

The Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island took part in Kick Butts Day on March 18, 2009. BGCBI Clubs in Hilo, Keaau, Naalehu, Paauilo, Pahala, and Pahoia had interactive games, activities, and displays that educated kids on the dangers of tobacco use. At the Hilo Club, 1100 tombstones were displayed to represent the annual adult deaths in Hawaii resulting from smoking cigarettes.



In addition to the afterschool activities, BGCBI led rallies and activities at Hilo High School, Keaau High School, Naalehu Elementary & Intermediate School, and Pahoia High School. The students at Hilo High participated in a Kick Butts Day Game Show, Pahoia High students took part in a relay race and tobacco prevention games, Keaau High students participated in a tobacco information tombstone scavenger hunt and games, and Naalehu Elementary & Intermediate students

learned about cigarette ingredients and health consequences.

Kick Butts Day 2009 was a big success. BGCBI would like to thank American Lung Association, Tobacco-Free Big Island, Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii, REAL, Kick the Nic, University of Hawaii Baccalaureate Nursing Program, Kat & Keala, Gumby & Jake, Hilo High School, Hilo High Key Club, Keaau High School, Pahoia High School, Naalehu Elementary & Intermediate School, Kamehameha Schools, McDonalds, KTA, Hilo Candy Company, United States Tennis Association, Wal-Mart, Hollywood Theaters, Macy's, L&L-Pahoia, Boogie Woogie Pizza, Riddem Skate Shop, Hot Dog on a Stick, Malama Mart, Ace Hardware, Hana Hou, and B&E 76 for their support and donations.

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