

“I am the vine, you are the branches; abide in me and you will bear much fruit.” John 15:5

Vine & Branches

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International Womens Day

After World War II, 8 March started to be celebrated in a number of countries. In 1975, during the International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating 8 March as International Women's Day. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions.



St. Elizabeth's Worship Schedule

HOLY WEEK

+ Palm Sunday, 9AM	LIVE & VIRTUAL
+ Wednesday Healing Service, 9:30 AM	LIVE
+ Maundy Thursday, 6PM	LIVE & VIRTUAL
+ Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, Noon	LIVE
+ Good Friday, 6PM	LIVE & VIRTUAL
+ Easter Sunday, 9AM	LIVE & VIRTUAL

CONGRATULATIONS WAO!!! New 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Status!!!



March 5, 2021

Aloha, Alii, Hafa adai, Lenwo, Kaselehlie, Maori, Mogethin, Ran allim, Weninwom, and Yakwe!

It's happening! We are excited to share the news with you that we have finally achieved our goal for We Are Oceania (WAO) to establish itself as an independent 501(c)(3), and we wish to thank all of our many funders and partners who helped lay the foundation and empower success in support of the Micronesian Community.

In our kua'ana relationship as an older and younger sibling mentorship, our organizations both have the privilege of working with and learning from each other as 'ohana members. Now the kaikaina/younger sibling is growing up and we celebrate this transition to independence with full confidence in WAO's future and success. As the need was identified by the Micronesian community for a One Stop Center, we began working together in 2015 through a grant awarded to support COFA families from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. Since the WAO group didn't have a 501(c)3 to receive funding, PIDF, with their excellent record of receiving and managing federal funds, was asked to kōkua in mentoring the new entity, with a shared vision to build resilience, advocacy, and a range of diverse support services.

Fast forward to this month as we celebrate WAO's growth and progress from the opening of Hālau Ola, the one stop center to guide and navigate the Micronesian community with resources, to the annual cultural celebration, Micronesian Youth Summit, and conversations with Micronesian leaders, youth, grassroots organizations, and allies in the community.

In recent months, WAO was able to scale up efforts to alleviate the impact of Covid-19 within the Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander communities, the hardest-hit group within the state. WAO's launch of a live helpline, increased food distributions, and strategic relief services provided much-needed support to many families.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, WAO will continue to operate its navigational services and also sees an opportunity for growth in impacting the self-sustainability of the community. WAO hopes to amplify the voices of Micronesians through continued education, develop employment opportunities by supporting job readiness, civic engagement, and supporting leadership and capacity development.

Now that we are both independent entities, we look forward to working collaboratively to strengthen our communities. We will continue to partner on projects and efforts like our work with the Residential Youth Services and Empowerment (RYSE) to support opportunity youth with mentorships to help with various jobs in the social service sector.

As 'ohana members, we honor each other's differences as well as our shared values and beliefs such as our belief in the power of partnership, evidenced by the effort to steadily develop a deep network of partners locally, nationally, and with its COFA citizens' home countries. We know that by empowering all of our people, they, in turn, can be a support to others in weaving stronger networks of success.

From all of us at PIDF and WAO, mahalo a nui loa,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Malia Kanai'aupuni".

Shawn Malia Kanai'aupuni, President and CEO
Partners in Development Foundation

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josie Jose Howard".

Josie Jose Howard, CEO
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