

MYFS ANNOUNCES GROWING DREAMS 2011
Kevin Ylvisaker is featured floral designer

MAKAWAO, MAUI, HAWAII – (June 20, 2011) –Growing Dreams celebrates its 11th year with the special theme of Retro Color Explosion. The event features Floral Trend Consultant Kevin Ylvisaker as the guest floral designer. Ylvisaker will work with splashes of color, reminiscent of the the 1960's when tie-dye and jeans were the trend. "Many of us, including myself grew up in the 60's when things were new and colors were vibrant," he said. "This show will take us back in time to explore how those colors and trends influenced the design styles of today. So if you're in the mood to be feeling groovy, this is the show to see" adds Ylvisaker.

The Maui Youth & Family Services (MYFS) signature event will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2011 at the Fairmont Kea Lani Resort in Wailea, from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$125 and \$150 for VIP seating. Guests may purchase tickets online by visiting the website at www.myfs.org and going to the Growing Dreams page. For more information, please call 579-8414, extension 8118.

Helen McCord, owner of Kula Botanical Gardens on Maui, is the chairperson for the 11th Annual Growing Dreams. "We are thrilled to be returning to the Fairmont Kea Lani this year," she said. Growing Dreams is a very unique event, partnering the beautiful flowers of the island with an agency that builds better lives with Hawaii's families."

The committee is also looking for corporate sponsors and silent auction donors for the MYFS fundraising event. "As fun and glamorous as Growing Dreams always is, we want to remember what it's all about," adds McCord. ." "Ultimately the show helps MYFS provide services for Maui's at-risk children. We believe that regardless of their circumstances, youth can reach their goals with the help of caring, loving foster families and staff members. All of the proceeds from Growing Dreams remain on Maui and are used to provide essentials for our programs."

In addition to a fabulous luncheon and floral design workshop, there will also be silent and live auctions.

About Kevin Ylvisaker, AIFD

Kevin is a freelance designer with his company KLY Floral International. He is a Teleflora Education Specialist, an Oasis Design Director, he is on the design team for Fitz Designs and is an endorsed designer for Design Master Color Tool. He works with Accent Décor to produce designs for their catalogs and their "T2" video series. He is a certified member of the American Institute Of Floral Designers (AIFD) and is also a Past President of AIFD. He is a member of PFCI, the Professional Floral Communicators International. Kevin is a Team Member of Hitomi Gilliam's Design 358 Canadian Design Group. Kevin is a past President of the Wisconsin and Upper Michigan Florists Association (WUMFA). Nationally he has designed and judged across the country for garden clubs, wholesale houses, state associations, floral organizations and floral wire services. He has presented at several of the Art In Bloom weekends as a guest speaker and judge. Kevin was a member of the Design Team for the Inauguration of President

George Bush Sr. in Washington DC 1989. He was a Design Team Captain for the Inauguration of President Bill Clinton in 1993 also in Washington DC.

ABOUT Maui Youth and Family Services

Maui Youth & Family Services is a comprehensive social services agency whose mission is “Building better lives with Hawaii’s families.” MYFS has been accomplishing this mission for more than 33 years by offering a continuum of services for adolescents and their families, including foster family programs, prevention programs and outpatient treatment for substance abuse and behavioral health treatment. To learn more, please visit the website at www.myfs.org.

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