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HAWAII'S GAMING COMMUNITY SHOW SUPPORT FOR HUGS WITH TOURNAMENT

HONOLULU – Game on! Hawaii's online gaming community will be holding a gaming tournament on December 4, 8:00PM HST to help raise funds for HUGS (Help, Understanding & Group Support), a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Hawaii's families with seriously ill children.

Arron Tomasu, who represents a small gaming community in Hawaii that streams on Twitch (a video live streaming service that focuses on video game live streaming), was inspired to give back to HUGS after finding out about how HUGS has helped to strengthen thousands of Hawaii's families who have a seriously ill child. "We have all been there with challenges in our lives, and through our personal journeys, many of us found gaming as a coping skill," said Tomasu. "It's a break from reality, the time to spend with your friends online. We want to give that outlook for the HUGs families as well. We as streamers are in a fortunate position where we can give back to the community, and that feeling of spreading gratitude is something the world needs more so than ever, especially with COVID."

This is not the first time that Tomasu was gaming for a cause. Previously Tomasu held a tournament for Queen's Medical Center where he raised funds to get kids in ICU Nintendo Switch units and games to keep them occupied during their hospitalization.

Tomasu who goes by the handle @MeatJunManGaming, along with @PointPanic_esports, will be hosting the online gaming tournament on December 4, 2021 at 8:00pm Hawaii Standard Time. The tournament cost \$40 to enter and will be streamed on Twitch. For details on the event and how to enter, gamers can go to Tomasu's Discord page and direct message him to enter. All proceeds will benefit HUGS and Hawaii's seriously ill children and their families.

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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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