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Accuity LLP Accountants Partner with Hawaii 3R's to help Waipahu High Enhance its Facilities

HONOLULU, HAWAII June 23, 2017 - Hawaii's tax, audit and fiscal management experts of Accuity LLP will provide hours of sweat and manual labor at Waipahu High School on Friday, June 23, 2017 to help improve and beautify the main school courtyard as part of the Hawaii 3R's program.

The Hawaii 3R's program, founded in 2001 by Senator Daniel K. Inouye, develops public and private partnerships to support the backlog of maintenance projects at Hawaii's schools with manpower, logistics and financial support. Like the logo indicates, it supports Repair, Remodel and Restoration projects that improve the quality of life for the campus environment, providing our keiki with a sense of pride and improving their educational experience.

Accuity LLP Managing Partner, Kent Tsukamoto has led his team of accountants, auditors, consultants and support staff to give back to our community with their annual **Accuity Cares Day**. Over the years, projects have varied from painting and repairing public schools and the Palolo Chinese Home to delivering Meals on Wheels, removing invasive seaweed out of Mauanalua Bay and feeding the homeless at the Institute For Human Services. This year Accuity LLP saw a great opportunity to support the late Senator's Hawaii 3R's program by volunteering at Waipahu High School.

"It's always a team effort," said Tsukamoto. "We reached out to Hawaii 3R's and in turn, their partners at the DOE helped to coordinate our efforts with Waipahu High School. It's great to be part of a multi-phase project at Waipahu with new sod planted and an irrigation system installed to support the new sod, as well as a new stage area for assemblies to give students a new sense of pride."

Waipahu High School Principal and current Interim DOE Superintendent Keith Hayashi was very appreciative and supportive of the 3R's program and partner Accuity LLP in finishing up the project for the school. "The courtyard is a longstanding and valued assembly area for the school. It has quite a history with the 50-plus years of the Arthur Awards cheering competition that has the entire student body participate in the annual competition taking place there along with many assemblies and events. It's a cornerstone to the life at Waipahu High and I really want to thank Accuity for making this happen for our students. This type of effort shows what is possible to help make campus life even better for all when people come together and lend a hand."

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Approximately 80 employees and ohana from Accuity LLP will turn out in force to get down and dirty and lend a hand on the final phases of the landscaping of the courtyard area of the school. Karen Silverstein, a Principal and Chief Operating Officer at Accuity said, “We love to come out and work together and support the community in ways like this. Even accountants don’t mind getting dirty now and then as it brings our team together and we get to give back. It’s a value that is instilled in the team at Accuity.”

The Hawaii 3R’s program has been facilitating community projects over the years, diminishing the backlog of projects that was the late Senator’s vision. Hawaii 3R’s Executive Director Kalowena Komeji said she, too, is thankful for Accuity’s support and the many partners that have helped contribute to the program over the years. It’s companies like Accuity LLP that are making a difference” said Komeji. “The number of things that need to be repaired, remodeled and restored continues to grow as the schools age. For us to have a chance to catch up, we must rely on community support. There is much more to be done so please contact us if your organization or business wants to get involved and help.”

About Hawaii 3R’s

The late U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye began the Hawaii 3R’s (Repair, Remodel, Restore Hawaii’s public schools) initiative in 2001 to bring outside resources (financial and volunteers) together to tackle the state’s approximate \$640 million repair and maintenance backlog. Projects by Hawaii 3R’s have been completed at nearly every public school across the state, resulting in a “savings” to the state of over \$43 million over the past 13 years. For more information, call 808-371-6679 or visit www.hawaii3rs.com

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