

Moss & Barnett Spirit of Giving I 2023 – Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) Maui Strong Fund, Breaking Free, and Simpson Housing Services

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While we pursue our professional goals, we also endeavor to improve the quality of life in our communities and around the world. Members of the Moss & Barnett team apply the same dedication to service by making significant contributions of their time and resources to charitable organizations important to all of us.

Hawai'i Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund

In keeping with the Moss & Barnett tradition of helping out with relief funding for community crises and major natural disasters, our board of directors determined to contribute to the **Hawai'i Community Foundation (HCF) Maui Strong Fund** to assist the people affected by the devastating wildfires that ravaged Maui in August 2023 by matching employee contributions up to \$10,000. The firm's employees stepped up to the plate and met that challenge, which the firm then matched. The wildfires have left a deep scar, taking away lives, homes, historical sites, places of employment, and more. HCF shared one example of the impact our and other contributions are having on the ground in Maui: Na Keiki o Emalia is a Maui organization offering direct grief support services for children, teens, and families affected by the Maui fires. The organization is offering peer-to-peer support groups for children and teens, and separate groups with their parents, while also providing toys, art activities, food, and other supplies through a drop-in space at its office near Maui Memorial Hospital.

It is our wish that Maui emerges stronger than ever from this crisis.

Breaking Free and Simpson Housing Services

This holiday season, the women lawyers of Moss & Barnett purchased socks, underwear, personal hygiene products, women's hygiene products, and other essential needs for **Breaking Free** in St. Paul, Minnesota (serving victims and survivors of commercial sexual exploitation), and **Simpson Housing Services** in Minneapolis, Minnesota (serving the homeless population).

It is our wish that these donations will make a real difference in the lives of many in our community.

“Breaking Free provides a comprehensive response sex trafficking by providing services and housing enforcement and the judicial system, and raising Breaking Free aids in the prevention of trafficking social change.”

- Jana Aune Deach, Moss & Barnett Director

