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### **Kapolei Property Development Announces Winners of 2008 Kapolei Outstanding Achievement Awards**

(KAPOLEI, Hawai'i, May 22, 2008) -- Kapolei Property Development announced recipients of the 2008 Kapolei Outstanding Achievement (KOA) Awards on Wednesday, May 21 during a ceremony held at Lanikuhonua at the Ko Olina Resort.

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual awards program recognizes individuals, companies and organizations whose accomplishments in the areas of community service, education, environment and leadership have helped define Kapolei as a vibrant, growing city. The KOA Awards were established in 1990, the year the City of Kapolei broke ground.

"We truly believe that buildings alone do not make a city," said David Rae, senior vice president, development of Kapolei Property Development. "A city needs the contributions of many people to bring it to life and nurture its growth. The annual KOA Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge these contributions."

Winners of this year's KOA Awards are:

Environment:

**Rich Griffin**  
Island Pacific Academy

- Community Service – Organization: **2007 Kapolei Sunset Festival Committee**
- Community Service – Individual: **Michael Leskovec**  
Makakilo-Kapolei Lions
- Education: **Margarette Pang**  
Dyslexia Tutoring Center of Hawai'i, Inc.  
(DTCH)
- Business Leader: **James Matthew Stamm, Ph.D.**  
North Star Scientific Corporation
- Young Leader (Under age 35): **Mike Rennebu**  
Hale Pono Boys & Girls Club

Winner of the Environmental Award, **Rich Griffin**, landscape coordinator for Island Pacific Academy, initiated a landscape education project at the school that involved students, parents and community members in a hands-on approach to landscape design and implementation for the school campus. He promoted the use of endemic, indigenous and drought tolerant plants of Leeward O'ahu that, together, with more efficient irrigation, reduces the burden on our natural resources. The use of these plants, as well as Polynesian agricultural species, helps foster a knowledge and respect for our environmental heritage. While creating beautiful landscapes for the school, he also teaches students and parents valuable lessons on the importance of preserving environmental resources.

The **2007 Kapolei Sunset Festival Committee**, organization winner of the Community Service Award, is made up of volunteers from many Kapolei organizations, including schools, state and city government, businesses and nonprofits. This dedicated group came together to organize a successful 2007 Kapolei Summer Sunset Festival that the entire community enjoyed. The two-day festival at Kapolei Regional Park featured rides, crafts and games, exhibits, storytelling, food, and live entertainment to mark the end of summer.

**Michael Leskovec**, winner of the individual Community Service Award, is a longtime resident of Makakilo and has been active in the Kapolei community for more than 30 years. Now serving his third term as secretary for the Makakilo-Kapolei Lions Club, he also has spent more than 10 years coaching and mentoring the Makakilo-Kapolei Youth Baseball League; he serves on the Parochial Council for St. Jude Catholic Church; and he is vice chair and community representative on Maukalani Elementary School's Community Council, among other activities. Described by his nominator as a "tireless, committed and positive community member," Leskovec's many contributions to the community are admirable.

**Margaret Pang**, founder and executive director of the Dyslexia Tutoring Center of Hawai'i (DTCH) in Kapolei has won the Education Award. DTCH provides one-on-one tutoring, self esteem-building, and education relating to dyslexia and how it affects an individual at home and in the community. It is the only tutoring center in Hawai'i that specializes in dyslexia, and has provided an additional learning alternative to support public and private schools in Kapolei. Pang has been a passionate advocate of raising public awareness about dyslexia and helping those who are affected with this learning challenge. She is actively helping to remove the stigma attached to dyslexia and changing people's lives.

**James Matthew Stamm**, president and CEO of North Star Scientific Corporation, has won the Business Leader Award. He formed the high-tech, Kapolei-based company in 2001 to develop high power communications and radar equipment. Under his leadership, the company has grown from a single employee to a staff of 20 engineers, technicians and support personnel. Along with this growth in well-paying job opportunities for Kapolei residents, the company revenues have grown each year since the company began operating. Hard work, dedication to quality and moral leadership are attributes that best describe this successful business leader.

**Mike Rennebu** has won the Young Leader Award, a new award category this year. As the youth development director of the Hale Pono Boys & Girls Clubhouse in 'Ewa Beach, he has successfully implemented a number of services and activities that provide prevention after-school activities for youth and promote drug- and meth-free lifestyles. He is the program director for the Clubhouse's MethSMART after-school program and runs its annual youth leadership camp. He also leads group guitar and 'ukulele lessons on Saturdays, teaches Hawaiian martial arts ("lua") after school, and has donated many hours playing with his band at free community events. A Boys & Girls Club alumnus himself, Rennebu is a great role model for the youth he works with.

*Kapolei Property Development LLC is an affiliate of the James Campbell Company LLC with a focus on the development of the City of Kapolei. The James Campbell Company succeeded the Estate of James Campbell, a 107-year-old private trust that was the legacy of one of Hawaii's foremost business pioneers. Kapolei has become the state's fastest growing region and has emerged as a booming economic center, providing more than 25,000 jobs in over 800 businesses.*

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