are proud of the accomplishments we have been able to achieve through the efforts of our dedicated members.

December 1899
The heavily populated Chinatown area in downtown Honolulu is razed in an attempt to curb rats carrying the bubonic plague.

March 12, 1900
To assist Chinatown fire victims, the Honolulu Nippon-Jin Shonin Doshi Kai [Honolulu Japanese Merchants Association] is established.

1912
The Honolulu Nippon-Jin Shonin Doshi Kai changes its name to the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce (HJCC). Its main goal is to advocate trade between Japan and Hawaii.

1920
The Japanese Merchant's Association is founded.

January 5, 1938
The first performance of the Shiranami Gonin Otoko at the HJCC's New Year's celebration.

1939
The Japanese Merchants' Association merges into the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

December 7, 1941
The United States enters World War II. All Japanese residents are labeled "enemy aliens". Assets are frozen, key Japanese leaders are arrested and are banned from meeting. In April 1942, HJCC agrees to stop all HJCC meetings.

March 1947
A general meeting is held at the YBA [Young Buddhist Association] Hall to restart the HJCC.

1949
The Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce is established with 43 charter members.

August 21, 1959
President Eisenhower signed the official proclamation admitting Hawaii as the 50th state.
Milestones

**Milestones (continued)**

**1960**

The HJCC Cultural Center is built. The building serves as its headquarters for the chamber. The Cultural Hall and Tea Ceremony House are open to the community for both public and private events.

**1968**

The HJCC is made an associate member of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

**June 1975**

The first Teru-Yaki Chicken fundraiser is held named after 1971 Chair of the Board, Teruo "Teru" Himoto.

**May 1978**

The Samurai Golf Classic holds its first invitational Golf Tournament at the Pearl Country Club. Underwriters for the event are Hawaii National Bank, Love's Bakery, Aloha Airlines, GTS Distributors, Continental Airlines and Slipper House.

**September 1978**

The first HJCC Art Show is created as a community service project and is named "Young Japanese Art Show" and is later changed to "Young Artist Art Show" to assist aspiring artists with emerging talent to display their art. The last art show was held in 2018 after a 40-year run.

**May 1981**

HJCC established a sister chamber agreement with the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

**May 1981**

HJCC establishes a joint affiliation agreement with the Fukui Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

**1988**

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii is created and the HJCC donates its facility and property to the JCCH as an act of commitment.

**July 1990**

Groundbreaking for phase 1 is held for a new facility including offices, meeting rooms and a tea house.

**August 1991**

Phase 1 is completed.

**July 1992**

The original headquarters is demolished making way for Phase 2 that will house a banquet hall, parking structure, historical gallery and martial arts dojo.

**May 1994**

Construction is completed for Phase 2. It is dedicated in traditional Shinto, Buddhist and Hawaiian blessings.
Milestones

2001
The HJCC Charitable Corporation, a 501 c(3) is established. A scholarship fund is established in partnership with the Hawaii Community Foundation that provides two scholarships annually to perpetuity.

2002
In observance of the HJCC’s 100th anniversary, the Torii Gate is constructed. The gate, donated and built by the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Hiroshima Prefecture & City Government, is situated on the corner of South King and Beretania Streets and symbolizes the friendship and goodwill between Hiroshima and Hawaii. It is later donated to the City & County of Honolulu.

July 2002
The first annual Wine Tasting & Silent Auction is held at the Bishop Museum. The event would later be renamed Chopsticks & Wine, the HJCC premier annual fundraising event.

2009 - 2010
The HJCC celebrates its 110th Anniversary.

August 2010
The inaugural Game Changers event is sponsored by the HJCC’s Small Business Advocacy Committee. It is a gathering, focused on prominent individuals in the community who have made unique impact in their lives personally and in our community.

2011
The HJCC is actively involved with the Aloha for Japan as a Steering Committee member to help with tsunami and earthquake relief efforts in Japan and serves as the collection point for all donations.

2014
The HJCC receives a certificate of congratulations from the State Legislature for its outstanding and meaningful work benefiting Japan-Hawaii relations.

2017
The HJCC creates the Hawaii-Hiroshima Emerging Young Business Leaders Program [EYBLP], tied to the 20th Sister-State Anniversary between Hawaii and Hiroshima. The program focuses on leadership development through week-long programs held in both Honolulu and Hiroshima.
March 2020

The HJCC celebrates its 120th Anniversary during the fiscal year 2020-2021.

March 2020

The World Health Organization declares a global pandemic known as the coronavirus pandemic also known as COVID-19. HJCC in-person activities are severely curtailed and must quickly adapt to remote Zoom meetings, virtual events as staff work remotely from home.

August 2022

The State of Hawaii and the HJCC celebrate a belated 20th Anniversary of the sister-state agreement with the Hiroshima Prefecture in Hiroshima, Japan. This visit marked the opening of Japan to outside travelers since the beginning of the pandemic.

April 2023

The HJCC celebrates a belated 40th Anniversary Celebration with sister-chamber, the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce & Industry while the Torii Gate undergoes new painting.
Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce
Charitable Corporation

Historical Milestones of the Charitable Corporation

January 29, 2001: Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce Charitable (HJCC) is incorporated in the state of Hawaii as a Section 501(c)(3) corporation of the IRS Code and organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, religious or educational purposes.

June 30, 2005: Board of Directors approves in concept establishing a Leadership Training Program through collaboration with the University of Hawaii Community Colleges; Japan America Institute of Management Science (JAIMS), and other public institutions; approves partnering with JAIMS in their Global Management Training Service program by offering partial scholarships.

2008: The HJCC Charitable Corporation officially adopts the Torii Gate located at the Triangle Park in Moiliili under the City and County of Honolulu's Adopt a Sculpture program for its care and maintenance.

2012: The Board establishes a Community Fund to respond to non-profit organizations in need of financial assistance.

April 11, 2016: HJCC Charitable Corp. Board of Directors proceed with establishing a Scholarship Fund with the Hawaii Community Foundation with an initial amount of $25,000. The Scholarship Fund will also be set up to receive cash, marketable securities and insurance policies.
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