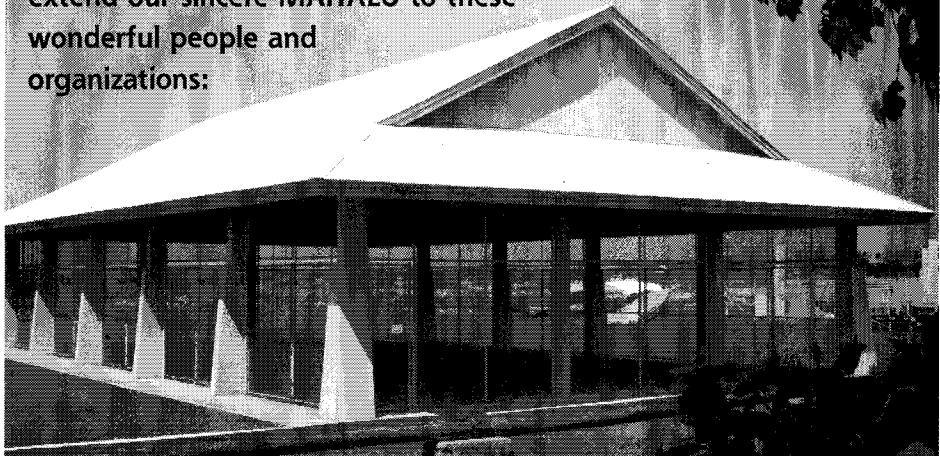




Our planning for our halau commenced in 1991 and involved a great many civic-minded residents, Island-wide.

Over the years, as one group of dedicated people moved on, others have taken their place. Faced with continuous problems and unexpected events, these people persevered, and so now Kai 'Opua Canoe Club, the oldest and largest outrigger canoe club on our island, and its over 300 young people have a home — a real place to call their own. We want to extend our sincere MAHALO to these wonderful people and organizations:



Mayor Billie Kenoi, and Bobby Command, his Executive Assistant, who have made every effort and taken every opportunity to assist us and to encourage others to assist • Bob Fitzgerald, Director, Parks and Recreation, and Carl "Deac" DeCamp, who have assisted in every possible way and have worked hand-in-hand with us to ensure that nothing impeded our progress • We are especially grateful to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and its administrator Nancy King who provided a grant of \$300,000 in the interest of Hawaiian young people and in support of the great sport of Hawaiian Outrigger Canoe Racing • Rebekah and Thibert Luisi'aa and Ellis Short of Kitano Capital, LLC, who donated another \$30,000 to forward our effort and without which the project could not have been completed • Riehm Owensby, Architects and Planners, and Michael Riehm, AIA and Krichina Engineering and Michael Krochina, both of whom have been with us since the initial planning • Lowney Contracting Company and Kevin Lowney and Jim Vecchio, our builders, who have met and defeated every adversity and have done great work with minimum funds • Kohanaiki Golf and Ocean Club and Joe Root and Ka'imi Judd • HPM Building Supply and Sandy Lane and Lani Howard • Honsador Lumber, and Darren Hayashi • PA Harris Electric and Phil Harris and Grant Hodge • Kohala Roofing and James Fritz • Islandwide Fencing, Inc. and Stephan Matsura • Demers Welding & Fabrication and Tracy Demers.

To all of these great organizations and their staffs, we offer a very big MAHALO!