A New Chapter for MHC
Mānoa Heritage Center celebrated the opening of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Visitor Education Hale in April with a series of events for educators, neighbors, community organizations and the generous donors who made the transformational project possible.

"Today is the realization of a dream come true for Sam and Mary," said Harold K.L. Castle Foundation Chairman Mitch D’Olier. "Five years ago they dreamed of a place that would impact lives of youth, families and seniors. A place that would nurture a generation of young people to connect with nature and Hawaiian culture, and to take action to support conservation. The new Visitor Education Hale enables our keiki to do exactly that."

Anyone Can Leave A Legacy
Many don’t realize that you don’t have to be a person of great wealth to make a meaningful contribution. In fact, if you are at least 70 ½ years old, the IRS allows you to make a tax-free gift of up to $100,000 directly from your IRA to a not-for-profit of your choice. A charitable distribution from your IRA can be used to satisfy your minimum distribution requirement for 2018.

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