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Employee-led workplace campaign results in over \$46,000 raised for Hawai'i Island United Way in 2023

"Pilina" theme guided employees, retirees, IBEW members to unite efforts

HILO, April 29, 2024 – A year-long workplace campaign led by Hawaiian Electric employees resulted in raising more than \$46,000 for Hawaii Island United Way, the nonprofit working to advance the health, education and financial stability of the Hawaii community. Guided by the campaign theme Pilina, the Hawaiian meaning "to come together," employees united with retirees and IBEW Local 1260 to amplify their fundraising efforts.

Among the popular fundraisers included a cookbook aptly named Pilina featuring recipes from employees across the company, sales of Hawaiian Electric logo merchandise, a collaboration with local luxury fashion designer Manaola Yap on his latest collection of vegan tote bags, and an online pledge drive.

Hawaiian Electric employees from Oʻahu, Maui County and Hawaiʻi Island raised in total more than \$372,000 for the community last year.

In addition, company employees across its five-island service areas volunteered 5,307 hours over 101 community events; donated 913 units of blood/apheresis; and collected \$4,076 and 1,717 pounds of food for local food banks during 2023.

Hawaiian Electric serves 95 percent of Hawaiis 1.4 million residents on the islands of Oʻahu, Maui, Hawaii, Lānai and Molokai. Established in 1891, Hawaiian Electric is committed to empowering its customers and communities by providing affordable, reliable, clean and sustainable energy.

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