



Preserving and promoting the rich history of Kapaia Valley

# Kapaia Foundation

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## ***Koinobori Kaua'i 2025!***

Kapaia Foundation's April newsletter highlights Koinobori Kaua'i. The flying carp is a symbol of hope that children will grow up physically strong and courageous against adversity. A rare sight in our community today, Kapaia Foundation continues the colorful and joyful tradition introduced to Hawaii by Japanese sugar plantation immigrants.

We display strings of windsock carp to remember the entire community of Kapaia in its heyday, the 1930's, and to celebrate all children. The koinobori will be flying in Kapaia Valley from April 28 – May 23. It will be an amazing sight when the wind blows, making the koi windsocks appear to be swimming vigorously against an imaginary river current and leaping over rapids! This impressive display instills community pride and fulfills a need for cultural enrichment and historical preservation. We hope to achieve awareness of the contributions of sugar plantation era immigrants to the history of Hawaii.



## ***VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS***

Three work days are planned to prepare for the happy display. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!

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**April 12, Saturday, 8am-12pm** Clean grounds and river bank. Take out and clean poles and stakes. Wear comfortable clothes, covered shoes and gloves. Bring any tool you want to use...weed wacker, chain saw, rake, lopper, sickle, etc. Lunch will be provided.

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**April 19, Saturday, 8am-12pm** Clean grounds and pound pole stakes. Wear comfortable clothes, covered shoes and gloves. Bring any tool you want to use...post pounder, weed wacker, chain saw, rake, lopper, sickle, etc. Lunch will be provided.

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**April 26, Saturday, 8am-12pm** Raise koinobori and clean grounds. Wear comfortable clothes and covered shoes. Koi raisers should bring a scissors & a needle nose plier. Grounds maintenance volunteers can bring any tool listed above. Lunch will be provided.



# Be a Koinobori Sponsor



Sponsorship helps cover the cost of the free public display. Sponsor's name will be displayed on the sponsor koi. A message can be printed as well. For example, a koi could be in honor of, memory of, happy birthday to, congratulations to, love from, etc., etc. Kois will fly until May 23. **Print and fill out the attached sponsor pdf file** and mail with a check or cc info to Kapaia Foundation, 4453 Laukini Rd. Lihu'e, HI 96766. To expedite your order, or if you have questions, email [kapaiafoundation@gmail.com](mailto:kapaiafoundation@gmail.com) or **text/call 808 639-3606**

## Mahalo to Koinobori Kaua'i 2025 Sponsors (as of 4/8/2025)

ABG Properties Management Corp.	1'	Jed Goo
	2'	Ezra Goo
	2'	Titus Goo
	3'	Roy Goo
	3'	Mia Goo
Lauren N. Bundschuh	3'	In Loving Memory of George A. Kanna DDS
	3'	In Loving Memory of Stanwood H. Kanna DDS
COMIC COM CON	2'	
Stephen & Sylvia Fujii	3'	The Kapaia Fujii's 1930's to 1970's Tsutomu and Fusayo Stella, Arnold, Stephen, Roger & Calvin
	3'	In Memory of the Fujii's Tsutomu & Fusayo Stella, Arnold, Calvin
Bob & Michelle Looser		Benefactor

Laraine Moriguchi		Benefactor
Ray & Mariko Motoyama	3'	
Christine Nonaka	3'	Shoichi & Hiromi Sakai & Family Kapaia, HI May 2025
Shimabukuro Family	3'	WALKER & WYNTER WATABU
Shimabukuro Family	3'	SHANE SHIMABUKURO
Shimabukuro Family	3'	KAYDEN MEDEIROS
David & Georgina Takemoto	3'	In Memory of the Takemoto Family
George & Rie Tsukamoto	3'	In Memory of the Tsukamoto Ohana of Kapaia Camp.
Rie Tsukamoto	1'	Rest in Peace Takao-kun
April & Larry	3'	Celebrating all the precious moments in Life!

## ***Koi Windsocks for Sale***

Colorful polyester koi windsocks are for sale Mon-Fri from 8am-4pm at SIGNart, 4453 Laukini Rd. Lihue. Mahalo to SIGN ART for assisting Kapaia Foundation with its annual windsock fundraiser.

12"	\$ 8
24"	\$ 10
36"	\$ 19
60"	\$ 28

Keep this colorful and happy local tradition alive by flying a koi windsock to celebrate the joy of children!



Note: **Purchased** koi windsocks are for you and your own use. A **Sponsor** koi is a donation to Kapaia Foundation and will be displayed in Kapaia Valley, next to the swinging bridge, until May 23.



**Reminder!**

## **Visitor Industry Charity Walk *May 3***

The walk starts at 7am from Vidinha Stadium. **Register to walk or donate by going online [Charity Walk 2025 - Hawaii Lodging & Tourism Association](#) and *join Kapaia***

### ***Foundation's team!!!***

Your support helps Kapaia Foundation and all other non-profit organizations on Kaua'i.

This year's Visitor Industry Charity Walk grant award to Kapaia Foundation will help fund repair of the Kapaia Suspension Bridge railings. Charity Walk is Hawaii's visitor industry's way of showing its appreciation for the community by way of fiscal contribution. They provide assistance to more than 60 non-profit organizations throughout Kaua'i.

Last Saturday, Kapaia Foundation, partnering with SIGN ART, raised more than \$1000 from their rummage and chili meal sale. Mahalo to the volunteer helpers, as well as those who donated rummage sale items and all who came to the event! A special mahalo to SIGN ART for organizing the sale and providing most of the manpower. Volunteers were working so hard that only one photo was taken... Kimo's special Kapaia Chili! If you missed it, you will have a chance to try it at this Saturday's work day lunch!



# Mahalo to all Kapaia Foundation Members and Supporters

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Russell & Marsha Ishii \$200  
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***Your membership makes our organization stronger. The stronger we are, the more we can do! Your support is appreciated. Membership is free. Just fill out and return the membership form.***

**Membership**...Includes public support listing, email announcements and open invitation to all meetings, events and activities. Benefactor membership...includes all of the above benefits, plus donor recognition at every opportunity (unless donor advises otherwise).

Kapaia Foundation membership is open to anyone wishing to support the intent and purpose of Kapaia Foundation. Kapaia Foundation is a purely voluntary association whose primary source of funding is through donations and grants. Kapaia Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religious affiliation, handicap, national origin, or other personal factor. (PDF printable file attached)

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