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*How will Me + Tree donations help?*

Donations will be used to collect seeds and grow them, prepare sites, plant, maintain native plantings, and educate students throughout the process. This is a great “green” gift to a friend or family member or a lasting legacy for your organization. **For donations of \$500 or more**, Mālama Learning Center can set up a special planting day for your group. All Me + Tree donors will receive a certificate acknowledging their contribution.

*How can I make a donation?*

Make your donation today by **contacting us by phone, website, e-mail, or regular mail**. Mālama Learning Center is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Mālama Learning Center’s Me+Tree Campaign is an easy way that individuals and groups can support Ola Nā Kini.

For every tax-deductible donation of \$50, Mālama Learning Center will be able to raise and plant a native tree or shrub in the Wai’anae Mountains, and educate a student to take care of the environment.



## Why plant native trees?

Centuries of human impact have fragmented the low lying native forests of the southern Wai’anae Mountains. Once cloaked in native dry to moist forests, thousands of acres now lay barren or overrun with invasive plants.

Planting native trees will help heal these lands, controlling erosion and protecting our ocean. And as climate change is one of the most serious threats we face, planting trees will help balance the carbon dioxide that we produce with what trees can absorb. It’s an all-around good thing for everyone to do!

## Which native trees will be planted?

Native Hawaiian trees and shrubs are grown from seeds and cuttings from parent plants already growing in the Wai’anae Mountains that have adapted to dry environments. Initial species include: **lonomea, wiliwili, koa, alahe’e, ‘a’ali’i, hao and naio**. In early Hawai’i, these plants had different uses, such as the making of tools, weapons, canoes, paddles, and surfboards. In the first phase of the project, our goal is to plant at least 2,000 trees in “test” plots. These plots will study various planting and watering methods in different conditions. While seeds and other plant material may be harvested, the goal is to keep the plants in the ground so that they heal and regenerate the land for generations to come.

## Where will trees be planted?

Planting sites have been established in areas within the Honouliuli and Nānākuli watersheds of O’ahu. Upland planting sites are within the **Pālehua area (above Kapolei and Makakilo)** on lands managed by Gill ‘Ewa Lands and Pālehua Ranch. Visitors are welcome to tree planting sites with prior arrangement. While plants will not be labeled with donors’ names, you may visit the general area where your tree or shrub was planted.

