

# THE MAUNA LANI BAY

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## **HAWAII ISLAND UNITED WAY FUNDRAISING WEEKEND: GOLF, FOOD, WINE & HAWAIIAN ENTERTAINMENT**

*Mayors of four counties will participate in weekend of fundraising events to support cause*

**KOHALA COAST, HAWAII** – Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows is proud to partner with Hawaii Island United Way to host one of its biggest annual fundraising weekends of the year from **Friday, July 9 to Saturday, July 10 2010**. The four Mayors of each county: Mayor Billy Kenoj, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Mayor Charmaine Tavares and Mayor Bernard Carvalho will be taking part in the weekend's festivities and are urging the community to join in the fun.

Events include the **2010 Mayors Dinner, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Cup Golf Tournament** and the **Evening in Paradise** food and wine extravaganza.

Hawaii Island United Way is hoping the weekend will raise significant monies contributing to its year-round fundraising programs that support 55 vital health and human service programs on the island. 98 percent of all dollars raised on Hawaii Island, stay on Hawaii Island.

President & Chief Professional Officer of Hawaii Island United Way, Darla DeVille, said the mission of the organization is to "unite people, organizations and resources to build a healthier community. What better way to live united than to raise funds and awareness in an atmosphere that promotes the spirit of aloha."

Brian Butterworth, General Manager of Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows said that the "Mauna Lani ohana feel passionate about supporting this invaluable cause as the outcomes have a direct and tangible impact on our community. We invite the community to join us in helping to make this year's weekend the most successful yet."

**WHAT:** **Hawaii Island United Way Mayor's Reception & Dinner**

**WHEN:** Friday, July 9, 2010, 6:30 pm

**WHERE:** Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows Ballroom

**WHO:** Honorary Guests: Mayor Billy Kenoj, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Mayor Charmaine Tavares and Mayor Bernard Carvalho. Special Entertainment: Desiree Cruz and Willie K and Eric Gilliom as 'Barefoot Natives'

**COST:** \$150 per person

**DETAILS:** Enjoy the fresh flavors of Hawaii at a sumptuous 6-course dinner prepared by Mauna Lani's star culinary team. Meet the four County Mayors, mingle with fellow Kama'aina and allow the smooth jazz of Desiree Cruz to entertain you. Later, get ready to laugh and sing along as the Barefoot Natives take to the stage with their upbeat act that blends Hawaiian music, culture and humor.

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**WHAT:** 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors Cup Golf Tournament  
**WHEN:** Saturday, July 10, 2010, 8 am  
**WHERE:** Mauna Lani Resort, Francis H. I'i Brown South Golf Course  
**WHO:** Four Mayors representing each county, corporate Hawaii teams and enthusiastic golfers  
**COST:** Visit [hiuw.org](http://hiuw.org) to learn about the various packages on offer  
**DETAILS:** The design of Mauna Lani's South Course make it the ideal course for both novice and experienced golfers alike. Built on the 16th-century *Kaniku* lava flow, the 18-hole course features two striking signature ocean holes - 7 and 15. The over-the-water, dramatic No. 15 is well-known as one of the most photographed holes in the world, and No. 7 is a picturesque par-3 framed by the blue Pacific Ocean on the left, a salt-and-pepper sand dune on the right, and back dropped by a feathery grove of *Kiawe* trees.

**WHAT:** An Evening in Paradise – Food and Wine Extravaganza  
**WHEN:** Saturday, July 10, 2010, 6 - 8:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows, Hale Hoaloha Pavilion  
**WHO:** Hawaii Island's finest chefs and gourmet food purveyors  
**COST:** Adults \$85 (12 and older), Children \$50 (5-11 years)  
**DETAILS:** Eat, drink and be merry at this coveted annual food lover's event that's set to be the biggest yet. Sample gourmet fare from host chefs from Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows in addition to popular restaurants island-wide, such as Roy's, Daniel Thiebaut's, Sansei Seafood Restaurant, Fujimamas, Tommy Bahamas, Huggos, Ruth's Chris Steak House and many, many more.

**For more information about the above events, special sponsorship packages and to purchase tickets, please contact Hawaii Island United Way at 935-6393 or visit [www.hiuw.org](http://www.hiuw.org)**

## **About Hawaii Island United Way**

The mission of the Hawaii Island United Way is to unite people, organizations, and resources to build a healthier community. No other non-profit involves as many Big Island residents as HIUW, both in giving and receiving help. The work of HIUW helps deliver services to the following local organizations: Aloha Council, Boy Scouts of America, American Heart Association, Hawaii County, Integrated Heart and Stroke Initiatives, American Red Cross, Hawaii State Chapter, Arc of Hilo, Arc of Kona, Bay Clinic, Inc, Big Island Substance Abuse Council, Boys & Girls Club of the Big Island, Brantley Center, Inc, Bridge House, Inc, Child & Family Service, Domestic Abuse Shelter - West Hawaii, Coalition for a Tobacco Free Hawaii, Family Support Services of West Hawaii, Food Basket, Friends of the Children's Justice Center of East Hawaii, Girl Scouts of Hawaii, Habitat for Humanity West Hawaii, Inc, Hale Aloha O Hilo Habitat for Humanity, Inc, Hawaii Island Adult Care, Inc, Hawaii Island HIV/ AIDS Foundation, Hawaii Island Home for Recovery, Inc, Hospice of Hilo, Hospice of Kona, Island of Hawai'i YMCA, Kona Adult Day Center, Ku'ikahi Mediation Center, Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Mental Health Kokua, Neighborhood Place of Puna, North Hawaii Hospice, Office for Social Ministry, PATCH (People Attentive to Children), Salvation Army, Hilo Temple Corps, Salvation Army, Kona Corps, West Hawaii Mediation Center and YWCA of Hawaii Island.

## **About Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows**

Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows sits oceanfront on the Kohala Coast, Big Island of Hawaii. Located 23 miles north of the Kona International Airport the hotel is part of the Mauna Lani Resort which features the Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows, Mauna Lani Spa and the Francis H. I'i Brown Golf Courses. The resort has been named one of the "World's Top Earth-Friendly Getaways" by *Conde Nast Traveler* for its commitment to making preservation of Hawaii's resources, environment and culture an important part of the resort experience. For reservations call (800) 367-2323 or visit [www.maunalani.com](http://www.maunalani.com).

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