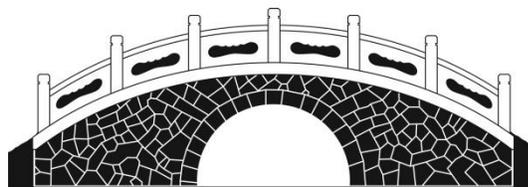




#GIVINGTUESDAY



Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens

Dear Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens,

Tomorrow, November 27, is #GivingTuesday, a day when people all over the world join in expressions of gratitude for people and causes.

In 2018, Friends of Lili'uokalani Gardens qualified for a match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for money raised during the early hours of Giving Tuesday 2017, the first year we were eligible.

This year, together with Facebook and PayPal, donations to non-profits on Giving Tuesday will be matched up to \$7 million. Thousands of non-profits seek those matching funds. Together with your help, we can get our donations matched and continue to foster Hilo's beloved centennial garden.

Please help us reach and surpass our modest goal of \$3,000 on Facebook tomorrow and please stay tuned for what's next. What have we been able to do with the money we've raised in the past?

In maintenance efforts, we've purchased tools and fertilizers and we've fed volunteers. We've thinned the bamboo thicket and started mucking the pond. We've pruned trees and spread gravel.

In capital improvement efforts, we've worked with the Lions to install a new stone feature, and we've restored stone lanterns.

In centennial event efforts, we've held the Banyan Drive Art Stroll, produced a photography contest calendar, co-sponsored floral design workshops and competitions, held a free classical music concert with the Hawai'i International Music Festival, and worked with the County on the annual He Hali'a Aloha No Lili'uokalani held in honor of the Queen's birthday each year. These are a few of many events and activities accomplished in 2017 and 2018.

Coming up are more efforts to clean the pond, repair the stone edging, replace a missing round roof pavilion, and continue training workshops in Japanese gardening techniques. A one hundred year old garden needs a lot of tender loving care.

When Lili'uokalani Gardens began, it was called "the crown jewel at the entry to the Crescent City. I can't imagine Hilo without this garden's inviting, open, flexible spaces. Please help where you are able.

Mahalo,



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