

Testimony

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To Whom, I have been with Surfrider Spirit Sessions (SSS) for over 8 years and I have witnessed how the program makes positive change for the kids that the court assigns. The volunteers serve a purpose of giving back to the community in helping the future generation in providing hope, guidance, mentoring, purpose and fun. The kids go into this program with many challenges, some don't make it thru, some get a just a little from it and some CHANGE the course of their LIVES, having a sense of purpose and drive. Through feedback for the probation officers, guidance counselors, Ke Kama Pono staff and court judges, we are making a difference. I see the SSS staff work tirelessly and sacrifice so much of their own personal lives to make the program a success. But it takes funding, we have done so many fund raisers just to stay afloat (or so I hear). So please consider our program as I believe in what it's doing to shape our community for future generations. I am a sales manager for Hawaiian Resources (25 yrs), I work with World wide Group (18 yrs), a mentorship program and business association. Other than SSS, I also volunteer with Camp Agape, working with kids from incarcerated families and volunteer with our Church C4, (New Hope Diamond Head) in their Surf ministry program. Although all these programs can use funding, I see a bigger need with Surfrider Spirit Sessions and the impact it makes and will make. Thank you for your consideration and serving our community with your public service. Aloha, Dan Mitsuda
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