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**HUGS Announces Two New Members to the Board of Directors**

HONOLULU – HUGS (Help Understanding & Group Support), a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Hawaii's families with seriously ill children, announced the addition of new members and the 2021 officers for its Board of Directors.

Newly elected Board members are:

- David Ching, Vice President/Financial Advisor for Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, working with high-net-worth individuals, organizations and endowments on wealth management and investment strategies. He joined Morgan Stanley in 2011 and has served in his current position for 10 years. David also has a background in electrical engineering and has worked as a COR Systems Engineer and Project Manager/Electrical Engineer for TRW (Northrop Grumman) in California and Space and Navel Warfare (SPAWAR) in Hawaii respectively.
- Jody Shiroma, Vice President, Communications and Programming for PBS Hawai'i, oversees marketing and advertising activities for the station. Jody has more than 16 years of experience in providing comprehensive marketing, public relations and communication solutions to a diverse client base. She previously worked for Aloha United Way as Vice President, Marketing and Communications, and has a proven track record of success including revitalizing Aloha United Way's brand and raising over \$700,000 for the organization.

The HUGS 2021 Board of Directors are:

- President: **Calvert Chipchase IV**, Partner, Cades Schutte, LLP
- Vice President: **Patrick Klein**, VP, Newspaper Division/Advertising, Oahu Publications Inc.
- Vice President: **Julie Hirano Kaneko**, Communications Manager, Pacific Resource Partnership
- Vice President: **Charles Loomis**, VP, Land Assets, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.
- Vice President: **Ben Morgan**, VP, Customer Operations, Hawaiian Telcom
- Vice President: **Kevin Yim**, VP, Marketing, FCH Enterprises
- Secretary: **Catha Combs, CPA**, Managing Director, Wikoff Combs & Co., LLC
- Treasurer: **JoAnn Lumsden, CPA**, Retired

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Board of Directors include:

- **Christian Chambers**, Partner, Bays Lung Rose & Holma
- **Lauren Dawson, PhD**, Clinical Neuropsychologist, Clinical Neuropsychology Specialists, PLLC
- **Kanani Kealoha-Faleafine**, Manager, Loyalty Services, Hawaiian Airlines
- **Erin Kirihaara**, Senior Vice President, Rider Levett Bucknall
- **Anne Lee**, Retail Sales Manager-Dining & Events, Oahu Publications Inc.
- **Iris Matsumoto**, Executive VP, Human Resources, First Hawaiian Bank
- **Terri Okada**, Senior VP, Corporate Banking Division, Bank of Hawaii
- **Kirsten Pennaz**, RN, BSN, MBA, FACHE, Manager of Clinical Operations, Kapi`olani Medical Center for Women and Children
- **Robb Tanaka**, Director of Government Affairs & Planning, Hawaiian Electric Company
- **Bill Tobin**, Owner & Managing Partner, Tiki's Grill & Bar
- **Franklin Tokioka II**, Chairman, Hawaiian Properties, Ltd.
- **Theresa van Greunen**, Senior Director, Corporate Communications, Aqua-Aston Hospitality

"I'm honored to work with this committed group of individuals who share their various talents and expertise to strengthen our organization and who each have a strong passion for our mission and our families who are struggling with the challenges of living with serious childhood illness," said Joan Naguwa, HUGS Executive Director. "I'm especially grateful for the Board's steadfast support and generosity during these challenging times."

### **About HUGS**

*HUGS' (Help Understanding & Group Support) mission is to strengthen Hawaii's families and improve their quality of life as they face the emotional and financial hardships of caring for a seriously ill child. Programs address the emotional, social, physical, and financial needs of the entire family and each family member; all programs and services are free of charge. Since 1982, HUGS has helped thousands of families with a seriously ill child, up to 21 years who suffer from a range of diverse illnesses, throughout the state. For more information, visit [www.hugshawaii.org](http://www.hugshawaii.org).*

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