

Designs 'N Gold Helps To Raise Over \$10,000 for Hawaii's Children With Speech and Hearing Defects

Designs 'N Gold took part in the Kailua Elks Lodge annual Major Project Luau and helped raise money for children with speech and hearing problems.

October 17, 2009 (FPRC) -- Designs 'N Gold, a Hawaii based Hawaiian jewelry manufacturer, was thrilled to be a part of this summer's Kailua Elks Lodge annual Major Project Luau. The charity luau, which was held at the Kaneohe Kokokahi YWCA in Kaneohe, helped raise over \$10,000 for Hawaiian handicapped children. Designs 'N Gold was one of the major sponsors for the event and donated various jewelry items that were then raffled off or bid on during a silent auction.

Hawaiian born and raised Colette Aoki, owner of Designs N Gold, is also the Chair of the Kailua Elks Lodge Major Project Committee. She helped organize and arrange for several local businesses to donate goods and services that were auctioned off during the event. They also made sure that the crowd of over 200 people were entertained by local Hawaiian musicians with Hawaiian song and dance.

"It is important that we in the business community do what we can to help children in our community with speech and hearing defects that are not normally covered by health insurance or the government" explained Colette Aoki. "Because if we are able to help these children at a young age then it will help them be more productive and successful as adults."

Kailua Elks Lodge were pleased that Jocelyn Agra was able to attend. Jocelyn, represents the California Hawaii Elks Major Project in Hawaii and is Hawaii's Major Project speech therapist. "Jocelyn is great! My son, Kaleo, loves her and looks forward to the speech sessions. She is very patient and shows genuine care for my son. She makes it fun for my son to help overcome his speech problems. I really am thankful for the California-Hawaii Elks for providing this to my son and others in similar situations" explained Nan Ahlo who attended the event with Kaleo and her husband Ainsley.

The money will go to the California Hawaii Elks Association Major Project. The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc., a committee of the California-Hawaii Elks Association, pledges its commitment to addressing the unmet needs of children with disabilities throughout the states of California and Hawaii by developing a program of supporting services to aid these children at no cost to their families and without discrimination.

About Designs 'N Gold

The owner of Designs 'N Gold, Colette Aoki, has been in the jewelry business in Hawaii since 1976. Over that period she has designed jewelry for thousands of clients in Hawaii as well as worldwide. In 1985 she acquired the jewelry manufacturer, Designs 'N Gold, which gave her the ability to control the entire jewelry making process from design to finished product. Designs 'N Gold's expert jewelers and engravers create each piece of Hawaiian jewelry including pendants, earrings, bracelets, and wedding rings.

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