Hale Kipa Recognizes National Foster Care Month

In May, Hale Kipa recognized National Foster Care Month with special efforts to educate and recruit foster families.

Hale Kipa Foster Home Developer Jessica Carter sat down with Dave Lawrence on Hawaii Public Radio’s “Helping Hand” segment, which aired May 10, to discuss the Transitional Family Homes Program for at-risk foster youth.

Jessica was also interviewed on KHON2 News on May 30 to discuss Hale Kipa’s foster services, as well as hosting an informational table at Orange Theory Fitness Center in Kapolei to help educate the public about fostering youth.
Punky's Reflections: Incorrigible Youth

I recently was quoted in an article in Midweek about Hale Kipa’s new campus on Old Fort Weaver Road, as having said that I have never met a youth that I believed was incorrigible. As I think about that, I realize that the perspective that I and I hope we have about the youth that we serve is somewhat different from other people in the community. And that is that adolescence, or adolescent behavior is often difficult to explain, unless of course we remember what we were like when we were that age. I am mindful that as I walk down the street and see people in general, but adolescents in particular, that I have no real idea about their character. Are they “good kids or bad kids?”; are they from a more affluent or less affluent families? I might have some mental models based on how they are dressed, or how they act, or what I perceive to be their race or their cultural background. But frankly almost none of that gives me any real information as to whether they are “good kids or bad kids”, since from my own experience there are individuals from all social economic levels and from all races and cultures and ethnic groups who have behaviors that I personally perceive as better or worse. I hesitate ever to use “bad”.

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Meet our Foster Care Family Heroes

Eric and Angela Hurd started fostering youth 25 years ago in Hawaii with a desire to give back to their community. They have since fostered more than 200 youth in and out of the system, ranging in age from infancy to 18 years old, and became guardians for four youth. Now some of the first youth they fostered at age 3 are nearly 30. Some of them still call or stop by to check in and talk story. / More
Butch and Remy Alegre have participated in Hale Kipa’s Transitional Family Homes Program for more than a decade, caring for over 60 total at-risk youth from their home on Oahu.

Remy, who has two grown children and five grandchildren and works in accounting in the hospitality industry, said she started fostering after seeing so many homeless youth. / More

A Led Zeppelin Fundraiser for Hale Kipa

On May 31, 2019, Anna O'Brien hosted the 7th Annual Bonzo's Birthday Brouhaha to benefit Hale Kipa.

The fundraiser and hygiene supply drive raised $1,675, in addition to in-kind donations of clothes, linens and toiletries to support at-risk youth.
There was a silent auction featuring original art by Marissa Buendicho and 10-year-old Emi Castanzariti. Body Glove donated a certificate for two aboard their deluxe snorkel & dolphin watch, and Jamie DeMatoff of KROCK 101.5 contributed raffle swag. / More

We Would Love to Hear From You!

As Hale Kipa prepares to celebrate it’s 50th Anniversary, we are looking to compile the story of our journey. If you have ever received services from, been employed by, or served as a board member for Hale Kipa and would be willing to share your experience, please contact us at 50thAnniversary@HaleKipa.org or call us at 589-1829, x 123. Your story can be kept anonymous if you desire.

TJX Companies Award Hale Kipa $10,000
Hale Kipa was selected by TJX Companies as the Grand Opening charity for Marshalls store at the Kapolei Commons Shopping Center. The ceremony was held on Thursday, May 30 where Hale Kipa was presented with a $10,000 check for their Emergency Shelter programs which help at risk youth in Hawaii. Mahalo TJX Companies!

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