SUPPORTING LOCAL FAMILIES

Keiki Day winners Cecilia Pierce, Lukia Lozar, Makana Haroldsen, and Melia Purcell, (missing Shania-Leigh Nishimori-Medeiros) from one another.

The organization started in 1968 as a single program in Kahului, and has grown into an organization that helps many families across the state every year. It offers services on Maui, Molokai, Lanai and the Big Island, as well as Oahu and Kauai.

PACT offers facilities such as family centers, domestic violence shelters and transitional housing to residents statewide.

Vorsino said that more and more families are taking part in the program given its success over the years. “It’s definitely common (on Kauai). We’re seeing more families in our visitation center. You can have two parents who may not be getting along who can come in and do voluntary family visitation but we’ve seen an uptick in our family visitations,” she said. These families might have had issues between the parents in terms of domestic violence or restraining orders. There are two programs on Kauai: a family visitation center and Intensive Support Services Program.

The Intensive Support Services Program assists families whose children have serious emotional, social and behavioral challenges. Services are designed to increase parental participation and include Multisystemic Therapy (MST) an intervention model for children with willful misconduct disorder. MST helps the family to supervise and support their child’s adjustment to the community. Functional Family Therapy (FFT) is an evidence-based family treatment system for youth experiencing one of a wide range of internalizing behavior disorders along with family problems.

PACT gets funding from federal and state contracts — and donations from private gifts and grants. Keiki Day is PACT’s largest fundraising event of the year and funding can be used wherever it is needed most. This is critical to fill in the gaps and cover key programs that may not otherwise have funding. Keiki Day has raised approximately $70,000 for PACT in each of the last few years.

One aspect of Keiki Day that shouldn’t be overlooked is getting the children involved too with essay and poster contests. This year, the contest winners were Cecilia Pierce, Lukia Lozar, Makana Haroldsen and Melia Purcell and Shania-Leigh Nishimori-Medeiros.

At the end of the day, PACT’s mission isn’t to make money; it’s about keeping families together.

“We have families that stay with us quite a long time and we see improvements in how the non-custodial parent interacts with their child,” Vorsino said. Youth and families needing services from the MST therapist are screened and referred to PACT through family guidance centers located around the state. Once contact is made, therapists work whenever necessary to accomplish their goal. For more information, go to www.pacthawaii.org.

See A2 for information regarding Parents And Children Together programs.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER: BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT MATTER MOST

THURSDAY
May 10, 2018
“Together” is a powerful word. By working together, we become more efficient. By banding together, we become stronger. By sharing together, we show compassion and generosity toward one another.

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This year, Parents And Children Together celebrates 50 years of serving the people of Hawaii. Our work would not be possible without the ardent support of the service community, government agencies, the legislature, the private sector and community members like you. Together, we help 15,000 parents, children, individuals and families access much-needed social services and support every year.

This Keiki Day is a celebration of our 50-year journey and the work we’ve accomplished together. We’re proud to present original artwork and stories from keiki all over the state, each sharing what the word “together” means to them.

We’re also celebrating healthy relationships that bring people together—the bond between a child and his or her parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, brother or sister, coach, godparent or teacher that provides guidance, safety and support. For 50 years, Parents And Children Together has worked to strengthen these important bonds with our educational, social service and community building programs. Most of all, we’d like to thank you for standing with Parents And Children Together all these years, supporting our mission and sharing our vision of a peaceful, safe and vibrant Hawaii where everyone has the opportunity to fulfill their dreams. With your support, we hope to continue serving Hawaii for the next 50 years and beyond.

Mahalo,
Ryan Kusumoto
PACT President & CEO

Contest Winners

Melia Purcell
Wilcox Elementary School
Kindergarten

Cecilia Pierce
Home-Schooled
First Grade

Shania-Leigh Nishimori-Medeiros
King Kaumualii Elementary School
Third Grade

Makana Haroldsen
Kawaikini NCPCS
Fourth Grade

Lukia Lozar
Kawaikini NCPCS
Third Grade
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