

LIFE LINES

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF LIFE FOUNDATION

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In an effort to save money and the environment, Life Foundation is launching a more compact quarterly newsletter and has expanded its online presence!

We encourage everyone to visit www.life-foundation.org for the most up to date information and news on our programs and services.

At www.lifefoundation.org, you can also sign up for one of our many eNewsletters.

You may choose from several eNewsletters to receive, including those tailored towards people living with HIV/AIDS, or newsletters with volunteer opportunities! Life Foundation will never sell or share your email to anyone.

You can also keep updated about Life Foundation through Facebook, Twitter, or MySpace. Simply search for us on these social networking sites, or find the direct links on the homepage of lifefoundation.org.

Thank you for being a part of our organization, and please keep in touch!



Visit Us! Volunteers at National HIV Testing Day encourage people to visit www.lifefoundation.org.

Established in 1983, Life Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that is dedicated to stopping the spread of HIV and to assisting people who are living with HIV and AIDS.

Anyone seeking HIV information or assistance can call the Life Foundation at 808-521-AIDS (521-2437). All services are free and absolutely confidential.

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ALOHA UNITED WAY: YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Crime. Drugs. Homelessness. Financial crisis. AIDS.

With so many issues confronting our community, it is hard for people to feel they can make a difference, but thanks to Aloha United Way, Hawaii residents have a simple way to ensure that their support changes lives.

For 90 years, Aloha United Way has empowered thousands to help build a healthier and stronger community through its annual workplace giving campaign. Through October, AYW representatives will visit businesses asking employees to use the payroll deduction system ... the

easiest way to make a difference.

Life Foundation has been an AYW partner agency for 21 years, resulting in hundreds of thousands of dollars to support our mission.

This fall, we ask all our donors and volunteers to support AYW. The campaign representative or your

human resource officer can provide you with an easy, one-page form that allows you to do a one-time contribution by check or credit card or several scheduled

deductions through your paycheck that - although appear small - greatly help organizations like Life Foundation.

AYW also offers you flexibility in how you wish your support to be used. Donors can designate their donation to an

organization of their choice.

To do this, simply select "D" on the donor designation form and include Life Foundation's agency number, which is **96650**. By doing so, 100 percent of your support comes directly to Life Foundation;

Life Foundation thanks the donors who designated their gift to Life Foundation last year and encourages all our donors, volunteers and clients to join this growing list when the AYW stops at your workplace.

If your employer does not participate, encourage them to do so or you can contribute by visiting www.auw.org and download the Donor Choice Form. To learn more about AYW, its programs and 96 partner agencies, visit www.auw.org.



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IN THE NEWS: HIV AND CONFIDENTIALITY

I'm sure many of you have seen the recent press about Rhonda Wong-Fernandez being sentenced to one year in prison for posting information about another woman's HIV status on her MySpace page.

This happened here in Hawaii, here on Oahu.

At Life Foundation, we strive to educate the public to see HIV/AIDS as a health issue, rather than a moral one. People should not be persecuted, threatened or have to live with any burden of secrecy on top of the challenges of living with HIV.

Unfortunately, stigma and ignorance towards HIV and AIDS still persist in our society, as we have seen during the recent court case against Ms. Wong-Fernandez.

Confidentiality of one's HIV status is important. During my more than 15 years as Executive Director of Life Foundation, I have seen first hand people abandoned by their family and friends once their HIV status is disclosed, and face heartbreaking prejudice and discrimination.

I have also seen families and members of our community embrace and support those living with HIV with acceptance and love.

The point is that only the person living with this terrible disease has the right to disclose his or her own status. It's as simple as that.

This right is protected by the state, and those who violate this right will be punished, as in the case of Ms. Wong-Fernandez.

How we, as a community, choose to respond to those who disclose their HIV status is up to us - either with fear and shame, or with love and support.

For those who choose not to disclose their HIV status, we only have one choice - to respect their privacy.



Paul Groesbeck
 Executive Director of Life Foundation

Visit starbulletin.com for a full version of the article. Search for "Wong-Fernandez."

DON'T FORGET TO GIVE ALOHA AT FOODLAND IN SEPTEMBER!

Don't forget to stop in at any Foodland with your *Makai* card and make your donation to Life Foundation in September through *Give Aloha!*

Foodland's annual charitable giving program, *Give Aloha*

allows all *Makai* card holders to make donations to the charity of their choice the entire month of September.

To make a donation, simply



tell your cashier and reference Life Foundation's *Give Aloha* number, which is **77233!** Foodland & Western Union's matching program makes your gift go even further!

THIS QUARTER

STATS FROM
 THIS QUARTER
 AT LIFE
 FOUNDATION

575

NUMBER OF
 PEOPLE
 TESTED
 FOR HIV

23

NUMBER
 OF NEW
 HIV-POSITIVE
 PEOPLE WHO
 REGISTERED
 AS LIFE
 FOUNDATION
 CLIENTS

671

NUMBER OF
 ACTIVE CLIENTS
 RECEIVING
 SERVICES
 AT LIFE
 FOUNDATION

26

NUMBER OF
 MEALS SERVED
 THROUGH LIFE
 FOUNDATION'S
 HOT MEALS
 PROGRAM

5,010

PREVENTION
 CONTACTS MADE
 BY LIFE
 FOUNDATION
 STAFF TO AT-
 RISK INDIVIDUALS

12,984

NUMBER OF
 CONDOMS
 DISTRIBUTED
 BY PREVENTION
 TEAM MEMBERS

MAHALO...

The following businesses, organizations and individuals contributed to Life Foundation between April 1, 2009 and June 30, 2009.

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"LIFE IS THE MOST PRECIOUS THING WE HAVE AND PRESERVING LIFE IS PRICELESS. I COUNT IT A PRIVILEGE TO BE ABLE TO GIVE AND SUPPORT THE LIFE FOUNDATION."

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SUPPORT LIFE FOUNDATION!

Please consider making a donation to fight AIDS in Hawaii with Life Foundation.
Donations are accepted online at www.lifefoundation.org, or via mail at:

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Questions? Contact Donald Bentz at 808-521-2437, x 238, or dbentz@lifefoundation.org



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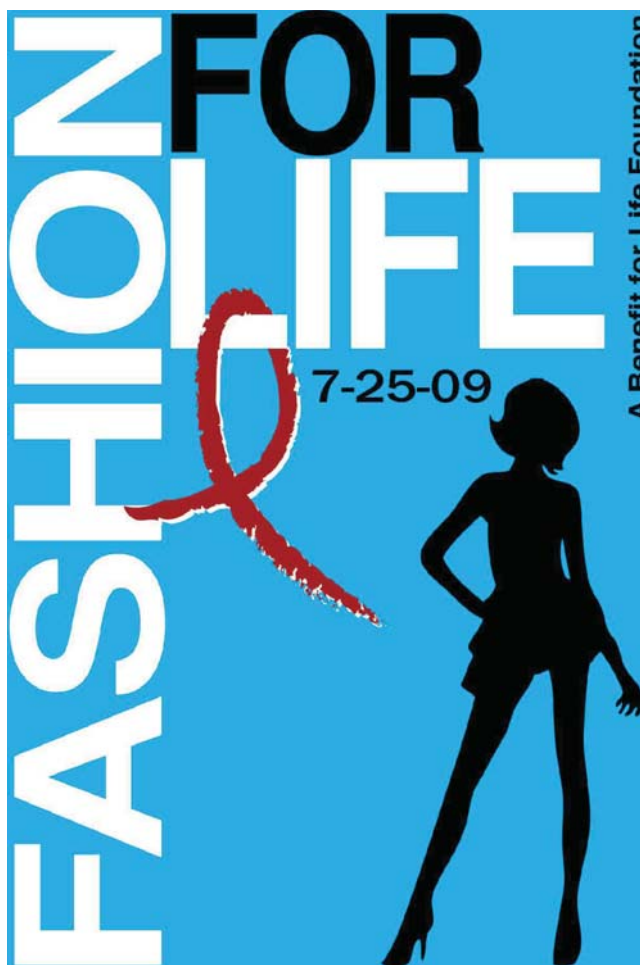
On July 25th, help stop AIDS in Hawaii at Fashion for Life, a benefit for Life Foundation!

Fashion for Life will be held at Thirtynine Hotel on Saturday, July 25, 7 p.m. - 2 a.m. Enjoy fashion, music, tasty tapas, and drinks! Great raffle prizes from Diesel, Second Skin and more.

Sounds provided by Nocturnal Sound Crew, body painting by Sarah Rorvig, and models wearing the hottest looks from Jessica's Traveling Boutique, Clutch, Allison Izu and more!! 21+ welcome, \$10 cover (includes raffle ticket).

For more information, contact Kandice Johns at 808-521-2437 x 250 or via email at kjohns@lifefoundation.org.

Fashion for Life
Thirtynine Hotel
July 25, 2009 • 7 p.m. until 2 a.m.



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