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The Children's Alliance of Hawaii's Annual Mahealani Fundraiser Nets More than \$156,000

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HONOLULU - The Children's Alliance of Hawaii's seventh annual Mahealani event was a sold-out success, raising more than \$156,000 for the health and human services non-profit organization. The money was raised through a combination of table sponsorships and live and silent auctions. Mary Worrall served as the event's chair for the most successful Mahealani event to date.

"This year's event was a huge success. We had an outstanding selection of auction items and we deeply appreciate the many individuals and companies that donated time and resources to the event. Most importantly, funds were raised for the Children's Alliance to be able to continue its programs and services for Hawaii's sexually abused children," said Kim Bartenstein, director of development for the Children's Alliance and Mahealani coordinator.

Among this year's table sponsors at the \$10,000 Plumeria level were HighMark Investments, LLC, Alice Robison and Davis Properties and Investments. Hawaiian Cement and Hawaiian Airlines purchased Bird of Paradise tables; and Bernston Porter & Company, PPLC, C.S. Wo & Sons, Ltd., FCA Hawaii, Group 70 International, Inc., Mary Worrall Associates Sotheby's International Realty, Rich and Brendan Ethington and The Gentry Companies purchased Ginger tables.

Auction items were abundant and diverse ranging from wine and food baskets to fine collectibles and trips. Among some of the higher end items was a seven-night stay at Sydney Harbour Marriot with first class service on Hawaiian Airlines for two, which brought in \$4,500. There was also an exciting package, which included air-to-air combat for two at Air Combat USA in Fullerton, CA and a personal tour with acrobatic pilot Clint Churchill at the Pacific Aviation Museum with lunch that raised \$4,000.

The Children's Alliance would like to extend a warm mahalo to the following individuals and organizations that helped to make the event successful:

o The Kahala Hotel & Resort and Managing Director John Blanco for the venue
o Neimen Marcus employees Doug Jago, Jeannine Espinda, Ann Smith and Nina Pacewicz for decorating the main ballroom and silent auction
o Linda Coble, for emceeing and Chief Justice Ronald Moon for speaking
o Volunteers from o Department of the Prosecuting Attorney
o Department of Human Services/Child Welfare Services
o Sex Abuse Treatment Center
o Children's Justice Center of Oahu
o Department of Education
o Honolulu Police Department
o CID/Sex Crimes Unit
o Hawaii Foodbank
o Central Pacific HomeLoans, Inc.
o All the businesses that donated auction items
o All of the sponsors, attendees and auction bidders

Commemorating twenty years of service, The Children's Alliance of Hawaii is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide care and support for sexually abused children, offering hope for the future. The organization assists the Children's Justice Center and serves sexually abused children from toddlers through teens with a specialized continuum of therapeutic and enhancement programs. For more information please call (808) 599-2955 or visit www.cahawaii.org.

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