

PROFILE

The individuals featured here are your neighbors, friends, co-workers. They all share one thing: a true concern for the future of our island home and the willingness to become part of the building process.



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How have you been inspired to take action or involve others in building the future we all want?

As a social worker, I want to help people, especially disenfranchised groups – like people with mental illnesses, developmental disorders, and women and children – to be able to participate in their communities, and make their voices heard. Focus Maui Nui helps people to organize themselves and strengthen their voices. By participating in Focus Maui Nui, I hope to be a part of the solution for some of the problems that face us today like: drug addiction, the lack of affordable housing, preserving the beauty of our island, or finding meaningful jobs that pay a living wage.

Focus Maui Nui is also about building community. How do you see yourself fitting into that strategy?

I care deeply about educating people about their communities – how to improve these communities, and how to empower the members of these communities. Focus Maui Nui is a tool to do just that: get the people involved and excited about the future of our island and its people. By using some of the strategies of Focus Maui Nui in my classroom, I hope to align myself with the values that came out of the Focus Maui Nui process.

What message do you want to send out to your fellow residents?

Native Hawaiians knew how to live in these islands in a sustainable, noninvasive, harmonic way. We can learn how to build a Maui that is beautiful and life sustaining for generations to come. All we have to do is get involved, be respectful of each other, and give it our best. One way to do that is to join Focus Maui Nui.

FOCUS MAUI NUI: *The future rests with us...*

For information on how you, your group or company can get involved, contact 875-2300 or visit www.focusmauinui.com.
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