



It's time for the Charity Walk again (this year it's on May 19th)! It's a wonderful event for you, your mentee, and your family. **100% of donations in our name will be given back to Common Grace and doubled by the Hawai'i Hotel Industry Foundation.** This is also the only walk where you gain weight! Along the way there will be checkpoints with beverages, food and goodies. At the finish line, walkers are treated with lunch, door prizes and entertainment.

It's easy to signup. The cost is \$40 minimum donation for walkers 18 years and older and \$25 for children. If would simply like to donate, any amount is appreciated!

instructions to walk/donate

1. Go to the following link (a specific link to Common Grace's page) https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/OahuCW/team/3_Common%20Grace
2. Select the blue bar that says, "Pledge to this team"
3. Fill out your information. If you are walking, please make sure to save your paper or electronic receipt to gain entrance and receive a stamp card to the walk on the day-of. We'll be sending out more info about the walk such as our meeting place and parking as it gets closer.

Donations/registration for walkers will be open until the DAY-OF the walk, MAY 19th. If you are planning to walk, we recommend registering a week before the walk.

Email commongraceofhawaii@gmail.com or call Aries at (808) 783-1097 if you have any questions. Mahalo for your support!

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IS COMMON GRACE STILL WORTH IT?

An accountant gave me some disturbing news. "Charities and churches may be hurt in 2018 by changes in our U.S. tax laws. More citizens will take standard deductions. Less itemizing will eliminate the benefit for charitable donations --- therefore --- less people will give and those who give are likely to give less."

Excuse me, Mr. Account-ant man, but you don't know me and my wife, Yuko, and our whole Common Grace Family. We don't give to get deductions, we give to give life to little kids. Right?

It's my passion and my joy.

Look at this picture of a C.G. Uncle giving a piggyback ride to a C.G. kid. The image says it all! We are lifting children. Carrying them. Caring for them. Getting them to the finish line.

Please continue, with joy, to help Common Grace help children.

Yours for their sake, J.



FLOAT - A - CHILD

Salvation Army Kroc Center



ROY SAKUMA

You usually can find Roy Sakuma in his quaint Kaimuki studio, giving ukulele lessons, while his next batch of students—young, old and everything in between—wait outside for their turn. If you don't already know, Roy is an ukulele player. He's small kine famous. He established the Ukulele Festival Hawai'i, the largest of it's kind in the world; owns Roy Sakuma Productions (the label behind Ka'au Crater Boys!); has ukulele studios around the island; passionately taught thousands of students to love the instrument and so many more accomplishments.

Instead of being at his studio on March 17th, Roy was with us at the Salvation Army Kroc Center, speaking to our Common Grace kids. He spilled out his heart about his childhood. He was ashamed of who he was. He hated himself. He covered his eyes when he combed his hair because he disliked his face. The person he was the closest to, his father, disowned him. He dropped out of high school. People teased him. He was so hurt by everyone that he started to hurt people too, even if he was unaware of it.

Just about everyone in the room raised their hands when Roy asked, "How many of you have been hurt through the words or actions of your parents, siblings, peers or friends?" The kids listened intently, because Roy spoke genuinely and vulnerably. He told them to begin loving themselves and hold their judgments against others because if they looked around, almost everyone had raised their hands and was hurting.



In closing, Roy shared a song which said, "I am what I am, I'll be what I'll be—look can't you see, it's me!" We all sang along and believed the words we were saying. Thank you Roy, for helping us to love ourselves and in turn, helping us to love others.