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A Taste of Hale Makua Raises Funds for the Visitor Industry Charity Walk

KAHULUI, Hawaii March 22, 2010 – On March 19, 2010, Hale Makua Health Services held the second annual “Taste of Hale Makua” competition. This event was inspired by the cable show “Iron Chef”. Employees, residents and their families were welcome to join and be judged for the best dish using a secret ingredient. This year the secret ingredient was “guava.” The Taste of Hale Makua was the “kick off” for Hale Makua Health Services participation in the Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk. Employees, residents and staff are welcome to purchase script to taste each of the dishes as well as participate in other kick off events including “pie-ing the boss.

The Taste of Hale Makua entrees included Chinese Chicken Salad with Guava Vinaigrette made by Carlyna Nakamura; Pork Loin w/Guava Glaze made by Ella Rosete; Rob’s Smoke Meat made by Robert Iiams Jr.; Guava Cheesecake made by Anne Ripperger; Guava Chiffon Pie made by Merri Ellen Lee; and Makawao Guava Delight made by Danyel Kahiamoe and Jodi Horton.

A panel of judges evaluated each of the entrees on dish and station presentation, originality, and overall taste. Each Hale Makua “chef” introduced their creation to the judging panel. This year the judges included Maria Demarest from Comedy for Seniors; John Harman, Hale Makua Health Services Board Member and Chairman of the Special Events Committee; and Lia Krieg from Ulalena. The judges enjoyed all of the dishes and had wonderful comments including:

- “There is a blend of wonderful flavors and the guava vinaigrette is a wonderful finish to the Chinese Chicken Salad” - Judge John Harman
- “The sauce for the pork loin is wonderful and I could eat just the sauce on my rice.” - Judge Lia Krieg
- “When you think of smoke meat you think of hard chewy meat, but this is so tender and the taste is wonderful. I’ve never had smoke meat like this before.” - Judge Maria Demarest
- “The Guava Cheesecake is perfect not overpowering.” - Judge John Harman
- “The Guava Chiffon Pie reminds me of my grandmother’s pies. It is light and tastes very good.” - Judge Lia Krieg.
- “The Makawao Guava Delight is so refreshing and tastes delicious.” - Judge Maria Demarest

Anne Ripperger, a dedicated Hale Makua Health Services volunteer, was the first place winner with her Guava Cheesecake, where she used fresh guava for her onolicious cheesecake. The second place winners were employees Danyel Kahiamoe and Jodi Horton for their Makawao Guava Delight.

Everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed all the different guava dishes. We are so thankful for our talented staff, volunteers and judges. This year's Taste of Hale Makua rose close to \$400 toward our participation in the 32nd Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk – "Every Little Step Helps". As a benefitting charity of the Visitor Industry Charity Walk, a portion of the proceeds that the organization raises is matched and donated back to Hale Makua Health Services.

After the Visitor Industry Charity Walk, our next major event will be the Pineapple Grill Fifth Anniversary Gala in Kapalua on Saturday, May 8th, at 6 p.m. The Pineapple Grill generously donates all of the proceeds from ticket sales to Hale Makua Health Services.

Hale Makua Health Services is a private, non-profit 501(c)3 corporation that was established in 1946. The organization is committed to the mission of excellence in healthcare in our home and yours. Hale Makua Health Services is one of Maui's largest non-government employers with over 500 employees serving four home- and community-based healthcare programs. Programs include: Hale Makua Long-Term Care with two campuses, one in Wailuku caring for 124 residents and the other in Kahului providing homes for up to 254 people; Home Health by Hale Makua, which provides post-acute care and social work services to homebound clients of all ages and adult foster family care management; Rehab by Hale Makua; and Maui PACE - Hawaii's only Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly. Visit us online at www.HaleMakua.org.

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