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**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD:  
JOHN MULLEN & COMPANY**

Among what seems like an endless list of charitable acts, the employees of John Mullen & Company:

- Donated an extra \$3,500 for the Aloha United Way last year;
- Raised \$2,000 for the American Heart Association in the 2008 Oahu Heart Walk;
- Collected \$969 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association last year;
- Hit the streets with nets to collect for the Hawaii Food Bank;
- Served meals at Ronald McDonald House;
- Adopted a needy family for a dozen Christmases in a row through the Lokahi Adopt a Family Program;
- Raised money at the 2008 AIDS walk.

"One year, employees of John Mullen & Company did a trash cleanup of the Kakaako area by their offices in the former Gold Bond Building," says James Granata, the company's general manager, who is awed by the generosity of his employees. "Several years ago, the employees caroled and brought presents to the patients at Shriners Hospital." They've

also gone caroling at Island Nursing Home and brought presents for the elderly residents, says Granata.

Company founders John P. and Margaret Mullen began the tradition of generosity by launching a foundation to help community projects not long after they opened in Hawaii 50 years ago. The couple also personally assisted both Catholic Charities and Aloha United Way, and their son, Terry Mullen, who now runs the company, has continued that family tradition. In 2007, the company was a finalist for AUW's Small Business Big Heart Company Award, and its intern, Sarita Corn, was named Coordinator of the Year, Spirit of the Community.

"We don't get jaded, that's part of our 101 training," says Terry Mullen. "Our purpose in life is to find the fairness in every situation and get people back on the road to their lives. The people who work here tend to be people who want to help others." **-BY BEVERLY CREAMER**

## Employees Give Back - Again and Again and Again

As insurance adjusters, the employees at John Mullen & Company see some of their customers' toughest times: workplace injuries, traffic accidents, lost jobs, life-threatening illnesses or harm from criminals. Perhaps that helps explain why these employees devote so much of their free time to others.

They sponsored a birthday party last year for children at the Kakaako Homeless Shelter on Honolulu's Keawe Street. They brought a giant cake and ice cream for everyone, plus presents of toys and clothes, and then read to the children and played games with them. Later, when a call came for school supplies, employees bought bags of pencils, paper and crayons for homeless families who couldn't afford them.