

# Reef Guardians Hawaii Launches Year-End Campaign to Protect Kauai Coral Reefs Through Research and Education

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Reef Guardians Hawaii, a science-based nonprofit organization dedicated to coral reef protection, has launched its annual year-end donor campaign to support critical reef conservation efforts, water quality research, and youth ocean education programs across the Hawaiian islands.

The campaign comes at a crucial time as coral reefs throughout Hawaii face mounting environmental pressures from land-based pollution, rising ocean temperatures, and other stressors that threaten these vital marine ecosystems. The organization seeks community support to maintain its regulatory-level water quality monitoring programs, expand hands-on educational initiatives, and develop technology tools that help residents and visitors better understand marine life.

"Our coral reefs are fundamental to Hawaiian culture, providing food security, recreational opportunities, and defining our sense of place as island communities," said Tom Woods, President of Reef Guardians Hawaii.

"The support we receive from donors directly translates into measurable conservation outcomes, from restored reef habitats to the next generation of ocean stewards graduating from our education programs."

Reef Guardians Hawaii conducts extensive scientific research across multiple areas of reef ecology, including studies utilizing artificial intelligence and robotics for reef monitoring, behavioral research on sharks and sea turtles, and investigations into coral disease mitigation strategies. The organization's restoration projects include the '?inak?ko?a O Waiohuli Kai Restoration initiative and the 'Anini Lagoon regeneration project, both addressing critical habitat degradation issues.

Education remains central to the organization's mission, with programs designed to engage youth and community members in reef conservation. The Reef Camp and After School Program introduce children aged 8-13 to marine biology through hands-on activities led by marine biologists. The Na Kia'i Apapapa Signage Project provides educational signage at beaches throughout the islands. At the same time, the Free Hawaii SeaLife App offers families an interactive tool for identifying and learning about near-shore marine species.

The organization's school break programs continue to attract young participants interested in marine science, combining scientific exploration with art and games in an engaging format. Scholarships remain available to ensure program accessibility for all interested students, regardless of financial circumstances.

Donors can support reef protection efforts through various giving options, including online contributions, monthly giving programs, gifts of stock or other assets, cryptocurrency donations, donor-advised fund recommendations, and legacy gifts through estate planning. The organization encourages supporters to consult with financial or tax professionals when considering charitable giving strategies.

With 1,100 followers on social media platforms, including https://www.facebook.com/ReefGuardiansHawaii, the organization maintains active community engagement through regular updates on research findings, restoration progress, and educational opportunities.

Reef Guardians Hawaii operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to protecting and preserving coral reef ecosystems through scientific research, habitat restoration, and community education. The organization works throughout Hawaii and California, partnering with local communities, schools, and government agencies to ensure the long-term health of coral reef systems for future generations.

To financially help support Reef Guardians Hawaii make a difference, visit www.reefguardians.org.

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*Our mantras are "Reef Preservation through Research, Restoration and Education? and ?Saving our Oceans, One Reef at a time."*

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