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HAWAII PIZZA HUT GRANTS \$77,595 TO FUND LITERACY PROGRAMS

HONOLULU (November 19, 2003) – Hawaii Pizza Hut has awarded \$77,595 in grants to four Hawaii literacy organizations:

Hawaii Literacy, Inc. will use a \$20,000 grant from Hawaii Pizza Hut to develop and equip a mobile literacy van that would travel daily to the Waianae Coast. In addition to providing family literacy activities, the grant will assist in identifying, recruiting, assessing and tutoring adult students.

A \$20,000 grant from Hawaii Pizza Hut to Parents and Children Together (PACT) will create two adult lending libraries and two resource libraries together with bi-lingual services geared to the Kalihi and Koolauloa communities. The lending libraries will be established at Kuhio Park Terrace and Koolauloa Center, and a literacy coordinator will manage the reading program, book purchases, teacher training and family literacy activities. The resource libraries will supply materials for the classroom reading centers in each of PACT's Early Head Start classrooms.

The Salvation Army will use a grant of \$17,595 to provide educational and curriculum materials, CD roms, cassette players as well as building materials to create separate classrooms for each age group in its Ka Hale Tutoring and Reading program.

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The after school program is geared to youth ages 4-14 years and its goal is to increase the reading level of participants by one grade level.

Kauai Children's Discovery Museum has received a \$20,000 grant from Hawaii Pizza Hut for "The Books Alive! Family Literacy Program" that promotes reading through drama, dance, music and drawing. Approximately 200 students in grades 2-4 and 200 parents participate in the in-school and after school program over a 5-month period. The curriculum culminates with three performances. The unusual and engaging format reaches different types of learners in a school in a high-risk community, and has been successfully implemented at Kapaa Elementary School.

Hawaii Pizza Hut, a kama'aina company since 1971, has 46 locations in Hawaii, 5 in Guam and 1 in Saipan. Hawaii Pizza Hut is a strong advocate for literacy, and since 1992, the company has successfully raised more than \$3,000,000 for Hawaii literacy programs through its popular "Carryout for Literacy" campaign.

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