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(Wailuku, HI)—The Maui Non-Profit Directors Association, on December 11 at Bistro Casanova, held its 20th anniversary and annual awards celebration honoring the following for their outstanding service to non-profits in Maui:

MNPD Community Business Award: Hoaloha Na Eha Ltd., known to most of us as Old Lahaina Lu'au and Aloha Mixed Plate, whether it is the eighth year of donating its lucrative spot for the Buy Back the Beach Lu'au benefit for Maui Coastal Land Trust, or their hard work in preparing for the King Kamehameha III School's May Day Celebration, or their donation of a \$200 certificate for the Best Shortbread Contest at the Princess Ka'iulani Festival at the Haleakala Waldorf School; or providing a group of volunteers made up of employees from their reservation's department to clean out invasive species and to replant native Hawaiian plants in an effort to restore the Olowalu Cultural Reserve; and the donation of lunches once a month for all Habitat for Humanity's volunteers.



Business of the Year award was accepted by Matthew Erickson and Malia Kauila on behalf of their employer Hoaloha Na Eha Ltd., d/b/a Old Lahaina Lu'au and Aloha Mixed Plate.

MNPD Humanitarian Award: Ed Lindsey (posthumously), an educator, leader, and outspoken advocate for the 'aina, in his retirement from twenty-five years of teaching, he served as president of the Ohana Coalition, was a founding member of Hui O Wa'a Kaulua, a nonprofit group that gives young people opportunities to learn about Polynesian voyaging canoes and Hawaiian culture. He co-founded the Maui Nui Marine Resources Council, and with his wife established Maui Cultural Lands, Inc, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Hawaiian cultural sites.

Over the years he brought together hundreds of volunteers in conservation projects stretching from Honokowai Valley to the Makena coast. With a good day's work, shared food and shared laughter, he introduced people to the concept of malama, of giving back to the land.



Accepting the Humanitarian of the Year Award on behalf of Ed Lindsey were his widow Puanani Lindsey and their sons, Ed 'Ekolu' Lindsey, III and Jonathan Lindsey

MNPD Executive Director of the Year Award: Sherri K. Dodson, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Maui. When Dodson joined Habitat in 2003, the organization had done several lengthy renovations but had yet to embark on a full house build. As the only employee, even back then her dedication to accomplishing her personal goal of having five houses built in five years was supported by her six-day a week work ethic.

By the end of 2009, Habitat for Humanity Maui will have built 30 homes and housed over a hundred people. In fact, eight Habitat partner families have been brought directly out of homelessness into decent homes. With Sherri K. Dodson's leadership, Habitat for Humanity Maui is currently embarking on building a 16-unit condominium project and a 40-unit condominium project that will help provide affordable housing to deserving families. Dodson has expanded Habitat's programs and services so that it may today benefit everyone living in our

community while still protecting the mission of the organization. The following additional programs and services also now offered through Habitat for Humanity Maui as a result of Dodson's visionary outlook: Habitat Restore; Senior Housing and Retrofit Program (S.H.A.R.P.); and E-Cycling.



Executive Director of the Year – Sherri K. Dodson

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