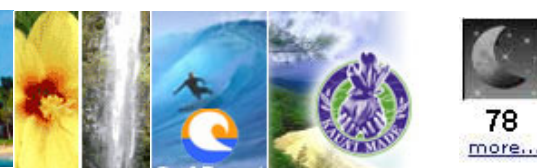


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### Ice cream social raises money for Make-A-Wish

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LIHU'E — "I got a \$100 bill and we still have an hour left to go," said Becky Swank, manager of the Cold Stone Creamery at Kukui Grove Center.

A steady stream of ice cream aficionados strolled through the store, joining the nationwide network of Cold Stone Creamery outlets in celebrating the 8th annual World's Largest Ice Cream Social, Thursday.

Both Kaua'i stores (Kukui Grove and Waipouli) participated, Swank said.

During the social, ice cream fans could get a free three-ounce helping of a special Make-A-Wish Jack Creation for a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Jack is the 5-year-old Make-A-Wish national mascot and came up with the creation after teaming with Cold Stone Creamery tastemaster Ray Karam.

The creation features sweet cream ice cream mixed with brownies and sprinkles and topped with caramel. It earned Jack the "Junior Tastemaster" honor, states the Make-A-Wish Foundation Web site.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

On Kaua'i, the Bruce Pleas family was the beneficiary to a Make-A-Wish grant. They joined Swank and the Cold Stone Creamery crew at Kukui Grove.

"It's a good thing we have a big family," said Kelly Pleas. "Can you imagine how much more we could make if this was Friday night?"

Cold Stone Creamery offers a month-long promotion for the Make-A-Wish Foundation that culminates with the ice cream social.

Supporting the Make-A-Wish Foundation since 2002, Cold Stone Creamery outlets have generated \$3.2 million in donations.

Shealynna Ringor, a junior at Kaua'i High School, was enjoying her Make A Wish Creation with her pet dog Princess Baby.

"This is so good," she said. "How can you say 'no' to something like this?"



Shealynna Ringor and Princess Baby were part of the crowd that streamed through the Cold Stone Creamery at Kukui Grove Center during the Make-A-Wish Creation fundraiser, Thursday evening. Photo by Dennis Fujimoto/The Garden Island



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