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Nonprofits Team Up to Hold “Families First Financial Education Workshop”

WAIKOLOA, HI – Local nonprofits, Hawaiian Community Assets (HCA) and Hawaii First Federal Credit Union (Hawaii First) are teaming up to hold a “Families First Financial Education Workshop” at the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort, October 6th – 7th (9a-4p). The 2-day event is open to the general public and will train individuals on how to start youth and family financial education programs utilizing local resources.

“Hawaii First is excited to work with HCA in bringing this opportunity to the Big Island,” says Hawaii First Community Development Director, Alycia Juvik. “The workshop will provide the environment and tools needed for our local communities to address common financial struggles.”

The workshop will feature *Kahua Waiwai, Opio Edition*, a financial education curriculum developed by local communities in 2008 for Hawaii teens, as well as additional resources provided by HCA and Hawaii First to help families address unemployment, credit and debt issues, and home foreclosures.

“The best solutions to our current economic challenges exist within our community,” says HCA Executive Director, Michelle Kauhane. “This training is about preserving families through financial education and home retention.”

Cost of attendance for the workshop is \$35/person and includes free parking and continental breakfast for both days. A special room price of \$149/night is available to all attendees upon registration.

To register for the Families First Financial Education Workshop or for more information, contact HCA Programs Coordinator, Jeff Gilbreath toll-free at 1.866.400.1116 or via email at jeff@hclending.com.

Hawaiian Community Assets is a nonprofit organization that builds the capacity of low and moderate income communities to achieve and sustain economic self-sufficiency with a particular focus on Native Hawaiians.

Hawaii First Federal Credit Union is a nonprofit financial institution that provides exceptional financial services to meet the long-term individual needs of its members.