



Maui Family Support Services, Inc.

Strengthening Children and Families in Maui County since 1980!

NEWS RELEASE

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WAILUKU, MAUI – Maui Family Support Services, Inc. (MFSS) is proud to celebrate 42 years of providing continuous services for families in Maui County. MFSS is a private, non-profit agency incorporated in 1980 whose **mission** is to promote healthy family functioning by providing supportive services that build on family strengths. Their **prime directive** is to utilize our collective resources toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect. The agency serves the islands of Maui, Lāna‘i, and Moloka‘i.

MFSS’s 42nd-year celebration is marked with the blessing of the agency’s main office on November 16, 2022, at 1844 Wili Pa Loop in Wailuku. The building, which houses an Early Head Start Child Development Center, was rehabilitated in 2020-2021 through funding from the County of Maui-Community Development Block Grant. An Open House followed after the blessing, highlighting the comprehensive programs of the agency. MFSS provides home visiting programs promoting positive parenting and child development, parent-child interaction program, center-based and family childcare programs for infants and toddlers, early literacy, support for fathers and other male caregivers, outreach and navigation services, child care subsidies, and youth services. In FY22, MFSS served over 6,300 people through Maui County. During the event, the agency honored Mayor Michael Victorino and two volunteers, Tessa Coulter and Leinaala Kealoha, for their contributions to MFSS and the entire community. The MFSS Board of Directors also conducted its Annual Meeting and elected its officers.

The attached photo includes (L-R): Edel Baguio-Larena, CEO; Joycelyn Victorino, Board of Director; James Geiger, Esq., Board Secretary; Michael E. Kim, MD, Board President; Jorge Tirona, Vice President, Central Pacific Bank, Board Member; Giulietta Swenson, PsyD, Board Vice President; Michael Connor, PhD, Board Member; Desiree Kawasaki Abreau, Board Member. Not in photo: Steve Clark, MD, Board Treasurer; and Arliza Borja-Losano, Vice President, First Hawaiian Bank, Board Member.

