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**Island Energy Services/Texaco in Hawai'i Supports HUGS by Encouraging Others to Donate on Giving Tuesday; Challenge Grant Will Match Donations and Help Your Gift Increase Through January 31, 2021**

HONOLULU, HI – (November 30, 2020) **HUGS** (Help, Understanding and Group Support), a nonprofit that provides comprehensive support for Hawai'i families with seriously ill children, announced today that the organization received a **\$25,000 challenge grant** from **Island Energy Services** ("Island Energy") and **Texaco In Hawai'i**. The grant will match dollar-for-dollar all donations – up to \$25,000 – made at participating Texaco stations from Dec. 1, 2020 – Jan. 31, 2021.

"Island Energy Services and Texaco have been amazing partners to HUGS, helping us to meet the needs of Hawai'i families as they face the emotional and financial hardships of caring for a seriously ill child," shared HUGS Executive Director Joan Naguwa. "Their generosity and support through many activities has directly impacted the lives of our families and children, bringing smiles to their faces and relieving the stress that they face on their difficult journey."

"Island Energy Services is honored to partner once again with HUGS in support of their mission," said Carina Tagupa, Island Energy Services Communications and Community Engagement Manager. "In these especially difficult times, we have learned first-hand the impact of HUGS in the community, providing families with support from diagnosis through treatment and beyond. It is our hope," continued Tagupa, "that through this challenge grant, our whole community will become more aware of the good HUGS does and will choose to help just by visiting a participating Texaco in their neighborhood."

Those who wish to donate to HUGS as part of the \$25,000 matching grant may visit a participating Texaco station beginning Tuesday, December 1, and ask the attendant for a donation slip. For a complete list of participating stations, please visit [www.TexacoInHawaii.com/HUGS](http://www.TexacoInHawaii.com/HUGS).

"The upcoming event at Texaco stations is an exciting opportunity for the public to share their aloha for Hawaii's seriously ill children and their families. All of us at HUGS are very grateful for the warm aloha and caring that Island Energy Services and Texaco in Hawai'i demonstrate for Hawaii's special families," concluded Naguwa.

## **ABOUT HUGS**

*HUGS' (Help Understanding & Group Support) mission is to strengthen Hawaii's families and improve their quality of life as they face the emotional and financial hardships of caring for a seriously ill child. Programs address the emotional, social, physical, and financial needs of the entire family and each family member; all programs and services are free of charge. Since 1982, HUGS has helped thousands of families with a seriously ill child, up to 21 years who suffer from a range of diverse illnesses, throughout the state. For more information, visit [www.hugshawaii.org](http://www.hugshawaii.org)*

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## **ABOUT ISLAND ENERGY SERVICES, LLC**

*Island Energy Services, LLC (IES) headquartered in Kapolei, is a Hawai'i-based fuels marketing and logistics business providing premier petroleum products for the State of Hawai'i. The company reliably serves retail, industrial, aviation, and utility customers throughout the state through a network of key storage and distribution assets comprising fuel terminals and pipelines. Assets include an import terminal in Kapolei, product distribution systems, and additional related logistics infrastructure throughout the state. In addition, IES's retail network includes 57 Texaco<sup>®</sup> - branded gas stations. Texaco<sup>®</sup> is a registered trademark of Chevron Intellectual Property LLC used under license by IES. For more information, visit [www.islandenergyservices.com](http://www.islandenergyservices.com) and [www.texacoinhawaii.com](http://www.texacoinhawaii.com).*

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