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Dear Friends,

As many of you know, Marion and I have been supporters of the Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation (HCCF) for many years. I have not only been an active board member, but we have hosted the HCCF annual fundraiser at Murphy's for over 17 years! We are thrilled to be named the honorary co-chairs for this year's event and hope you will join us in helping to raise funds for Hawaii's keiki fighting cancer.

HCCF is the only organization in Hawaii whose exclusive focus is helping children with cancer and their families. Every year in Hawaii there are approximately 50 to 60 children newly diagnosed with cancer, an average of one child every week. There are as many as 200 children in treatment here in Hawaii at any given time.

The good news is about 75% of children survive childhood cancer, but treatment averages 12 months to 3 years. Often, one parent will have to quit work or take an extended leave without pay to care for their child throughout treatment. HCCF's financial assistance program, which helps families pay the bills while their child is in treatment, is the only one of its kind in the State of Hawaii and has become a lifeline for many families who use it simply to keep a roof over their heads and the electricity on so that they can better focus on caring for their child. The work they do makes a profound difference for so many families. Well over 90% of the funds raised in the community go towards programs that provide support, education, and advocacy for affected families- including over \$340,000 in financial assistance in an average year.

The HCCF signature fundraising event will be held **Saturday, June 15, 2024**, at Murphy's Bar and Grill. Our work is made possible thanks to your generous support and your contributions allow us to provide essential programs and services free of charge to local children and families in need. Join us for a great evening under the stars as we honor and recognize those who have truly made a difference in our community!

With our aloha and gratitude,

DON MURPHY
Honorary Co-Chair

MARION MURPHY
Honorary Co-Chair