

Generous Donation from the James & Abigail Campbell Foundation

The James & Abigail Campbell Foundation has made a \$25,000 contribution to Maui Youth and Family Services in support of its Independent/Transitional Living home in Lahaina. The home is designed for older children who are given support, education, vocational training, therapy and daily living skills to prevent homelessness, dependency or reinstitutionalization. "The gift from Campbell Foundation will allow us to equip our Lahaina home with a one-on-one counseling office as well as to replace worn furnishings. In that way we will be better able to provide for our older teens who are one step away from becoming our next generation of young adults," said Gail Gnazzo, MYFS Chief Executive Officer.

"The Campbell Foundation is pleased to continue our support in Lahaina. We value the work that is being done by Maui Youth and Family Services for all of Hawaii's children," said James Shingle, Campbell Foundation president. The foundation is primarily funded by the descendants of James and Abigail Campbell. James Campbell was one of the founders of Pioneer Mill in Lahaina.

The Lahaina Independent/Transitional Living program is geared for teens ages 16-19 who have a need to develop job skills and learn to live independently. Typically there can be up to eight youths living in a home with foster parents, counseling and training staff. The new counseling office will provide an optimal environment for therapy and will be named after the James and Abigail Campbell Foundation.



Left to right - Edward Mahoney, MYFS Independent Living Program Coordinator; Gail Gnazzo, MYFS CEO; Helen McCord, MYFS Board Chair and Clay Sutherland, Representative of the Campbell Foundation.

Ho'omaka Hou I

Substance Abuse Program Receives Full Re-Accreditation

The Department of Health Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division conducted an inspection of Maui Youth and Family Services Ho'omaka Hou I program recently and awarded full re-accreditation for the program. This accreditation is required of all programs providing substance abuse services and receiving state monies. It means that this program is in compliance with state standards for environment, records documentation, quality improvement, programming, and treatment.



Helen McCord

New Board Chair is "Hands-On" All the Way

Helen McCord, Maui Youth and Family Services Chairman of the Board 2001-02, is adamant about what it means to be the

volunteer leader of an organization . . . plenty of personal hands-on involvement! Helen, who has worked with the organization for the past two and a half years, has served on several committees from marketing to strategic planning, and has given countless hours of her time and energy.

Helen and husband Warren own the Kula Botanical Gardens and also grow fresh

Christmas trees for those lucky enough to get to her place early during the weekends they hold their annual tree sale. She recalls what moved her to become involved with MYFS. "We had donated trees to the emergency shelter and were invited to the opening of Ho'omaka Hou. There, a young man spoke about how the agency had saved his life and given him a new direction. About 57 Kleenexes later, I was hooked." Helen quickly answered yes when invited by Gail to become a board member.

The McCords came to Maui in 1968 to start their business and raise a family. They have three grown children: Carolyn, 33, Kevin 31 and Jeffrey, 29, as well as two grandchildren whom Helen loves dearly.

Helen has been a substitute teacher for the past 21 years and runs a senior citizens bridge club and works on the Christmas tree farm in her "spare" time.

When asked why she believes so strongly in the value of Maui Youth and Family Services to our community, Helen doesn't hesitate in her response. "There's been a change over the years in our traditional family which has left children without the role models and the guidance they so desperately need. I feel that if we can reach the ones who really need our help at a young enough age before they get out there on their own, we can help them transition into the kind of parents who will help stop the cycle of neglect and abuse."

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Message from the CEO:

Aloha Friends of Maui Youth and Family Services



Spring is a time of renewal for all living things. It also reminds us of the importance of bringing new energy to old patterns and bringing vibrancy into our everyday lives. It has been a bountiful and very full winter for Maui Youth and Family Services. We accomplished much and have much more to do.

Phone Mail

The phone mail campaign was a great success with more than 200 volunteers calling friend to friend and neighbor to neighbor on behalf of Maui Youth and Family Services. In just seven shifts over five days not only did we realize \$30,000 in gifts, we were also able to educate and inform more than 1000 people about the important work we do.

One of our greatest challenges is the fact that we serve an "invisible constituency." This means we are unable to share visual images of the youth we serve in any public messages. In many ways this makes it harder to do fundraising, but what we found through our phone mail campaign was once people heard about our programs, they were more than supportive. We would like to extend our gratitude again to all of those who made this fundraising drive so successful, to our volunteers, donors and phone mail chair,

John Hirashima...we say MAHALO!

Charity Walk

Maui Youth and Family Services will be joining hundreds of other Mauians on May 19th when the annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk takes place. This year MYFS will participate on two levels. We are partnering with The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui in the five-mile walk. Staff and participants are seeking sponsors for the walk, and those who want to help by supporting the walkers can participate in our aid station. The theme for this year's event is "Pictures in Paradise." It promises to bring out the creativity and fun that this event is known for. Anyone who wants to assist us can call our office for more information.

Growing Dreams

We are all very excited about Growing Dreams. World-renowned designer, Charlie Groppetti will create living works of art utilizing one of our most abundant natural resources, tropical flowers. We are so grateful to The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui and the Hawaii Florists and Shippers Association in sponsoring this first ever public flower design show. Please plan to join us on July 14!

Gail Gnazzo

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Growing Dreams - Maui's first floral and fashion event



At a Growing Dreams planning meeting are left to right: Tom Risko, The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui; Linda Morgan, event chair; John Hirashima, co-chair-flower design; Eileen Takaesu, advisor; and Helen McCord MYFS board chair.

Maui is set to have its first combination floral design demonstration and fashion show, when "Growing Dreams" debuts at The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui on July 14, 2001. This very special event is in support of Maui Youth and Family Services and is scheduled to begin in the morning with tropical floral design demonstrations by Charlie Groppetti, one of the top floral designers. The demonstrations will be followed by a luncheon prepared by the Kea Lani, and a fashion show featuring the clothing of Nell and Tommy Bahamas. The afternoon will alight with excitement during a live auction of the incredible floral arrangements which were prepared in the morning.

"Growing Dreams has attracted an impressive group of partners and volunteers," says event chair, Linda Morgan. "We have a compelling cause, an inspiring theme and a unique program offering hot fashion, award-winning cuisine and beautiful floral designs. We're hoping to make this the signature annual event for MYFS!"

Initial sponsors for Growing Dreams include: the Hawaii Florists and Shippers Association, The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui, and the Alexander & Baldwin Foundation. "Sponsorship packages are still available and include some great marketing benefits for our business community, while supporting a very worthy cause," said Paul Janes-Brown, MYFS Development Director." Call Janes-Brown at 579-8414, extension 39 for information on how to become a sponsor.

Tickets for the entire event are just \$50 and will go on sale beginning June 1, 2001 at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center Box Office. The admission price includes the floral design event, luncheon, fashion show and both the silent and live auctions. Seating is limited, so we suggest that you get your tickets early for this very special event...and help Hawaii's youth to keep "Growing Dreams."

The Hawaii Florists & Shippers Association
and
The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui
PRESENTS

Growing Dreams

Saturday, July 14, 9:30 am
The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui Ballroom

Floral design presentations
by Charlie Groppetti
Fashion Show featuring latest designs from
NELL & TOMMY BAHAMA
Delicious Luncheon
Live auction of floral designs & silent auction

Tickets \$50 per person available Maui Arts & Cultural Center box office June 1



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