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**GROWING DREAMS 2007 RAISES \$60,000 for
MAUI YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES**

MAKAWAO, MAUI HAWAII – (September 01, 2007) – Growing Dreams 2007, the signature event for Maui Youth & Family Services (MYFS), was held last month at the Four Seasons Resort. The agency today announced that the event raised \$60,000 for MYFS programs on Maui, Molokai and Lanai.

The event featured a floral design workshop by renowned floral artist J Schwanke and a fashion show by Serendipity. Tammy Ash Perkins, who was chairperson for the seventh annual event, reported that many in the audience thought it to be the best Growing Dreams to date. “J Schwanke proved to delight the audience with his mastery, wisdom and philosophical approach to flowers,...as we well as to humanity. He was unique in that he wove together stories from his own youth, which resonated with our supporters. Serendipity delivered a fantastic fashion show, and when it was all over the attendees were left eagerly awaiting next year’s event.”said Perkins.

In addition to the workshop and fashion show, there was also a live and silent auction and flower sale at the end of the event. Growing Dreams is scheduled next year for Saturday, August 2, 2008 and more information will be posted in coming months on the agency website at www.myfs.org and through other public announcements.

“We’d like to extend our warm gratitude for the tremendous support we received this year. Thanks to everyone for their donations, time, support and energy, MYFS continues to provide programs ranging from prevention and mental health services to substance abuse treatment and foster care throughout Maui County, “ said Tim Murphy, Interim CEO for MYFS. “This translates to reaching out and touching the lives of some of our community’s youth at what is often a very vulnerable and confusing time for them.”

Maui Youth & Family Services is a comprehensive social services agency whose mission is to “Build better lives with Hawaii’s families. “ MYFS has been accomplishing this mission for 27 years by offering a continuum of services for adolescents and their families, including residential and outpatient treatment for substance abuse and behavioral health treatment.

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