



# YMCA of Honolulu

## Board Bits

*We build strong kids,  
strong families,  
strong communities*

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### Three \$1M Contracts Signed

The YMCA of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii have signed three contracts for \$1,000,000 each for the Waianae Coast YMCA, Leeward YMCA, and Kalihi YMCA. The funds are for capital improvements that are part of the YMCA's capital campaign, "Reaching for Tomorrow." The money was appropriated by the 2002 State Legislature, under the leadership of Speaker Calvin Say and Senate President Bobby Bunda. It was released by Governor Cayetano, and contracted by the Lingle Administration through the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. "We want to thank our elected leaders for their vision and support in making this funding available," said YMCA President Don Anderson. "We are also grateful to Governor Lingle and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the timely processing of the contracts."

### McInerny Grant for Capital

The McInerny Foundation has made a generous grant of \$150,000 to the YMCA capital campaign, earmarked for the Kalihi YMCA. "The McInerny Foundation's connection with the Kalihi YMCA goes way back," said YMCA President Don Anderson. "They provided funding for the first YMCA staff person who worked in the field with gang members. That was in 1961. The work that the McInerny Foundation helped us launch 40 years ago has benefited tens of thousands of young people and continues today, stronger than ever."

### NFL Charities Grants

The YMCA of Honolulu thanks NFL Charities for three grants of \$1,000 each for youth programs. The Nuuanu Branch received a grant for its Junior Lakers Program, the Windward Branch received a grant for its Teen Tuesday Program, and Camp Erdman received a grant for scholarships for needy children to attend Summer Resident Camp. Mahalo!

### Key Leaders April 4-5

The annual YMCA Key Leaders Conference will begin at 6:15 pm on Friday night, April 4, with a dinner at the Hong Kong Harbor View Seafood Restaurant. The dinner will include the annual YMCA "Hero" awards. On Saturday, April 5, the conference will be held at the Castle Room of the Nuuanu YMCA. Registration will begin at 8:30. There will be workshops on Member Involvement in Fundraising, Program Assessment Tools, Board Assessment, Asset Building, Board and Committee Roles, and a Profile of Hawaii Families. Presenters will include five consultants from the YMCA of the USA—**John Green, Denise Berceli, Kathy Hamilton, Jim Kauffman, and Steve Hambright**—as well as **Dr. Sylvia Yuen** from the University of Hawaii. **Dr. Frank Butterworth** will address a General Session on "Wannabes vs. Willables." The lunch presentation will be on YMCA trends, and the final General Session will focus on common concerns among YMCAs throughout Hawaii. The conference will conclude at 4:30 pm on Saturday. Board members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call **Bobby Stivers** at 541-5482 or e-mail him at [rstivers@ymcahonolulu.org](mailto:rstivers@ymcahonolulu.org).

### Atherton Foundation Grant

The Atherton Family Foundation has provided a grant of \$20,000 for the Nuuanu Branch to establish a Family Computer Lab and Resource Center. "The funds will make it possible for grandparents, parents and children to play educational games, do homework, and explore the internet during after school and evening hours," said **Traci Wakida**, Senior Program Director at Nuuanu. The lab will be open 5 days per week. It will be supervised by YMCA staff and operated by trained volunteers. The lab will have 8 computers, each with internet access. There will also be a resource library that can be used while doing homework. The resources will include CDs, DVDs, encyclopedias, and print materials. "We are excited about this new opportunity to bring kids and parents together," said **Roz Hamby**, Nuuanu YMCA Executive Director. "We send our heartfelt thanks to the Atherton Family Foundation for making it possible!"