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LOCAL COMPANIES DONATE MORE THAN \$250,000 TO THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF HAWAII

This year, more than 100 local businesses supported environmental conservation in Hawai'i by donating more than \$250,000 to The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i's Corporate Council for the Environment. The Conservancy launched the Corporate Council for the Environment in 1987 to engage the business community in caring for Hawai'i's environment. In the past two decades, the Corporate Council for the Environment has grown into a coalition of local businesses who have given more than \$3 million to protect Hawai'i's natural heritage.

From February to June 2007, local companies committed to preserving the environment by contributing an estimated \$130,000 to The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i. Local businesses joining the Corporate Council for the Environment at the Executive Leadership Circle level (\$10,000+) are: **Alexander & Baldwin, Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc., Maui Land & Pineapple, The Shidler Family Foundation**, and the **Westin Maui Resort & Spa**.

Contributing at the Corporate Conservator level (\$5,000-\$9,999) are **ABC Stores (Kosasa Foundation), Bank of Hawai'i, The Cades Foundation (Cades Schutte), First Hawaiian Bank, First Insurance Company of Hawai'i, Grove Farm Company, Inc., Haleakalā Ranch Company, Kūki'o, Kukui'ula Development Company**, and the **Maryl Group, Inc.**

"We are very grateful to our local companies for their continued generous support," said Suzanne Case, The Conservancy's Hawai'i Executive Director. "Working together with the business community allows us to achieve conservation results at a scale and scope that

once appeared impossible. Their support allows us to continue to protect these extraordinary, beautiful islands we call home.”

Since 1980, The Nature Conservancy of Hawai‘i has been conserving and managing native habitats and ecosystems in Hawai‘i. With a system of 11 preserves on the islands of O‘ahu, Maui, Moloka‘i, Kaua‘i and Hawai‘i, the Conservancy directly protects 32,000 acres of critical habitat. Today, the Conservancy is taking conservation to a new level in Hawai‘i by protecting the larger landscapes and biological systems of which these preserves are a part. The Conservancy has also extended its work from the forests to the reefs and is engaged in marine conservation in the nearshore waters of the main Hawaiian Islands.