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Nareit Hawaii Awards \$30,000 Grant to the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii Grant to Help Children With Afterschool Programs and Food Nourishment

HONOLULU – Aug. 17, 2022 – Nareit Hawaii today presented a \$30,000 grant to the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii for its Great Futures for Keiki program, with the funding to be utilized to help support children with afterschool enrichment programs and food nourishment.

Paddy Kauhane, President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, said Nareit Hawaii's grant gives the Club flexibility to help those children most in need. "This funding from Nareit Hawaii is especially valuable because it gives us the resources needed to help reach those children with the greatest needs, whether it's supporting their studies, building their self-confidence, or making sure they aren't going hungry."

Nareit Hawaii Executive Director Gladys Quinto Marrone noted the donations made by REITs in Hawaii to support nonprofit organizations like Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii is what made this grant possible. "We are so grateful for the work in our communities being done by the Boys & Girls Club and the commitment their dedicated staff is making day in and day out to keep our children healthy, safe and continually striving for a promising future."

Nareit Hawaii represents the interests of REITs in Hawaii and their participation in civic, community, and policy initiatives to benefit residents statewide, while also supporting community and charitable organizations that address social issues of importance. REITs are long-term property holders that own, renovate and manage affordable housing projects, commercial buildings, medical facilities, shopping centers, cell phone towers, public storage facilities, and hotels in Hawaii.

Also joining in the grant award presentation at the Spalding Honolulu Clubhouse were House Speaker Scott Saiki, State Senator Sharon Moriwaki, and State Representative Scott Nishimoto, all of whom are strong supporters of the work being done by the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii and represent the central Honolulu area where most members come from that participate in the program.

The Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii has 10 clubhouses and teen centers on O'ahu (Honolulu, Kailua, 'Ewa Beach, Nānākuli and Wai'anae) and Kaua'i (Kapa'a, Līhu'e and West Kaua'i). Annual membership fees for youths (ages 7-12) are \$25 and \$10 for teens (ages 13-18) while it costs, at minimum, \$1,600 per year to serve each child. The Club's mission is to enable all young people, especially those needing the most support, to reach their full potential as caring, responsible citizens.

For more information about REITs in Hawaii and the charitable efforts of Nareit Hawaii and the Nareit Foundation, please visit www.nareithawaii.com.

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