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**Turtle Bay Foundation Empowers Youth and Organizations To Reach Full Potential With \$135,000 Gift**  
*147 Organizations and Individuals Recognized; Over \$630,000 Presented Since Program Began in 2013*

**NORTH SHORE, O'AHU, HAWAI'I** – Turtle Bay Foundation, the nonprofit entity of Turtle Bay Resort, awarded more than \$135,000 in grants and scholarships to North Shore nonprofit organizations and college-bound students. The Foundation's fifth annual awards dinner, held Dec. 11, 2018, recognized 147 awardees and celebrated Turtle Bay Resort's passionate commitment to preserving and enriching O'ahu's North Shore through programs, organizations and individuals who are making a difference.

"It's our pleasure to give back to the community that has given us so much," said Jim Kwasnowski, Senior Vice President, Development, Turtle Bay Resort. "Turtle Bay is proud to support our hardworking students and deserving nonprofits to advance our shared vision of a bright vision for the future of the Ko'olauloa and North Shore communities."

This year, 83 nonprofit organizations received grants for making a significant impact on the North Shore in five specific areas, including:

- Education or job training
- Environmental stewardship
- Preservation of historic and cultural sites
- Health care
- Sports or recreation

Of the 147 grants, 19 were awarded to elementary schools and 33 to intermediate and high schools for activities, programs and initiatives ranging from lab supplies to theater departments to athletic programs. An additional 31 grants were given to North Shore-based nonprofits and organizations such as North Shore Community Land Trust, Friends of Kahuku Library, Waialua Robotics Program, Hale'iwa Main Street, Kupu, Hawai'i Marine Mammal Alliance and Sustainable Coastlines, among many others.

Sixty-four students received educational scholarships based on a combination of criteria, including academic performance, financial need, extracurricular activities and community involvement. The scholarships give these outstanding students the ability to focus on their academic pursuits and explore their greatest potential. Turtle Bay Foundation takes special pride in awarding scholarships to qualified students year-after-year to ensure longevity in their pursuit of higher education.

"The Turtle Bay Foundation has done great things for students and teachers on the North Shore," said Raynae Fonoimoana, College and Career Coordinator, Kahuku High and Intermediate School. "The grants enhance our ability to provide a well-rounded, quality education to ensure the success of our students and increase the strength and resilience of our North Shore 'ohana."

The Turtle Bay Foundation has presented more than \$630,000 to North Shore and Ko'olauloa recipients since 2013. The Foundation oversees the numerous charitable contributions of Turtle Bay Resort, helping the resort make a difference and supporting its mission of further elevating one of the world's most unique and vibrant communities.

#### **About Turtle Bay Foundation**

The Turtle Bay Foundation was established in 2012 to enrich the Ko'olauloa and North Shore communities through environmental, educational and cultural opportunities. The foundation oversees Turtle Bay Resort's numerous charitable contributions, acting as a partner in the community and supporting its mission of making one of the world's last great places even better.

#### **About Turtle Bay Resort**

Turtle Bay Resort is the only destination resort on O'ahu's historic North Shore – mecca of the surfing world. Situated on 845 acres, it offers outdoor enthusiasts four and a half miles of beach and 12 miles of oceanfront hiking trails to enjoy and explore. This is in addition to 36 holes of championship golf and a wide array of adventure, ocean and land activities. All 452 guestrooms and suites offer ocean views and there are seven restaurants and bars to enjoy the cuisine, view and ambience of Hawai'i.

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