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Robert Dickstein, Chair
Growing Our Own Teachers
P.O. Box 223624
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Dear Mr. Dickstein:

I appreciate your initiative to make the *Growing Our Own Teachers Scholarship Program* a reality! I enjoyed attending the beautiful holiday luncheon that highlighted this scholarship program and recognized our students. The Rotary Club was very generous to host our recent graduates, our student teachers and our newest teacher candidates living on Kaua'i. This luncheon was indeed a joyous occasion to celebrate our shared commitment to education and the success of our new and future teachers on Kaua'i.

I am impressed with the high level of support you were able to generate through your work with the Kaua'i community and statewide. Dr. Ka'ani Blackwell has kept me posted on the progress of this program since its inception. It is amazing to see what the two of you have accomplished on behalf of our students.

I also appreciate the funds you generated that were used to support the textbook purchases for our teacher candidates. These are valuable resources that become part of their professional libraries.

It was a pleasure meeting you and seeing the enthusiasm you have for your work with the Rotary Club. Your proposal to support our teacher candidates statewide is ambitious and important. Our Elementary and Early Childhood Program faculty and staff appreciate the gifts of your time and expertise to generate funds to support our students and their endeavors. I know our teacher candidates are extremely grateful to you, the members of the Rotary Club and the Kaua'i community.

Sincerely yours,

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Statewide Program Coordinator, Elementary Education

Cc: Beth Pateman, Chair
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