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## A 'HOPPY' EASTER

The Easter Bunny made a stop at Pearlridge Center to take some pics.  
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## TECH FOR TEACHERS

Honolulu Board of REALTORS donates to a Pearl City school.  
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## Pearl City Preschool Holds Family Values

BY GINGER KELLER

**A** saying that Cheryl Cudiamat lives by is “if you find a job that you thoroughly enjoy, you’ll never work a day in your life.” That’s reality for the ‘Aiea native, who opened Keiki Care Center of Hawai‘i Inc. in 2008.

“We have four kids of our own ... we just love teaching so much and knew how important preschool was for children,” says Cudiamat, who adds that she felt inspired to open after her son’s preschool closed down. “It was really something that happened overnight. I just had this feeling that this is something that we have to do. We’re still around today, and thankfully we’re COVID-free and it just seems meant to be.”

Creating a family-like environment is vital component to the school’s positive foundation, says Cudiamat.

“You could have the smartest child in the world, but if they don’t know how to make friends, if they don’t know how to be respectful to adults ... At our preschool, we hold true to old-school ways, like how we were raised.

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Cheryl Cudiamat, pictured here with one of her preschoolers, says that opening Keiki Care Center of Hawai‘i is “a dream she never dreamed of.”  
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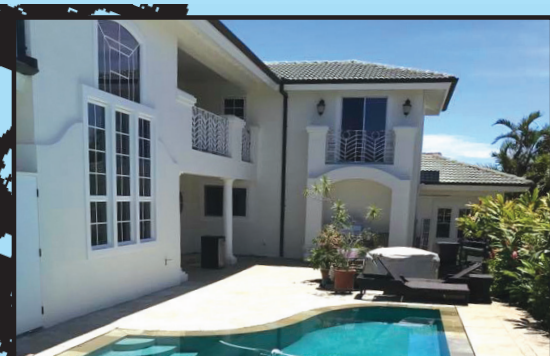
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# Keiki Care Center Helps Children Bloom At Their Own Pace

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It's a dream job that I never dreamed of. I love these kids like they're my own.

"Our trademark saying is, 'enhancing joyful learning.' It's three simple words, but it took my staff and me four hours to get it because we really wanted to express that when it comes to learning, every child is an individual. They bloom at their own pace. There shouldn't be a cookie-cutter, one way to teach children — you have to look at the child as an individual and find ways to, like I said, enhance joyful learning. This is the only beginning of learning."

In a typical day at Keiki Care Center of Hawai'i, kids

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ages 2-5 will follow a core curriculum that Cudiamat crafts to keep up with current times. Though, that's not to say the school doesn't have fun, too.

"We're constantly laughing and enjoying our time



(Above and right) Keeping a sense of normalcy is important for Keiki Care Center of Hawai'i, which requires its kids to wear masks. PHOTOS COURTESY KEIKI CARE CENTER OF HAWAI'I INC.

because the innocence that kids have and the things they say is just wonderful," shares Cudiamat. "To know that you're a part of that, to help them blossom — maybe we help them hold a pencil for the first time or draw a pic-

ture for the first time — and I can't tell you how fulfilling that is."

To learn more about Keiki Care Center of Hawai'i, which is at 757 Ho'omalua St., call 455-5545 or visit [keikicarehawaii.com](http://keikicarehawaii.com).



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