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*Helping to keep
Hawai'i clean, green,
and beautiful since
1912*

"He who plants a tree, plants a hope."

- Lucy Larcom, Poet

October 27, 2014

Aloha Outdoor Circle Supporters,

Thanks to the vision and generosity of our members over the last 100 years, Hawai'i's residents enjoy more public trees, open space, protected view planes, and healthy natural resources. Our past members worked hard to plant trees and enact environmental protections for our benefit. Now it is our turn to ensure these benefits endure for Hawai'i's children. Your gift to The Outdoor Circle today will help ensure Hawai'i is clean, green, and beautiful for future generations.

Thanks to the consistent backing of our loyal donors, like you, the Circle had a very successful year.

At a statewide level, we won a **major and historic VICTORY with the establishment of an Environmental Court in Hawai'i**. We are now joining a handful of forward-thinking communities in the U.S. and around the world that are improving compliance with environmental protections by focusing court attention on the needs of our natural resources. Work on this top-priority public policy will continue in 2015 -- and we need your support -- as we advocate to ensure Hawai'i's Environmental Court is successfully implemented.



The grassroots coalition that helped to establish Hawai'i's Environmental Court. L-to-R: *Jan Dapitan, DOCARE Chief Randy Awo, Marti Townsend, Sen. Mike Gabbard, Alexandra Avery, Rep. Chris Lee, and Alice Greenwood.*

We also demonstrated the strength of the Circle's advocacy to prevent erosion of Hawai'i's ban on billboards. From bus billboards to aerial advertising, we upheld this bedrock law. We need your continued support to maintain this vigilance.

Plus, in communities throughout the Hawaiian Islands, our branches planted, protected, and gifted thousands of trees. We protected historic native landscapes, cleaned-up and maintained public green spaces, pushed for people-friendly community planning, and supported environmental education for thousands of residents -- keiki and makua, alike. Our branches are always working hard to serve the unique needs of their neighborhoods.

In the coming year, we will continue our Exceptional Tree Initiative. We will plant trees to replace Exceptional Trees lost to age and disease, identify new trees worthy of the Exceptional moniker for protection, and advocate for public policies that improve our environment.

To continue these efforts, we need your help. Please consider an additional gift to the Circle this year and encourage your friends and family to support us, too. Together, we can continue to protect the things we all love about Hawai'i. Visit our website to catch up on our projects, read our annual report, and learn more about how to give tax-deductible gifts to the Circle.

Mahalo to all who have helped and continue to keep Hawai'i clean, green and beautiful!

Aloha,

Marti Townsend
Executive Director