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OHANA FOUNDATION DONATES \$2.1 MILLION TO STATE SCHOOLS

Educational Learning DVD Donation Valued at \$8,000 Per School Site

HONOLULU — The Ohana Foundation is donating \$2.1 million worth of innovative and technological solutions to 255 schools statewide. The donation will provide the Hawaii Department of Education with \$8,000 worth of educational DVDs per school to assist students with the learning process.

“As a proud graduate of the Hawaii public school system, the Ohana Foundation pinpointed this as an excellent opportunity to give back to Hawaii’s youth. We hope these educational materials will be beneficial to the students,” said Annie Chan, founding president of Ohana Foundation.

The DVDs arrived at Oahu schools the week of April 3. The DVDs will also be shipped directly to neighbor island schools on Lanai, Molokai and in Hana, Maui.

“Our school is just making the transition from VCRs to DVDs, and with our limited budget, we have not been able to purchase any DVDs, “ said Nancy C.M. Teruya, Library Media Specialist at Ala Wai Elementary School. “I know that our children will benefit from many hours of enjoyable learning from the Ohana Foundation DVDs in conjunction with their science social studies and other content areas units.”



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In addition to the Hawaii donations, the Ohana Foundation, in partnership with the Center for School Improvement, Office of Indian Education Programs and the Ohana Fiat Lux Campaign, has recently donated 250 DVD sets to 185 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools across the country. Those DVDs will be distributed this summer.

About the Ohana Foundation is an international, non-profit research and development organization dedicated to unlocking opportunities for learning through innovative technology. Established in 1998, Ohana explores creative ways to integrate and implement teaching technologies and multimedia content across the K-12 curriculum.

About the Bureau of Indian Affairs school system serves approximately 48,000 American Indian children in 184 elementary and secondary day and boarding schools located on or near 63 reservations in 23 states. In school year 2004-2005 the BIA directly operated one-third of these schools and the remaining two-thirds were tribally operated under BIA contracts or grants.

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