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es; but it doesn't mean anything to me if I have no one to share with.

"If I go the mile, and I go all the way," Alex continued, "that's great for me, but it doesn't give me fulfillment. I want to give the same opportunity to people from the community and for these students to also be able to achieve their dreams. That's my dream, and that's the legacy I want to leave; so that when I go off to college, it will perpetually continue with my brother and with other people in this tradition, and this culture will be created of self-empowered people."

There's a bigger picture, Alex said.

From the initial 37, all empowered with new life mastery skills, the foundation for a "Dreamers Campus" will built on diversity, Alex explained.

"They are all linked by this same basic vision and concept. You have a bunch of different people from different nationalities and different walks of life raising the same plaque," he remarked.

Alex's Mom, Robin Muto, is enthusiastic in her support of her son's vision.

"If one created 37, and those 37 create another 37, and those create more..." the concept would grow, she suggested.

"I want to pretty much create a new kind of Silicone Valley... on Maui... An innovative atmosphere and environment where people are collaborating to make their dreams come true," he said.

Kahu David Kapaku of Kahana Door of Faith Church, where the Muto family gathers for Sunday services, aptly and fondly described how Alex's passion is growing.

"I think it is like the ripple effect. It starts here, and then it gets bigger and

bigger. We start at a nucleus, throwing that little stone into the pond, and then that ripple gets bigger — it has to; it is part of the natural order. I think in this sense, Alex is the stone that was thrown into the pond," Kapaku said.

As Alex's vision expands, so do the costs and the shared vision.

"It cost \$60,000 to take these 37 kids," Robin calculated.

Investors are contributing from Maui Cardiology, her husband's (Dr. James Moto) practice, Robin said, and from The Chopra Center, Lindamood Bell Learning Processes, Pitzer Built Construction and the Kahana Door of Faith Church.

She has raised, thus far, \$42,000.

"We're asking the community to give Alex's dream a chance," Kahu Kapaku observed, "because I believe it is not really about Alex's dream; it's a community of dreamers, and out of the community of dreamers, things happen.

"That is why I think this is important," he continued, "because we're looking at young people as almost the catalyst for what is about to happen. It is in that kind of dreaming, we're giving them a chance.

"To raise \$60,000; that's really not the issue. The issue is how far can we push our dreams, and how can we instill dreams in our children... The cost is nothing but what comes out of this. It's going to be just incredible. It's going to go beyond the horizons — it's going to be infinite," Kahu Kapaku predicted.

For more information, or to make a donation, e-mail Alex or Robin at dreamerscampus@gmail.com. View Alex's YouTube clip at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S380brk-bUb4&sns=em>. ■

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DONATIONS, FROM PAGE 1

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The annual Fourth of July fireworks show began under the LahainaTown Action Committee. A number of organizations — including the Maui Chamber of Commerce — stepped up to continue it while LAC regrouped and strengthened its organization in recent years.

Chamber President Pamela Tumpap recently stated, "We were asked to take on this event at a time when the annual Fourth of July Fireworks in Lahaina event could have been lost, as no organization was able to carry it forward at that time. As it is such an

important economic and social event for the Maui community, we agreed to step up to the plate to keep it alive. It has been an honor to work on this event and hold successful and growing Fourth of July Fireworks in Lahaina celebrations for the past four years.

"However, today, the originating organization, the LahainaTown Action Committee, is strong and ready to take it back on. It is time to hand the baton over and let them run with it again, which also creates cost savings in insurance and other expenses, given all the other events they currently plan and hold."

LAC Executive Director Lynn Donovan said, "We are very proud of what LahainaTown Action Committee has accomplished over the last four years and happy to regain our Fourth of July in Lahaina event." ■

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Kendama Jam set

LAHAINA — Lahaina Cannery Mall will kickoff March with a Kendama Jam organized by Maui Toy Works on Saturday, March 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The event is organized by Robert Loera, owner of Maui Toy Works at the mall, which sells a wide variety of Kendama products. The tournament is open to ages four and older, as contestants compete in different age divisions in an elimination-style competition. The family friendly event will feature over \$500 in prizes.

Advanced registration is recommended; pre-registration will be held at Maui Toy Works on March 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is a \$5 entry fee. Contact Maui Toy Works at 661-4766 or loerar001@gmail.com.