

## Hawaiian Aviators Bring Christmas Cheer to Neighboring Islands

The Aloha Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and the Women in Aviation International Hawaii 50 Chapter are setting forth to bring the Christmas spirit to the neighboring islands of Hawaii and their children this December. The Aloha Chapter is planning to deliver toys, gift cards, and donations to children all across the state using training flights and volunteer pilots.

The “Aloha Ninety-Nines,” is a chapter of the international female pilots’ association, which was originally founded by Amelia Earhart and 98 other female pilots in New York. Over 90 years after the founding and over 4,000 miles away, the female pilots of Oahu are shouldering their legacy as they seek to use training flights to deliver supplies and Christmas gifts to children in need.

“Our chapter mission is really best summarized by the international chapter,” says Tanya Rames, Vice Chair of the Aloha and Hawaii 50 Chapters. “We strive to promote the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight. Passion is the key word there. Our passion for flying makes all of this possible.”

With the help of a little over a dozen pilot volunteers and a small fleet of single engine airplanes, there is certainly enough passion to go around and make a significant impact on the homeless youth of the neighboring islands. The combined efforts of the two chapters will be focused on providing toys and donations to homeless children on the Big Island (Hawaii Project) and children in need on Lanai (Lanai Child Welfare Services).

“I never thought that my flight training would be able to bless other people,” says Abigail Dang, Aloha Chapter Secretary and 18-year-old private pilot. “When I wanted to become a pilot, I thought that training was just training, but the amazing thing about the Aloha Ninety-Nines and the local aviation community is that training can be a vessel for so much more. It can really branch out and bless other people.”

The Aloha Chapter Chair, Nobu Buntin encourages you to learn more about the Aloha Ninety-Nines and their mission, by visiting their website at [AlohaChapter99s.org](http://AlohaChapter99s.org) or [Instagram @alohachapter99s](https://www.instagram.com/alohachapter99s). Donations can be made [Venmo @Fly-Girls](#), GoFundMe “[Keiki Christmas Charity 2020](#),” or by dropping off physical donations at any of their collection boxes which can be found by visiting their website.

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