

PARTNER ORGANIZATION LETTER



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Aloha Sylvia,

Kupa'a Farms is an organic farm in Kula that is committed to sustainable practices of growing fertility, preserving soil, and growing amazing nutritious food. We have run a CSA program for over 10 years as well as maintained presence at local farmers markets and in the restaurant world here on Maui. We have been the locus for visits and volunteer days for students from third grade Waldorf to Seabury high school and adult classes: education is an essential part of our mission. As a former earth scientist with the Canadian government (1989-2003) I appreciate and respect being familiar with facts and scientific knowledge especially as it applies to agriculture. Also as a farmer who is just shy of the median age of a Hawaiian farmer (62 I think) I share the importance of culturing the next generation of farmers and people who appreciate farmers and the role we play in society and sustainability.

We commit to participating in and supporting the 2016 "The Wholesome Truth of Food and Family - Community Empowerment for Local Foods Sustainability" project, for the time period of September 30, 2016 to September 29, 2019 in the following way(s):

- Gerry Ross, Farmer, Educator and Geologist (soil expert),. I would be able to provide students hands on experience in all aspects of sustainable farming from compost to seeds and plant propagation to harvest and safe and effective ways of getting food to customers. I can also provide proofing and fact checking of science presented in student videos.

The individuals and our organization agree to abide by the management plan contained in the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gerald M. Ross".

Gerald M. Ross