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Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua'i

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BANK OF HAWAII FUNDS PUBLIC EDUCATION PROJECT

(Lihu'e, Hawaii, September 20, 2005) – Bank of Hawaii Charitable Foundation has awarded \$2,000 to Kaua'i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) to be used for building community support for public education.

Understanding that Kaua'i public schools face many challenges, KPAA has established a Public Education Action Team that brings together business, government and community to identify and organize specific activities to improve our schools and involve families and community members.

“We are excited to have Bank of Hawaii's support as KPAA begins to implement multiple strategies to support education,” says Diane Zachary, President & CEO. “We recognize that strong, innovative public schools not only build productive citizens, they also have long lasting, positive impact throughout our community.”

The Education Action Team believes that promoting increased involvement of parents and the public in our schools will enable schools to better meet the needs of students and improve student learning.

The Action Team has three goals for the next two years: 1) Promote lifelong learning that uses innovative approaches that develop personal, academic and work-related skills, 2) Support Act 51 and the role of principals and School Community Councils in improving and transforming schools, and 3) Encourage, recognize and celebrate community involvement in our public schools.

“We have also received support for this project from Hawai'i Community Foundation's Mo Bettah Together program,” says Zachary. “Adding Bank of Hawaii support will give us even greater impact and success in meeting the three goals. Bank of Hawaii has been very supportive of public education reforms throughout the state.”

KPAA brings together diverse organizations for collaborative planning and action to achieve targeted community goals. They are a membership organization of non-profit and community-based groups, government agencies, and business associations working together to achieve effective, long-lasting solutions to issues confronting our island. For more information call KPAA at 632-2005 or visit their website at www.kauainetwork.org.

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Photo Caption: Kirk W. M. Nakamoto, VP & District Manager of Bank of Hawaii presents a check to KPAA Treasurer Mark Hubbard, Board Chair Peter Kea, and CEO Diane Zachary.