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Women's Fund of Hawai'i Announces New Board Chair, Makalika Naholowaa, and returning board member Gwen Pacarro

Women's Fund of Hawai'i (WFH) is pleased to announce its incoming Board Chair, Makalika Naholowaa, taking over for Maya Rogers, who has served in many board capacities for 11 years. Makalika Naholowaa has practiced law for more than 15 years, and is an advocate for Indigenous Peoples. She serves as Executive Director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, a nonprofit law firm advancing Native Hawaiian rights. She also sits on the boards of the Hawaiian Council (formerly CNHA) and Awaiaulu; serves on the Indigenous advisory board for the ACLU of Hawai'i; and is a Hawai'i Access to Justice Commissioner. Makalika holds a J.D. from Columbia Law School and a B.S. in Mathematics from Arizona State University.

Gwen Pacarro is the newest member of Women's Fund of Hawai'i's board, returning after previously serving during its formative years. She spent the majority of her career at Morgan Stanley, where she worked as complex manager for the Hawaiian Islands and Guam, and most recently as a Family Wealth Director. Now retired, Gwen is dedicated to her community, supporting women and girls in their pursuit of safety, financial security, and empowerment. She recognizes the crucial role of grassroots organizations and the importance of philanthropic funding in addressing persistent inequities, noting that Women's Fund of Hawai'i leads the way in tackling these challenges.

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About Women's Fund of Hawaii

Women's Fund of Hawai'i (WFH) is the only grantmaking foundation dedicated to exclusively funding programs supporting women and girls in Hawai'i. WFH is focused on social change around a wide range of issues such as self-sufficiency, safety, health and wellness, substance abuse, homelessness, trafficking, incarceration, sexual orientation, inadequate childcare and sports inequalities, and creates positive impact statewide by giving grants to innovative, robust, grassroots programs that empower women and girls. WFH takes particular interest, all things being equal, in programs that serve Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander women and girls, because these two groups fare disproportionately worse than others on many measures.

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