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"We appreciate the generous donation the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i provided in the wake of the wildfires.

With this support, we've been able to help Maui County during disaster and crisis and work with the community towards recovery and resilience in four key areas: 1. mental health; 2. keiki and young adults; 3. stable housing; and 4. education, job training and employment services.

Thank you again for your generous showing of aloha."

RICK RODERO
Maui United Way



KAKO'O MAUI



MAUI FUNDRAISER

On September 2, 2023, over 350 people supported the JCCH and Bamboo Catering's 愛♥ (Ai Heart) Maui fundraiser dedicated to the residents of Maui affected by the August wildfires. All event proceeds -- over \$51,000 -- were donated to the Maui United Way and Chef Hui to give direct support to the people of Maui.

Mahalo to the food and beverage vendors, entertainers, and lucky draw donors who contributed their goods and services, and the table hosts and guests who supported this effort.



PRESERVING OUR LEGACY

TOKIOKA HERITAGE RESOURCE CENTER

The Tokioka Heritage Resource Center (RC) continues to serve researchers, students, and individuals, providing access to our archives and services.

Currently in its second year, a partnership with Mid-Pacific Institute's Museum Studies program provides students with hands-on experience in 3D scanning of historic artifacts from the incarceration in Hawai'i while enhancing the accessibility and preservation of the JCCH's collection. To view the latest 3D images visit skfb.ly/oUsuS.

We are also delighted to announce the relaunch of our koseki and translation services. Thanks to the support of our dedicated volunteers, we have revitalized this program to better assist individuals in tracing their genealogy and connecting with their heritage. To learn more about these services, please scan the QR code below.

In March 2024, students from Colorado College (pictured above) explored the Otokichi Ozaki collection for a research project related to Ozaki's internment story, "Family Torn Apart."



Would you like to help the RC share its resources with the community?

The RC's Legacy for the Future donor wall is a special opportunity to show your support. Please use the QR code on this page to learn more.

BUILDING LASTING CONNECTIONS

The JCCH aims to ignite curiosity and foster a deeper understanding of Japanese customs and traditions by engaging participants in meaningful cultural experiences. We do this through annual programs and innovative partnerships that engage people of all ages and backgrounds.



NEW YEAR'S 'OHANA FESTIVAL

"Hawai'i is known for being multicultural... that's why we're called the melting pot. People from all over live here...different ethnicities and cultures and you know by all of us coming together...it creates peace where we all respect and understand each other's culture...and we support each other in this community."

TAIKO SENSEI
New Year's 'Ohana Festival

Enjoy this video!



HANAMI FESTIVAL

"It (Hanami) was really fun, and the atmosphere felt like we were at a sakura festival in Japan. We are glad to hear everyone enjoyed our food! Thank you always!"

VENDOR
Hanami x JCCH Craft & Collectibles Fair

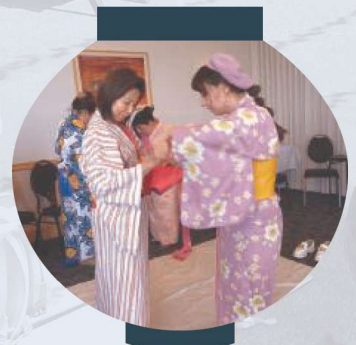
Outreach highlights this year included:



The JCCH connected with neighbor island families at the Waimea Cherry Blossom Festival, Maui Matsuri, Molokai Youth Summit, and Kauai Matsuri.



We partnered with local organizations to share our evolving Japanese American culture with new audiences.



ENHANCING OUR SUSTAINABILITY

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i (JCCH) completed its campus in 1994, serving as a vital community space. To ensure long-term sustainability, the JCCH has undertaken several significant projects since reopening after the pandemic.



ENERGY EFFICIENCY INITIATIVES

These improvements reduced energy consumption by 20%



ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Consistent investment in our campus is essential to ensuring that future generations may enjoy all that the Center offers.



The fire suppression system in the Ballroom kitchen was upgraded to meet current safety standards.



Replaced older lighting with LED bulbs



Ohana Room was refreshed with new carpet.



The Skybridge was resurfaced, removing hazardous chipped and broken tiles.



Installed separate air conditioning chillers in the Community Services Building so that the A/C in the Ballroom can be shut down when the facilities are not in use.



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO GIVE

The Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i extends its deepest appreciation and aloha to all our members and donors for your support. Your generosity enables the JCCH to serve the community with educational programs, cultural experiences, and research resources.

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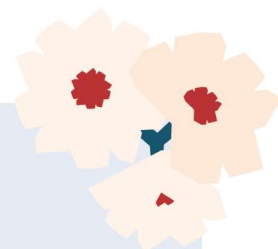
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Over 450 guests celebrated Japanese food and culture at the JCCH's second annual Irasshai: Eat, Drink, Kanpai! fundraiser. Colorful lanterns, banners, and yagura tower created a festive vibe indoors and out, while guests enjoyed a tantalizing feast created by 15 chefs and live musical performances.

Special thanks to our wonderful event sponsors, donors, volunteers, and event planning committee for their help to make this a successful celebration of our mission.

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With your support, our education team reached these milestones:

Updated pamphlets for the exhibit in both English and Japanese.

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Welcomed hundreds of visitors from near and far, including visitors from Japan, China, Canada, Germany, New Caledonia, Australia, and New Zealand.

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Special thanks to the volunteers who helped create a guided tour manual which will ensure consistency of content and quality of experience for visitors.

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An uptick in tour groups from Japan indicates growing interest among Japanese nationals in the Japanese American experience in Hawai'i.

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