



Advancing Philanthropy



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Professional Development



**HELP US SERVE
YOU BETTER**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

In less than 3 minutes you can help us plan our AFP Aloha Chapter professional development calendar and identify topics that would be meaningful to you!

TAKE OUR SHORT SURVEY



SAVE THE DATE!

March Coffee Talk
Thursday, March 23, 2023
8:30-9:15am
via Zoom

More details to come!

March AFP Global Professional Development

There are 10 exciting offerings this month covering various topics of interest--webinars, deep dives, and some complimentary sessions! Here's a list of just a few...

March 1: [AFP Webinar: Major Gift Fundraising 102 in 2023](#)

March 8: [AFP Complimentary Webinar \(Sponsored\): Spring into Monthly Giving](#)

March 9: [AFP Complimentary Webinar \(Sponsored\): The Case for Crypto: What We Can Learn from Challenging Times](#)

March 15: [AFP Webinar: Go Micro: Tiny Event, Big Impact](#)

March 22: [AFP Complimentary Webinar \(Sponsored\): How to Maximize Donor Acquisition in a Challenging Economy](#)

Member News

Member Spotlight



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What encouraged you to join AFP?

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Olena Alec

*Executive Director
Haleakala Conservancy*

Kathy Driver

*Community Relations Director
Big Brothers Big Sister Hawai'i*

Fundraising Support When You Need It Most!

AFP membership and support from the fundraising community is essential to any fundraiser, even in the best of times. But in the toughest of times—after the events of September 11, the Great Recession, and now during the COVID-19 pandemic—AFP membership is CRITICAL.



AFP Database Transition: What does that mean for you as an AFP member?

On March 7, AFP Global will launch a new membership database. The goal of this

transition is to better serve you as a professional fundraiser and AFP member. To find out how this change will impact you, check out our [database transition webpage](#).

Important Links & Info!



Are you planning to attend?

If yes, please email admin@afphawaii.org to connect you with the Hawaii contingency.



Aloha Chapter Committees: Your support is needed!

AFP members and community volunteers are welcome.

[View](#) our list of committees and see where you can make an important impact!

Support Hawaii's Professional Fundraisers with a [one-time](#) or [monthly recurring gift](#) to the AFP

Aloha Chapter. Your gift provides access to affordable or free fundraising development tools, training, & resources.

Mahalo!



Get a jump on the year and make your gift to the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy today, either [online](#) or text to give: text AFP to 1-571-749-2699

A portion of every donation enables the Aloha Chapter to distribute professional development scholarships for Hawaii fundraisers.



National Philanthropy Day (NPD) 2023!

This year's NPD Conference & Awards Luncheon will be on **Friday, November 17th** at the Sheraton Waikiki, Honolulu



- [Test Yourself With More Than 300 Questions in the CFRE Practice Exam](#)
- [Make the CFRE Exam Compass Study Guide Part of Your Prep](#)

AFP Aloha Chapter Job Listings

Featured Job!

[Donor Relations & Data Specialist](#)
Child & Family Service

Current Listing:

[Donor Relations Officer, Donor Advised Funds](#) -
Hawai'i Community Foundation

[Grants Manager](#) - Foundation for Maryknoll School

[Membership Program Manager](#) - The Friends of 'Iolani Palace

[Director of Finance](#) - The Friends of 'Iolani Palace

[Finance/HR Assistant](#) - The Friends of 'Iolani Palace

[Sr. Director of Donor Relations](#) - Hawai'i Community Foundation

[Philanthropic Advisor, Oahu](#) - Hawai'i Community Foundation

[Vice President Philanthropy](#) - Catholic Charities Hawai'i

[Director of Resource Development](#) - Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity

[Director of Donor & Community Relations](#) - Family Promise of Hawai'i

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What led you to choose the field you work in?

With a background in sales and marketing and a passion for building community connections, a career in non-profit development work was a natural fit when the opportunity knocked. Years later, after working in various advancement departments in organizations focused on furthering community access to arts, culture and education; I've developed a love for building strategic fundraising campaigns, events and corporate partnerships.

What interests you the most about the work your organization does?

In my role, I have the opportunity to work with a hardworking team dedicated to nourishing our 'ohana today, and working to end hunger in Hawaii. It's been amazing to see the growth and resilience of our partnerships with individuals, community organizations and corporations across the state in support of our mission. We recently completed a strategic plan for the next several years and I look forward to engaging our community in that work as we build a more sustainable Hawaii together.

Can you share a little about your family?

I moved to Hawaii in 2003--this year will mark 20 years since I moved to Hawaii! I spent most of my childhood in Washington state, but both of my parents grew up on O'ahu (Aiea and Wahiawa) before moving to the mainland and I have fond memories of visiting Hawaii every summer. I also have two sons, 6 and 11 years old.

Do you volunteer for other organizations/groups?

I recently joined the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce on sit on their Community Relations Committee.

Share a tip on what gets you through your day.

Coffee! And, taking the time to connect with colleagues, as it's a reminder of how we all connect to our mission and the importance of each person's role in making that a success.

Do you want to volunteer for a future AFP Aloha Chapter member profile? We'd love to share your story in an upcoming e-newsletter! If you are interested, please email Susan Oshiro, Chapter Admin at admin@afphawaii.org.

Links for the March Newsletter

- Join AFP: [Join AFP | Association of Fundraising Professionals \(afpglobal.org\)](https://www.afpglobal.org/join-afp)
- Post a Job: [Chapter Job Center - AFPHIAlohaChapter \(afpglobal.org\)](https://www.afpglobal.org/join-afp)