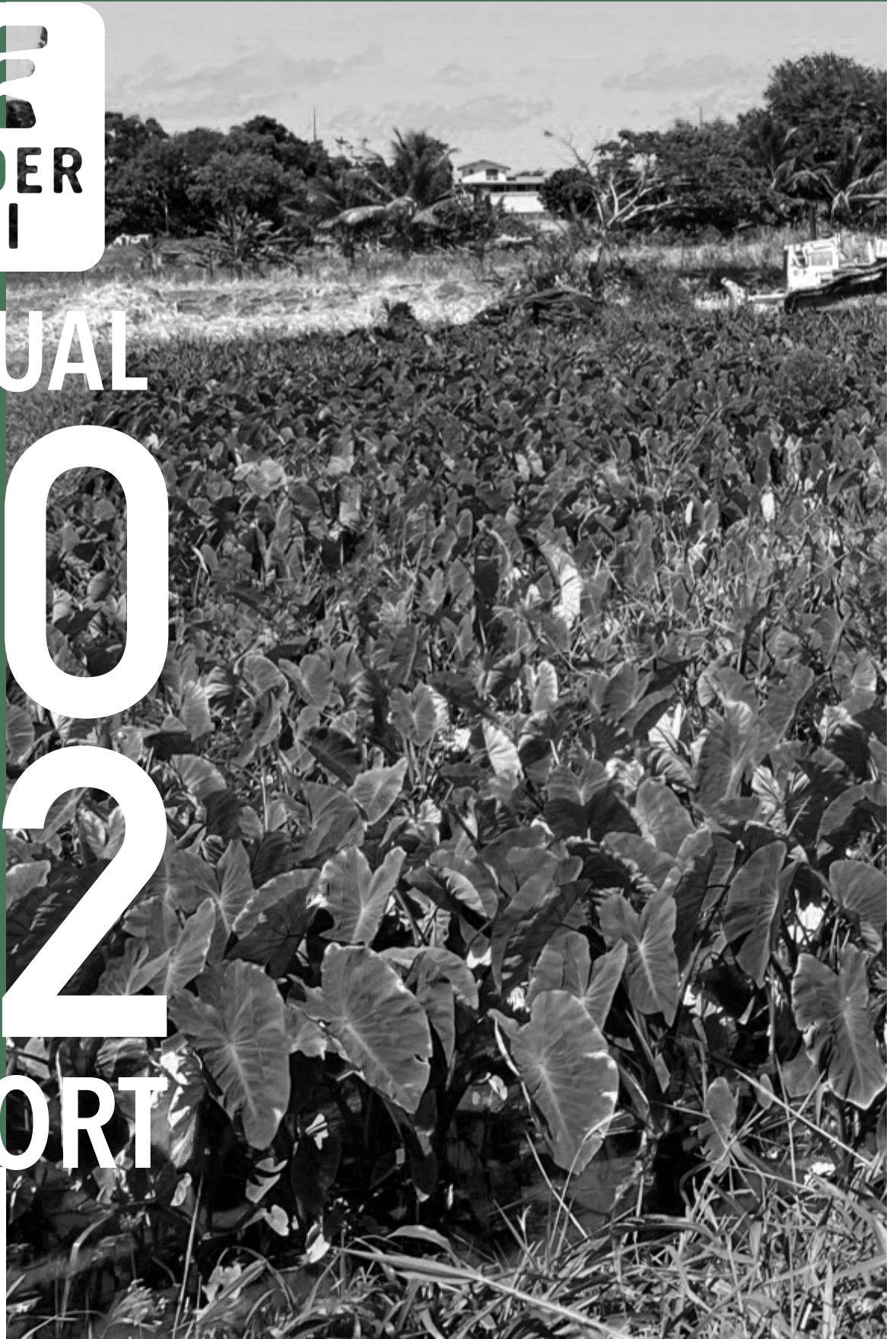




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***“Recently I’ve been thinking a lot about progress.***

How do we measure progress towards a goal as elusive as power sharing? Equity? Trust? Collaboration? I reflect on this not just as a funder who seeks out partners in our community who share these elusive goals, but as one of the founders and leaders of Funder Hui as we chart and measure where we’ve been, what we’re building, and what we’re working towards.

Here’s what I know:

**Funder Hui is emerging as a resource we are all learning to collectively leverage.** Folks are not just joining working groups or attending zooms. They are organizing them. Planning them. Reshaping them.

Funder Hui has become a landing pad and connection point for new arrivals and new funders in Hawai’i. By connecting with Funder Hui these individuals, companies, and foundations are networking themselves into collaboration with others.

Funder Hui is a partner to organizations, events, and collaborations that elevate the unique role philanthropy plays in social change. Whether it was our co-sponsored Zoom call on gun violence with the UH Better Tomorrow Speaker Series or our sold out breakfast on the Future Of Education with HVCA, Funder Hui has helped bridge our sector into important conversations facing our islands.

Finally, Funder Hui is a space for learning, experimentation, and collaborative action. From our co-funding of Kūkulu, to the growing adoption of trust-based philanthropy, to participants of working groups moving funding towards innovative and emerging opportunities, those who are ready have found ways to extend impact through working together.

I can’t imagine trust, equity, and collaboration without learning, connection, and relationships. We’ve got a long way to go but we’re headed there together. Imagine a Hawai’i where all capital is coordinating for positive change. We are creating that future together, today.”



**Ashley Lukens, PhD**  
Co-Founder and Consulting  
Director of Funder Hui  
Executive Director, Frost  
Family Foundation

# ALOHA...

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*“In such a diverse place as Hawai’i nei, the value of collaboration is critical.”*

At Consuelo Foundation, it’s part of nearly everything we do. In partnership, we work with community organizations to build their capacity and reach mutual goals. As a small foundation, working together with other funders also increases our impact. During the pandemic, the philanthropic sector in Hawai’i came together with community in unprecedented ways, which led to so much collaborative innovation. Our sector has the privilege, opportunity, and even the responsibility to help overcome protracted social challenges to help make Hawai’i a better place for those who call her home. Let’s work together!”



**Dawn Mahi,**  
Senior Program Officer,  
Consuelo Foundation  
Member of our Advisory Board

A person is shown from the chest down, wearing a maroon t-shirt with a white circular logo. The logo contains a stylized plant and the text "Aina" and "A Project of Kūiaua Health Center". The person's hands are cupped together, holding a small plant with a single large, vibrant green heart-shaped leaf and a thick, dark brown root. The background is dark and out of focus.

# OUR VALUES

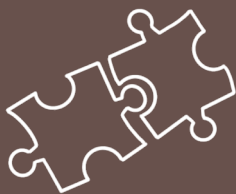
# WE IMAGINE...



**1.** Relationships between the philanthropic sector and nonprofit sector are transformed to ones based on equity, humanity and partnership, and nonprofits are in the lead.



**2.** We understand philanthropic capital as catalytic, creating opportunities for collaboration both within philanthropy and with public and private capital.



**3.** Community, nonprofits and funders will be able to think through challenges together, learn from each other, heal together, and resource each other's strengths to drive solutions that are informed and led by people closest to them.



**4.** Safe spaces are created where people learn about each other as people first, are able to have difficult discussions, can build trust with each other, and experiment and learn together. Unconventional relationships are built between funders, nonprofits, and the community in order to drive capital to people and places that have historically been extracted from.



**5.** We see capital accessible and flowing to the best ideas not just the best connected individuals and organizations. We commonly see the use of integrated capital approaches.



# OUR EVENTS



Our events are a key pillar to our work. In 2022, we had 615 attendees at our events. Our in-person events are highlighted below. All others happened on Zoom, with recordings featured on our website for easy access and reference by our community.

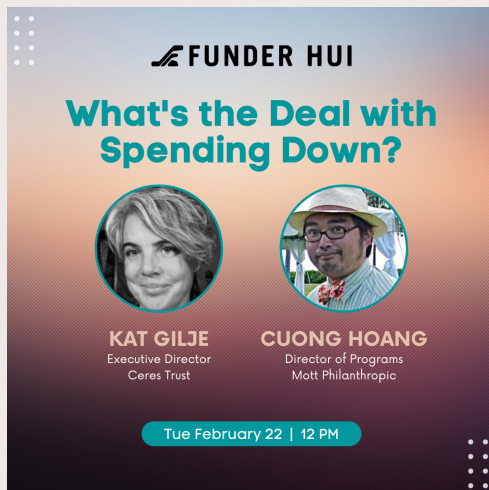
# JAN

**January 10**  
**Learning Circle on Funding Advocacy**  
 Hugh Jones (Ashford & Winston), Kate Lloyd and Jocelyn Herbert (Resources Legacy Fund)  
*25 Attendees*

**January 21**  
**Nonprofit Sector Pulse 2021 Survey Results**  
 Keoni Lee (HIR) and Lisa Maruyama (HANO)  
*28 Attendees*

# FEB

**February 22nd**  
**Learning Circle on Spending Down**  
 Kat Gilje (Ceres Trust) and Cuong Hoang (Mott Philanthropic)  
*22 Attendees*



# APR

**April 21st**  
**Learning Circle Environmental Justice and Indigenous Leadership**  
 Event Partner: Environmental Funders Group  
 Speakers: Lala Nuss (Conscious Concepts), Puni Jackson (Honoulu 'Āina), and Te Maia Wiki (New Zealand Youth Activist)  
*30 Attendees*

## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & INDIGENOUS LEADERSHIP

THU APRIL 21 | 12-1 PM



**PUNI JACKSON**  
 Director,  
 Ho'oulu 'Āina



**LALA NUSS**  
 Founder,  
 Conscious Concepts



**TE MAIA WIKI**  
 Youth Indigenous  
 Activist from New Zealand

# MAY

**May 31st**  
**Learning Circle on Equitable Evaluation (Workshop)**  
 Speaker & Workshop Facilitator: Joyce Lee-Ibarra of JLI Consulting  
*20 Attendees*



# JUN

**June 3rd**  
**Gathering of Covid Response Funders**  
Funders from 2020 calls; co-hosted by Harold K.L. Castle Foundation at Kāko'o 'Ōiwi  
*40 Attendees*

**June 15th**  
**Gun Safety in Hawai'i | Public Briefing (Virtual)**  
Speakers: Maya Soetoro-Ng from Matsunaga Institute of Peace, Chris Marvin from Everytown for Gun Safety, Erica Yamauchi from Moms Demand Action, and Senator Chris Lee from Hawai'i State Legislature. Co-hosted by the UH Better Tomorrow Speaker Series  
*55 Attendees*



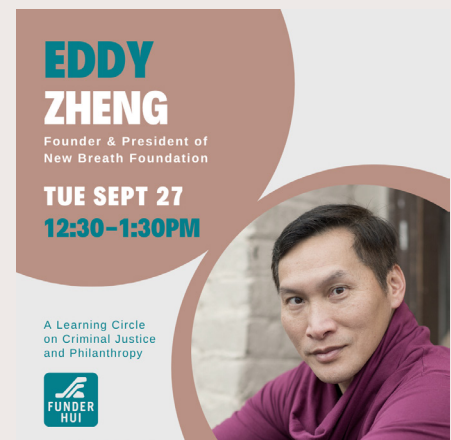
**June 23rd**  
**Breakfast & Coffee: Government Funding for a Diverse Economy (In-person)**  
Speakers: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz from Hawai'i State Legislature, Amy Asselbaye from City & County of Honolulu Office of Economic Revitalization, Meli James from HVCA & Mana Up, and Lisa Maruyama from HANO; Co-hosted by HVCA  
*45 Attendees*



# SEP

**June 28th**  
**Learning Circle on Youth Justice & Healing**  
Featuring Shawn Kana'aiupuni from Partners in Development Foundation; Moderated by Advisory Board Member Dawn Mahi  
*30 Attendees*

**September 27th**  
**Learning Circle on Criminal Justice and Philanthropy**  
Speakers: Eddy Zheng and Jamee Mille. Co-moderated by Abigail Perrin and Ashley Lukens  
*20 Attendees*



# OCT

**October 11th**  
**Learning Circle on Indigenous Practice as Modern Innovation**  
Speaker: Kamuela Enos  
Moderated by Ashley Lukens  
*30 Attendees*





**October 18th**  
**What School Could Be Breakfast & Coffee Panel Discussion**  
 Speakers: Ted Dintersmith, Mark Loughridge, John Allen II, Susan Yamada, and Ian Kitajima  
 Moderated by Josh Reppun & Meli James  
 Co-hosted by HVCA and What School Could Be  
 Hosted at Entrepreneur's Sandbox in Honolulu  
*85 Attendees*



**November 14th**  
**Common App Workshop**  
 Speakers: Lara Peng  
 Moderated by Ashley Lukens

# DEC

**December 2nd**  
**Site Visit on Youth Justice**  
 Featured Sites: Kupa 'Āina, RISE, Kinai 'Eha (Kawailoa Youth & Family Wellness Center)  
 Co-hosted by PID Foundation and Consuelo Foundation

**December 5th**  
**Learning Circle on Media Impact Funders**  
 Featuring speakers from Civil Beat, HPR and Nuestro Futuro Foundation  
 Co-hosted by Media Impact Funders

# NOV

**November 2nd**  
**Hawai'i's Fourth Sector Rising: Pau Hana & Networking Event**  
 Speaker: Heerad Sabeti  
 Hosted at the IBM Building in Honolulu



**November 14th**  
**Common App Panel Discussion**  
 Speakers: Lara Peng and Molly Schultz Hafid  
 Moderated by Ashley Lukens  
*120 Attendees*



# PARTNERSHIPS AND GROWTH



Like all organizations, Funder Hui has been riding the wave of COVID, adjusting in-person and zoom events as we've weathered various levels of concern about gathering in-person AND dealing with zoom fatigue. What has been constant is that we are a resource for our sector to learn together and respond to urgent challenges. Through the introduction of more in-person and hybrid programming, and through the growth of intentional partnerships,

like those with HVCA, the UH Better Tomorrow Speaker Series and more, engagement in our events continues to increase. The closing quarter of 2022 has featured events that show our growing, inclusive audience and demonstrates our ability to provide compelling content not just to our sector but the community at large.

This list of events does not include nearly 20 working group meetings that were held in 2022 by the Food & Farmers Working Group and the Housing Working Group, each with various guest speakers and great engagement from participants.

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I've been impressed with Funder Hui's nimbleness and action orientation. We worked to pull together an important, emotional conversation with them about gun safety only a few days after the Uvalde school shooting. They managed to bring together insightful, informed advocates who had clear points of action for us to follow here in Hawai'i. Funder Hui has started to play a key role in Hawai'i's public and philanthropic discourse.

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**Robert Perkinson,**  
Associate Professor, UH Mānoa, and Coordinator  
of the UH Better Tomorrow Speaker Series



In addition to event partnerships, we also partner with community efforts such as Kūkulu Switchboard, which is a platform for non-profits and funders alike to share both their needs (what they are asking for) and offers (what they can give). We regularly feature the latest funding needs posted by community groups on our Funder Hui newsletter, which has led to increased awareness about Kūkulu, along with successful funding of some of these needs.


We have grown our public newsletter to 485 subscribers, with an excellent open rate of over 50% per campaign, well above the national average for nonprofits. Our newsletters feature information about upcoming events as well as recaps on our past events, with recordings shared when they are available. We also share community news and events from Kūkulu and other key partners to provide additional outreach about our members' work and programming.

Additionally, we have a listserv for funders to share opportunities, resources, and ask questions to each other. This listserv now has 38 subscribers, and it allows funders to communicate with one another directly.



A photograph of two women smiling and posing for a photo. The woman on the left is wearing a large, wide-brimmed straw hat with dried leaves on top and a mustard-colored, short-sleeved, ribbed dress. The woman on the right is wearing a white and brown patterned, sleeveless top with a scalloped hem and a large white hibiscus flower in her hair. She is also wearing large hoop earrings and several bracelets. The background shows a scenic view of green mountains under a blue sky, with a white canopy structure visible above them.

# ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



As we all know, start-up non profits like Funder Hui must balance external-facing programs with necessary internal organizational development. It is with deep gratitude to the hard work and commitment of our Advisory Board members and other key participants that we celebrate the establishment of some key organizational pillars.

## WORKING GROUPS

Our Working Groups provide an important structure of member participation within Funder Hui that have blossomed into a crucial platform to collaboration. These working groups are organized and facilitated by Funder Hui members, providing a platform for leadership and impact for leading foundations. Working groups also provide a place for community groups, non-profits, and community experts to work together around shared priority areas.

Active working groups include:

## Food & Farmers Working Group:

This working group hosts monthly meetings, often with a guest speaker in the field of agriculture or food systems, along with those who can speak on government funding and other relevant issues. Over 40 funders are members of this working group, and each meeting has between 20-40 folks in attendance. The activities of this working group have led to increased collaboration, learning, and funding in the area of food and farming in Hawai'i. Most of these meetings are on Zoom, with occasional meetings in person.







## Housing Working Group:

This working group meets monthly to learn together about housing and community development models that support families to live and thrive in their home communities. The over a dozen members of this working group convene toward collaboration and meet with

national and local experts in developing affordable housing, investing in families, and driving forward innovative models that preserve housing affordability in Hawai'i. Meetings are offered on Zoom, with some in-person and hybrid meetings as well.

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This working group was founded by a group of philanthropic leaders who share a goal of supporting Hawai'i residents to afford a life for themselves and their keiki in their home community. We come together to hold space for private funders to coordinate, share best practices, and learn from housing and community development thought leaders in Hawai'i and nationally.

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**Xan Avendaño,**  
Convener of the Housing WG, and Program Officer  
at Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

## Capacity Building Working Group:

The capacity building working group comprises representatives from philanthropic entities and nonprofit providers/organizations. Its primary focus is how to best support the capacity of the nonprofit sector to do the work they do across the state. Throughout the pandemic, any projects, thought-partner discussions, brainstorming sessions, and responses to a request for help were not necessarily addressed by the group as a whole but rather by organically formed collaborations within the group itself with partners that made the most sense (including some who are not working group members). This group meets as needed.

Our Advisory Board consists of nine members, representing both the philanthropic and the nonprofit sectors. The Board meets regularly to advise on and support the direction of the organization. We prioritize diversity among our Advisory Board members, with Native Hawaiians, women, and people of color well represented. Members include:

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**Dawn Mahi**, Consuelo Foundation

**Anne Swayne Keir**, Next Gen Donor Hui  
(NGH) & Keith and Judy Swayne Family Fund

**Suzanne Geary**, Healy Foundation

**Summer Keli'ipio**, 'A'ali'i Alliance

**Kaipō Kukahiko**, HMSA Foundation

**Xan Avendaño**, Harry and Jeanette Wein-  
berg Foundation

**Abigail Perrin**, Nuestro Futuro Foundation

**Lisa Maruyama**, Hawai'i Alliance of Nonprof-  
it Organizations (HANO)

**Keoni Lee**, Hawai'i Investment Ready

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The Advisory Board has three committees:  
Budget, Fundraising, and Events & Programming.

# TESTIMONIALS

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“Philanthropy is at a transition point, and Funder Hui provides a trusted space for funders to come together and collaborate on effective and equitable ways to evolve our practices. ”

**Suzanne Geary,**  
Executive Director,  
The Healy Foundation



“During Covid, Funder Hui did a great job bringing large groups of people together who didn't normally interact (funders, trustees, staff, nonprofits). The presentations and learning circles have also been really good. ”

**Anne Swayne Keir,**  
President of the Keith  
and Judy Swayne  
Family Foundation



“As a professional, I feel more connected to the work and community in the philanthropic sector in Hawai'i, and therefore also more connected to my work. I am excited personally to develop and deepen those relationships. ”

**Usha Kilpatrick,**  
Hawai'i Program Director,  
The Healy Foundation

# OUR GROWING NETWORK

We continue to recruit and retain members that represent a wide variety of funders – from foundation staff, trustees, foundation board members, corporate giving representatives, private donors, and high net-worth individuals, Funder Hui is a safe and inclusive space for folks in the philanthropic sector to connect, learn, and collaborate.

Our members include the following foundations, organizations, and companies. Many more participate in our programming, and we continue to expand and grow our network of both members and participants.



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FOUNDATION



The Harry and Jeanette  
Weinberg Foundation



THE KEITH & JUDY  
SWAYNE  
FAMILY  
FOUNDATION



# LOCATING FUNDER HUI IN NATIONAL ARENA

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**Funder Hui is not alone in its mission. Rather it reflects a growing national trend in philanthropy to collaborate towards shared transformation. We are grateful to participate actively in the United Philanthropy Forum, which is a PSO for PSO's. UPF offers the following sector highlights in their annual report.**

“The current national philanthropic trends are closely entwined with the events of 2020 and the subsequent acknowledgment of deep seated issues that were amplified during the pandemic. During these last two years, the need to address climate change, food security, racial injustice, and economic inequality have become impossible to ignore. Nationally, philanthropic leaders have acknowledged the necessity to pivot their giving strategies to address these pressing issues in a more innovative and inclusive way.

In tandem with this awareness, philanthropies' unique capacity has allowed for the evolution of practices that promote equity, diversity, and inclusivity. Trust-based philanthropy, racial equity practices, flexible funding, universal basic income (UBI), spend-down foundations, impact investing, and the integration of DEI practices, have all gained momentum during these tumultuous times. The Funder Hui has been actively engaged as a resource to gather philanthropic stakeholders to explore these practices with the intention of promoting positive systemic change. It has been an honor to be a part of this evolving conversation and the resounding philanthropic commitment directed towards reflective collaboration on a national level.”



**Abigail Perrin,**  
Executive Director of Nuestro  
Futuro Foundation,  
Member of our Advisory Board

# LOOKING FORWARD

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We are looking forward to our continued work and growth in 2023. As a new and growing organization, we intend to launch an Education Working Group, along with a Women and Girls Working Group, in 2023. This will allow funders who fund in those areas learn from one another, hear from key local and national speakers, and stay up to date on the latest developments and pressing needs in each given issue area.

We also plan to recruit more members and participants into our work, to continue cultivating a truly inclusive Philanthropy-Serving Organization for all kinds of funders in Hawai'i. This will include the rollout of an annual dues structure to sustain our work and keep participation consistent among our members. In the spirit of inclusivity, membership is not a barrier to entry. Anyone who funds in Hawai'i can begin participating in Funder Hui at any time. Members include foundations of all sizes, high net worth individuals, corporate giving representatives, and more. We offer a sliding scale membership structure:

<b>\$500-\$2,500</b> .....	<b>Individuals and Small Organizations</b>
<b>\$2,500-\$10,000</b> .....	<b>Small to Medium Foundations</b>
<b>\$10,000-\$25,000</b> .....	<b>Medium to Large Foundations</b>
<b>\$25,000-\$50,000</b> .....	<b>Sustaining Members</b>

In addition, we plan to offer more compelling events, speakers, workshops, and programming for our community. Through key partnerships with our member organizations and funders, we will grow our Funder Hui network and reach more of our community. Our e-newsletter, our website, and our listserv will continue to serve as our key communication channels, and our audience will grow year over year to reach more people, organizations, funders, and more.

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