

*Hawaii Women's Legal
Foundation:
31st Annual Gala Fundraiser*



Masked

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**JOY BARUA TO SERVE AS HONORARY CHAIR
OF HAWAI'I WOMEN'S LEGAL FOUNDATION
31st ANNUAL GALA FUNDRAISER "MASKED"**

*Funds Raised Will Benefit Hawai'i Organizations
Supporting Women and Children,
Including Organizations Supporting Maui Recovery*

HONOLULU, HAWAI'I, September 24, 2023 – Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation (HWLF) is excited to announce that **Joy Barua (President and Chief Operating Officer of Finance Insurance)** will serve as Honorary Chair for HWLF's 31st Annual Gala Fundraiser.

This year's gala themed "*MASKED*" will be held on **Saturday, October 28, 2023** from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, Tapa Ballroom.

"Elevating, enhancing and empowering women and children to thrive in a more equitable society speaks to HWLF's mission, impactful work and continuing legacy," said Mr. Barua.

All of the evening's net proceeds will be dedicated to funding grassroots organizations, across the State, that provide direct services to disadvantaged, disenfranchised, and/or at-risk women and children. In particular, HWLF is committed to supporting Maui organizations that assist victims of the recent tragic events. By supporting these efforts, you can help us create a positive impact on the lives of Hawaii's women and children. You can contribute in the following ways:

- Sponsor a table: Explore our sponsorship levels, which range from \$10,000 (Platinum) to \$3,000 (Ebony).
- Make a tax-deductible monetary donation.
- Contribute items for the silent auction: Items such as wine, travel opportunities, dining experiences, entertainment packages, and gift certificates are always sought-after and appreciated.

Embrace the spirit of the event by dressing as your favorite masked character. Or showcase your creativity with a splendid Mardi Gras, masquerade, superhero, medical, or other kind of mask. Of course, the elegance of black-tie attire is a timeless choice as well! An unmissable highlight of the evening will be the live on-stage program, often celebrated as one of the most entertaining, witty, and delightful events of the year.

In addition to the delicious food, wonderful company, and silent auction, the evening's program—which has included judges, attorneys, mayors, and other distinguished members of the community—is a show-stopper that generates buzz long after the evening concludes. Partake in an enchanting evening filled with music, mystery, and fun to raise money for Hawaii's women and children.

TABLES AND TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.hwlf.org/fundraiser/> or by contacting HWLF at hawaiiwomenslegalfoundation@gmail.com. Sponsorships of tables of 8 are available for \$10,000 (Platinum), \$7,500 (Gold), \$5,000 (Silver) and \$3,000 (Ebony). Individual seats are \$350 each. The silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the live performance starting at 8:00 p.m.

PREVIOUS HWLF GRANTEES

Thanks to community supporters and business leaders, over the last 30 years, HWLF has been fortunate to provide grants to numerous local nonprofits and organizations that are aligned with HWLF's mission to support the rights of and enhance the welfare of women and children across the State. The grants fund a variety of local efforts, including programs that provide women and children access to the legal system, health services and educational opportunities.

Previous HWLF grantees include, but are not limited to: Adult Friends for Youth, Aloha Harvest, Aloha Medical Mission, Big Island Mediation Inc., Catholic Charities Hawai'i – Mary Jane Program, The Children's Law Project of Hawai'i, Dress A Girl Around the World – West Hawaii, Family Promise of Hawai'i, Family, Violence And Sexual Assault Institute dba IVAT/Ho'omaluhia, Friends of Family Specialty Courts, Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawai'i, Helping Hands Hawai'i, The Institute for Human Services, Inc., Kids Matter-Friends of the Children's Justice Center of West Hawaii, Inc., Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, Malama Pono Health Services, The Mediation Center of the Pacific, Inc., Nest for Families, Project Vision Hawai'i, Pacific Survivor Center, Surfing the Nations, Volunteer Legal Services Hawai'i, Women of Wai'anae and Young Women's Christian Association of O'ahu.

ABOUT HAWAII WOMEN'S LEGAL FOUNDATION

The Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation, formerly known as the Hawaii Women Lawyers Foundation, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established in 1982. HWLF is dedicated to programs and projects that benefit women and children in need and promote the advancement of qualified women in all areas of the legal profession. HWLF through its fundraising activities and events provides grants to worthy Hawai'i organizations who meet its mission. For more information, visit <https://www.hwlf.org>.