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THE MACNAUGHTON GROUP IMPROVES PLAYGROUND AT KCAA MOTHER RICE PRESCHOOL

A group of 16 employees from The MacNaughton Group, a Hawaii-based diversified group of real estate development, leasing, retail operations and various operating companies, worked through the heat and humidity on Tuesday, creating a separate play space with a garden at KCAA Mother Rice Preschool.

As part of a beautification project for the school, privacy slats were fitted into existing fencing, trees were trimmed, and child-friendly plants and irrigation systems were installed. An additional fence was erected creating a new play space and an area for the children to plant a garden. Sunflower seeds, soy bean seeds, ti plants, and a pineapple crown have already been planted by the preschoolers.

Some of the children curiously watched as the volunteers worked, asking questions like, “Why are you digging a hole,” “What kind of tool is that,” and “What are you going to do with that plant?”

Christina Cox, President of KCAA Preschools of Hawai'i, was impressed with how much work was done in the short five hours. “Watching them work so hard to improve our preschool for our children made me appreciate how important it is when a community comes together to help its youngest members,” remarked Cox.

Established in 1895 as Free Kindergarten and Children's Aid Association, today KCAA Preschools of Hawai'i serves almost 1,000 children annually at its seven Oahu schools accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Opened in 1917, KCAA Mother Rice Preschool serves 138 children, ages two through five. 55% of those enrolled are from low-income families. To learn more about KCAA Preschools of Hawai'i, please visit their website at www.kcaapreschools.org or call 808-941-9414.

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JPG files attached – Photo Caption:

1. Duncan MacNaughton and Jeff Dinsmore working on the play space at KCAA Mother Rice Preschool, left to right: Duncan MacNaughton (Chairman, The MacNaughton Group), Jeff Dinsmore (Partner, MKC Management, LLC and KCAA Trustee)
2. Volunteers finish the new play space with child-friendly plants, left to right: Jeff Dinsmore, Jeff Arce, Justin Mackenzie, Eric Tema
3. Volunteers from The MacNaughton Group making a difference at KCAA Mother Rice Preschool.