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WORKING IT OUT TOGETHER

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding."

~ Albert Einstein

Reflections on the Power of Mediation in Light of Recent Events:

The tragedies in recent days are a powerful reminder that fear and misunderstanding can cloud our ability to recognize common ground and acknowledge our shared experience as human beings.

As a community mediation center, WHMC works everyday to reinforce the connections between us, ground us in our shared foundations, and foster mutual respect and understanding.

Because of your support (as volunteers, partners, friends and donors) WHMC will continue to do all we can to foster peace in our community, our nation and the world.

Together we can work to lift the clouds of fear and misunderstanding to reveal that our universal experiences, like love and weeping and laughter, are common to all human beings.*

Thank you.

*(With credit to the words of Aberjhani).

WHMC Accomplishments

As we close the 2015–2016 fiscal year, WHMC is looking back on our accomplishments this past year and the incredible impact that YOU – our donors, volunteers and supporters – have made to help us reach our goals to provide peaceable solutions to people in our community and expand our

conflict education programs for youth.



Court and Self-Referred Mediation:

- Conducted a total of 354 court and self-referred mediation with the help of 40 active volunteer mediators
- Welcomed a total of 15 new mediators to our pool of talented volunteer mediators

Foreclosure Mediation:

- Served 47 families facing foreclosure as part of our Foreclosure Pilot Program

Peer Mediation:

- During the 2015–2016 School Year, WHMC trained 252 peer mediators with the potential to directly and/or indirectly impact 5,210 students
- Expanded the program from one middle school in SY2012–13 to three middle schools and three high schools in SY2015–16, including the largest high school in West Hawai'i
- In an effort to toward program sustainability at schools, one school has taken the step in adding a Peer Mediation/Peace Studies elective course in which nearly every mediator is enrolled
- Provided numerous opportunities for high school mediators to mentor/serve as trainers/assistants for elementary mediators



Community Outreach & Training:

- WHMC attended and hosted a total of 14 training's with topics covering

Facilitation, Agreement Writing, Landlord Tenant, Domestic Violence, Digital Storytelling, Access to Justice and two Basic Mediation trainings

- Participated in 18 separate community outreach events, including neighborhood watch meetings, Crime Prevention discussions, University volunteer fairs and Rotary meetings

Looking Ahead

In the year to come WHMC is excited to work with all of you to ...

- **grow** our volunteer mediator pool
- expand our **outreach** efforts to ensure that all communities in West Hawai'i have access to our services
- develop new programs in **collaboration** with new partner agencies to better meet the growing needs in our communities
- stay **connected** with our clients, volunteers, partners, and supporters and develop new connections

Thank You

WHMC understands that now, more than ever, the affordable, accessible, conflict resolution services we provide are essential to the communities we serve. We thank you all for your support over the years and your continued belief in the importance of the work we do.

With Aloha,

WHMC Staff, Volunteers, and Board of Directors

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