



Jewish Community Services of Hawai'i

Summer 2025

Our mission is simple: JCS of Hawaii provides a broad range of social services and programs across our islands to foster health, safety, and connection.



Family of a client:

JCSH helped (my sister) in ways that no one else had been able to do (and frankly that I thought maybe could not be done). My sister is now on a trajectory to achieve stability throughout the remainder of her life. I believe JCSH is responsible for getting her to this point. (The case manager) was able to do amazing work. Consequently, we were delighted to donate to an organization that is able to provide such invaluable services to the community.

Workshop participant:

Thank you for making the CBT (depression/anxiety) workshop a valuable and important experience. I've learned so much in the short time we met. I have new tools that allow me to think differently and make a shift in my life that I've been searching for. What a great gift!

Support Group participant:

Thank you for holding space for us to be so open. You show such deep compassion – it's truly appreciated.



We helped 5 low-income seniors get on the waitlist for a newly refurbished and truly affordable subsidized senior apartment building on Oahu.

We prevented a man from losing his housing again when his housing grant was suddenly dropped. We helped him stay in the same apartment building where he has lived for 8 yrs by quickly moving him from an unaffordable one-bedroom to a studio apartment that he was able to afford.

When our volunteer Carol was doing a home visit to a disabled kupuna she notified us that the client was suddenly dropped from Medicaid and lost her Meals on Wheels. We got her meal assistance back and are working on the Medicaid challenge.

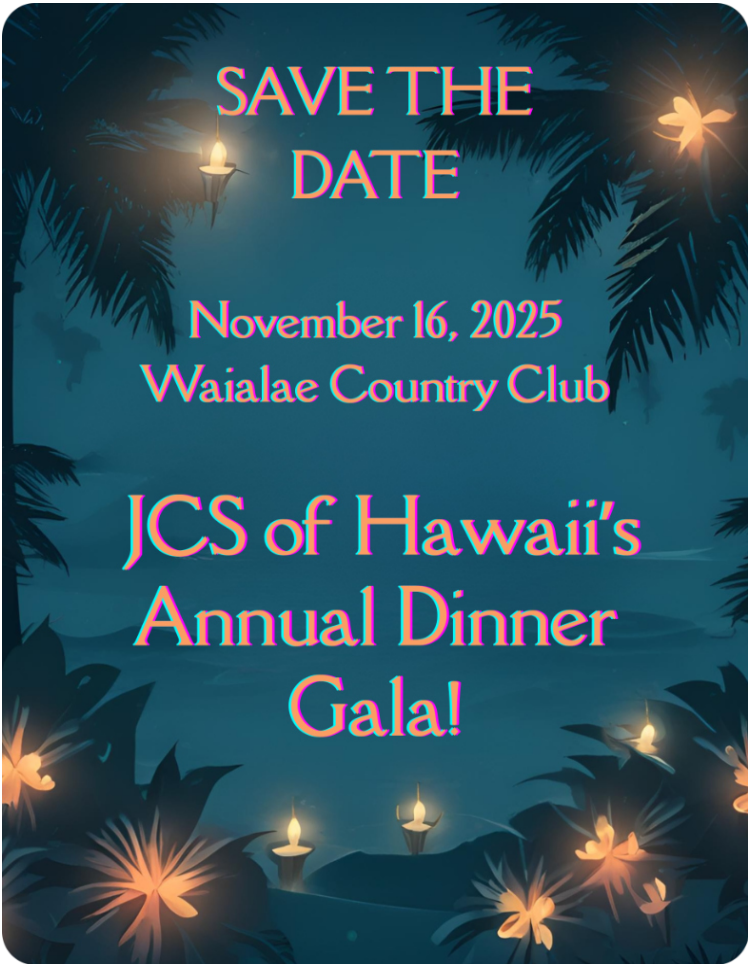
NJHSA Lay Leadership Award

The Network of Jewish Human Services Agencies, a national organization of which we are a member, has awarded JCSH board member Judy Lind their “2025 Impact and Professional Leadership Award.”



“Judy Lind has been making Hawaii a better, safer place for countless children and adults for more than 40 years,” says Judith Goldberg, co-founder of JCSH. “Her commitment and vision as a board member and fund raiser for the past 9 years moved JCS of Hawaii to a higher level of service and financial security with major grants, staff on many islands, connections to national service organizations, and programs for all ages, ensuring that our mission will continue on a solid footing, well into the future.”

Judy established five Children’s Justice Centers for abused children, founded the Kukui Center, and the National Children’s Alliance. And among many awards, Judy was named Social Worker of the Year by the Hawai’i Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and she has served on the boards of Hale Kipa, Family Promise, Temple Emanu-El, O’ahu Jewish Ohana and, of course, ours.



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Special Mahalos to:

- **Manoa Valley Theatre** for donating 20 tickets for low-income clients to see the play “Parade” and providing space for marketing JCSH at the event
- **Temple Emanu-El** and **Chabad of Hawaii** for providing space to see clients and for group meetings
- **Kanani Kaye** and **friends** for their ukulele performance during our Kauai volunteer event
- **Pam Eliashof** for hosting so many so Village meetings at her home
- **Carol Perone** for running the JCSH Book Club for so many years
- **Julie Levitt-Guren** for picking up groceries for a home-bound adult
- **Elycia Fine** for going over and above as a volunteer with our clients



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Malama Village – Innovation at JCSH

Malama Village, a partner program of JCSH, has launched and is for all Oahu residents 55 and older who want connection, support and new experiences as they age. It’s a village without walls and the first in Hawaii (although the newly forming village on Kauai is a close second!).

There are many benefits of Village membership:

1. **A sense of belonging** through fun gatherings, activities, and outings.
2. Access to the **Volunteer Give and Get Bank** – ask for what you need help with, and volunteer for how you can help others. Need a ride to the MD? Help with your phone? Can you give someone a ride? Call someone who is sick, or lonely?
3. **Quick connection to JCSH for resources**, transportation, help with benefits, home help, support, and more.
4. Hanai **family who notices** how you are doing and reaches out when you may need support or resources.

The Malama Village director, Skye Morrison, LSW, is a trained social work professional and specializes in helping us age with health, passion and grace. She works tirelessly building Malama Village based on the national model, rooting it in our Hawaii culture and values.

Learn more by attending the next orientation on Zoom. Membership is low cost and on a sliding scale.

For more information: www.jcs-hi.org and look for Malama Village.



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Caregivers Support Group

STARTING AGAIN SOON!

For family and friends who care for those with disabilities and chronic conditions like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and cancer.

Zoom (all islands) and in person (Oahu)

1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Contact us for more information

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Facilitated by Skye Morrison, LSW



The Art of Uncertainty



Join JCSH staff, and local Oahu/Maui artist Jana Ireijo, in a workshop using talk story and pencils to manage negative thoughts, feelings, and discomfort during challenging times.

Bring yourself and curiosity!

More details with your RSVP.

Sunday, August 31, 2025

10 - 11:30 AM

Location - 2550 Pali Hwy

Temple Emanu-El

RSVP below or call

808-258-7121

by August 20

\$25 donation if able

