



For Hawaii's Families with Seriously Ill Children

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The Honolulu Elks Lodge Hosts Its First Ever “Elks Kumulokahi Paddle Out for HUGS”

HONOLULU – HUGS (Help Understanding & Group Support), a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Hawaii's families with seriously ill children, will be hosted by the Honolulu Elks Club Lodge 616 for their inaugural paddle out for HUGS.

60+ HUGS family members will be attending the event which will be held at the Honolulu Elks Lodge located at 2933 Kalakaua Avenue, and will enjoy some fun in the sun as they get paddled out on canoes and give our HUGS kids the chance to experience paddling. There will also be live entertainment, and lunch and crafts provided by the Elks Lodge. “Our youth committee and canoe committee Kumulokahi are especially thrilled to support HUGS with care and aloha,” said Shelley Hee, Elks 616 Kumulokahi Canoe Committee Chairperson.

HUGS holds family events for HUGS families monthly, which gives the chance for families who are caring for a seriously ill child to meet other families who are facing similar challenges for peer support and to let know them that they are not alone. HUGS families are not charged for any of HUGS' programs and services and relies on the support from the local community for funding and sponsorship.

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

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a range of diverse illnesses, throughout the state. For more information, visit www.hugshawaii.org.

About the Honolulu Elks Lodge

The Honolulu Elks Lodge was established in Hawaii in 1901. Each year Elks is one of the largest private providers of college scholarships and multiple charitable contributions in the United States. It is not common knowledge because the heart of Elkdom is always humble. Its motto is Elks Care and Elks Share. Here in Hawai'i we have over 100 years of history and are very proud to be Honolulu Lodge 616. For more information, visit www.elkslodge616.org.

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