

# KIA konnexion

May 2022

KIA was formed in 1987 to be a forum for  
concerned Kakaako business owners



## KIA Invitational Golf Tournament

The KIA Invitational Golf Tournament, held on Friday, May 20th at the Pearl Country Club, was a success due to the leadership of Kurt Murata, Chairman, and his committee consisting of Allen Akiona, Cynthia Arnold, Tammy Bahn-Kreis, Gary Evora, Cora Gibo, Sherry Goya, Jared Kashiwabara, Kelton Kato, Stanford Ono, Terri Miyazu, Nicole Nakano and Peterson Rosario. Work began in November 2021 and culminated with a critique meeting on May 25th.



The real winner of the tournament was **KCAA Muriel Preschool**, as they received \$10,000 from the Kakaako Improvement Association to upgrade their playground. The keiki will be able to enjoy the outdoors more when plans are complete.



KCAA Muriel Preschool, provided all the course volunteers at the tournament and also the BIG basket of wines, cheeses, fruits and candies for the raffle drawing at the On-and-Off Hole. **Gold sponsors**, Howard Hughes Corporation and Kamehameha School,

were very much appreciated for their support. **Silver sponsors** to thank are Alia, Emme, Inc., First Hawaiian Bank, First Onsite, Gateside, Inc., Hawaii Gas, J. Kadowaki, Inc., N & K CPAs, simplicityHR by ALTRES, Securitas Security Services, Stanford Carr Development, Sydney Aiko Akase Foundation, and WCIT Architecture. Leighton & Valerie Lum, Preferred AC Service, Preferred Mechanical, Sherry A. Goya, LLC, and The Ihara Team - Keller Williams were **Tee sponsors** who added their support of KIA and KCAA.



Mahalo also to these companies who provided donations to make the tournament special this year: Amuse, Cynthia T. Arnold, LLC, Bank of Hawaii, Central Pacific Bank, Dave & Buster's, First Onsite, Gateside, Inc., Sherry A.

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## KIA News

**Kupu**, a conservation and youth education nonprofit organization in Kakaako, has announced the following staff updates: Niki Ozaki has joined the Compliance Department as a compliance manager; Kristina Kornegay has been named an assistant program manager for Kupu Aiea Corps; Jason Kamimoto joins as a program coordinator for Kupu Aiea Corps; and Keala Nichols has been hired as an external affairs officer.

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