

Growing Dreams 2005 Celebrates 5th Anniversary

Event Scheduled for Saturday, July 9
at the Fairmont Kea Lani, 9 am - 2 pm



scheduled television appearances on national and cable channels and PBS stations, including Home & Garden Television (HGTV), demonstrating and discussing floral topics.

The idea of utilizing the abundance of floral resources was the brainchild of John Hirashima, who has worked tirelessly as a volunteer on the committee since the inception of the idea.

"We wanted to offer something that wasn't being done by anyone else in terms of their fundraising events," says Hirashima. "Flowers and floral arrangements presented by a floral designer seemed like a perfect way to showcase our amazing floral resources and to provide some great



What started as a seed for an idea five years ago, has blossomed into an extravagant, unique event in the world of fundraisers on Maui. *Growing Dreams*, the signature event for Maui Youth & Family Services (MYFS), brings floral design demonstrations and fashion/entertainment segments together with silent and live auctions, and a luncheon, for a unique and thrilling day.

Ardith E. Beveridge, AAF, AIFD, PFCI, is the featured floral designer for Growing Dreams 2005. Owner of Floral Communications, a consulting and training company assisting industry individuals, and businesses, Beveridge also makes

information to people on how to use them. The name is significant in that it speaks to the idea of allowing some of our island youth who have temporarily lost their way, the chance to begin anew and grow their own dreams again," he adds.

In addition to the floral design workshop, a special fashion show is slated and The Fairmont Kea Lani Maui is also preparing a very special luncheon for the event.

Tammy Ash Perkins, secretary of the MYFS board and Chair of *Growing Dreams 2005* said, "This entire event would not be possible without the collective efforts of several volunteers dedicated to helping the communities in which they live. And the success of this show definitely would not be possible without the continuing generous donation of countless hours by volunteers in support of MYFS and its mission."

"I am extremely lucky and ever thankful to have such a remarkable group of individuals to assist me in this important event and I could not thank them enough for the effort and work you have put into this event. Thanks to everyone!

Finally, *Growing Dreams* is in a constant search for sponsorship in the form of monetary donations, live auction items, and unusual containers for flowers. With your help, this year's event is sure to be a huge success, not to mention the most talked about event on the island of Maui." Cost for the entire day is \$75/\$100 per person or \$750/\$1000 for tables of ten and tickets are available by calling 579-8414, ext 43, or by going to the website, www.myfs.org, to order tickets directly.



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Maui Youth & Family Services, Inc. Becomes Reaccredited

Maui Youth & Family Services, Inc. (MYFS) has just received notification that it has been reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), according to an announcement made by Gail Gnazzo, MYFS Chief Executive Officer.

Because COA found nothing in the agency requiring correction, MYFS was again accorded expedited accreditation, an honor granted only the best agencies in the country. "MYFS is proud to continue as a member of COA's community of excellence including more than 1,000 private and public organizations serving more than 6 million children, individuals and families in the U.S. and Canada," Gnazzo said. "We are not only validated by this, but are committed to continue our work for Hawaii's youth in the best possible manner."

COA is an international, independent, organization incorporated in 1977, as an accrediting body of social and behavioral healthcare services. COA's mission "promotes best" practice standards; champions quality services for children, youth and families and advocates for the value of accreditation".

The COA accreditation process involves an in-depth examination of the organization's compliance with best practice standards. The process includes a review of organizational standards including human resources, financial and risk management and continuous quality improvement as well as thirty-nine service standards. The service standards address a full array of child, family and behavioral healthcare services including financial management, employee assistance program, mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, foster care, health service areas and a host of other service areas.

Governor Visits MYFS



Governor Linda Lingle recently visited Ho'omaka Hou residents after befriending one of the girls who was sent to Utah from Hawaii Youth Correctional Center. She spent the afternoon having lunch and chatting about life issues and spent some one-on-one time with her new friend. When she left, Gov. Lingle made quite an impression on everyone. "The way the youth responded to her was just amazing," according to Jim Salomone, Program Manager, Residential Programs. "It was very powerful and moving."

After a delicious luncheon prepared by the girls, Gov. Lingle talked about life choices and how important they are. She answered questions and shared some insight from her own life. She recalled how her mother was hospitalized for mental illness when she was just eight years old, and she thought it was somehow her fault. "We all have experiences in our lives to overcome, but we don't need to be held back by them."

Mahalo to Gov. Lingle for sharing such a special day with us.

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We want to hear from you

Please let us know if there are changes in your name or address, or if you received duplicate copies. (Pass this on to your neighbor!) Please use the form below to volunteer or make a donation. On behalf of Hawaii's youth, we say thank you!

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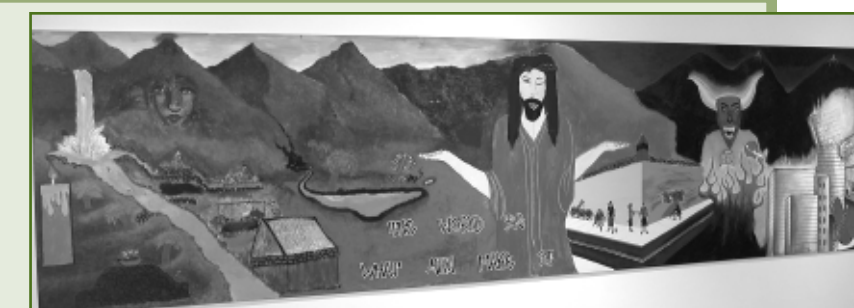
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CELEBRATING THE Artist WITHIN



MYFS youth in treatment participated in the opening of "Celebrating the Artist in Us" at the Maui Arts and Cultural Center's Shaefer International Gallery, creating two 16' x 4' murals featured in the Maui News. The project, a collaboration between Hui No'eu, the Maui Arts and Cultural Center and MYFS with foundation and county support, was a positive experience for our youth in treatment. Artist Ari Makridakis, the project director, was extremely moved by the results. "This project was so important because it gave the youth a chance to have a voice and feel like they are being heard," said Makridakis. "They have a lot to teach us about what is going on with the Hawaiian culture and the disempowerment they are feeling."



Wish List

Maui Youth & Family Services has developed a rather ambitious wish list and will be focusing on these items as we move forward with the development of a new marketing plan. If you would like to help by contributing toward any of these important causes...please contact Paul Janes-Brown at dev@myfs.org or call 579-8414, ext. 39.

MYFS WISH LIST 2005

Water Meter at Omaopio, Tractor at Omaopio, Truck at Omaopio, Hale at Omaopio
Renovation of Kapono - siding, termites, shower etc.
School Based Treatment - continuation of program
10-12 Additional counseling/nursing/case management offices
Interisland Networking - video conferencing, virtual visits

Support for Admissions Program
IT Position
Sailing Canoe, Sailing Boats, Paddling Canoes
Youth Workshops - art, music, video, partnerships

MAUI YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Substance Abuse Treatment • Individual, Family & Group Counseling • Group Homes & Foster Families • Intensive Services Programs
Independent Living Program • Emergency Youth Shelters • Youth Development Programs • Multi-disciplinary Team