



2016 HAFCE Heart of FCE – Karen Hamada

Ho’aloha FCE Club of Hilo Council has a well-kept secret in one of their members - Karen Hamada! Karen has been an FCE member for 20 years and exemplifies the true meaning of a grassroots member who works continually to support her FCE club, council, state, and community from the background.

She uses her craft skills to help her club with fund raising efforts and is ever ready to help present toys and items for kids hospitalized during the holidays, as well as the Books for Newborns project. She has consistently helped with logistical support for the annual weekend FCL training sessions on the Big Island. Menu planning, registration, set up, and clean up all fall under her purview. She shares her computer skills with FCE by maintaining a data base of

members and printing mailing labels for her council newsletter and for the state newsletter. She is also a member of the team who prepares the annual FCE report for state elected officials and University of Hawaii staff.

She is an excellent seamstress and has made quilts to donate to the hospital, lap blankets for the long term facilities and unique fabric gifts to share with members. Any project the Hilo Council or her club has been involved in, Karen is fully involved and contributes generously. She has served as her club secretary and president for various terms over the years and has served as council secretary.

Besides all the time and energy that Karen devotes to FCE, she has worked full time at the Hilo police station since 1979, currently as a Police Investigative Operations Clerk. She has been the Hawaii Police Department co-chair for the American Cancer Society “Relay for Life” event for the past ten years but has been a participant for over 20 years.

Karen Hamada represents the true meaning of an unsung grassroots FCE member and Hilo FCE Council is proud to recognize her!

Congratulations Karen!