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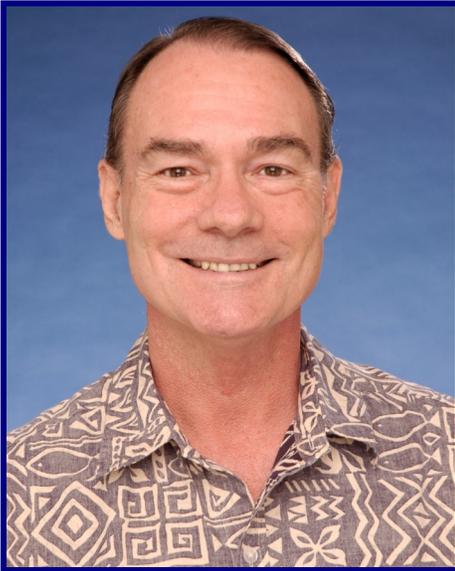
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Aloha to a Talented Mediator, Leader and True Friend of the Mediation Center



It is with great sadness that the Mediation Center bids farewell to long-time mediator and past President, Chuck Hurd. Chuck was a life-long learner and lover of people and life. He enjoyed the challenge of mediating cases of all types and helping people work through issues, no matter how complex. One of his secrets to success ... he always had a story to share that would inevitably bring smiles and laughter to all.

Chuck enjoyed a successful career in litigation before transitioning to dispute resolution. Over the past few years, Chuck became one of the most highly sought after mediators in Hawaii. Despite his success, he continued to volunteer for the Mediation Center as a mediator, trainer and Board member, and dedicate hundreds of hours and financial resources to help the Mediation Center grow and flourish. In particular he will be remembered for creating and growing the Kupuna Pono Program to support Hawaii's elders and their families, and for coordinating the biggest fundraiser in the history of the Mediation Center, one phone call at a time.

It was only appropriate that upon Chuck's recent unexpected death, the Mediation Center established a memorial fund in honor of Chuck to foster his legacy and support of the Kupuna Pono program. The "Charles H. Hurd Memorial Fund for Kupuna Pono" will support the continued growth of this innovative peace-making program that helps bring families together to make plans and decisions to support elderly members. Donations to the Charles H. Hurd Memorial Fund may be made payable to the Mediation Center of the Pacific, with the note line referencing the "Charles H. Hurd Memorial Fund for Kupuna Pono." The Mediation Center is a 501(c)(3) corporation, and contributions to the Memorial Fund are tax deductible as permitted by federal law. The fund will ensure that all of Chuck's good work and his legacy lives on.

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***Bringing people together to talk,
negotiate and
resolve conflict creatively.***

Under the Mediation Moon

A very big mahalo to everyone who supported the 8th Annual Under the Mediation Moon on May 2nd. Thanks to your generosity and support, this was the most successful fundraiser in the history of the Mediation Center. It was a beautiful evening full of surprises at the Hawaii Convention Center. Honorees Cynthia Alm, Justice Duffy (Ret.) and Tracey Wiltgen enjoyed the personalized lyrics written by Ken Aronowitz and sung enthusiastically by the 370 guests who attended. Executive Director Tracey Wiltgen was rendered speechless by the guest appearance of her brother Randy who was flown to Hawaii from the Oregon coast by the Mediation Center's Board of Directors. The entire evening reinforced that the Mediation Center is fortunate to have so many friends who believe in mediation and the work of the Mediation Center. A special mahalo to President Jerry Clay, Chuck Hurd and Larry Rodriguez who worked tirelessly to sell a record number of tables and make the event a huge success!



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Kupuna Pono - Helping Families and Their Kupuna

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The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation

The Mediation Center is grateful to the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation for their generous support of the Kupuna Pono Program (KPP). KPP offers a variety of culturally sensitive processes designed to prevent and resolve conflict among family members caring for an elderly member including: a facilitative model of mediation to address immediate issues of caregiving, living arrangements, and other needs of the elder person; family conferencing to help families talk and create plans that meet their specific family needs for each transition phase of the aging process; and a directive model of mediation to address specific legal disputes regarding guardianship, competency and estate matters.



Cynthia Moore and Shawn Quapaw support the Kupuna Program through program development and client services.



Volunteers with the KP Program, Christa Otake, Pat Brandt and Linda Axell-Thompson, attended the AARP Caregiver Conference. Christa and Pat provided the nearly 500 participants with information about the KPP at a table exhibit.

Thanks to the generous support of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the Bretzlaff Foundation and the Pettus Foundation, over the past year the Mediation Center recruited and hired Cynthia Moore and Shawn Quapaw to support KPP; refined the family conferencing process, trained and mentored 14 facilitators to provide direct services; developed collaborations and referral processes with Kaiser Permanente, Alu Like, Lanakila Meals on Wheels and more; and provided direct services for 31 families with elder members ranging from age 68 to 100 years old.

To support the continued development of this important Program, the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation recently awarded a second year of funding to the Mediation Center. The funds will be used to grow referrals and outreach to the community and increase services to families in the low income population.

Moving to the Cloud

To more effectively manage the large volume of cases, ensure quality services are provided and remain efficient, the Mediation Center is reorganizing operations and integrating more modernized technology into how it does business. Thanks to the generous support of the Atherton Family Foundation, Hawaii Community Foundation, the Michael Nauyokas Innovation and Excellence in Mediation Fund and other private supporters, a new cloud-based email system has already been created and on July 1, new cloud-based case management and fund development programs will be launched. Together these changes will increase efficiency, reduce paper usage and simplify procedures leading to better client support and services. The new case management system will allow for significant time savings and control over information. Equally significant, it will ensure that all information is captured and is easily accessible for purposes of analyzing services and collating outcomes for funding reports.

Once the data collection and fund development information are moved to the cloud, next steps will include a website facelift and maybe even Twitter and Facebook. The possibilities are endless! The Mediation Center's Board of Directors and staff are grateful to the generous funders whose financial support have made the modernization of the Mediation Center's operations possible.

TRAININGS AND EVENTS

Basic Mediation

Friday September 18, 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Saturday September 19, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sunday September 20, 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

A twenty-three hour training that provides an introduction to a facilitative model of mediation including the core skills of effective listening, remaining impartial, interest identification, negotiation, agreement writing, ethical considerations and overcoming impasse. This training is a prerequisite for most other mediation trainings.

Cost: \$575

Accelerated Divorce Mediation Training

**Friday October 16, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday October 17, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday October 23, 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. & Saturday October 24, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

A twenty-five hour training designed for individuals who have not received any prior mediation training and who have substantive knowledge of the Hawai'i divorce process and laws. The training provides the participants with basic mediation skills and a customized mediation model to assist divorcing couples talk through and negotiate agreements on the key issues necessary to finalize their divorce.

Cost: \$575

Advanced Mediation

**Thursday November 5, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Friday November 6, 1:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday November 7, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday November 8, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

A twenty-three hour training that builds on core skills to provide additional tools for evaluating and negotiating, working with cultural diversity, attorneys and multiple parties, accommodating persons with disabilities and managing challenges.

Cost: \$575

Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Friday December 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Contact Nathan@mediatehawaii.org to register or for more information