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HomeAid Hawaii is committed to providing vital assistance to the residents of Maui who have been deeply affected by the recent devastating fires. The natural disaster has caused unprecedented destruction, claiming lives, displacing families, and leaving a significant number of homes, businesses, community buildings, and historic sites in ruins.

In response to this urgent situation, HomeAid Hawaii is acting in partnership with agencies to immediately develop mid to long-term homes for the displaced residents of Lahaina and the surrounding areas. Our mission encompasses a comprehensive approach, aimed at convening, coordinating, and resourcing a wide range of critical activities, including land planning, site development, design, and construction.

With consideration to our State's labor and material shortage, HomeAid Hawaii will work with HomeAid America, to access national resources. Through HomeAid, we will facilitate collaboration among various stakeholders, including community, local experts, landowners, consultants, builders, businesses, trade contractors, and suppliers. By bringing together the collective expertise and resources of these partners, we aim to address the immediate housing needs of the affected community efficiently and effectively without taking away critical resources from existing developments. As a Native Hawaiian led nonprofit developer, HomeAid Hawaii will also ensure development continues to be approached through a culturally sensitive and trauma-informed lens with respect to community fears related to development.

HomeAid America will provide unwavering support to HomeAid Hawaii's local efforts. HomeAid collectively will marshal resources, funding, and additional support required to aid in both short-term and long-term housing solutions. Our shared goal is to not only provide immediate relief to those who have lost their homes but also to assist in the long-term recovery and rebuilding process.

In times of crisis, unity and compassion are paramount. HomeAid is fully committed to standing by the resilient residents of Maui as they navigate the challenging path towards recovery. We understand the significance of having a stable and secure place to call home, and our mission is to ensure that the displaced families and individuals find solace, support, and a brighter future through our collaborative efforts.

As we move forward, HomeAid will continue to work hand in hand with local communities, government agencies, and the generosity of supporters nationwide. Together, we are dedicated to making a meaningful impact, one that will help heal and rebuild the lives of those affected by this tragic disaster.

But we can't do this alone. We need your help. As we move forward, we encourage you to join us in our mission to stand by the resilient residents of Maui. Your contribution, whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading awareness, can make a meaningful impact on the lives of those affected by this tragic disaster. **HomeAid's Maui Housing Initiative** has been specifically set up to direct resources to this critical work.

HomeAid is fully committed to making a difference, and with your support, we can achieve our shared vision of healing and rebuilding the lives of those affected. Visit our website at [www.homeaidhawaii.org](http://www.homeaidhawaii.org) or [www.homeaid.org](http://www.homeaid.org) to learn more about how you can get involved and make a positive impact during this critical time.

Thank you for you for your engagement, support and care,

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### **About HomeAid**

HomeAid Hawaii is a nonprofit developer focused exclusively on housing solutions for homeless communities.

Founded in 1989, HomeAid develops, builds, and preserves a variety of housing, including emergency, interim, transitional, permanent supportive, and affordable housing through its 19 affiliates in 13 states and the District of Columbia. In addition, this includes resource/navigation centers that provide support services to those experiencing or at risk of homelessness. HomeAid partners with hundreds of nonprofit organizations nationwide that provide the housing and support services that help residents move toward self-sufficiency, such as education and job-skills training, financial counseling, physical and emotional support, and much more.

HomeAid has completed 1,183 housing and outreach projects with a value of more than \$340 million. HomeAid has added over 13,445 beds that have served over 701,668 previously homeless individuals. For more information, visit [www.homeaid.org](http://www.homeaid.org).

HomeAid Hawaii was established in 2015 as its 15<sup>th</sup> local affiliate. 100% of all fundraising in Hawaii stays in the islands to benefit its people and programs statewide. For more information, visit [www.homeaidhawaii.org](http://www.homeaidhawaii.org).



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