



Hawaii 3R's
He'e Meeting Presentation
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BACKGROUND

In 2001, U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye began an initiative called Hawaii 3R's (Repair, Remodel, and Restore) to assist with the backlog of repair and maintenance projects in Hawaii's public schools. Hawaii 3R's works with State agencies, construction and trade unions, businesses, the military, civic organizations, churches, parents, teachers, and students to develop the partnerships and assemble the volunteers that help the schools. This "sweat equity" – both skilled and unskilled – is leveraged with Federal, State, and private funds to complete needed repair and maintenance projects at a significantly lower cost and in a shorter period.

Hawaii 3R's has a formal application and review process, and awards grants to proactive public schools that step forward with enthusiastic volunteers, business support, and/or private contributions of equal or greater value to the requested grant amount. By using contractors or skilled volunteers to complete difficult portions of the work, and by having professional supervision of the volunteers, projects completed through 3R's maintain a high quality.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, Hawaii 3R's can and has received Federal, State, and private funding. Private donors include the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation, the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation, the Prudential Locations Foundation, the Hawaii Community Foundation, Campbell Estate and the James and Abigail Campbell Foundation, Central Pacific Bank, American Savings Bank, Maui Land and Pine, Grainger, and the Pierce Brosnan Family Trust.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Grants awarded	512	Number of different schools	186
Total \$ granted	\$17.7 million	Value of projects completed	\$40 million
State \$ received by 3R's	\$3 million	Savings to the State	\$37 million
Number of volunteers	3,300	Volunteer labor hours	13,000.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Hawaii Income Tax Return check off box (\$2) – for public school repair and maintenance
- Partnering with another community organization to create a website to highlight three or four different projects at each school that the public and companies can support
- Contact us directly with:
 - Volunteer labor
 - Skilled volunteers/contractors
 - Donated supplies and materials
 - Donated food and beverages for volunteers
 - Monetary donations