

## Message of Aloha

APAHE grieves and extends the spirit of Aloha to all of our family, friends, and community in Maui, Hawaii who have been devastated by the recent fires and catastrophic losses. The destruction of the historic town of Lāhainā and its people is heartbreaking because it is a place of great cultural, historical, and spiritual significance. Lāhainā was the former capital of the Hawaiian Kingdom and remained a critical part of the preservation and growth of Hawaiian culture, traditions, and language.

As we continue to support both monetarily and spiritually those who have been impacted, we pledge our support for the children, youth, and college students who have been gravely impacted by loss – loss of family and loved ones, loss of homes, loss of schools, loss of friends, loss of everything familiar.

We encourage all APAHE members and affiliates to reach out and support any of the following agencies, including the efforts being coordinated through the University of Hawaii Foundation:

- 1. Help Maui, University of Hawaii Foundation:** Provides direct support for emergencies affecting students, faculty, and staff. They provide financial assistance for their UH 'ohana – on any campus – who are affected by these terrible events on Maui. 100% of every dollar contributed will directly benefit UH students and faculty. <https://www.uhfoundation.org/give/giving-opportunity/help-maui>
- 2. The Maui Strong Fund:** Provides resources that can be deployed very quickly, with a focus on rapid response and recovery for the devastating wildfires on Maui. HCF will not be collecting a fee for donations to the Maui Strong Fund; 100 % of the funds will be distributed for community needs. <https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/maui-strong>
- 3. Kāko‘o Maui:** CNHA is fiscally sponsoring Kāko‘o Haleakala, a Maui organizing group. They have a matching campaign up to \$1M. <https://www.memberplanet.com/campaign/cnhamembers/kakoomaui>
- 4. Maui Aloha, The People’s Response:** Efforts focus on the grassroots level, especially for community resources that were lost. They are partnering with Hawaii Community Foundation. <https://hawaiipeoplesfund.networkforgood.com/projects/200566-maui-aloha-the-people-s-response-fund>
- 5. Maui United Way Fire Disaster Relief:** Providing direct relief to families, as well as other nonprofits. <https://mauiunitedway.org/disasterrelief>
- 6. Maui Mutual Aid:** The Mutual Rapid Response network is highly connected on the ground in Maui and Lahaina and is best positioned for rapid deployment and facilitating community members supporting each other. This is a good place to make a small one-time donation ASAP if you want to help efforts like food deployment while other infrastructure is being set up in real time in partnership with other organizations like Hawaii Community Foundation. [Donate \(paypal.com\)](https://www.paypal.com)