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DTRIC INSURANCE HOLDS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE TO SUPPORT READY TO LEARN

HONOLULU—Helping Hands Hawaii today welcomed DTRIC Insurance Company, Limited (DTRIC) as a Ready to Learn (R2L) Community Partner and participant in its school supply drive through its DTRIC Cares charitable giving program. From July 1 to July 31, DTRIC Cares will collect school supplies from DTRIC employees to support R2L, a program that helps Hawaii's low-income and homeless students who cannot afford to buy supplies for the school year.

The R2L program uses school supply donations to assemble a basic educational kit that consists of items like crayons, scissors, glue, folder paper, composition books, spiral notebooks, pencils/pens, erasers, rulers, calculators, portfolios, 2" three-ring binders and backpacks. The educational kits are developed for students in grades K-5 and grades 6-12. Each kit costs approximately \$10 to assemble.

"Our new partnership with DTRIC is particularly exciting because not only does it result in additional school supplies for the children benefiting from Ready to Learn, but it reflects a genuine interest from the company in helping this population," said Jan M. Harada, president and CEO of Helping Hands Hawaii. "It is always meaningful and inspiring to us when a company's own team joins in the effort and conducts an internal campaign as a part of their own employee giving."

"DTRIC Insurance is proud to join Helping Hands Hawaii in its effort to support local students and ensure their readiness and success in school," said Michele Saito, president of DTRIC Insurance. "As a kamaaina company dedicated to giving back to the local community, our DTRIC employees, friends and families look forward to participating in Helping Hands Hawaii's Ready to Learn program."

In 2014, R2L supplied kits to 4,516 children during the main back-to-school period and to more than 3,000 additional children throughout the year.

About Ready to Learn

R2L was founded in 1999 in partnership with the late U.S. Senator Daniel and Maggie Inouye. Its purpose is to ensure that low-income and homeless students throughout Hawaii have basic school supplies for their education. In 2005, HHH assumed statewide administration of this initiative and has continued to perpetuate the Inouyes' vision. Together with our community partners, HHH assists more than 8,000 students each year.

About Helping Hands Hawaii

Helping Hands Hawaii was founded in 1974 and connects individuals, families and organizations with essential human and material resources. Through our variety of programs, we provide a full continuum of care and help people overcome obstacles, like homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse and language access. Our strong partnerships with local social service providers and innovative approaches strengthen our community by helping people to help themselves. Visit www.helpinghandshawaii.org for details.

About DTRIC Insurance Company, Limited

Since 1992, DTRIC Insurance Company, Limited (DTRIC) has provided customers across the state with the good word on insurance. A household name in Hawaii and the local insurance industry, DTRIC is committed to providing its policyholders and agents with innovative, value-added insurance products and services exclusively in the state of Hawaii. Customers can access DTRIC's insurance products directly or through its statewide network of authorized general agencies. For additional information about DTRIC, visit www.dtric.com.

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