



## Pu'u'alalā Village

At noon on Monday, November 28, 2016, the Hawai'i Island skies cleared as the Reverend Daniel Akaka, Jr. led friends, board, and staff of Hawai'i Island Community Development Corporation (HICDC) and Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation in blessing 12.2 acres of land in Pepe'ekeo that will soon become home for 30 families. The mutual self-help housing project will be constructed under the supervision of HICDC, in partnership with Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation.



The subdivision will be known as Pu'u'alalā Village, a name drawn, at the suggestion of Dr. Larry Kimura, from the traditional Hawaiian place name of the pu'u or geological area adjacent to the property. The project is designed for Hawai'i families with children who cannot, under more conventional means, afford to purchase a home. Work has begun on the subdivision and construction on the first phase of 10 homes is targeted to begin around June 2017. The first phase is expected to take approximately one year to complete.

This is the second housing project the Foundation has supported. The first project, known as **Hau'oli Mau Loa Village**, was completed in the year 2000 and is located in Waimea on the island of Kaua'i. That project is home to seven families that have remained there for the past 16 years. It was the Foundation's benefactor's desire to provide good quality housing to families so that they could raise their children in a comfortable, safe and stable home. With the success of the first project in Waimea, the Foundation wanted to eventually construct more homes for families, and so began a partnership with HICDC to accomplish this goal.



For families interested in learning more about the project eligibility and application process, please contact Hawai'i Island Community Development Corporation at (808) 969-1158.

## **Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation Graduate Assistantships Available for Fall 2017**

In partnership with the University of Hawai'i, we are pleased to share the availability of Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation graduate assistantship opportunities in the Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science (TCBES) program at the University of Hawai'i, Hilo, and the Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) program, School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology (SOEST) and the College of Natural Sciences (CNS) at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. In addition to a tuition waiver, students selected for these graduate assistantships receive a yearly stipend and funds for supplies and professional development. These assistantships are an important part of the Foundation's Environmental Leadership Pathways initiative which supports homegrown Hawai'i students to aspire to and attain jobs in conservation and natural resource management in Hawai'i. You can learn more about our Environmental Leadership Pathways program [here](#).



Selection for the assistantships or "Hau'oli Mau Loa Fellows" is done by the respective University departments via a selection committee and is based on the following criteria: good academic standing; from Hawai'i as evidenced by graduating from a Hawai'i high school; pursuing an M.S. degree within one of the eligible programs; a track record of supporting Hawai'i's environment and serving in a leadership capacity; and a commitment to pursuing and attaining a career in conservation or natural resource management in Hawai'i.

We are excited to partner with these academic institutions to support the next generation of environmental leaders in Hawai'i and hope you will join us in spreading the word about these opportunities. For more information about the graduate assistantships, please visit our [website](#).

You can also learn more about the most recent cohort of fellows selected for graduate assistantships [here](#).