



May 5, 2011

From: Lahaina Arts Association  
648 Wharf Street #103  
Lahaina, HI 96761

To: Sharyn Matin

Re: Grant to Lahaina Arts Association

Aloha Ms. Matin,

Your generosity to the Lahaina Arts Association (LAA) is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for granting \$10,000 through the North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund. Your contribution will help us to continue our mission of providing free children's art outreach classes in West Maui.

LAA offers two free children's art classes in West Maui. Both classes take place in low-income housing sites and are offered on a weekly basis, after-school for two hours each. 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 are also excited to announce the initiation of our new Hawaiian Youth Mentoring Program. This program will pair 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 the North Beach West Maui Benefit Fund, we are confident that we will be able to serve our community in a meaningful way.

Thank you again for supporting the arts and the youth of West Maui.

Mahalo,

Priscilla Gonzales  
Lahaina Arts Association  
Art Outreach & Grants Manager

*Thank you!*

