

ANTONE & EDENE VIDINHA CHARITABLE TRUST

Bank of Hawaii, Trustee



Historical Note

Before turning 30, Antone “Kona” Vidinha, Jr. was the sheriff for the Koloa district on the Island of Kauai, a post his father had held. Later, he became captain of police when the county centralized its law enforcement.

Vidinha served as Kauai’s chief executive from 1967 to 1972. He took office with the title of chairman and chief executive of Kauai County in 1967, but the title was changed to “mayor” during his tenure in office.

Along the way, land investments made him wealthy, and Vidinha shared this wealth through charities. One of his favorites, reportedly, was a program of scholarships for needy University of Hawaii students from Kauai. He died in 1976 at the age of 73.

Edene Vidinha was born in 1905 and was raised in Koloa, Kauai, where she first attended Koloa School. She transferred to Kawaiahao Seminary in Honolulu, graduated from Kauai High School, and received her teaching certificate from Normal School in 1926. Returning to Kauai to teach, Edene’s first assignment was at Huleia School; and later at Koloa School, where she retired thirty-seven years later. Edene died in 1988.

The Antone and Edene Vidinha Charitable Trust was established to benefit the people of Kauai. Following Edene’s death, a Distribution Committee, composed of officers of the Trustee and community members, was organized to carry out the charitable intent of the trust.

