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ALOHA PETROLEUM TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION

HONOLULU – The Muscular Dystrophy Association announced today that Aloha Petroleum, Ltd., one of Hawaii’s largest gasoline marketers and convenience store operators, is collecting cash donations at its 30 Aloha Island Mart locations on Oahu and the Big Island to support the non-profit organization’s mission to conquer neuromuscular diseases.

Specially marked collection canisters are located at Aloha Island Mart checkout counters now through August 31. Just for the month of August, Aloha Petroleum will be specifically collecting donations for MDA’s “Lei of Hope” program where customers can donate \$1 or \$5 and receive their name on a flower, which will be displayed at participating Aloha Island Mart locations. For a complete list of Aloha Island Mart locations that are accepting donations, visit www.AlohaGas.com.

“Through participation in the program, Aloha Petroleum shows how much they care about ‘Jerry’s Kids.’ We are proud to have them as a partner in the fight against neuromuscular disease,” said Audrey Hirayama, MDA Hawaii executive director.

Funds collected through the Aloha Petroleum collection canisters will help support MDA services in Hawaii. Locally, MDA funds outpatient medical clinics on Oahu, the Big Island, Kauai, and Maui through Castle Medical Center. MDA funds also provide a one time annual appointment with physical, speech, occupational, and respiratory therapists. Other services include a weeklong Summer Camp program, annual funding assistance for equipment repairs, support groups as well as educational materials. All services provided by MDA are free for the individuals and families. Flu shots -- both general flu and H1N1 vaccinations -- are also covered by MDA.

“Aloha Petroleum remains committed to supporting non-profit organizations in our community, especially during these trying economic times. We recognize the importance of the services that the Muscular Dystrophy Association provides to local residents and believe our customers will also support this great cause,” said Richard Parry, Aloha Petroleum president and CEO.

About Aloha Petroleum, Ltd.

Aloha Petroleum, Ltd. is an independently owned and locally operated petroleum marketer and convenience store operator, with a history in Hawaii that dates back to the early 1900s. Aloha employs approximately 380 Hawaii residents, and operates more than 50 fueling locations on Oahu and the Big Island of Hawaii. Aloha Petroleum is ranked 15th among Hawaii’s Top 250 companies and is the second largest gasoline marketer in the state.

About Muscular Dystrophy Association

Established in 1950, the Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary national health agency – a dedicated partnership between scientists and concerned citizens aimed at conquering neuromuscular diseases that affect more than a million Americans. The Association is proud to maintain the most comprehensive research and services program of any voluntary health agency. The MDA Hawaii office serves over 500 families affected by one of the 43 different neuromuscular diseases in the Association’s program.

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