



# HAWAII CHAPTER NATIONAL HEMOPHILIA FOUNDATION

## 2019 Hawaii Teen Summit

### Purpose:

- Engage young adults in advocacy, leadership, and health care education.
- Prepare them for Legislative advocacy process - knowledge and confidence.
- Prepare them for local advocacy efforts.
- Foster a passion for advocacy and leadership in the next generation.
- Engage them with focused research on their needs as teens in the island bleeding disorder community

As I become familiar with the islands of Hawaii and the needs of the community in this region, I notice there are no programs for the teens...nothing to educate the future generations with regards to advocacy at any level, or any other transitional skills they will need to become productive adult community members. Having well over a decade educating this demographic in the west and CA with the HCC/Future Leaders programs, I have seen the fire this experience can ignite and make them outstanding leaders in the community. I have developed a Teen Leadership Summit here in Hawaii on June 19-23, 2019. My focus for this program is on advocacy at every level...but also covering important transitional topics to develop the skills they need to speak to others, about their stories and advocate for their bleeding disorder community or personal needs.

### Elements:

- Specific programming designed to build self-confidence and personal communication skills.
- Present options for future leadership opportunities and advocacy opportunities. (Youth Advisory Panel/Board, Youth camp.)
- Active engagement: put them (and their parents) on our advocacy alert emails! Actively engage them in this process and calls to action. This could also involve special advocacy outreach and alerts to the youth (and parents).
- Discuss with them about regional meetings with legislators
- Foster a passion for advocacy and leadership in the next generation.
- FUN!!!

### Impact:

My expected outcome will be, igniting that passion and directing it in a way to achieve not only advocacy at every level, but also developing the next generation of board members or camp counselors. This type of program will have lasting impact to the region now, as well as well into the future.