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**LANAKILA MULTI-PURPOSE SENIOR CENTER RECEIVES
\$20,000 DONATION FROM CAROLE KAI CHARITIES**

HONOLULU (January 6, 2010) – In response to its urgent need for donations to remain open, the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center today received a \$20,000 donation from Carole Kai Charities. Celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the state’s largest senior center needs to raise \$150,000 by June 30, 2010, to continue operations.

“Carole Kai Charities, and the Great Aloha Run, were created to support nonprofits and benefit the less fortunate in our community,” said Larry Okinaga, chairman of Carole Kai Charities, Inc. “We identified Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center as a program that merits the support of our organization and of the thousands of runners that participate in our Great Aloha Run annual event.”

Built in 1969 by the state to be a model senior center, and managed by Catholic Charities Hawaii since 1981, Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center currently serves nearly 2,000 adults age 60 and older. The Center helps seniors remain healthy, independent community members by providing exercise, recreation, health promotion, health screening and volunteer activities.

“With the extraordinary year we all experienced in 2009, essential funding typically received by the State to cover basic operations was cut, and we are almost certain that funding will be even tighter this year,” said Jerry Rauckhorst, Catholic Charities Hawaii President and CEO. “We are so grateful for this generous donation by Carole Kai Charities which will go toward helping us to continue to provide our services to Hawaii’s elderly.”

Serving Hawai’i since 1947, Catholic Charities Hawai’i offers assistance to people of need regardless of faith or culture. Long trusted in the community for their innovative and

professional approach to human services, Catholic Charities Hawai'i provides services to over 60,000 people each year through over 30 programs that are offered statewide. Catholic Charities Hawai'i is fully accredited through the Council on Accreditation, a partner agency of Aloha United Way, and a member of the nationwide Catholic Charities USA network. For more information visit www.catholiccharitieshawaii.org.

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