

Aloha,

At the end of every year, I gather the Life Foundation staff together to light a candle for each of our clients who died during the past twelve months. On December 28, we acknowledged fourteen people who we lost in 2007. Their names were Margaret, Richard, Kee, Humphrey, Jason, Ross, Lionel, Karl, Edgardo, Jean-Claude, Clayton, Stephen, Mary and Darrell.

In the past five years, we have had 78 client deaths. In my first five years here, between 1992 and 1997, the number was 373. This is a significant improvement but provides small solace to the friends and families of the people for whom we lit this year's candles.

Of my various year-end tasks and traditions, I do not look forward to my annual candle-buying visit to Long's. I would prefer to make the trip to purchase champagne and celebrate a death-free year. It will come.

In the meantime, another year has begun. Thank you to everyone who donated time, talent and money during 2007. With your help, we were able to begin several new programs, including HIV rapid testing and mental health services, and were able to keep

our ongoing services strong.

Programmatically, in 2008, we will put a lot of effort into reaching out to the people who do not reach out to us. We will focus a fair amount of attention in the Leeward area of the island offering free and anonymous HIV testing and case management follow-up. People who think they may have been exposed to HIV will not have to come to us, we will go to them.

We will continue to emphasize the important message that, "There is no shame in getting tested. There is no shame in acquiring medical care for AIDS."

Organizationally, we will be seeking accreditation by a nationally recognized accrediting body. This undoubtedly tedious effort will help us review every aspect of Life Foundation with the goal of establishing and maintaining the highest possible standards of service delivery and accountability. We owe that to the people who need our help and we owe it to our longtime supporters and to the folks we hope will join us in the fight against AIDS in the future.

May the New Year bring hope, health, happiness and peace to you and us all.



Paul Groesbeck
Executive Director

**IN
2008**
WE WILL REACH
OUT TO PEOPLE WHO
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Established in 1983, Life Foundation is a non-profit tax-exempt organization that is dedicated to stopping the spread of HIV and to assisting people who are living with HIV and AIDS.

Anyone seeking HIV information or assistance can call the Life Foundation at 808-521-AIDS (521-2437). All services are free and absolutely confidential.

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5TH ANNUAL
NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND
PACIFIC ISLANDER
RETREAT**

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How 20 MINUTES MAKES A DIFFERENCE

In our last issue of LifeLines, we proudly reported that Life Foundation is now able to offer rapid testing - a HIV testing method that gives results in 20 minutes.

Older methods of HIV testing require a 1-2 week wait for results. Because of this delay, approximately 25% of the people Life Foundation tested did not return for their results.

Since Life Foundation launched its rapid testing program in August of 2007, 100% of people tested using rapid testing received their results. In addition, the number

of HIV tests Life Foundation preforms on a monthly basis has more than doubled. In the first four months of 2007, Life Foundation preformed 260 HIV tests using older HIV testing methods. In the last 4 months, with the availability of rapid testing, 556 tests were preformed.

Life Foundation remains the only AIDS program in Hawai'i offering rapid HIV testing. Life Foundation has also offered technical assistance through



our capacity building assistance (CBA) program to the neighbor island AIDS organizations to help them begin rapid testing.

Drop-in testing is available at Life Foundation Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Testing is available after hours by appointment.

CITY GRANT ASSISTS LEEWARD COAST HIV OUTREACH PROGRAM



In December of 2007, Life Foundation was among 25 non-profit community organizations on O'ahu to receive a grant from the city to provide community building assistance to the Leeward Coast.

In a written statement, Mayor Mufi Hanneman said "These grants to the non-profit organizations serving the Leeward Coast help to offset the burden residents bear for housing O'ahu's only landfill."

Life Foundation will be utilizing its \$16,700 grant to support its HIV testing and outreach to people living with HIV and AIDS on the Leeward Coast. Outreach to this area is a priority in Life Foundation's 2008 work, and is already supported by grant funding from the Office of Minority Health.

THIS QUARTER STATS FROM THIS QUARTER AT LIFE FOUNDATION	452 PEOPLE TESTED FOR HIV	XXX OUTREACH CONTACTS MADE BY LIFE FOUNDATION'S PREVENTION TEAM	698 NUMBER OF ACTIVE CLIENTS
	20 HIV-POSITIVE PEOPLE REGISTERED AS LIFE FOUNDATION CLIENTS	24 NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED THROUGH HOT MEALS PROGRAM	

A PLACE FOR STRAIGHT MEN LIVING WITH HIV

Life Foundation started out the new year with a special retreat for its heterosexual male clients living with HIV. The retreat was held on January 4th and 5th in Waikiki.

Ten straight male clients who were not previously involved in Life Foundation's support group for straight men attended. It provided the men an opportunity to discuss in a peer based setting their personal experiences of living with HIV.

The retreat also allowed the men to discuss the challenges and stigma straight men face while living with the disease.

Approximately 13% of Life Foundation's HIV positive clients are straight men. To support this group, Life Foundation also runs a weekly support group called "Ali'imalu".



MAHALO MANOA VALLEY THEATRE!

Many of Life Foundation's clients living with HIV are on a tight budget, and enjoying the arts and culture Honolulu has to offer isn't always possible.

Fortunately, Life Foundation clients now have regular opportunities to attend plays, thanks to the generous monthly ticket donations from Manoa Valley Theatre!

Please help us thank them by checking out their 2008 line-up.

Call 988-6131 or visit manoavalleytheatre.com

MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE DONATES GUITAR TO LIFE FOUNDATION



In December of 2007, the talented band, My Chemical Romance, made a stop in Hawai'i as part of their world tour to headline for Star 101.9's Mele Kaliki-Rocka at the Blaisdell Arena.

Proving they want to make a charitable impact in the many places they visit on their tour, My Chemical Romance donated the autographed guitar pictured at left to Life Foundation.

The guitar will be auctioned at a Life Foundation fundraising event in January, and proceeds will go to support Life Foundation's free HIV testing and care for people living with HIV on O'ahu.

A big thanks to My Chemical Romance and Star 101.9 for supporting the fight against AIDS in Hawai'i!

For more information on My Chemical Romance, check out their website at www.mychemicalromance.com.

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THE 5TH ANNUAL NATIVE HAWAIIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER RETREAT

HIV is on the rise in Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities here in Hawai'i and around the world. Currently, more than 20% of Life Foundation's HIV positive clients are Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander.

As family and community play a major role in these cultures, the shame and stigma surrounding HIV and AIDS has a large impact in people's ability to access HIV services, in fear of bringing shame upon their family.

As a result, many Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders do not access Life Foundation's

free HIV testing or services for people living with HIV.

Life Foundation is working on reversing this trend by focusing HIV prevention efforts on Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders

year, the retreat brings together members of the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander population, both HIV positive and negative, to learn about HIV and AIDS and what resources are available to them.

The 5th annual retreat was held the first weekend of December in 2007. The event brought together more than 100 participants, who celebrated their culture through dance and traditional ceremonies.

The retreat also focused on a series of workshops to build self esteem and learn about HIV prevention, testing, and care.

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Part of this effort is the annual Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander retreat. In its 5th

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

"Because I really believe we can eradicate AIDS in Hawai'i. I believe we have a roll in saving people's lives and feel inspired by that vision"

-Paul Groesbeck, when asked what inspires him to continue his 15 years of service as Life Foundation's executive director.



Participants of the 5th annual Life Foundation Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander retreat.

EAT, DRINK AND BE CHARITABLE

O'AHU DINES - WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

On Wednesday, February 27th, restaurants across O'ahu will participate in O'ahu Dines by donating a portion of their proceeds to support Life Foundation's work and promote HIV/AIDS awareness in Hawai'i.

O'ahu Dines is a fun, easy way to support the fight against AIDS in Hawaii. Make reservations early and be sure to tell your server you are there to support O'ahu Dines! Please dine out at one of these participating restaurants on February 27th!

Platinum Plate Restaurants

(will donate a minimum of \$1,500 of sales):

Boots and Kimo's Homestyle Restaurant
Big City Diner - Ward
Diamond Head Market and Grill

Participating Restaurants:

(will donate 20% of sales)

12th Avenue Grill
A Taste of New York Deli and Market
Baci Bistro
Ben and Jerry's
Brasserie Du Vin
Chai's Island Bistro
Dee Thai Restaurant
Hapa Grill
JJ Bistro and French Pastry
Le Guignol Restaurant
Los Chaparros Mexican Restaurant
Soul de Cuba Café
Spices
The Wedding Café
Wally Ho's Garage and Grill.



A BENEFIT FOR
LIFE FOUNDATION

HOST AN O'AHU DINES DINNER PARTY!

During the month of February, people across O'ahu will be hosting dinner parties as part of O'ahu Dines!

Hosts of these dinner parties receive free personalized O'ahu Dines invitations and red ribbons for their guests.

Guests of these dinner parties are encouraged to donate to Life Foundation in honor of O'ahu Dines.

*Register to hold a dinner party and request your free invitations at:
www.oahudines.org.*

Life Foundation is proud to announce two new components of O'ahu Dine for 2008 - an online auction and a dine-in option where people can hold O'ahu Dines dinner parties at their homes!

The online auction features restaurant gift certificates from Big City Diner, Soul de Cuba Cafe and more! For those interested in hosting a dinner party, free red AIDS awareness ribbons and customized O'ahu Dines invitations are provided to the organizers of these private dinner parties. The 'Dine In' participants can also have their events catered by O'ahu Dines restaurants. Sign up to host a dinner party, check out the online auction, and see the complete list of participating restaurants at:

www.oahudines.org

or contact Life Foundation's Development Associate, Kandice Johns at 521-2437 ext. 250 or by email at kjohns@lifefoundation.org.

O'ahu Dines is sponsored by Honolulu Magazine, Cox Radio, Communications Pacific, and Oceanic Time Warner Cable.

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MAHALO...

BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

80% Straight	CVS ProCare Pharmacy	Meadow Gold Dairies
A Tattoolicious Salon	Diamond Head Video	The Moped Company
Ala Wai Watermark Development Group	Foodland Super Markets, Ltd	My Chemical Romance
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Aloha United Way	GoodSearch	Over Easy/Down Under
Angry Goose Records	Google	Pacific Bar Associates, LTD
Annual Hawaii A A Convention	Hula's Bar & Lei Stand	Pacific Personnel
Beall & Associates	In Between	Pfizer, Inc.
The Beat Records	JCN Enterprises, Inc.	Roche Laboratories Inc.
The Cabana at Waikiki	Kahala Hotel & Resort	Star 101.9
Cable Positive Tony Cox Community Fund	Kamehameha Schools	Starbucks Coffee Company
Chaminade University	Kokua In Kind	Tenet Healthcare Foundation
Chemi-Pure Termite & Pest Control	Kumu Kahua Theatre	United Airlines Employee Giving Account
Chiko's Tavern	Liz Claiborne Foundation	Vacations Hawaii
Communications Pacific	MAC AIDS Fund	Velvet Video
	Macy's Passport	Volcano Restaurant Group
	Macy's West United Way Campaign	Watanabe Florists
	Max's Gym	G.N. Wilcox Trust

THANK YOU HULA'S

A big mahalo to Hula's Bar and Lei Stand for hosting two fundraising events for Life Foundation during the month of December.

Both the Proud and Hunky Santa events were a great way to raise community awareness and support Life Foundation's work.

INDIVIDUALS

David	Alexander Cheng	Jason Hanawalt
Wanda Adams	Won-Yee Cheng	Jean Harling
Monoiki Ah Nee	Susan Ching	Robert Harris
Anthony Alascio	William Connolly	Scott Hashimoto
Anonymous (7)	Paul & Betty Cool	Jodee Haugh
Ruth Au	Carl Cordes	Ralph Heidenreich
Anthony Austin	Char Cruz	Dr. Lyle Herman
Wade Bahn	Richard & Myrna Cundy	Dr. Robert Huey
Dr. Thomas Barlow	Dwight Damon	Doris Inafuku
Steve Barnes	Derrik Daniels	Carmencita & John Isabelo
Richard Barton	Alicia Davila	Jarrett Sean James
Cheryl Batangan	Jeffrey Davis	Jim Jennings
Ron Baumgartner	Frederick Dodge	James Jensen
Donald Bentz	Uson Ewart	Kandice Johns
Carl Berger	Tim Falls	Susan Johnston
Morgan Blair	Charles Ferrell, Jr.	Jamie Kahale
Lehua Bongo	Eunice Fong	Yasuto Kaihara
Larry Bongort	Jennifer Frank	Kevin Kaneshiro
James Bonham	Carol Franklin	Gabriele Kasper
Paula Brick	Ede & Ernie Fukumoto	Abigail Kawanakoa
Delbert Brooks	Robert Fullerton	Faith & Paul Kealoa
Gilman Budar	Babette Galang	Nancy Kern
Harry Byerly	Shinye & Pauline Gima	Gary Kienbaum
Thomas & Patricia Cabrinha	Alfred Gima, MD	Kenneth & Mabel Kim
James Cairl	Thomas Glass	Milton Kimura
Stephanie Castillo	Kimberly Gleason	Carolyn Koehler
Erin Castle	Dr. Cyril Goshima	Sanford Komatsu
Chi Nga Chan	Warwick Gregson	Henry Kormanski
Clifford Chang	Sherie & James Gusukuma	Cynthia Kubas
Nani Chang	Ottina Haight	Howard & Wilma Kubo
Michael Cheang	Staci Hanashiro	



INDIVIDUALS, CONT.....

Thomas La Belle	Daniel Molnar	Danny Snyder
Summer La Croix	Jonathan Moore	Josephine Stenberg
Pamela Larson	Melanie Moore	Tom Swedenburg
Arnold Latti	Jean Morel	Fred & Lisa Tadda
Benita Lau	Jeanette Mori	Tod-Casey Takeuchi
Brianne Lau	Michael & Carol Mork	James & Linda Tam
Rocco Laudadio	Donald Munro	Jan Tamura
John & Lynne Law	Daisy & Kenny Myers	Robert & LaVerne Tirrell
Jack Law	Dwayne Myles	Brandon Trout
Tim Lawler	Alberta Nakaima	Krista Tuomi
Baron Lee	Robert Nathanson	Elizabeth Turner
Peter Lee	Brian Navarette	Lesley Tyson
John Venizelos Levas	Gregory Northrop	Amy Uyechi
Don & Pam Lichty	Shawn O'Brien	Grant Uyeda
Peter Lincoln	Kevin Okada	Nicole Van Maanen
Walter & Joyce Loo	Joseph O'Mealy	Larry Vannah
Benjamin & Mardelle Lum	Kimiko & Paul Oshita	Jerry Vogler
Michael & Lisa Lum	Patrick Padgen	Lorinda Waltz
Michael Lunde	Russell Pang	Bill Waring
Charles Lyden	Ashvina Patel	Tracy Watanabe
Jerrine Madayag-Calantoc	Pamela Peterson	Alex Weinstein
Stephen Magan	Barbara Polk	Harriet Weissman
Nancy Mah	Catherina Pudwill	Jeremy White
Susan Mah	Daniella Ramirez	Arthur Williams
Nancy Makowski	Tom Ramsey	Keoni Williams
Helen Manalo	Rey Rapal	Mark Wilson
Minelva Manuel	Heather Ross	Gail Windle
Ann Marten	Shain Routley	Adam Wise
Jennifer Mason	Nancy Sananikone	Wendell Wo
Terry Mauney	Carol Santucci	Jerry Wong
John McComas	Patrick Satterthwaite	Tracy Woo
Dr. David McEwan	Caroline Sauer	George & Mary Ann Wyman
Robert & Patricia McHenry	Sylvia Schmidt	Lee Yarbrough
Jim McKown	Albert Schutz	Clarence & June Yee
Kenneth & Judith Mehmen	Thomas Sheeran	Sylvianne Young
Stanton Michels	Helene Shenkus	Alan Yue
Fred Mikawa	Dr. Bruce Shiramizu	Rob Zabel
Gary Miyamoto	Bill Shiroma	Kevin Zane
Kazue Miyashiro	Laura & Steven Short	

HONOLULU AIDS WALK

Register today for the 17th
annual Honolulu AIDS
Walk!

The walk will be held on
Sunday, April 20 at the
Kapiolani Park Bandstand.

The walk is an easy 5k
around Kapiolani Park,
and is followed by great
entertainment and prizes.

Register today at
honoluluaidswalk.org
or call 521-AIDS.

PARTY WITH A PURPOSE...

... make your next event a Party With A Purpose by making your birthday, anniversary or barbecue a fundraiser for Life Foundation! Making a difference in the fights against HIV in Hawaii & the Pacific couldn't get any easier! Contact Don Bentz at (808) 521-2437, ext. 238 or dbentz@life.foundation.org for details!





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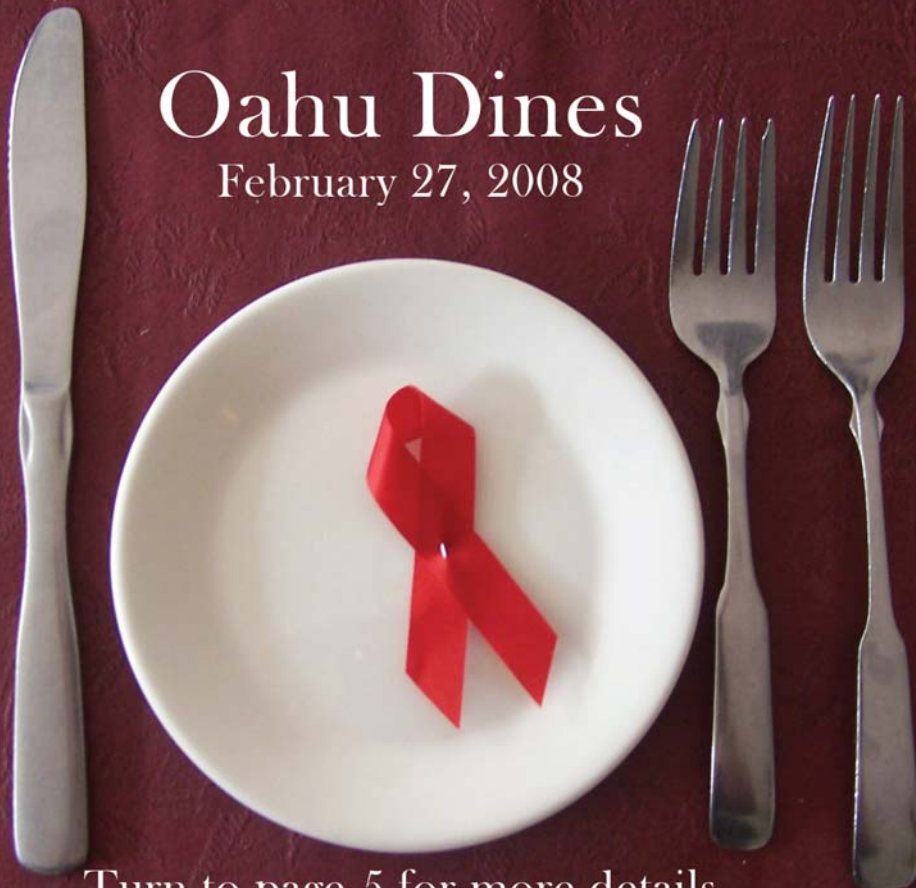
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