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YMCA Receives Major Corporate and Foundation Support For Windward Capital Project

Honolulu, HI, November 9, 2010 -- The YMCA of Honolulu recently announced the following corporate and foundation contributions toward the renovation project of the Windward YMCA in Kailua: Ameron Hawaii (\$25,000), Castle Medical Center (\$25,000), First Hawaiian Bank Foundation (\$25,000), Alexander & Baldwin Foundation (\$10,000), and HEI Charitable Foundation (\$10,000).

"I think the outpouring of support for the Windward YMCA project from local families, companies and foundations, despite the down economy, is an indication of the relevant work the YMCA is doing for Windward communities", said Harry Saunders, Chair of the Windward YMCA Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

The YMCA is targeted to complete a \$1,200,000 capital campaign for facility renovations of the Windward YMCA, through the attainment of a \$600,000 match granted by the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation. The renovation project includes the building of a permanent "canopy" for the open-air courtyard of the facility, ADA enhancements and additional equipment and furnishings. The construction of the "canopy" will allow the YMCA to provide an additional 1,400 square feet of dry, ventilated program space for the youth and families utilizing the Windward Y. Construction is scheduled to begin this winter and be completed by summer, 2011.

The Windward Branch, built in 1950, originally was housed in a log cabin on Makawao Street in Coconut Grove, just down the road from St. Anthony's Catholic Church. It later moved to the building that used to be the Cornet Store and now houses the Salvation Army. The current facility at 1200 Kailua Road was dedicated in December 1959, and the pool was added in 1964. Today, the Windward YMCA is a vibrant branch serving over 1,700 households through facility and program memberships.

About the YMCA of Honolulu

The YMCA of Honolulu is one of Hawaii's leading nonprofits committed to nurturing the potential of youth, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility. Deeply rooted in Oahu's diverse communities since 1869, the YMCA of Honolulu's cause is strengthening communities and ensuring that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

The YMCA of Honolulu currently operates nine branches throughout Oahu: Atherton, Central, Kaimuki-Waiālae, Kalihi, Leeward, Mililani, Nuuanu, Windward, and Camp H.R. Erdman, the YMCA resident camp on the North Shore. For more information, visit www.ymcahonolulu.org.

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