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Kanu Hawai'i calling for 5,000 Volunteers Statewide - Volunteer Week Hawai'i April 7-13
Kanu Hawai'i, alongside local organizations, to grow the impact of volunteerism across Hawai'i

HONOLULU, HAWAII – Kanu Hawai'i has partnered with 90+ local organizations to celebrate Volunteer Week Hawai'i from Sunday, April 7th - Saturday, April 13th. There are over 120 volunteer events taking place across seven Hawaiian Islands beginning with the Waimānalo Limu Hui event at Kaiona Beach Park, 8:00 AM on Sunday, April 7th.

Individuals and groups can participate through volunteering in their neighborhood and larger community. Organizations and businesses can support the campaign through hosting volunteer events, encouraging employees to volunteer, and donating in-kind and financially.

Southwest Airlines, a supporting partner of Volunteer Week, shared, "Whether in the air or on the ground, our Heart is championing communities and respecting our resources, which is why Southwest Airlines® is honored to partner with Kanu Hawaii in support of their National Volunteer Week efforts," said Laura Nieto, Southwest's Director of Community Outreach.

In addition to promoting the importance of volunteerism, Volunteer Week Hawaii provides an opportunity to recognize volunteers for their year-round contributions.

Kanu Hawaii's Executive Director Keone Kealoha added, "Volunteering is our kuleana (responsibility) and real change starts with each of us making a personal commitment to live aloha. We can make our communities, our world, a better place if we all get involved."

Opportunities during the Week range from park and beach cleanups to food drives to lo'i and loko i'a restoration. Everyone can participate, regardless of availability, interests, location, or abilities. Mahalo to our supporters: Southwest Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Goodfellow Bros., Young Brothers, Rezgo, Conservation Connections, and the Impact Hub HNL.

Host an Event and Sign-Up to Volunteer:

Visit www.volunteerweekhawaii.org to register your event, view opportunities and participating organizations statewide, and sign-up to volunteer. Search and upload photos and videos to social media using #volunteerweekhawaii.

About Kanu Hawai'i

Kanu Hawai'i empowers people to build more environmentally sustainable, compassionate, and resilient communities rooted in personal commitments to change. For more information about Kanu Hawai'i, visit www.kanuhawaii.org or email volunteer@kanuhawaii.org with any questions.

About Southwest Airlines

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