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# Ka Makana Ali'i Welcomes Photography Studio THE VIBE & Cookie Corner to the Center for West O'ahu

The new photography studio offers affordable photo sessions for every holiday, while Cookie Corner bakes up Oʻahu's favorite cookies at the Center

**KAPOLEI, HI** (December 10, 2020) — Ka Makana Ali'i welcomes the first-ever Photography Studio THE VIBE to the Center. At approximately 2,100 square feet, Photography Studio THE VIBE is an indoor photo studio specializing in everything from baby & kids, couple, family, friendship, wedding, portrait, event and holiday sessions. Located in the Macy's wing across from Valyou Furniture, the new studio can even do commercial, passport, real estate and engagement photos.

Owner Jaesung Lee worked at a photo studio in Korea before moving to O'ahu 10 years ago from Seoul. Before opening Photography Studio THE VIBE, he owned a photography business in Waikiki specializing in outdoor photo shoots for Korean travelers on honeymoone, family vacation, or weddings. When the pandemic slowed travel and the opportunity opened up to create a business like those that are popular in Korea, Lee took it. it. The studio is home to countless backdrops and more than six different photo stations that change based on the season, upcoming holidays and the amount of people in the session. Many of the props at Photography Studio THE VIBE were built by the photographers themselves.

Photo packages range from as little as \$50 for a 10-minute walk-in session, to \$150 for a 30-minute holiday session and \$250 for a 1-hour session. A full pricing list and photo samples are available at <a href="www.studiothevibe.com">www.studiothevibe.com</a>. Booking can also be scheduled by calling (808) 222-2523 or emailing <a href="mailto:info@studiothevibe.com">info@studiothevibe.com</a>. Photos are available <a href="here">here</a> (Courtesy Photography Studio THE VIBE).

The Center for West O'ahu also welcomed Cookie Corner to Ka Makana Ali'i just in time for Chirstmas gifting. Located in the theatre wing of the Center between Lids and GNC, the 1,030-

square-foot store sells original size cookies, traditional bite-size cookies, Island-style bite-size cookies, tropical fruit bars, shortbread cookies and biscotti. It is the 14<sup>th</sup> Cookie Corner location on O'ahu. Cookie Corner has been baking up cookies with an extra morsel of aloha since 1981.

"We value local businesses at Ka Makana Ali'i and are excited to welcome Cookie Corner and Photography Studio THE VIBE," said Stephanie England, general manager at Ka Makana Ali'i. "At the Center for West O'ahu, community is at the heart of everything we do. The health and well-being of our 'ohana – our tenants, employees, patrons and community — is our top priority."

Visit our website at <a href="www.KaMakanaAlii.com">www.KaMakanaAlii.com</a> for more details about upcoming promotions. For the latest news and updates, follow Ka Makana Ali'i on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, all with profile name @kamakanaalii. For media inquiries and on-property approval, please contact alyssa.amasol@anthologygroup.com.

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#### About Ka Makana Ali'i

Ka Makana Ali'i offers residents and visitors a family-friendly, mixed-use center in the heart of Hawai'i's fastest growing community. The 750,000-square-foot Macy's-anchored center features more than 100 exciting stores, restaurants, a state-of-the-art Consolidated Theatres and the state's first Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton located on property. The newest development, The Grove at Ka Makana Ali'i, creates an additional 109,000 square feet of space with lifestyle retailers, eateries and services, such as Foodland Farms, Straub Clinic and Urgent Care, and PetSmart. Serving as the premier gathering place in Kapolei, Ka Makana Ali'i fulfills the shopping and dining needs of the ever-expanding community. Its convenient location offers excellent highway access, ample parking and public transportation for shoppers. Through an innovative partnership with Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Ka Makana Ali'i will financially support programs benefiting Native Hawaiian interests statewide for decades to come. For more information, please visit www.kamakanaalii.com.

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