



KŪPONO

WEALTH PLANNING

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Aloha,

First and foremost — we are grateful to share that all of us at Kūpono are safe. We lost power, dealt with some minor damage, and like so many of you, are still processing what this Kona low brought to our communities. But we are okay, and that matters most.

What happened to Waialua and Hale‘iwa hits us differently than most. Kūpono Wealth literally would not exist without the North Shore community. Brandon, Mariel, and Mara met in Waialua nearly two decades ago, and Tonya found her way to our team through this same North Shore ‘ohana. This place — and its people — are the foundation of everything we've built.

We've made an effort to personally reach out and check on our north shore clients this past weekend. The conversations were hard. Some of you lost your homes. Others had minor damage and are counting their blessings. Being part of cleanup efforts in Waialua yesterday, and we want to be honest with you — it was overwhelming. The scale of loss some of our neighbors are facing is sobering and heartbreaking.

But here is what we also witnessed: the North Shore showing up as it does. Neighbors pulling neighbors cars and possessions out of the mud, cleaning each other's homes, making dump runs, the lines of folks bringing food and supplies, a literal traffic jam of volunteers making their way north. The same spirit that makes this community home, doing what it always does. We are so proud to be part of it.

If the events of the last 10 days have you rethinking any part of your financial picture — your emergency planning, insurance coverage, cash reserves, or anything else — please do not hesitate to reach out. We are here, and we mean that.

Below are ways our broader ‘ohana can support the recovery efforts:

MONETARY DONATIONS

- LāHui Foundation — Mobilizing cleanup crews and coordinating distribution of donated items.

<https://donorbox.org/lahui-foundation-post-flood-recovery-efforts-2026>

- Hawai‘i Food Bank — Serving families affected by the Kona low storm.

<https://hawaiifoodbank.org/?form=FUNLSDJGUQN>

- Aloha United Way — Operating a help call and text line for flooding victims.

<https://www.auw.org/donate/>

- Hawai‘i Community Foundation — Operates a Stronger Hawai‘i Fund for statewide disaster relief.
<https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/stronger-hawaii-donate>
- Hawai‘i Farmers Union United — Created a Hawai‘i Flood Response Fund for farmers and rural communities.
https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=UUJD8RQG4L3L6
- Hawaiian Humane Society
<https://www.hawaiianhumane.org/recovery/>

DONATE ITEMS

- LāHui Foundation — Accepting recovery supplies (no household items) at Hawaii Polo Club on Farrington Highway in Mokuleia
www.lahuifoundation.org

VOLUNTEER

- American Red Cross — Seeking volunteers for Hawai‘i storm response.
<https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/become-a-volunteer.html>
- LāHui Foundation
www.lahuifoundation.com
- Hawai‘i Food Bank — Providing food distribution to families affected by the storm.
www.hawaiiifoodbank.org

LEGAL RESOURCES

The Young Lawyers Division of the Hawai‘i State Bar Association is offering free Kona Low Disaster Relief Legal Lines for information and guidance:

- Wednesday, March 25 | 6–7 PM
- Thursday, March 26 | 6–7 PM
- Wednesday, April 1 | 6–7 PM
- Thursday, April 2 | 6–7 PM

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Mahalo,

Brandon, Mariel, Mara & Tonya