

**The Mission:**

To provide a residential farm community where adults with developmental disabilities are a part of a thriving ohana.

*"Our housing projects are in constant demand and very rarely do we experience vacancies. The Sunrise Farm Community residential program will serve a housing need in our community that is not currently being served."*  
**Jo-Ann Ridao, Maui County Housing Commissioner**

**The Need:**

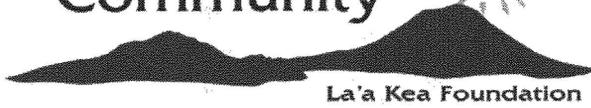
- The autistic and developmentally disabled/mentally retarded (DD/MR) population of Maui County is greater than 400 adults.
- Less than 6% of the autistic & DD/MR adults have any opportunity for long-term care in a residential program.
- Approximately 25 special needs high school students are graduating each year in Maui County. (Hawaii State DOE)
- Currently there are in total, four group homes serving 19 adults on Maui.
- There are zero rural/community programs.



*"The high cost of housing coupled with their limited resources continues to be a barrier for them to live independently in the community."*  
**Mary Matsukawa, Program Specialist for the State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities**

<p>From <b>Priced Out 2006</b>  <a href="http://www.tacinc.org/Pubs/Pricedout.htm">www.tacinc.org/Pubs/Pricedout.htm</a></p> <p><b>Ten Worst-Case Local Housing Market Areas For Disabled Adults</b></p> <p>(Percent of SSI Needed to Rent a One-Bedroom Housing Unit)</p>	1. Columbia (MD)	183.2%
	2. Washington (DC/MD/VA)	188.1%
	3. Boston MSA-NH only	184.8%
	4. Nantucket County (MA)	175.8%
	5. Honolulu (HI)	175.5%
	6. Maui County (HI)	175.1%
	7. Westchester County (NY)	173.9%
	8. Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon (NJ)	166.4%
	9. Nassau-Suffolk (NY)	166.5%
	10. Stamford-Norwalk (CT)	165.2%

# Sunrise Farm Community



La'a Kea Foundation

The Sunrise Farm Community intends to provide housing and/or vocation for at least 25% of the autistic, DD/MR adult population of Maui County. This will provide affordable housing and long-term care for some of the lowest-income citizens in Hawaii.

The Sunrise Farm Community will work with businesses and residents in the Paia and neighboring communities to insure integration of its residents and participants within the community. Likewise, discussions have already begun with business people and neighbors at Skill Village to develop opportunities for them to be a part of the ongoing activities of the Sunrise Farm Community.

## **Priced Out in 2006 Major Findings**

- People with disabilities who receive SSI benefits have the "worst case" housing needs and are most in need of community support.
- People with disabilities continue to be the poorest people in the nation.
- In 2006 the percentage of SSI benefits needed to rent a one-bedroom housing unit in Maui County was 175%.

*"When residential settings are not found on Maui, individuals must move to Oahu. It is the belief of Easter Seals Hawaii that individuals are best served in their community, in settings that provide typical life experiences in which to learn and grow."*

**Kim Davis, Case Coordinator of Easter Seals Hawaii**

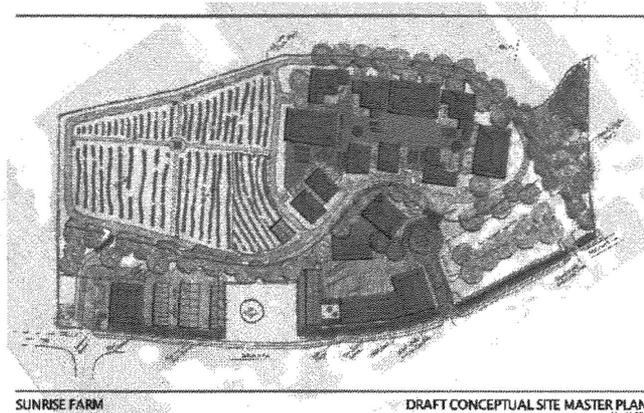


La'a Kea will make opportunities for autistic and DD/MR adults to have a safe place where they can live, work, and be close to their families.

Not only is Sunrise Farm Community good for the residents; it is good for Hawaii.

- There will be many jobs created, as well as volunteer and student learning opportunities.
- Meaningful business and social exchange with the larger community.
- A thriving, sustainable community that relies on itself, rather than only government funding.





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DRAFT CONCEPTUAL SITE MASTER PLAN  
MAY 14, 2004

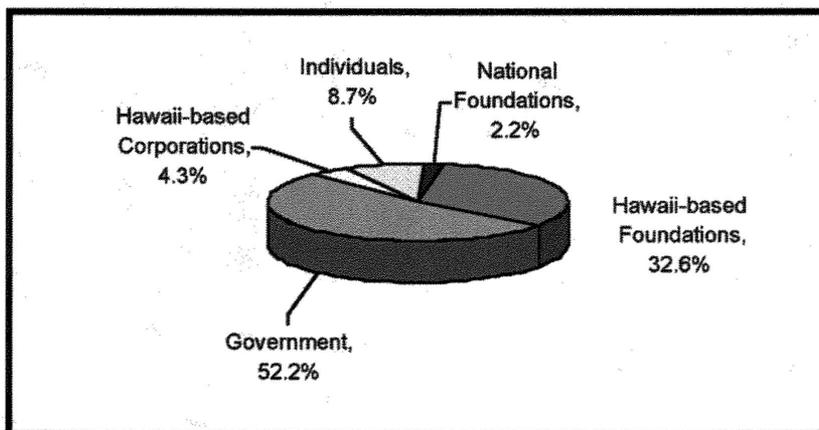
### **Sustainable:**

In addition to ongoing fundraising and client fees, Sunrise Farm will contract with the State of Hawaii, Department of Health to be a provider of mental retardation and developmental disabilities (MR/DD) home and community based Medicaid waiver services (also known as Title XIX waiver program). Sunrise Farm Community will also incorporate entrepreneurial aspects including a farmer's market, a self-service storage facility and a police sub-station.

### **More Than Just an Idea:**

In 2005 the County of Maui approved a 55-year renewable lease of 12 acres of land to the La'a Kea Foundation for \$1 per year. Since then much has been accomplished. Below are highlights of the past 12 months:

- The Hawaii Community Foundation awarded La'a Kea \$40,000 for capacity building which led to hiring a professional capital campaign consulting firm.
- \$448,000 in capital improvement funds approved by the State of Hawaii (Grant-in-Aid) for construction planning.
- Completed feasibility study for capital campaign.
- Developed fundraising strategy and recruited campaign committee.
- Met with multiple private foundations all of which responded positively to the project and encouraged La'a Kea to submit grant requests.
- Hired Betsill Brothers to provide project management and obtain necessary approvals prior to construction.



**Funding Sources**

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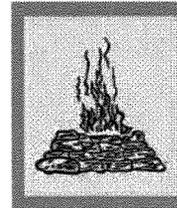
## LĀNA'I CULTURE & HERITAGE CENTER

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Keahiakawelo-  
ka lama o Lāna'i

March 12, 2008

**To:** *The Honorable Members of the Senate and House of Representatives  
of the State of Hawai'i*

**From:** *Kepā Maly, Executive Director*

**Subject:** *Grants in Aid Application of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center*

**Directors and Officers:**  
*Martha Evans  
Pamela Alconcel  
Gary Yokoyama*

**Executive Director:**  
*Kepā Maly*

On behalf of the people of Lāna'i, I humbly ask your support of the initiatives of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center (LCHC), a Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The LCHC programs are focused on several key facets of Lāna'i's heritage, including: the material culture of the people of Lāna'i, spanning the traditional Hawaiian period through the plantation era; protection of natural resources; documenting the traditions and historical events of Lāna'i; and ensuring that this legacy is passed on through interpretive/educational programs to all who live on, visit, or are interested in Hawaiian history. We are working on a wide range of community programs, covering both the cultural and natural resources of Lāna'i, with the goal being to foster awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of these resources.

The LCHC has become an important part of the community on Lāna'i, and is working to ensure that our unique island legacy is protected and passed on to future generations. With so many changes occurring on Lāna'i, we are on the verge of losing many irreplaceable facets of our history and material culture. The programs of the LCHC are needed to help us retain our identity as a unique Hawaiian Island, and plantation community. Support of these programs is extremely important, and relative to legislative initiatives being undertaken around the state in this field. Importantly, there is no other program in existence in the state which is working to protect and pass Lāna'i's rich heritage on to present and future generations. Your support of the LCHC programs will help to fill a void in Hawai'i's history, and address an under represented facet of Hawai'i's heritage.

Since opening our doors on October 1, 2007, we have had more than 2,000 participants in the LCHC programs. Community support has been significant. Families have been donating artifacts and historical records, and volunteered to help manage LCHC activities. We have also received more than \$70,000.00 in donations to the program since Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. In addition to the community support, Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC, has committed \$50,000.00 a year and donations in interim facilities, and support in development of the new LCHC facilities which are to be built along the square surrounding Dole Park. Also of significance, the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have already suggested that they would consider a \$1-million matching grant to the LCHC capital improvements program for this effort.

Our application to you covers fiscal year 2008-2009, in the amount of \$100,000.00; and 2009-2010 in the amount of \$500,000.00. Please look favorably upon this request on behalf of the Lāna'i Culture & Heritage Center, and help us secure the funds to set in place the management components and facility necessary to honor the past and enrich the future of Hawai'i nei. If your time permits, I would be happy to assist you in visiting some of the outstanding resources that make Lāna'i unique in all Hawai'i. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions, or if I may be of help.

Me ke aloha,

Kepā Maly  
Executive Director

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*"Hanohano Lāna'i i ke kauna'oa, kohu kapa 'ahu'ula kau po'ohiwi!"*  
*(Lāna'i is distinguished by the kauna'oa, which rests upon its shoulders like a feather cloak!)*