



NAME: Philip A. Steinbacher

ISLAND: Kaua'i

BIO: Philip A. Steinbacher's 40+ years experience in education, advocacy, music, entertainment, and writing features an extensive history working with children and adults of diverse backgrounds and abilities. He holds a BA in Music from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and an MA in Elementary Education from the University of Central Florida. After a successful career as an entertainer at Walt Disney World, Philip embarked on a career as an educator, working in a range of instructional and leadership roles in both public and private schools in Florida, North Carolina, Illinois, and Hawai'i. Currently, he is the editor of Garden Island Tea, a digital newsletter for the LGBTQ+ community of Kaua'i; a crisis counselor with The Trevor Project, the leading nonprofit organization focusing on suicide prevention among LGBTQ+ youth; and a regular volunteer with Kaua'i arts organizations and LGBTQ+ youth support groups. Philip donates proceeds from the sale of his most recently released book, *The Peace Alphabet*, to local and national organizations supporting LGBTQ+ youth.

PRIORITIES: LGBTQ+ youth in regards to personal safety and equal treatment in schools; protections for gender-affirming healthcare; LGBTQ+ families