



## Volunteers DO Make A Difference

April 16, 2021

National Volunteer Week begins April 18, and the Alexander & Baldwin Sugar Museum would like to say thank you and express its sincere gratitude for the volunteers who helped us when we needed it the most.

During the COVID-19 shutdown in 2020 and the uncertainty that came afterward, we spent a lot of time thinking about when and how we would re-open. We were due for a major change, and difficult decisions had to be made. The volunteers of our non-profit Sugar Museum made time for our needs despite their busy schedules and their personal challenges. Smiling and enthusiastic, seniors and students worked together side by side cleaning and reorganizing, painting, setting up new equipment, scanning photographs, and assisting the public. They stepped out of their comfort zones and learned new skills. Best of all, they brought with them a positive energy that renewed and revitalized the museum, its mission, and its hopes for the future. They embody the true meaning of Aloha and Kokua.

We are grateful to them because they are the heart, soul and backbone of the museum. They provide services great and small, each one vital to our daily existence. We could not offer our programs and services to the public without this dedicated force.

The Sugar Museum will honor its volunteers in special ways during National Volunteer Week, and reflect on the good work of people everywhere who give selflessly to change lives, strengthen communities, and make a difference. How will you honor your volunteers during this special week and beyond?



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