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KEAUHOU RESORT CAPTURES KONA KOHALA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CULTURE AND HERITAGE AWARD

KEAUHOU, HAWAII—Keauhou Resort received a Pualu Culture and Heritage Award from the Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce at their recent annual luncheon and membership meeting.

The Kona Kohala Chamber of Commerce has been honoring leaders for the past twenty-nine years in West Hawaii for their dedication and hard work in the community. The Pualu Awards (literally meaning to work together) recognizes recipients for their outstanding commitment to the community.

The Pualu Culture and Heritage Award honored Keauhou's restoration of wahi pana (sacred places) including the reconstruction of the venerable Hapaiali'i Heiau and work currently underway at Ke'eku Heiau. The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce recognized Keauhou's cultural site restoration will serve as an educational tool for visitors and residents and provide native Hawaiians with the opportunity to actively participate in cultural practices.

"This is an exciting time for Keauhou. As we complete the restoration of these cultural and historic places, a deeper cultural experience is emerging for our visitors and residents and the legacy that has always been a part of these lands is returning," stated Keauhou Resort President and General Manager Greg Chun.

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Keauhou Resort's Pualu Award

Keauhou Resort's restoration team, comprised of Billy Fields, noted Hawaiian uhu humu pohaku (dry stack masonry) expert, archaeologists from Tom Dye and Associates, and Keauhou Resort's cultural resource specialist Mahealani Pai, began restoration of Hapaiali'i heiau last July. Restoration of the 150 foot by 100 foot heiau was completed in late December. With the completion of Hapaiali'i, restoration of nearby Ke'eku heiau and Makolea heiau has begun. Restoration of Ke'eku and Makolea is expected to be completed by October of this year.

This is the fourth award for Keauhou's restoration of sacred sites. Keauhou has received a Keep it Hawaii award for the plane table mapping of Kapuanoni heiau, Historic Hawaii Foundation's Preservation Award for restoration of sacred places and Kona Outdoor Circle recently awarded its Cultural Beautification award to Keauhou.

About Keauhou

Kamehameha Investment Corporation, Inc., a subsidiary of Bishop Holdings, Inc. – the for-profit arm of Kamehameha Schools, is responsible for Keauhou Resort, a 2,400-acre fully integrated destination community located five miles south of Kailua, Kona. Keauhou includes Keauhou Beach Resort, Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa, Keauhou Shopping Center, two golf courses, timeshare, residential and resort condominiums and single-family residences.

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