



PPH Education & Training Programs Recognized

With the generous support of our donors, the Planned Parenthood of Hawaii Education & Training Department is growing – expanding services and gaining recognition for the quality of the programs we offer.

In January 2008, Sonia Blackiston, PPH's Director of Education & Training, presented the Sex Ed 101 workshop to 69 participants from across the state. This basic introduction to responsible sexuality education was presented in collaboration with Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN). The Sex Ed 101 workshop addresses three basic components of effective sexuality education: anatomy and puberty, sexually transmitted infections and birth control methods. The Sex Ed 101 workshop was designed by PPH's Blackiston and Razia Zelko of Bay Clinic, Inc., from Hilo. Overwhelmingly positive feedback was received from participants, including staff from the Hawaii Department of Education and Department of Health, family planning health educators, community-based educators, teachers and other youth-serving professionals.

Also, another 55 individuals from across Hawaii participated in an eight-hour training in how to present and use the *Making Proud Choices* (MPC) curriculum. MPC is a science-based program that has been proven to change risky sexual behaviors. PPH was the first organization to implement MPC in two public schools on Oahu – Ilima Intermediate *continued on page 5*

Mayor Hannemann Proclaims May Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month



Flanked by staff from a number of Hawaii's leading teen pregnancy prevention organizations, Mayor Mufi Hannemann signed his proclamation on Friday, May 16, 2008. Pictured left to right: Sara Jean Banks, Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii (CDFH); Amber McClure, Project Coordinator, TeenLine Hawaii, CDFH; Regina Torres-Scarpucci, Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN); Laura Brucia Hamm, Hale Kipa; Mayor Hannemann; Sonia Blackiston, PPH Director of Education & Training; Darlene Tudela, HYSN; Melinda Wood, President of PPH Board of Directors; Jo Ayers, PPH Director of Patient Services; Maggie Driscoll, PPH Development Officer.

The APPLE Tree Award



Pictured at the PPFA Awards Luncheon left to right: Sonia Blackiston, PPH Director of Education & Training; Melinda Wood, President of PPH Board of Directors; Cecile Richards, President PPFA; Barry Raff, PPH CEO; and Mark Huffman, Director of Education at PP of Middle and East Tennessee, Chair of APPLE.

In conjunction with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America National Conference held in the Washington, D.C., area in March, the PPFA Association of Planned Parenthood Leaders in Education (APPLE) bestowed their APPLE Tree Award to PPH's Board of Directors and Barry Raff, our CEO. This prestigious national award is presented to an affiliate President/CEO and Board of Directors who have demonstrated outstanding support and leadership of their affiliate's education and training programs. Sonia Blackiston, PPH's Director of Education & Training, nominated Barry and our Board, citing how their support "allowed PPH education staff to flourish and become recognized as leaders of comprehensive sexuality education" for Hawaii.

PPH receives little public funding to support our Education & Training programs. Without the continuing support of our donors, PPH would not be able to present the MPC curriculum and all the other community-based educational outreach programs. We deeply appreciate your continued interest and financial support, and **we accept the APPLE Tree Award on YOUR behalf.** ❁



You Are Invited to Leave a Legacy

Thanks to YOU, our generous donors and supporters, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is set to begin a new program of recognition for a special group of donors.

The Planned Parenthood of Hawaii LEGACY SOCIETY will acknowledge the commitment of our donors who want to ensure the future of the mission and programs of Planned Parenthood by making arrangements to include us in their estate plans.

YOU too are cordially invited to join these extraordinary individuals as a founding member of the Planned Parenthood of Hawaii LEGACY SOCIETY.

YOUR commitment to leaving a legacy of philanthropic support by naming PPH in your will helps to guarantee that Planned Parenthood of Hawaii will be able to care for and educate young women and teens in Hawaii in the future.

We would be honored to recognize your far-reaching generosity and to include you among the founding members of the Planned Parenthood of Hawaii LEGACY SOCIETY.

Please let us know if you have named PPH in your will or made other

arrangements for PPH in your estate. Simply call Sheila O'Keefe, Director of Development at 808-589-1156 ext. 225 and tell her of your intent to leave a bequest to PPH. Also, the response envelope inside this newsletter has a check box to indicate your intent.

Founding members of the PPH LEGACY SOCIETY are invited to offer

their suggestions for and be involved in informational meetings that explain how anyone can leave a legacy of support for the mission and programs of Planned Parenthood of Hawaii.

We look forward to recognizing the founding PPH LEGACY SOCIETY members in our next newsletter.

Please join us! ❁

Aloha, Friends of Planned Parenthood:

Heading up a high net-worth group at Morgan Stanley, I am often asked by clients what is the best way to transfer wealth to their children and other family members. I review appropriate strategies, and then refer them to estate planning attorneys in Honolulu that will carry out their wishes. I always ask my clients, however, if they have considered giving a small portion of their wealth to a cause that they feel is worthwhile.

Of course, children and family are important, but I often ask clients, "Don't you feel that you could give 5% or 10% of your assets to a cause that might just change the world? Can't the kids get by with 90% of the assets that you will be giving them someday?" The answer is usually, "Yes," as it should be.

I truly feel that the root of almost all the strife in the world today is too many people chasing too few resources. On the investing side, we say to buy almost anything dealing with food, fertile and well-located land, and water. Why? All of these commodities will

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be in more demand as the population grows, driving relentless waves of famine, poverty and accompanying ignorance. On the giving side, we want to encourage generosity, and show people that it makes sense for the future of their families as well as the organizations they support.

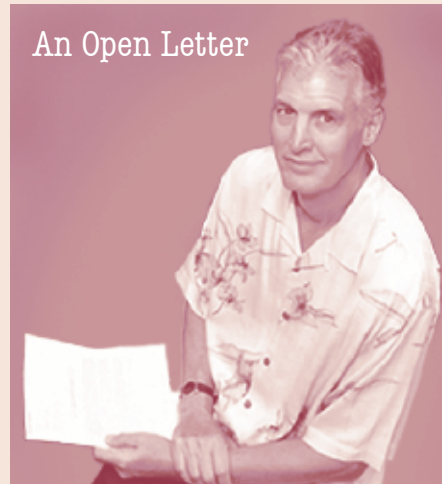
As I've thought about these issues over the past few years, I felt the need to do something. Planned Parenthood was the answer for me. It tackles big, important, global issues, but works within my community. It all came together, and that's why I felt a \$1,000,000 gift to Planned Parenthood of Hawaii was the perfect solution for me...to help change the world for the better.

I invite you to join me in supporting Planned Parenthood of Hawaii with a gift for today, and with a legacy bequest for the future.

Aloha,

Mike Strada

An Open Letter



Mike Strada, a PPH donor and volunteer, is Senior Vice President/Wealth Advisor who heads up the 12-member "Team at Morgan Stanley." *Hawaii Business Magazine*, February 2007, ranked Strada the #1 Financial Advisor in the state. Disclosure: PPH's employee 401(k) program and investment fund are advised by Morgan Stanley.

Please feel free to contact us if you would like more information about including PPH in your estate plan. Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is a tax-exempt, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. Our Tax I.D. is 99-6012377. This information is for general purposes only and is not intended as legal or financial advice. PPH recommends that individuals considering a planned gift consult with their own legal or financial advisors.

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Haute Pink Party – A Fashionable Smash

More than 360 PPH donors, guests and volunteers painted Waikiki PINK at the fabulous Pink Palace of the Pacific – the Royal Hawaiian Hotel on Friday, January 25, 2008.

The evening started with sparkling pink wine and a pink-themed silent auction.

A sumptuous dinner was punctuated by a lively haute fashion show staged by Valerie Ragaza-Miao and featuring some

of Hawaii's young new designers.

PPH presented the Bette Takahashi Service Award to recognize the support of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu.

The evening was topped off with a spirited live auction and music by Amber Ricci and DragonFly.

More than \$100,000 came in to fund Planned Parenthood of Hawaii's programs and services. ❁

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PPH Legislative Report

At the End of the Day...We Have a Choice

The Hawaii State Legislature again failed to act on legislation requiring hospitals to discuss the fact that a rape victim may become pregnant as a result of the rape, and to offer information about the option of using emergency contraception (EC) as well as to provide the EC should the rape victim request it.

They have again failed to codify the educational standard for sex education as factually based, medically accurate information for anyone teaching sex education using state funds.

Why? You wonder, did they run out of time? Did the legislation arrive too late for their consideration? Nope, both these bills passed out of the Senate last year and languished in the House waiting for a hearing. So time was not a factor...it would seem that political will was....

With regard to emergency contraception in emergency rooms, after hearings and histrionics over religious exemptions for secular facilities, in the end, the House delayed the passage of the bill on EC in the ER so as to make it impossible to override a veto by the governor.

As for whether we should provide students with factually correct, medically accurate sex education in schools:



again, no action was taken. And why is this, you wonder? Apparently, some members of the House find it difficult to allow teachers to provide accurate sex education. Rather, it would seem, they like information that is "faith-based," inaccurate and misleading...as long as the federal government is providing the funds through the Bush "abstinence-only-until-marriage" program. So our bill, which the Senate passed last year and should have been among the first to be considered, never got a hearing from the House in this session...and died a quiet death of ignorance and apathy. In addition, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii submitted a grant-in-aid to fund the expansion of our sex education program

in the public schools. This too was not funded.

This past session we testified against numerous bills that continue to criminalize pregnancy by arresting pregnant women who use drugs or arresting breast-feeding mothers who abuse prescription drugs. Thankfully, most of these bills died this session.

We are fortunate that this year is an election year. It is a time to evaluate the voting records of all of the members of the Legislature and assess whether they are deserving of our vote – and PPH's political action network will be doing exactly this. We have the power to make a difference this September and this November.

At the end of the day, public policy can and should be representative of the best thinking of our legislators. At the end of the day, the laws of Hawaii should be reflective of an intelligent, meaningful process of deliberation. At the end of the day, we should *and do* expect more from our legislators.

Now is the time to exert the power of choice. For more information or to participate in the PPH Action Network, a 501(c)(4) political action entity, contact Annelie Amaral at aamaral@pphi.org or 808-753-1895. ☘

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School in Ewa Beach and Washington Middle School in Honolulu. The support of donors has made it possible for PPH to present MPC to more than 600 students on Oahu in the current school year.

While we are just scratching the surface with MPC, the success of the program has garnered enormous community support. As a result, Kokua Kalihi Valley, Maui Youth and Family Services and Hale Kipa will be joining PPH in providing MPC in the upcoming 2008-2009 school year. Now students in five Hawaii Department of Education schools will have a greater chance of making positive, healthy and proud choices for themselves, their families and their communities – thanks to *Making Proud Choices!* And thanks to YOU, our donors, who generously support PPH's educational programs. ☘

How Do We Know That Our Work Is Having an Impact?

Here's a sampling of the some of the comments we received from students at Washington Middle School:

"The most important thing that I learned is to use a condom. I think it is important to keep you and your partner healthy. And to keep yourself from making a choice that you will regret."

"The most important thing I learned from *Making Proud Choices* is how to say NO when communicating with my partner."

"The most important thing I learned in this program was that the best way to not get pregnant or get STDs is to stay abstinent. This information is important because I want to stay safe."

"The thing I liked best was the condom demonstration. I like hands-on demonstrations. In case my friends don't know how to use, them I could share my knowledge." ☘

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Your Economic Stimulus Check Supports PPH

During economic downturns, the services of PPH are more important than ever. When people are losing their jobs or are unable to find employment that includes health insurance, they can still turn to PPH to help safeguard their health and avoid unintended pregnancies.

Please consider turning some or all of your economic stimulus check into a reproductive health care stimulus package for Hawaii.

Or perhaps you would like your economic stimulus to help support educational programs that will help young people make safer, more informed choices regarding their

sexuality and their future.

How far will your check go?

\$300 will pay for a pelvic exam and birth control pills for one year.

\$100 will treat a patient with genital warts or another STI.

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Need Volunteers!

The PPH Education & Training Department is looking for volunteers to be trained to give presentations on birth control methods, STIs, and who may wish to volunteer at outreach events. If you are interested, contact the Education Department at 808-589-1156 ext. 243 or email sblackiston@pphi.org and put "volunteer" in the subject. ❁

Choice Art Show

The Pegge Hopper Gallery has called for entries for a juried show of *Choice Art* to benefit Planned Parenthood of Hawaii. The show will include works from some of Honolulu and Hawaii's most talented contemporary artists. It will open with an artists reception on Thursday, November 13, 2008, and will be featured at the First Friday Art Walks on December 5, 2008, and January 2, 2009. All PPH Circle Donors are invited to a special holiday reception on Thursday, December 4, 2008, from 5 pm – 7 pm. Call Sheila O'Keefe at PPH for more information or to reserve your space: 808-589-1156 ext. 225.

The Pegge Hopper Gallery is located in Chinatown at 1164 Nuuanu Avenue. Call 808-524-1160 for more information about the Gallery or *Choice Art* show. ❁

Aloha United Way Approves Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood of Hawaii is among the local nonprofit organizations recently recognized by the Aloha United Way to receive donor designated gifts in the Fall 2008 United Way Workplace Giving Campaign. PPH's designation code is **70210**. Please use this number to ensure that your AUW donation comes to PPH.

Just a reminder that PPH is also approved for donations in the annual Combined Federal Campaign and is a Maui United Way Partner Agency. ❁