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Nonprofit leaders give out awards

Betsill Brothers, Henderson, Cachola-Gross honored



Dwayne Betsill (right), an owner of Betsill Brothers, and Darryl Banks, construction supervisor, hold up an award given to them by the Maui Non-Profit Directors Association. The association gave the Community Business Award to Betsill Brothers.

WAILUKU - A Maui developer, an aunty who urges people to get involved in community causes and the executive director of Ohana Makamae in Hana all received awards from the Maui Non-Profit Directors Association.

Betsill Brothers International was given the Community Business Award, Gladys Cachola-Gross, also known as "Aunty G," received the Humanitarian Award; and Ray Henderson garnered the Executive Director of the Year Award.

Also honored at the luncheon Dec. 9 at the Maui Tropical Plantation was Hal Jobe of Latitudes, who was the recipient of the inaugural Mayor's Small Business Non-Profit Angel Award. The winner of the latter award was chosen in October by a Maui Non-Profit Directors Association panel, at the request of Mayor Charmaine Tavares.

Betsill Brothers was honored for its support of organizations, such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Maui, Habitat for Humanity Maui, Maui Family YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of Maui, Maui Chamber of Commerce, Baldwin High School, Kihei Little League and La'a Kea Sunrise Farm. Executives of the Maui-based development-construction-real estate company serve on various

nonprofit agency boards, and employees participate in group projects and as individuals to help Maui nonprofit agencies.

The multimillion-dollar company with projects throughout the Western hemisphere was formed in 1993 by Betsill brothers - Doyle Jr., Dwayne, Steve and Randy - who learned the ins and outs of the construction business and the value of hard work from their builder-developer father, Doyle Sr., the company Web site said.



Cachola-Gross "is a true inspiration to others, modeling 'service above self,' in recruiting and motivating others to serve the community," a news release about the awards said.

Following a long career in social services, she remains involved with Aloha House and Malama Na Makua A Keiki. She sits on the tri-agency board for Maui Youth and Family Services and the board of Keokea Farmlots Association, and is a foster-parent trainer for Catholic Charities Hawaii Statewide Resource Families Program.

The nonprofit executive of the year leads Ohana Makamae, the Hana family-resource center that offers substance-abuse counseling, education, treatment, parenting education, and individual and family counseling.

Among the programs Henderson has been able to bring to the East Maui community are a substance-abuse counseling and behavioral-support program at Hana High & Elementary School, a day-care program benefiting single-parent students and teachers, and a halfway house for returning Hana residents and others who have completed substance-abuse-rehabilitation programs and need a safe place away from negative influences.



He "brings a unique combination of leadership skills," a news release said.

Henderson leads by example, possesses strong management skills and cooperatively works with other agencies.

"Ray brings a blend of humility, humor and compassion to the day-to-day work of building a better community," the news release said.