



Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows
A Decisions Maui and Focus Maui Nui Initiative

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Aloha:

As a prominent member of Maui's community, we are writing to you to request your assistance in identifying promising individuals to take part in a unique opportunity, the **Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows** program. *Ka ipu kukui* means *crucible of light; a test and a furnace for seeking and taking the best path ahead*. A Decisions Maui and Focus Maui Nui initiative, the Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows program is a year-long program designed to help develop and train future leaders not only to identify challenges, but more importantly, to overcome them. After successfully graduating a total of 24 individuals over the last two years, we look forward to a great year three. We have incorporated input and suggestions from the Fellows of 2009 to continuously improve the program. Please join us in support of this important mission by helping to identify community members that you see as candidates for the Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows program.

**Ka Ipu Kukui
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Maui Nui occupies a special place in the state, country and world. But as all of us know, we face many challenges that could very well erode the unique splendor of these special islands. From concerns and beliefs expressed first by Decisions Maui in the 1980s and reinforced by the 2003 Focus Maui Nui visioning process (www.focusmauinui.com), the Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows program was conceived to provide significant help in identifying and training leaders through a community-based program specifically designed to address all aspects of planning for Maui Nui's future. Please take a minute to think of an individual that you know, that could benefit from this program.

Attached is an application for the Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows program. If you know of an outstanding individual or employee who you would like to nominate for this program, please encourage them to fill out and return the application to the address above. For more information about this program, contact Dr. Lori Teragawachi at 984-3406 or visit www.kaipukukui.org. **The deadline for application submission is 3:00 PM, Monday, August 3, 2009.** Mahalo for your time and consideration.

With our Aloha,