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**KAUA'I HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PURCHASES LAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
IN WAIMEA AND CONTINUES TO SEEK OTHER LOCATIONS ISLAND-WIDE**

Hanapēpē, Hawai'i – Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity announced today that it has purchased 6.5 acres of land in Waimea, adjacent to the West Kaua'i Tech & Visitors Center, from Kikiaola Land Company Ltd. for the development of affordable housing. It will be some time before the land is ready for home construction as Kaua'i Habitat will soon begin the process of subdivision development with the Waimea parcel.

"I am thrilled that Kaua'i Habitat had the opportunity and resources to bring another much needed affordable housing development to the community," said Kaua'i Habitat Board President Peter Wiederoder. "We are thankful for the support of our donors, volunteers, and partners like the County of Kaua'i who enable us to continue our mission."

Kaua'i Habitat's Board of Directors and leadership team are currently reviewing feasible options on the parcel and will begin the design process in the near future. "We thank Kikiaola Land Company for their willingness to partner in the sale of this parcel. This land is the next great opportunity for Habitat to address our overwhelming housing need on Kaua'i. Due to previous opportunity, our developments have largely been on the west side, however we want to add as many additional projects as we can island-wide, with Waimea being the first of many," said Stephen Spears, executive director of Kaua'i Habitat. "Our current 'Ele'ele Iluna project is going very well, and in a short amount of time, we will need more building lots to be able to continue our mission. We continue to seek additional land in areas such as the east side, Lihue, and the south shore to build more affordable homes for the community."

"Kikiaola is proud to partner with Habitat for Humanity to provide affordable housing for the residents of West Kauai," says Jim Beaver, secretary of the board of directors of the Kikiaola Land Company. "Affordable housing is a critical need in our communities. This is a significant effort to improve the situation, but there's still a way to go. West Kauai still needs more affordable housing, as well as economic development, employment and other improvements. Kikiaola is eager to work with our neighbors on the upcoming West Kauai Community Development Plan and continuing to improve the quality of life in Waimea and Kekaha."

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***About Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity***



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*Kaua'i Habitat for Humanity is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical, nonprofit, Christian housing ministry. Its mission is to bring people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses, through volunteer and homeowner labor. Since 1992 Kaua'i Habitat has built 137 affordable homes and made critical repairs to 29 existing homes for Kaua'i families whose household income is between 30-80% of the median Kaua'i income.*

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**About Kikiaola Land Company Ltd.**

*Kikiaola Land Company Ltd. was founded in 1884 as H.P Faye' and Company by Hans Peter Faye', one of the founders of the Kekaha Sugar Company. Today Kikiaola is in the fourth generation of family management and is owned by 150 descendants of H.P. Faye'. Kikiaola land comprises approximately 630 acres between the towns of Waimea and Kekaha, including Waimea Plantation Cottages, the old Waimea sugar mill, large tracts of farm land and several dozen residential and commercial properties. During its more than 130 years of land stewardship, the Faye' family has been actively involved in West Kauai community development. Kikiaola provided the land for the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital, the Waimea Canyon Middle School, the Kauai sewage treatment plant, and other community facilities. It also hosts the annual Waimea Town Celebration. Kikiaola Land Company and the Faye' family are committed to improving the quality of life in West Kauai.*