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HAWAI'I COMMUNITY FOUNDATION LAUNCHES NEW PODCAST KA PEWA

First Episode features HCF President & CEO Micah Kāne on the Future of Housing in Hawai'i

MAUI, HAWAI'I — The Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) is proud to announce the launch of its new podcast, **Ka Pewa**, available now on all major podcast platforms. Inspired by the *pewa*—a traditional bowtie-shaped patch used to mend cracks—the podcast embodies the power of repair, healing, and resilience. Just as the *pewa* can strengthen the *'umeke lā'au*, ensuring continued access to sustenance, **Ka Pewa** seeks to strengthen our communities by bringing people together, sharing stories, and fostering solutions that help Hawai'i thrive.

The premiere episode features HCF CEO and president **Micah Kāne**, sharing his vision and personal drive to create **House Maui**—a strategic initiative designed to support access to safe, affordable, and sustainable housing solutions for local families. With housing challenges at the forefront of Hawai'i's future, Kāne's insights provide a compelling look at how community-driven solutions can create lasting change.

"Our goal with *Ka Pewa* is to amplify the voices of those working tirelessly to strengthen Hawai'i," says Kāne. "Through conversations with local leaders, changemakers, and community members, we hope to spark ideas and action that lead to a thriving future for our islands."

Hosted by Kanoa Leahey, new episodes will be released monthly, featuring thought-provoking discussions with leaders across diverse sectors. Watch the first episode <u>here</u> and find Ka Pewa on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and other major streaming platforms.

About The Hawai'i Community Foundation

The vision of the Hawai'i Community Foundation is to create an equitable and vibrant Hawai'i in which all our Island communities thrive. With our more-than-108-year history, our trusted expertise, and the generous support of donors, we are working to address the root causes of our state's most difficult challenges, including expanding access to affordable housing, conserving freshwater resources, and ensuring the healthy development of Hawai'i's young children. We focus our efforts through the CHANGE Framework, which identifies six essential sectors affecting the overall well-being of these islands and its people. HCF works in communities across Hawai'i, with offices and staff located statewide. In 2023, HCF stewarded more than 1,160 funds, established by individuals, businesses, and organizations who share our passion for a better Hawai'i. We distributed over \$107 million in grants to the community from funds

at HCF, contracts, and private foundations statewide, including scholarships assisting more than 1,000 Hawai'i students. For more information about HCF, please visit <u>Hawaiicommunityfoundation.org</u> and follow our social media channels on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.