



Papa Ola Lōkahi

Nānā I Ka Pono Na Mā

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Flyer attached

Hawaiian Health Organizations host 'Ohana Day of Restoration

(Wailuku, Maui, Hawai'i) Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Papa Ola Lōkahi and many others will be hosting a day of relaxation and restoration on October 14, 2023 on the Great Lawn of the University of Hawai'i Maui College from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Maui residents, especially those from West Maui, Kula and other areas impacted by the hurricane winds and fires, are invited to enjoy a day with family and friends to ho'omaha, *relax*, ho'ōla, *rejuvenate*, and ho'oku'u, *release*.

"Lā 'Ohana is an opportunity for families to take a moment to breathe and be with community," explains Hui No Ke Ola Pono executive director Mālia Purdy. "We've been through so much."

Keiki activities will be provided by Lili'uokalani Trust and others. Prenatal education will be offered by the birthworkers at Kalauokekahuli. There will be food and Maui musical artists. Kūpuna, mental health providers, and cultural practitioners will be on hand to talk story. Practitioners will be offering lomilomi throughout the day. The non-profit Lo'iloa will oversee the pounding of taro, but attendees who have their own boards and stones to ku'i kalo are encouraged to bring them. More than 100 pounds of poi and kalopa'a will be distributed.

"We want to offer a break from the deadlines and paperwork that folks impacted by the Maui fires have been dealing with," says Sheri Daniels, Maui kama'aina and Papa Ola Lōkahi's chief executive officer. "We will not be focused on loss. This will be a space for comfort, for healing, and being restored."

The event will be emceed by Sista Val and Mr. Tripp of KPOA radio. Event welcome will begin at 10 AM, followed by The Kawa'a Brothers.

Other event partners include Ho'ōla Nā Pua, Maui/Mauna Medic Healers Hui, 'Ahahui o nā Kauka, John A. Burns School of Medicine, ALU LIKE, Nā Keiki O Emalia and more.

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Hui No Ke Ola Pono

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