2015 ANNUAL REPORT

‘Doing history’ for 25 years and counting

HAWAII COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES
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Statement of Activities
For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2015

SUPPORT AND REVENUE
Grants from National Endowment for the Humanities $ 609,272
Contributions 179,353
Program income 299
Interest and dividend income 2,854
Net realized and unrealized losses on investments (7,188)
Net assets released from restrictions —
Total support and revenue 784,590

EXPENSES
Program services
Regrants 121,668
Council projects 372,916
Community education 94,046
Total program expenses 588,630
Support services
Management and general 102,437
Fundraising 53,337
Total support services 155,774
Total expenses 744,404
Changes in net assets 40,186
Net assets, beginning of year 116,695
Net assets, end of year $ 156,881

Balance Sheet
October 31, 2015

ASSETS
Current assets
Cash and cash equivalents $ 65,737
National Endowment for the Humanities receivables 10,611
Investments 118,842
Prepaid expense 2,625
Security deposit 2,672
Total current assets 200,487
Furniture and equipment 18,242
Less accumulated depreciation 18,242
Net furniture and equipment —
Total assets $ 200,487

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Current liabilities
Accounts payable $ —
Accrued vacation 23,939
Regrants payable 19,667
Total liabilities 43,606
Net assets
Unrestricted 121,219
Temporarily restricted 35,662
Total net assets 156,881
Total liabilities and net assets $ 200,487
NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIR

In 2015, Hawai‘i Council for the Humanities (HCH) marked the 25th anniversary of Hawai‘i History Day, a program we see as our signature means to enhance humanities in K-12 schools around the state, allowing thousands of students to experience history from the inside out, using historical research to discover voices from the past and create projects meaningful today. Each and every year, students create amazing history day exhibits, performances, documentaries, websites and essays, emerging from libraries, archives and classrooms around the state to impress us anew with how personal and important thinking about the past can be in the midst of the many contemporary challenges that aim to divide and withdraw us.

Inspired by their example and spirit, we urge you to consider how HCH itself has continued its mission to the whole state facilitating programs and partnerships that bring to life the forces of our common history and mo‘olelo. We brought such unique and diverse programming as:

- a statewide workshop for teachers on Competing Visions of Human Rights;
- Film For Thought public discussions in Honolulu and Hilo on The Common Good: Humanities in the Public Sphere;
- We Go Jam: Finding the Music in Words with a workshop for teachers at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center and a teaching residency at Hāna High School, as well as We Go Jam: Ho‘oulu Mele Hawai‘i, a community concert and presentation in Hilo; and
- Standing Down: From Warrior to Civilian, a reading-discussion program for veterans and their dependents that debuted at Windward Community College.

We are grateful for your continuing support for our outreach and hope you have enjoyed a year of public humanities, echoing the words of James Baldwin that history (and the humanities) is present in all that we do.

Bob Buss  Douglas Dykstra
‘Doing history’ for 25 years and counting | From the beginning of Hawai‘i History Day in 1990-1991, HCH has been the guiding force behind this project-based, active learning of history through original research, interpretation and communication. The first year we sent just two projects to the National History Day (NHD) contest, beginning a long affair with a quick peck on the cheek. But the very next year, we sent a delegation of over 50 students, along with their teacher chaperones and a few parents, cementing our annual yearlong commitment to the educational program.

Our greatest source of pride has been on how well our delegation as a whole has done among their peers across the nation. Although winning awards has never been the program’s primary goal, it was still reaffirming in our second year to receive a special award in world history using a cross-cultural theme, and to have a national first-place winner in 1993. A year later we were amazed that three projects from Hawai‘i made the national run-offs—a small feat for a small state—but could hardly believe it when each of these projects received a gold medal. In recent years, Hawai‘i students have consistently placed in the top 15 at the NHD competition.

It has also been rewarding to see so many of our dedicated History Day teachers recognized over the years at NHD for their inspired and innovative teaching. Two teachers from Hawai‘i were honored as the national winners of the NHD Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award in 2011 and 2012. Over the years several History Day teachers have received other awards on the national level as well.

Hawai‘i History Day has helped students flourish in “doing history,” leaving the deadly and mechanical memorization of facts and dates in the dustbin. It has been our signature program for 25 years and counting: “E m lama i ka mo‘olelo.” And it is our goal to continue to strive to help our Hawai‘i History Day students carry on and care for our histories/stories.
Hawai‘i at National History Day 2015

A delegation of 51 students, teachers, parents and chaperones represented Hawai‘i at the Kenneth E. Behring National History Day Contest 2015. Three of Hawai‘i’s projects won awards for their entries based on the NHD 2015 theme “Leadership & Legacy in History”:

- World War II History prize went to Essie Workman of Kahuku High & Intermediate School (teacher Lisa Lessing) for her Senior Individual Website project, “Captain America: A Man Before His Time”
- Outstanding Junior Entry from Hawai‘i award went to Kelly Masaki of St. Andrew’s Priory School (teacher Carey Robinson) for her Individual Website project, “Eradicated From Earth! How Smallpox Died”
- Outstanding Senior Entry from Hawai‘i award went to Truman Spring of Kahuku High & Intermediate School (teachers Lorey Ishihara and Debra Uli‘i) for his Senior Paper project, “The Legacy of Caesar Augustus: The Prince of the Senate, The Price of the Peace”

Jeffrey Hackler, ‘Iolani School, Patricia Behring Teacher the Year Award, Hawai‘i, Senior Division
Danette Holdren, Waialua High and Intermediate School, Hawai‘i Council for the Humanities Hawai‘i History Day Teacher of the Year, Junior Division
Scott Clarke, Baldwin High School, Hawai‘i Council for the Humanities Hawai‘i History Day Teacher of the Year, Junior Division
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= The ‘Ulu Circle at $250 gives general support for either type of HCH programs and activities.

Your donation makes a difference, no matter the size. Help us connect people with ideas that broaden perspectives, enrich lives and strengthen communities today!
The Hawai‘i Council for the Humanities gratefully acknowledges the following individuals and organizations whose generous contributions — cash and in-kind — have made our signature programs as well as various projects and partnership activities possible:

- Scholarship Awards to Hawai‘i History Day
  - Brigham Young University, Hawai‘i (two full-tuition one-semester scholarships)
  - Chaminade University of Honolulu (one half-tuition scholarship)

- Hawai‘i History Day Awards
  - 100th Infantry Battalion Legacy Organization
  - Alexander & Baldwin
  - Kokua Fund
  - Associated Chinese University Women of Hawai‘i
  - Barbara Bennet Peterson Award
  - Bendon Foundation
  - Daniel K. Inouye Memorial Fund
  - Filipino/Filipino-American Award Foundation
  - Foundation for Women’s History
  - Hawai‘i Heritage Center
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  - Hawai‘i National Bank (medals for State History Day)
  - Hawai‘i Nikkei History Editorial Board
  - National History Day Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year
  - Pacific and Asian Affairs Council
  - University of Hawai‘i Biographical Research Center
  - University of Hawai‘i Center for Oral History
  - Wurst Family Foundation

- Travel Awards for Hawai‘i History Day
  - Harold Castle Foundation $ 5,000
  - Stevenson Middle School $ 3,044
  - Waialua High and Intermediate School $ 2,200
  - Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Trust $ 500
  - Baldwin High School $ 210
  - Campbell High School $ 2,022
  - Kahuku High and Intermediate School $ 5,200
  - Lā‘ie Elementary School $ 1,300
  - St. Andrew’s Priory School $ 105

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