



# Annual Newsletter

April 2025

Child Abuse Awareness Month | Sex Assault Awareness Month

## Aloha, friends of Friends!

As we kick off this year's Child Abuse Awareness and Sex Assault Awareness Month, we stand firm in our support of the Children's Justice Center of Oahu. Our mission is to ensure that every child victim of abuse receives essential comfort items that provide a sense of normalcy and security after they leave the Center. We are so grateful for your generosity and we hope that you will take a minute to read how your contributions have helped the children and families who needed it the most in 2024.

-The FCJCO staff and Board of Directors

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Hope & Healing 2025**  
**Annual Fundraiser**  
**Sat, November 15, 2025**  
**The Pacific Club**

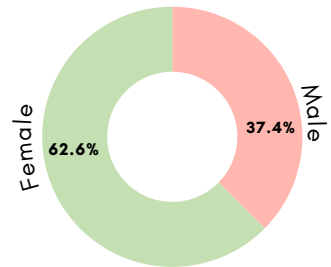
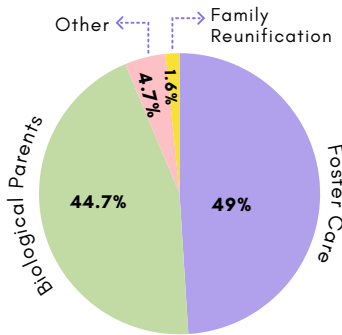
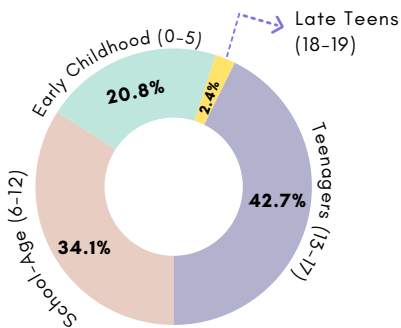
## 2024 Snapshot

Through our ongoing Ho'ōla Nā Mana'ō Program, **259** requests were fulfilled in 2024.

We packed **320** backpacks with school supplies for our Back-to-School Drive, preparing youth for the upcoming school year.

The Friends fulfilled **1,016** requests for assistance last year across all programs, helping a total of **782** children.

We purchased and wrapped presents for **437** children through our Holiday Gift Project



### AGE GROUP

The Ho'ōla Nā Mana'ō program supports children of all ages. Here, you can see the wide range of child victims we serve per age group.

### YOUTH PLACEMENT

In 2024, the majority of youth served were in foster care (49%) or with biological parents (44.7%), highlighting diverse family dynamics supported.

### GENDER DATA

In 2024, 62.2% of youth served were female and 37.4% male. With 1 in 4 females and 1 in 6 males experiencing sexual abuse, there is a significant need for gender-sensitive care.



## DEFENDERS OF HOPE FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN!

Be a superhero and consider making a one-time or recurring gift to The Friends of the Children's Justice Center of O'ahu. Scan the QR code to make your donation today!





Volunteers packed toiletries for our foster care bags during our April press conference



Junior League of Honolulu members visited the CJC in November



Hope & Healing honored long-time volunteers Lia Howe (L) and Marjie Beaton (R) for their service



Exchange Club volunteers helped pack and distribute backpacks for our 2024 Back to School Drive



## Coming Soon...

### APRIL

- **Thursday, April 24** - Panda Express fundraiser (check our website for more information)

### MAY

- Heroes of Hope Mahalo event for partner professionals
- New FCJCO website launch

### JUNE

- Back to School Drive

### NOVEMBER

- **Sat, Nov 15** - Hope & Healing Fundraiser



## The Mahalo Section

Read about the positive impact Friends and our programs have made on not only the children we help, but the professionals who help them as well.

“ I really appreciate what I was able to get. The gym has helped me out with my mental health and it's easier to do PE. Thanks again for (everything)! - **Client** ”

“ We are so thankful for your generosity! Without your support, they [kids] wouldn't have access to so many opportunities! - **Professional** ”

“ Receiving the items brought such a huge smile on her face. This not only made her feel good, lift her spirits - her smile made me smile. Simple things that I take for granted, made her so happy. These new things she got made a huge impact on this little girl, as it did for me. - **Social Worker** ”

“ FCJCO has been tremendously helpful in providing help with securing a gym membership and also with providing a lot of gym gear. My youth has expressed how these have and will help with her mental health. This is so important as a lot of our youth are unable, at times, to find a healthy outlet. The generosity of the FCJCO is greatly appreciated. - **Youth Guardian Ad Litem** ”



◀ In December, we received a request from a youth who wanted a DSLR camera to pursue their passion for photography. This is their thank you note and a photo they took.

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