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KAUA‘I HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND KAUA‘I HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ADVANCE COLLABORATIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

LĪHU‘E, KAUA‘I (February 2, 2026) — Kaua‘i Housing Development Corporation (KHDC) and Kaua‘i Habitat for Humanity (KHFH) today announced a collaborative affordable housing development planned for Ahukini Road in Līhu‘e designed to serve kūpuna, working families and local residents across a range of income levels.

The project is made possible through a land grant from The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, supporting a shared commitment to housing that benefits local families over the long term through preserving limited developable land on Kaua‘i.

“This effort reflects years of planning, coordination and commitment to doing housing differently — thoughtfully, collaboratively and with the future of Kaua‘i in mind,” said Hobey Beck, President, KHDC. “By working together, we’re laying the groundwork for housing that can move forward without losing sight of community needs.”

KHDC will serve as the lead developer for the overall project creating 111 units of housing, with KHFH participating as a development partner. The organizations will share pre-development responsibilities and selected development work, allowing the project to advance efficiently while aligning with each organization’s mission and expertise.

The planned development includes a mix of rental and homeownership opportunities:

KHDC-Led Rental Housing

- 48 kūpuna rental units, supporting aging in place
- 33 multi-family rental units serving individuals and families

Kaua‘i Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Housing

- Habitat will independently develop a designated portion of the site
- Planned as 15 two-story duplex buildings, creating 30 for-sale homes
- Homes will primarily serve households earning 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) and below
- Habitat will partner with Permanently Affordable Living Hawai‘i (PAL) to explore ways to make a portion of the homes available to local working households earning 80–120% of Area Median Income
- Habitat is exploring placing some or all homes into a community land trust to ensure long-term, permanent affordability

“For many local residents, the housing outlook can feel discouraging,” said Kaua‘i Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Milani Pimental. “This partnership is about restoring hope, showing that community organizations are working together to create real pathways to safe, stable homes.”

Kaua‘i faces a significant shortage of both rental and for-sale housing, impacting kūpuna, multigenerational families and working residents alike. This project responds by combining nonprofit

leadership, philanthropic support, and innovative affordability tools to address housing needs in a way that is both practical and sustainable.

“We are thrilled to be part of this collaboration, which will help Kaua’i families live, work, and thrive in their home community, said Xan Avendaño, the Foundation’s program director for Hawai’i grantmaking. “We hope other landowners will be inspired to explore ways to support housing in Hawai’i that is affordable for generations.”

The partners will continue pre-development planning, community engagement and coordination with County agencies as the project moves forward. Additional details, including timelines and opportunities for public input, will be shared as planning progresses.

About Kaua’i Housing Development Corporation (KHDC)

Kauai Housing Development Corporation was incorporated in 1992 as a private nonprofit corporation for the purpose of providing affordable housing for low and moderate income families. KHDC’s purpose is to “lessen the burdens of the governments of the State of Hawaii and the County of Kaua’i by developing and promoting the development of affordable housing.” The staff and board together have extensive real estate development, property management, and brokerage experience.

About Kaua’i Habitat for Humanity (KHFH)

Kaua’i Habitat for Humanity is a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, dedicated to expanding access to safe, affordable housing for local residents. Through partnerships with volunteers, homeowners and community supporters, Habitat builds and repairs homes that strengthen families and neighborhoods across Kaua’i. Since 1992, Kaua’i Habitat has built 248 affordable homes and completed critical repairs on 37 additional homes for families earning between 30–80% of Kauai’s area median income. Kaua’i Habitat also operates the ReStore®, which sells discounted new and gently used building materials and household items to support its mission. Kaua’i Habitat for Humanity is committed to equal housing opportunity. Learn more, donate or volunteer at www.kauaihabitat.org, or follow Kaua’i Habitat for Humanity on Facebook, Instagram, or X.

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