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COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS IN THE CLASSROOM

(Lihu`e, Hawai`i, November 6, 2006) - The Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA) is recruiting volunteers now for its *Community Volunteers in the Classroom* (CVC) initiative. The CVC program focuses on promoting student achievement and assisting teachers and staff in Kaua`i public elementary schools.

Volunteers will partner with teachers in Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 6 to tutor students, assist in the classroom, share special skills and talents, or help with clerical tasks. All volunteers will receive a brief training and orientation.

According to Tad Miura, Jr., member of KPAA's Education Action Team, "This project links caring individuals in our community with teachers and children. Our goal is to help students achieve academic success."

CVC is supported by the Hawai`i Department of Education – Kaua`i District, Hawai`i Community Foundation, Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial Fund, Bank of Hawaii, and A & B Foundation.

To receive an application or to learn more about the *Community Volunteers in the Classroom* program, contact Sarah Shiraki at KPAA at 632-2005. Applications also can be downloaded from the KPAA website at www.kauainetwork.org.

Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance is a non-profit organization that serves as a neutral convener, providing a forum for the community to develop and implement effective solutions to issues that matter to Kaua`i.

Cutline for photo to accompany Kaua`i Planning & Action Alliance's Press Release *Community Volunteers in the Classroom*:

Parent volunteer Stacey Wong reads an illustrated book as his son's kindergarten class at Kalaheo School listens with rapt attention. Photo taken by Sarah Shiraki

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