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To: Sharyn Matin, President  
North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund  
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From: Lahaina Arts Association  
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Aloha Sharyn,

The Lahaina Arts Association would like to thank North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund for granting [REDACTED] to support our two Art Outreach Classes in Lahaina and funding to initiate a third West Side Art Outreach Class. Your commitment to our organization and our community is remarkable. Your donation will help us to continue our mission of helping children and families by providing free, enriching art programs and Art Outreach Classes.

LAA offers ten free art classes per week and targets children and families at or below the poverty level. Art classes are held in schools, community centers, and low-income housing sites. We provide free supplies and a safe space to enjoy watercolors, tempera paints, and the art of collage, mask making and many other forms of art including a focus on Hawaiian cultural arts. LAA fills a gap in the education system for the children of Maui County to develop their creative skills, especially when the visual arts have all but left the classroom.

In addition to free weekly art classes, LAA conducts an Annual High School Senior's Art Competition and Exhibition. Each year partial scholarships are awarded to promising Maui County Youth to further their art education and training in an accredited Art Program at a four year college/university. We also operate a Hawaiian Youth Mentoring Program. This program pairs artist mentors with youth that are interested in pursuing art as a career. We hope to enhance and expand all of our programs in the years to come. With support from organizations like North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund, we are confident that we will be able to serve our keiki in a meaningful way.

For your records our tax identification number is [REDACTED]

Again, thank you for supporting the youth of Lahaina.

Mahalo,

*Priscilla Gonzales*

Priscilla Gonzales  
Executive Director  
Lahaina Arts Association

*Thank you!*

