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Seven Strong Years for the Kona Hospital Foundation's Gala Party and Golf Classic at Hokulia – *This Year Honors Founding Members with Proceeds to Benefit the Emergency Department Renovation*

November 13, 2008 - Kealahou, island of Hawaii – Going on its seventh year, the Kona Hospital Foundation will host its annual gala benefit and golf tournament on November 16 and 17 at the Hokulia Golf Club in Kealahou. This year, the event will honor the founding members of the Kona Hospital Foundation - Garold Enloe, M.D., Fred Fujimoto, Richard Ishida and Allen Wilcox.

"It is an honor that my father is being recognized in this way. He would be so appreciative that his earlier efforts with the Kona Hospital Foundation continue on," commented Anne Irene Wilcox, daughter of Allen Wilcox and Foundation Board Member. "When the Foundation was established in 1984, the founding members understood how critical health care was to our community. They created the Foundation to give the community a means to help. It is more important now than ever before that we support our hospital."

Proceeds will go toward the Emergency Department Renovation at Kona Community Hospital. For more information or tickets, please call the Kona Hospital Foundation at 808-322-4587.

Sunday evening will feature a sunset party at the Hokulia pavilion catered by Paradise Gourmet Catering. A silent and live auction showcasing the finest Hawaiian artists will follow. The evening will end with a concert under the stars by award-winning artist Amy Hanailali'i Gilliom.

The popular golf tournament on Monday is sold out. It will be held with golfers from across the state and the mainland. They will play for serious prizes and bragging rights for the year. The weekend will conclude with a lavish lunch and awards ceremony at the Hokulia clubhouse.

The Kona Hospital Foundation's mission is to accept gifts and solicit donations for new medical technology, expanded services and enhanced facilities for Kona Community Hospital. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated over five million dollars towards numerous projects that have improved the hospital. Major endeavors include the Radiation Oncology Center, Imaging Center, Nuclear Medicine Suite, and Outpatient Chemotherapy Building. Many other projects to date include the emergency helicopter landing area, repair and painting of the facility, enhanced directional signage for visitors, medical equipment and education for hospital professionals.

Founded in 1914, Kona Community Hospital is a 94-bed full-service acute and long-term care hospital with 24-hour emergency services that supports the west region of the island of Hawaii. It is a member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, a special agency of the state of Hawaii established in 1996. It is fully accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Kona Community Hospital is dedicated to providing and enhancing accessible comprehensive healthcare services to the West Hawaii community.

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