SUCCESS STARTS WITH A GOOD IDEA, A GREAT TEACHER ... AND YOU.

See how you can help strengthen our schools, our communities and our future.

Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation
This money did not simply buy books; it bought these children freedom to choose the books they connected with. “— Norma Cox
NEE elementary School teacher

**GOOD IDEAS**
*In 2012, the Public Schools of Hawai‘i Foundation gave $250,000 in Good Idea Grants. Those good ideas affected more than 5,000 students across the state.*

**FACTS ABOUT THE FOUNDATION:**

- Established: 1986
- Employees: None
- Offices: None
- Time Donated By Trustees: Countless
- Public School Honorees: 60 to date
- Design Thinking: 500 teachers in just 3 years

$4 MILLION
That’s how much in Good Idea Grants the Foundation has given since 1990.

**SOMETIMES IT’S A SPECIAL SPARK** in your little ones’ eyes.

Sometimes it’s the excitement you see as they tackle a fun, inventive project.
Sometimes it’s just the quiet triumph when a problem they used to struggle with suddenly makes sense.

You know the effect a great teacher has on your child.

But did you know how much you can affect a great teacher? Since 1986, the Public Schools of Hawai‘i Foundation has dedicated itself to strengthening public education by giving educators the tools they need to kickstart innovative ideas.

**1. Educate**

Encourage innovation in the classroom.

**N INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO LEARNING** can be found every day in Hawai‘i’s public schools.

Good Idea Grants from the Public Schools of Hawai‘i Foundation provide Hawai‘i’s public school teachers with the financial resources to fund new and innovative ways of engaging and exciting students. Without these grants, they have to personally pay for the materials and equipment to bring those Good Ideas to life or just not do them.

By funding Good Ideas, we can help a teacher transform the classroom into an environment of high achievement, elevated learning, and eye opening discoveries.

Good Idea Grants have gone to:

- Shockproof cameras, allowing students with disabilities to tell their stories in photos.
- DNA and fingerprint kits, luminol and other CSI equipment for high schoolers.
- Books with first person accounts of immigration that allowed sixth graders to connect with history and turn them into avid readers.
- Circuit kits and other equipment so fourth graders could build Rube Goldberg-style machines.

**2. Applaud**

Celebrate the accomplishments of public school alumni and be inspired.

**UNITED STATES SENATOR Daniel K. Inouye.** Journalist and television personality Emme Tomimbang. Chief Justice William S. Richardson. All graduated from public school and all are Public Schools of Hawai‘i Foundation honorees. Since 1992, the Foundation’s annual Kūlia I Ka Nu‘u (Strive for the Highest) Awards Banquet recognizes those who drew on their education in state schools to change Hawai‘i and the world. Ticket sales and sponsorships from this event go directly to fund the Foundation’s grants and workshops.

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**3. Donate**

Your money makes a difference to public school teachers.

**THE AWARDS BANQUET** is the Foundation’s only fundraising event of the year. All monies raised at the banquet go towards innovative learning at Hawai‘i’s public schools. You can also give directly to the Foundation, knowing that your tax-deductible contribution will benefit Hawai‘i’s public schools. And corporate sponsors can also create and fund mini-grants that can be used in specialized areas such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).