

Build It, They Will Fly!

Phase I of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center building construction was completed in October, 2010. There now stands a beautiful building with a weatherproof and secure exterior and a fully framed interior ready for final mechanical, electrical and finishing tasks. Phase I included all site grading and underground drainage, underground utilities, spetic system installation, driveway and parking lot curbing, planters and paving, as well as the building shell itself.



Kohala Cub Scouts Elijah Cordeiro (with rake), Oscar Culp (left) and Hokani Maria (pulling weeds) have fun preparing planters at the HWC for native plants on January 21.

The HWC is confident that donors will appreciate how well this construction project has been and will continue to be managed. It is also proud to announce that this first phase of construction was achieved with a savings of more than \$100,000 due to efforts of the Board of Directors, design team, general contractor, and subcontractors, and material donations and discounts from vendors.

The center has kicked off the Phase II fundraising campaign, "Build It, They Will Fly!" to raise the \$300,000 needed to complete construction of the interior of the building, inclusive of the utilities, equipment, ventilation, interior doors and windows, finishes, and the Recovery Yard. This next phase is estimated to be completed over four to five months.

The Kohala community continues to be involved with the HWC's goal of completing the building. This past January, Kohala Cub Scouts and their families, led by troop leader Olivia Culp, helped with the landscaping around the building. They came to the center for a presentation on the building and the conservation of Hawai'i's na-

tive species. They returned on a Saturday to help prepare three planters for native plants. The youth and their families worked hard and had fun doing so. The HWC is graced with many such helpful community contributions.

In the summer of 2010, the center had the assistance of two college students, Maya Pollack and Eloise Morgan-Standard. Maya and Eloise were sponsored by generous community members for a portion of their summer break to help HWC with office work and the set-up and managing of Facebook networking.

The center is looking forward to the results of the hard work of the Kohala Middle School (KMS) after-school program, with students led by Ms. Erin Brown and with assistance from Randee Bolden. They are working with the HWC's pro-bono landscape architect, Jason Umemoto, to propagate native plants for the planters fronting the HWC building.

Also this year, Ms. Connie Green guided the KMS art students in producing beautiful donation jars with native birds that are being featured in local businesses like the Snack Shack in Kapa'au. Ms. Green is also working with the leadership class on fundraising projects for the HWC. Other education programs included tours and presentations to KMS sixth- and seventh- graders and the ninth-grade Kohala High School Avid students. For more information about the Hawai'i Wildlife Center or to donate, please visit the center's website, www.hawaiiwildlifecenter.org.



Kohala Cub Scouts pose together in front of the Hawai'i Wildlife Center during their work day. In the front row (l. to r.) are Oscar Culp, Kohani Maria, Elijah Cordeiro, and Jazz Francisco. In the back row (l. to r.) are Curtni Maria, troop leader Olivia Culp, and Kayli Cordeiro.