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BUILDING CAPACITY IN KAUAI'S NONPROFITS

Lihu'e, Kauai, HI – 2/22/08 Nonprofit board members and executive directors will hear from leading experts on how they can increase their organizational effectiveness at a one-day conference in Lihu'e on March 4.

Building Capacity in Kauai's Nonprofits is hosted by Kauai Planning & Action Alliance (KPAA). The conference will be at the Kauai Marriott Resort on Tuesday, March 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with registration starting at 8:00 a.m. The cost is \$50 for current KPAA members and \$60 for others, and includes conference materials, continental breakfast and lunch.

The featured guest speakers are top-notch trainers able to help nonprofits increase their ability to provide services.

David La Piana is a national expert on nonprofit management and governance. He is President of La Piana Associates, Inc., a consulting firm specializing in solutions to the strategic issues faced by nonprofit organizations and their funders. He has taught at the University of San Francisco's Institute for Nonprofit Organization Management and at the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley.

Jan Masaoka is a leading writer and thinker on nonprofit organizations and served as executive director of CompassPoint Nonprofit Services for 14 years. Currently she is the Director and Editor-in-Chief of Blue Avocado, a new online newsletter for nonprofits slated to start in April. Jan was also named one of the "Fifty Most Influential People" in the nonprofit sector nationwide for the last eight years.

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Kelvin Taketa is president and chief executive officer of the Hawai'i Community Foundation, one of the largest community foundations in the country. Since his appointment in 1998, the Foundation has become a leader in facilitating charitable investments in Hawai'i.

Other speakers include John Flanagan, chief executive officer of Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO) and a guest panel representing four Hawai'i-based foundations – A&B Foundation, Annie S. Knudsen Memorial Fund, Grove Farm Foundation and Hawai'i Community Foundation. Also on the program will be several of Kaua'i's most experienced nonprofit executive directors to share their best practices.

The conference is sponsored by the Annie Sinclair Knudsen Memorial Fund through the Hawai'i Community Foundation, and with support from Grove Farm Foundation. It is presented in partnership with Kaua'i United Way, Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce and Leadership Kaua'i.

To register, go to KPAA's website www.kauainetwork.org for complete conference information or call KPAA at (808) 632-2005.

KPAA is a non-profit membership organization that serves as a neutral convener and facilitator, providing a forum to the community to develop and implement effective solutions to issues that matter to Kaua'i.

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