



We build strong kids,  
strong families,  
strong communities.

## Testimony for Maui Family YMCA GIA Informational Briefing

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Fellowship and fun in a safe, nurturing place should be available to every child. Unfortunately, the simple days of 10 or 20 years ago are no longer, and parents must worry about so many more evils which can bring harm to their children. Parents across-the-board continually seek safe places for their children, and engaging activities, especially during those after school hours when they are working. We find ourselves competing for the hearts and minds of our children. But, it is a fight we cannot afford to lose. A vibrant YMCA on Maui is a powerful and positive magnet to support, mentor and befriend our children.

Not only does the Maui Family YMCA provide safe and fun programs for children regardless of their ability to pay but the YMCA provides programs for the whole family including our kupuna.

For the past five years the Kahului facility has been busting at the seams and in order to best carryout our mission, we must grow; therefore, we have embarked on this three-year capital campaign to renovate and expand the Maui Family YMCA. These improvements will help us increase our collaborative efforts with Ka Hale A Ke Ola and Special Olympics, increase our capacity to serve families and provide a dedicated space for seniors and teens.

### Facts and Figures

- ❖ Serves over 12,000 program participants each year.
- ❖ 2007 Summer Youth Programs Served over 300 children per week in Kahului, Camp Moana and in Kihei's Camp Nalu.
- ❖ Over 1,700 children in 6 elementary schools participate in a fitness program through a 3 year federal grant that the Maui Family YMCA received in 2005.

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- ❖ The YMCA provides after school programs at Kamalii Elementary in Kihei.
- ❖ Pukalani Center offers water aerobics and swimming lessons
- ❖ Camp Keanae offers child care for children when school is not in session.
- ❖ Camp Nalu in Kihei offers affordable camping opportunities for families.

**Phase I:  
\$6,000,000**

- ❖ Renovation of 8,042 square feet of the Existing Facility
- ❖ New Two Story Addition to increase square footage by 23,251 square Feet
  - A new Teen Center
  - Childwatch Area for Infants and Young Children
  - A New Senior Center
  - Social Enterprise Opportunities with Healthy Food Kiosk
  - Elevator for ADA Accessibility

Strong community support has enabled the Maui Family YMCA to be self sustaining. However, since 55% of our members and program participants earn less than \$40,000 annually and many are supported by our scholarship program, we must seek both government and private funding to for our project.

Our request to the legislature is for \$2,555,000 for Phase I of the project. The YMCA has already raised **\$2,994,636.00**. A grant in aid would enable the YMCA to begin construction on Phase I within the next 12-18 months.

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