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Housing Solutions To Receive Grant From Abe Lee Charities

Abe Lee to Donate up to \$25,000 by December

Abe Lee Charities, a newly formed grant-making body for Oahu 501 (c)(3) agencies, has selected **Housing Solutions** to receive its coveted three-month grant. Founded by local entrepreneur **Abe Lee**, Principal Broker of Abe Lee Realty, a percentage of Abe Lee Realty's gross sales are earmarked for Oahu charities. A new charity is selected each quarter. Housing Solutions will earn a percentage of Abe Lee Realty's income from September to December, 2007. A cap of \$100,000 per year will be donated to Oahu Charities by Abe Lee Charities.

Terry Brooks, President of Housing Solutions, was pleased with the selection. "Abe Lee Charities' grant is a huge milestone in expanding the KekiQuest program for children in our transitional homeless shelters," he said.

There were many agencies vying for the award. "Abe Lee Charities reviewed each application carefully and felt that Housing Solutions was the best fit. Its innovative programs encourage self-sufficiency and provide transitional housing to those without shelter," Lee said.

With four funding cycles per year, Oahu-based 501(c)(3) organizations are encouraged to apply for grants by at www.abeleerealty.com/charities/ or by calling 942-4472, ext. 206. The bulk of funding is directed to charities that assist the homeless and first-time homebuyers, but can be directed to other needs. All applications are kept on file for consideration for a period of five years. The next proposal deadline is November 1, 2007.

Now in its second funding cycle, Abe Lee Charity's past recipient includes the **Hawaii HomeOwnership Center**. Funding is driven by a five-member panel of volunteer advisors including Hawaii Kai developer, educator, and estate trustee attorney **Kenneth Chong**; Retired Chair of Occidental Underwriters of Hawaii and noted philanthropist **Siegfred Kagawa**; and

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Abe Lee Charities Awards Grant to Housing Solutions Inc.
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Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee and long-time education advocate **Oz Stender**. Lee's wife **Sally Lee**, a social worker for nearly 30 years, lends first-hand experience regarding Oahu's social issues. Abe Lee Charities is a grant-making body and does not provide direct social services or programs of any kind.

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