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Happy Holidays from all of us at Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii!

PS. Today is the last day to vote in Subaru's "Share the Love" competition...help us pull off an underdog win by clicking [HERE](#). Haven't registered for our Match Makers Breakfast yet? Click [HERE](#) by January 4.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hawaii Island

Here's some fun pics of our program at Konawaena Elementary with Bigs and Littles decorating Christmas ornaments and cookies for the holidays. We'll see you in the New Year!



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Honolulu

Justine Espiritu (BBBS Case Manager) and Kendra Chong (BBBS Administrative Assistant and Big Sister) interviewed Big Sister Stacy and Little Sister Sydney for an episode of Community Matters on Thinktech Hawaii on December 17. Kendra gave background information about the agency's mentoring programs and shared her experience as a Big Sister herself. Stacy and Sydney discussed what they have enjoyed about their match together in the Holomua program, the pilot mentoring program focused on college and career readiness for Castle High School students. Click the photo to watch the video.



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kauai

Wear purple and come join Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kauai for a proclamation and photo op with the Honorable Mayor Bernard Carvalho Jr. on Monday, January 4th @ 11:30 a.m. in the County Rotunda in celebration of National Mentor Month!



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Maui

Mahalo to all of our sponsors, participants, staff, and everyone at the Sheraton Resort and Spa for an amazing event this year. Gingerbread 2015 was one for

the records, raising \$8,250! Special thanks to Aloha Sheet Metal, Aloha International, Central Pacific Bank, Dorvin D. Leis, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Hale Mahaolu, Maui Brewing Company, Maui Electric, Savers, Mason Services of Maui, and Bob & Tess Cartwright.

Mahalos



MAHALO to Julian Gilliam with The Smile Lab for creating this fantastic video of Kauai's Breakfast with Santa event!



Kaua'i Family Magazine held their annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 5th with all proceeds benefiting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kauai's programs. It was a magical morning filled with photos of Santa and his elves, a delicious breakfast buffet, stories, songs, entertainment, face painting and crafts for the keiki!

Down to Earth hosted the [Holomua program](#) at their Community Kitchen for



a private cooking class! Matches received a hands-on lesson in preparing calzones with fresh and organic ingredients and bonded over learning how easy and versatile homemade dough can be. The best part? Matches were able to enjoy the fruits of their labor immediately following the class.



Our Maui Mentor Center keiki were over the moon about their Christmas gifts thanks to Maui United Way, Friends of the Children's Justice Center and generous donations from all around Maui! Thank you to everyone who donated - our keiki are beyond grateful!



Mahalo to Chrissy Schechter from Kauai Family Magazine, Mark and Wendy Oyama with Mark's Place & Contemporary Flavors Catering, Eric Hanson from Gaylord's at Kilohana, Tiffany Dodge and her beautiful dancers from Aloha Dance Studio, Addy & Julian Gilliam from The Smile Lab, Rhye and Nate Daub, Kauai's FM 97, 2016 Miss Garden Isle Teen USA Marli Genegabuas, Elves David Braman and Tanner Hubbard and all of the families for your generous support, donations and successful Breakfast with Santa!

Our matches are so excited about Subaru's "Share the Love" campaign!



Here's Big Sisters Shania, Brooke, and Taylor representing from Waiiaka Elementary's mentoring site.

Community Champion
 Mark and Wendy Oyama
 Regional Director
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kauai

What's being said about our Champion!

"Mark called me on the Big Island when he was a student at RCC on Oahu. He asked me about a credit, and I was taken by surprise at first, but then realized it was a great question. A question that signaled someone curious and intelligent."

When he came to work with me at the Cancer House, I knew right away that he had a lot to offer. He was going to do something special. A workaholic, being the busy and very observant. The biggest asset he has is that the team always loves him and his personality, a great person to be around."

—Cher Alan Wong

"Mark is the epitome of "old school" values of hard work, responsibility and relationship with vision and the intention to make it happen. As Chairman, I find that Mark is a joy to work with. Although he is busy with a million workable ventures, he is always ready to engage, to collaborate with others and to take on more forward. And he does all this with a smile and a sense of humor, as well as commitment. What more could we ask for?"

—Helen Cox
 Kauai Community College Chancellor

"Mark's humble nature always takes him beyond the usual. None of the recognition that he deserves. His commitment as an integral part of the Kauai community."

—Diane Montgomery

"Mark Oyama is the epitome of a Community Champion. He's always so generous with his time, expertise, and business resources - all to help others on Kauai thrive, prosper, and contribute. It's time that he be recognized!"

—Marae Cambridge-Grubbs

supported the college by creating the Annual Culinary Arts Gala over 13 years ago, in a major role as fundraiser for the program. True to form, Mark is also instrumental to the success and sustainability of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kauai mentoring program having served as a Regional Board Member for over 9 years now. Mark explains what it truly means to serve and volunteer for those facing adversity. From sponsoring their signature Bowl For Kids Sake events to organizing educational field trips, his tireless heart and soul that Mark makes commendable.

Anyone can tell you that in the world of business and in serving one's community, it's all about partnerships and maintaining positive relationships. Therefore, it did not surprise me that in setting the pace I didn't have to go far to find folks in the community that had a lot to share about Mark's generosity.

In September a select group of industry professionals collaborated to review nominations submitted by the IROC (Island Restaurant Association) and the public at large. After a lengthy and careful selection process and based on his remarkable credit history to the restaurant and food service industry, Mark was selected as a 2015 honoree. He is now part of the Hawaii Restaurant Association Hall of Fame!

They say that success isn't just about what you accomplish in your life, it's about what you inspire others to do. This is why we congratulate and recognize Mark Oyama as Kauai's Family Magazine's 1st Community Champion for Kauai Family Magazine!

Congratulations to Kauai Regional Board Member, Mark Oyama, for being inducted into Hawaii's Restaurant Associations Hall of Fame! Click the photo to read the full article, written by Kauai Community Director Kaulana Finn for Kauai Family magazine.



Here are Maui's staff & board members at Christmas dinner at Westin Kaanapali Ocean Resort ~ thank you for an awesome year! We appreciate you!

Upcoming Events



Match Makers

BREAKFAST

01.08.16 | 7:30A - 9:00A

Kick off the New Year with Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii for a morning of inspirational stories and learn how you can make a difference for Hawaii's keiki

**Pomaika'i Ballrooms
at Dole Cannery
735 Iwilei Road**

7:30a coffee reception and registration
8:00a breakfast and program

Please RSVP at www.bbbshawaii.org

Questions? Contact Brianna at
(808)695-4566 or blovett@bbbshawaii.org

LAST DAY TO VOTE!

Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii is proud to be partnering with Subaru Hawaii this holiday season for the Subaru Hawaii Share The Love campaign, which donates \$250 to a pre-determined list of local nonprofits for every Subaru vehicle sold between November 1 and December 31. We are one of the lucky nonprofits selected for this generous donation.

In addition, an online contest encouraging the public to vote for their favorite participating nonprofit will be held on SubaruHawaii.com where we can win an additional \$5,000 if we get the most votes!

All you have to do is go online to SubaruHawaii.com between November 1 and December 31, 2015 and vote for us. You can vote once a day, so please make sure to bookmark the page and vote every day!

It just takes a few seconds of your time — your kokua can help us win and continue to strengthen our programs that ultimately make a positive impact on so many local island communities.

Remember, visit SubaruHawaii.com every day and vote for Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawaii.

Mahalo nui for sharing the love!



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