



Mana and Kalehua Caceres

My name is Kalehua Kamohali'i Caceres and I am 'Ōiwi from Mā'ili, Wai'anae, O'ahu. I am the eldest daughter of Gregory Kamohali'i Jr. and Edwena Kanani Awong, granddaughter of Gregory Ka'ilihou Kamohali'i Jr. of Kahoma, Ritchie Grace Pū'iakeonaonaokaleimokihana Parker of Honolulu, Edward Kalani Awong Sr. and May Ku'ulei Aldeguer of Mā'ili. I am a graduate of Kamehameha Schools' Class of 1996 and the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu with a BA in Humanities with a concentration in Hawaiian-Pacific Studies. I was a Hawaiian language immersion teacher and preschool director for 13 years in Wai'anae and am currently a program director for a Hawaiian-serving family-child interaction learning preschool program with 12 sites across three islands.

My husband, Mana Kaleilani Caceres is an 'Ōiwi born in Orange County, California and raised in Tacoma Washington. He is the eldest son of Doiron Caceres Jr. of Lā'ie and Susan Huihui of Kahuku, grandson of Doiron Caceres Sr. of Ka'ū, Patricia Kaneta of Kalihi, Moke Huihui of Pauoa and Thelma Moniz of Kaka'ako. He graduated from Clover Park High School in 1995 and earned his Bachelor's of Arts in Communications from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo in 2000. He is the Principal Consultant of our family-owned business, 'Ohana Kūpono Consulting.

We have raised our four children, Makoa, Kamaehu, Hiehie and Kamana in Honouliuli. As parents, we understood our obligation to our lāhui kānaka (people) to raise our children with a firm foundation of 'ohana (*family*) so they would live their lives in service of our people. As an 'ohana, we practice mālama iwi kūpuna in order to prepare our children to understand their roles in caring for our iwi and then teaching their children to do the same. We are honored to accompany our kūpuna on their journey home to Hawai'i to return to their moe loa (*eternal sleep*).