



For Hawaii's Families with Seriously Ill Children

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**HUGS Announces Newest Board Member, Ryan Chavoustie
from Island Energy Services**

HONOLULU – HUGS (Help Understanding & Group Support), a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Hawaii's families with seriously ill children, announced the addition of its newest board member and the 2022 officers for its Board of Directors.

HUGS is proud to announce that Ryan Chavoustie, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Island Energy Services, LLC. (IES), the official licensee of Texaco in Hawaii, has joined HUGS' Board of Directors. In his role at IES, Ryan manages business relationships with major airlines, government agencies, local utilities and bulk gasoline and diesel consumers. Outside of work, Ryan enjoys teaching yoga, working out at the gym and playing golf. "I am so honored to be elected to the HUGS board and join such an amazing group of strong community leaders," said Chavoustie. "From previous local board and volunteer experience, I'm eager to bring ideas to the slate and help the Mission in any way needed. Island Energy has been a passionate supporter of HUGS and its events for many years. I'm grateful for this opportunity to extend our Aloha to Hawaii's families in need of care and support."

The HUGS 2022 Board of Directors are:

- President: **Ben Morgan**, VP, Customer Operations, Hawaiian Telcom
- Past-President: **Calvert Chipchase IV**, Partner, Cades Schutte, LLP
- President-elect: **Kanani Kealoha-Faleafine**, Sr. Manager, Loyalty and Partnerships, Hawaiian Airlines
- Vice President: **Patrick Klein**, Chief Revenue Officer, AIO Media Group
- Vice President: **Julie Hirano Kaneko**, Communications Manager, Pacific Resource Partnership
- Vice President: **Charles Loomis**, Retired
- 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, Lung Rose Voss & Wagnild
- **David Ching**, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management
- **Lauren Dawson, PhD**, Clinical Neuropsychologist, Clinical Neuropsychology Specialists, PLLC
- **Erin Kiriwara**, Senior Vice President, Rider Levett Bucknall
- **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
- **Jody Shiroma**, VP, Communications, PBS Hawaii
- **Robb Tanaka**, Director of Government Affairs & Planning, Hawaiian Electric Company
- **Franklin Tokioka II**, Chairman, Hawaiian Properties, Ltd.
- **Theresa van Greunen**, Assistant VP, 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.

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