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HGEA HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR RAISES \$9,261 FOR ALOHA UNITED WAY

Honolulu - Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA), the state's largest public worker union, is pleased to announce that its very successful two-day Holiday Gift and Craft Fair raised \$9,261 for Aloha United Way.

"By working together, our staff, union members, vendors and the public made the HGEA holiday craft fair a huge success," said Randy Perreira, HGEA executive director. "These types of events are a benefit to the community on many levels, including the support of local artists and merchants, and giving back to the community through our donation to Aloha United Way."

Approximately 60 vendors showcased unique local gift and craft items, locally produced lemonade, jewelry, quilts and much more, including delicious food and lunch items.

"We are so appreciative to HGEA for their continued support and for the time and energy they invested in this festive event to benefit Aloha United Way," said Cindy Adams, President and CEO at Aloha United Way. "This is such a wonderful opportunity to bring the community together to help raise much needed funds for those in need. We thank the HGEA staff and its members for making a difference in our community."

HGEA's craft fair, which took place on Dec. 3 and Dec. 4, returned this year after a three-year hiatus. It is just one of many community events and community service projects that HGEA and its members participate in each year.

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About HGEA

HGEA was founded in 1934 to ensure fair and equitable representation for government employees. HGEA is the largest labor union in Hawaii, with more than 42,000 members. HGEA represents state and county employees in eight bargaining units. HGEA also serves a large associate membership composed primarily of retirees, other state and county employees and officials, and federal and private sector employees.

More than 1,400 HGEA Community Action Committee members regularly support our communities on all islands in a variety of service projects including, but not limited to: Adopt-a-Highway, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive, Hawaii Foodbank projects, Lanakila Meals on Wheels, Special Olympics, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade.

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