



Kihei Community Association

proudly presents the

Wiliwili Warrior Award to

The Wiliwili Warrior award recognizes individuals whose community service goes beyond the ordinary and embraces the embodiment of KCA's mission: "e mālama pono...dedicated to protecting, sustaining and enhancing our 'āina, kai and 'ohana".

The meaning behind the Wiliwili Warrior Award:

The spectacular endemic Hawaiian wiliwili tree was once abundant in the native Hawaiian dry, lowland forest which covered much of leeward and central Maui. Now less than 5% of this habitat remains, making it the rarest and most endangered of all Maui's ecosystems. The Kihei-Makena region has one of the largest existing populations of wiliwili trees. Once a dominate upper-story tree of the dryland forest, it now struggles to survive in an ever changing modern world. Our community recognizes the importance of this native tree and it's native habitat. It symbolizes KCA's kuleana (mission) to mālama (cherish and take care of) all those things that make this place we call home so special and unique.