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TEAPRESSO BAR DONATES 1,200 COSTUMES AND HOLDS HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE FOR HELPING HANDS HAWAII'S COMMUNITY CLEARINGHOUSE

HONOLULU—Teapresso Bar will donate 1,200 new *Frozen* costumes with various accessories to Helping Hands Hawaii's Community Clearinghouse (CCH) and hold a **Halloween Costume Drive from Tuesday, Aug. 1 to Friday, Sept. 29**. New and gently-used children, teen and adult Halloween costumes are accepted, and individuals who donate will receive a special offer for 50 percent off their next order at all Teapresso Bar locations.

To kick off the two-month-long Halloween Costume Drive at Teapresso's five locations (Downtown, Piikoi, Keeaumoku, Kaimuki and Waipahu), **representatives from Teapresso Bar and Helping Hands Hawaii will be at the intersection of King and Bishop streets in Honolulu from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1**. Dressed in Halloween costumes, they will pass out free samples of Teapresso beverages and collect Halloween costumes and monetary donations for the CCH. Ohana Broadcast Company will provide additional support at this event with DJs, contests and prizes.

"We wanted to do something that can bring everyone together to benefit the community so everyone can have an enjoyable Halloween," said Steve Nguyen, CEO and founder of Teapresso Bar.

"Through our partnership with Teapresso Bar and this Halloween Costume Drive, we hope to lift the spirits of children and families who may be going through a difficult period in their lives," said Jan Harada, president and CEO of Helping Hands Hawaii. "The CCH provides households with essential items that help them to feel normal during unusual circumstances, such as homelessness or extended financial hardship. Being able to participate in traditions, like Halloween, can positively improve their outlook and restore their commitment to attaining a better quality of life for their loved ones."

About Teapresso Bar

Teapresso Bar was founded in 2015 by Steve Nguyen, who had a vision of bringing healthier drink alternatives to the Island. The first Teapresso Bar location opened on Bishop Street in downtown Honolulu. Having succeeded in positioning itself as a healthier alternative in the coffee and Boba milk tea market, Teapresso Bar now has locations on Piikoi, Keeaumoku, Kaimuki and Waipahu. Also, in collaboration with ABC Stores, Teapresso drinks are served in

ABC Stores in Ko Olina (Island Country Markets) and Waikiki (Dukes Lane Market & Eatery), with future expansion coming soon to neighboring islands.

Teapresso Bar is the first and only on the Island to offer organic specialty coffee and brewed-to-order Boba milk tea with organic and vegan options. Each drink is custom made using non-powder, natural and fresh local ingredients. In addition to coffee and tea, Teapresso Bar offers a variety of beverages, including organic lemonade, fresh fruit smoothies and frappes.

Each location serves as a gathering place for all ages. Board games and WiFi are available for use. Upon request, space can be reserved for private parties, and catering services can be provided for special events. Customers have the convenience of ordering their drinks online and having them delivered. Teapresso Bar also participates in many local community fundraisers and functions throughout the Island. For more information, visit www.teapressobar.com.

About the Community Clearinghouse

The CCH provides free household goods and basic necessities (clothing, food, children's items, beds, furniture and more) to financially vulnerable community members. Clients are referred for service through a network of more than 100 community partners, social service providers and programs. The entire inventory at the CCH is donated by the public. By utilizing this unique program, clients have access to free everyday household essentials, which enables them to reserve their funds for expenses, like rent, utilities and food. This program promotes overall household stability, homelessness prevention and the building of financial resources.

In 2016, the CCH served 2,438 households (6,457 individuals) through its regular community network/appointment process and 882 households (3,857 individuals) through its walk-in service. The CCH also operates two seasonal programs, which promote school readiness and holiday inspiration.

About Helping Hands Hawaii

Helping Hands Hawaii (HHH) was founded in 1974 and connects individuals, families and organizations with essential human and material resources. Through our variety of programs, we provide a full continuum of care and help people overcome obstacles, like homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse and language access. Our strong partnerships with local social service providers and innovative approaches strengthen our community by helping people to help themselves. To learn more about HHH, its programs or services, please visit www.helpinghandshawaii.org.

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