



WEST HAWAI'I
MEDIATION CENTER

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MEDIATOR SPOTLIGHT: Nancy



I have been a mediator for West Hawai'i Mediation Center since April 2010. I feel that mediating is my kuleana, my responsibility.

It's not always fun or enjoyable, but is more of a challenge in that it creates an opportunity for people to be in control of their own outcome. That's the most powerful thing about it! It is always a hope and challenge in any mediation, but especially domestics, to have the outcome include improved understanding and communication. If two people who walk in without being able to look at each other, can walk out feeling that they can now work together for the betterment of their children, or in order to continue to co-parent, or in order to continue to live life with the best possible scenario considering the

situation, then I have done what I feel is my job.

People often have no idea when they walk in that they are in control of their outcome. Good mediators can assist them in seeing, on their own, that working with their adversary instead of against them, makes for a potential win-win situation. I love it when there is an agreement, I love it when I see that it was there all along, but they couldn't communicate it.

I love being a part of the Center and a group of people who feel that their priority is to help our community members get through tough times, which very simply makes for a healthier and stronger community. Mahalo for allowing me to be a part of this group.

WHMC relies on volunteer mediators to help us meet the needs of our constituents. To learn more about how to become a volunteer mediator, contact us at (808) 885-5525 or at info@whmediation.org

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WHMC IN THE SCHOOLS

Peer Mediation Gets Ready for the New School Year

The 2016–17 school year is underway for nearly all of our partner schools and we are looking forward to working with them again this year! This will be the fourth full year of our pilot program and we expect to welcome two new middle schools this year.

During the month of August, Robyn Skudlarek, Youth Programs Coordinator, will be consulting with school staff in preparation for the very busy peer mediator training schedule in September–November and again in January–February.

Once training begins we are always in need of adult mediators who can help out during the sessions. This generally entails overseeing mock mediations. We train peer mediators in grades 4–12; if you enjoy being with young people and want to support their growth as mediators please contact Robyn.



If you are interested in learning more about peer mediation or would like to volunteer for the program during the 2016–17 school year, please contact Robyn Skudlarek at rskudlarek@whmediation.org

WHMC IN THE COMMUNITY

Foodland Give Aloha



Give Aloha is an annual program through which Foodland directs its charitable giving to the organizations that are important to its customers.

During September, Maika`i customers are invited to make a donation of up to \$249 (per person, per organization) at checkout to their favorite non-profit organization registered in Give Aloha.

*Foodland matches a portion of each donation.

This year, Foodland and the Western Union Foundation will match each donation up to a total of \$300,000 for all organizations combined. Since the program began in 1999, a total of more than \$25.4 million has been raised for the community.

We would love for you to take advantage of this great matching opportunity!

MEDIATION MEDITATION

"Peace Keepers" take to the streets to spread awareness of community conflict resolution practices



<http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/new-orleans-peacekeepers-spread-awareness-of-conflict-resolution-campaign/40965232>

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