With so much aloha, we extend our deep love and mahalo to the entire Hawai‘i People‘s Fund ‘ohana - our grantees, our leadership, and each and every soul that has supported our work during this extraordinary time in our shared existence. Together, our ‘ohana reaffirmed its commitment to supporting grassroots organizations working to reduce the harm of the current systemic failures, and welcomed strategic solutions that supported our beloved community throughout this wā huli. As the only organization in the world specifically addressing the needs of grassroots progressive movement builders in Hawai‘i, HPF continues to stand in solidarity and full support with those individuals and organizations who have been working non-stop to upend and heal systems of oppression for nearly 50 years. We believe the work of our grantees present VIABLE SOLUTIONS to the current crisis, and despite the challenges that COVID-19 has presented, rapid internal systems change and an incredible outpouring of community support allowed us to move over $87,000 since March to grassroots warriors who NEVER STOPPED working since the huli began, pivoted BEAUTIFULLY to adjust to the crisis, and brought inspiration and relief during a time when Hawai‘i needed it most.

YOUR aloha helped to make this work possible. Mahalo for continuing to believe in the community-focused aspirations of a few to have lasting, positive impacts for all in our
beautiful island home. We invite you to stay connected with our grantees, continue to give
generously, and invite others to do the same. All gifts are exponentially helpful to what we are
attempting to achieve together in upending barriers to peace and justice in Hawai‘i. Despite
the uncertainties ahead, the work continues. There’s something bigger in our future, and we
look forward to facing this future together.

me ke aloha,

Micky Huihui

Executive Director

+ Hawai‘i People’s Fund Board of Directors, Grantmaking Cmte, & Staff

...and every HPF-funded grantee ~ past, present, and future

THE SHOULders WE STAND ON

The pandemic affected our
day to day lives
in so many
ways...how we
move, how we

Leaner and meaner than ever, our community’s shared stories of IMPACT are now digitized and searchable (vs stacked in boxes ;).
The journey of rediscovering these treasures spanning almost 50 years was profound and reaffirming~ precious photos and newspaper clippings of People’s Fund OGs fighting the good
After 5 months of working from home and an incredible effort to sift through almost 50 years of precious documents, we bid a fond farewell to our office space at the Musicians Building on Kapiʻolani Blvd. It was a bittersweet goodbye ~ after over a decade in our humble digs, HPF leadership decided to downsize our operations to more effectively deliver our mission of moving resources to those in our community working towards meaningful social change. BIG MAHALO to ‘Ulu‘ulu digital archives for stewarding and caring for HPF’S precious film collection in their facility at UH-West O‘ahu!! These historic gems will be preserved and made available to the public as part of the Hawai‘i People’s Fund Collection.

Kūʻē Petitions: A Mau Loa Aku Nō
40 for the Next 400 Years...

In 1897, more than a 90 percent majority of Native Hawaiians and many non-Hawaiian subjects of the kingdom participated in an unparalleled feat of community organizing, even by today’s standards ~ no cars, no internet, no phones ~ just an unbridled will to reject what James Kaulia referred to as "being buried alive." Amassing 21,000+ signatures, movement leaders Hui Aloha ʻĀina, the Hawaiian Patriotic League, rallied the community protest on foot, horseback, and boat to vehemently object to American annexation. The petitions were hand-carried to Washington and delivered to the u.s. senate by a delegation of loyal advocates of justice. Ignoring the massive efforts of the people of Hawai‘i, and with eyes fixed on imperialism and military domination in the Pacific, the u.s. "annexed" Hawai‘i in 1898 via a bogus internal resolution. To this very day, no Treaty of Annexation exists between the Kingdom of Hawai‘i and the u.s.
100 years later, through the tireless efforts of many, many aloha 'āina, determined community leaders, scholars, and historians, the petitions were presented to the public at 'Iolani Palace, "restoring the truth that our kupuna [...] we are as a people, a culture, and a nation. Our ancestors' actions to make pono the wrongs of their time infuse us with the mana to make pono ours. We are the continuation of a living culture: the aloha 'āina of this land," asserts Noenoe Silva and Nalani Minton, the women largely responsible for reawakening ancestral affirmations to a blooming Hawaiian Renaissance. The petitions can be found at numerous kanaka gatherings and celebrations, the names of the kupuna are lovingly displayed on placards and have toured from the peak of Maunakea to Washington DC, and stand as a constant reminder that love of country and resistance is imbedded in the fabric of Hawai‘i’s history.

In March 2020, precious cargo arrived in Honolulu. A loving collaboration between Pu‘uhonua Society, Native Books/Nā Mea Hawai‘i, the Friends of the Hawai‘i Judiciary History Center, and all the hearts and hands who brought the petitions to modern consciousness, birthed Kū‘ē Petitions: A Mau Loa Aku Nō. The larger-than-life book presents the celebrated petitions of resistance in brilliant full-color with compelling essays by prominent Kanaka Maoli authors, as well as indices to assist readers in finding their kupuna names in the massive text. The inspiration gleaned from the courageous kanaka who signed the petitions lifts us in these uncertain times, its arrival to port coinciding just as the world closed its doors. Plans for numerous public launches were scratched and engagements canceled, but the arrival of the book heralded a wā huli where the determination and political savvy of Hawai‘i’s kupuna served as a symbol of resilience for their descendants at their greatest time of need.

Hawai‘i People’s Fund had the honor of distributing some of these precious texts to modern day warriors whose mo‘oku‘auhau (genealogy) are confirmed on the pages of this book. 40 kānaka for the next 400 years — all were slated to be honorees at the public book launches that never happened — their excellence and presence in community are legacy gifts to the lāhui, and their aloha ‘āina works will reverberate forever, inspiring generations of kānaka to onipa‘a just as these kupuna did all those years ago. For the next 400 years and beyond, history will honor and celebrate their fierce warrior spirits, selfless aloha, and timeless contributions to pono.

Mahalo a nui loa to Pu‘uhonua Society for naming Hawai‘i People’s Fund and the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation as beneficiaries of the historic publication, highlighting the continued importance of community organizing, native resistance, and indigenous justice in these modern times.
GIVING PROJECT 2021
In January 2021, Hawai‘i People’s Fund is embarking on a huaka‘i with a purpose to radically transform the way we move money to movements for real change from the roots up!

HPF is blessed to be a part of national network alongside our social justice sister funds, engaging in rigorous on-boarding since May to intimately learn the model, and tailor it to our unique island history and dynamics. Chinook Fund (Denver) and Bread & Roses Community Fund (Philadelphia) have allowed our team to sit in on their GPs, and have been so generous in sharing the magic! We are experiencing first hand as individuals strengthen their relationships, skills, understanding, leadership, and purpose to support meaningful community building and resourcing that is genuinely rooted in service to their stories, places, and people.

Hearkening to the very roots of Hawai‘i People's Fund, the Giving Project interweaves a cross-class, cross-race, gender-diverse, intergenerational collective that shares a vision for a just and equitable Hawai‘i to apply their time, talent, and resources to supporting movements for social change. We are THRILLED at the response we’ve received from the community, and GIDDY about the launch in mid-January!

It is truly a collaborative process, and provides an opportunity for community mana to be cultivated and ACTIVATED to move support to movement building here at home. The hui will work together virtually and in-person to deepen their understanding of Hawaii’s unique history, contemporary social justice principles, and engage in collective giving to amplify and illuminate positive impacts throughout our pae ‘āina.

HULI2020! Hawai‘i People’s Fund 48th Anniversary (virtual) BASH!
As you might have noticed, our annual Makahiki gathering did not happen this year :( However, we kept busy coordinating a high-profile campaign and media blitz to showcase the incredible work happening in our grassroots communities, and our community responded beautifully to the change of venue!!! Realizing that many of our community partners may not have the time or capacity to organize an end-of-year fundraiser, we were honored to launch an awareness-raising and co-fundraising endeavor in collaboration with our Spring 2020 grantees.

During the social media blitz, donors have the option of designating a portion of their gift to our incredible community partners, uplifting the community GIVING = community DOING philosophy that has shaped HPF's work for 48 years. The effort highlights the longterm, solution-minded resilience our grantees have exhibited during this wā huli ~ mahalo NUI to the incredible grassroots huis making REAL CHANGE HAPPEN everyday in our communities!

HULI2020 rages on through January (when we can kiss 2020 GOODBYE!), and we encourage you to designate a community partner to receive a portion of donation to HPF, or give to them directly ~ connect with them through our website!

SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE!
We recognize that the communities we serve already HAVE the power ~ by redirecting community resources to fuel that power, together we enhance that mana and transform Hawai‘i’s social justice landscape.

This sacred process of forward-visioning has been the foundation of HPF since the beginning. Propelled by the love and trust of community-based philanthropy, our ‘ohana helped make the visions of hundreds of socially-conscious, community-based efforts a reality.

As a social-change philanthropy, the act of giving is an action equally as powerful as the work itself. Fundraising provides capital for our programs, and building our donor base is equally about growing a movement for progressive change and social justice. Our grantmaking is only possible because of the generosity and aloha of the HPF ‘ohana. Your choice to contribute is a commitment to the vision of a more equitable and just Hawai‘i just as much as is the work of grassroots organizations receiving grants.

As we adjust this year to a very different kind of Makahiki season, we humbly invite you to join our ‘ohana of grassroots change makers by investing in our precious community.

The E Hāpai Pū online recurring donor initiative is intended to fortify the community-funded model of progressive grantmaking that has endured for over four decades.

**IT TAKES A CROWD.**

By joining other recurring donors, your monthly contribution of $10, $25, $50 or more will ensure that these warriors of social change have access to funding support and tailored technical assistance and training to kōkua their efforts.

**Join us by becoming a sustaining donor!**

communityGIVING = communityDOING

**Hawai‘i Aloha: The People’s Response** is dedicated to seeding HPF’s Urgent Action Grants program. Since the middle of March, over $87,000 of community-raised aloha has been directed to grassroots initiatives pressing on, and with your kōkua, we can continue to move critical resources to past, present, and future grantees committed to seeing our beloved community through this storm.

As our communities brace for the economic fallout and uncertainty of the next chapter in this global crisis, we invite you to be a part of uplifting the viable solutions our grassroots community will undoubtedly bring.

**Small Change for You, GAME CHANGER For Us!!**

What if we told you that you could feed the movement for progressive social change in Hawai‘i by, well, investing with your change? The HPF ‘ohana is pleased to offer a program that makes you a giver, everyday.

By adding on a few cents to your credit or debit card purchases up to the next dollar amount and donating the difference, your spare change becomes the actual change in Hawai‘i that HPF has been growing for over 48 years.

**Be the CHANGE...with your change!**
ME KA MAHALO NUI!

While 2020 will likely be remembered for hosting the largest economic collapse and systemic breakdown in history, Hawai‘i People’s Fund was blessed by individuals and philanthropic organizations who recognized our long-standing connection to community and unwavering service to the grassroots warriors making the magic happen. Through advocacy and funding, this incredible support allowed HPF to dream big during a moment that our community needed us to BE more, DO more, and EVOLVE, facilitating increased resources being channeled to our grantees, the hiring of staff, and infrastructural support to sustain the acceleration of our work.

**BIG ALOHA** to the Beth Jacobs Fund of Tides Foundation, the Josh Jacobs Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation, the Bafrayung Fund, and the incredible support from Resource Generation’s inspired membership and Staff - we miss you madly, friends, and are forever grateful to you for calling in this season of abundance for the work we do!

The Keith & Judy Swayne Family Foundation at Hawai‘i Community Foundation awarded HPF a General Operating Grant to support our work. Coupled with their generous support of our inaugural Giving Project launching in January 2021, they are our biggest foundation support in Hawai‘i! MAHALO NUI ANNE & ‘OHANA!!!

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation also renewed generous funding support this year. Their generosity in 2019 restarted our Urgent Action Grant Program, ensuring that a mechanism and funds were in place when our community needed it the most.

The Momentum Fund extended a generous infrastructural grant to support the work surrounding Hawai‘i Aloha: The People’s Response. Managed by United Philanthropy Forum, the fund helps people who do good to do good better, and is a national network of 86 regional and national philanthropy-serving organizations. Like HPF, they seek to drive long-lasting and comprehensive change across the philanthropic sector, and support groups that have rich, trusting relationships with the communities they serve.

Mahalo NUI to Pam and Pierre Omidyar and the Omidyar ‘Ohana Funds at the Hawai‘i Community Foundation for extending unrestricted funding to HPF! These funds were crucial in fueling our Urgent Action Grantmaking through the summer, and helped us to respond quickly and efficiently during the first months of the global crisis.

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