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Today, Hawaii Business Magazine announced that Imua Family Services was named, once more, as one of the 2012 *Best Places to Work in Hawaii and the Nation* by both the Hawaii Business Magazine and The Nonprofit Times. The list of "Best Places to Work" is published annually by *Hawaii Business* magazine and nationally by *The Nonprofit Times*. As in previous years, the data from Imua Family Services employees was gathered and analyzed by an independent research organization, the Best Companies Group, which conducts similar research in states throughout the nation. Imua Family Services was previously awarded the Best Places to Work award in 2008 and 2010.

"What makes Imua Family Services a great place to work? Three things: Doing great work for children and families on Maui; working with a stellar team of dedicated professionals; and working with the support of our community and county." said Dean Wong, Executive Director of Imua Family Services. "This recognition is a tribute to the efforts of our employees and their passion for achieving great outcomes for the children and families we serve."

The survey and awards programs are designed to identify, recognize and honor the best places of employment in Hawaii and nationally, benefiting the state's economy, its workforce and businesses. Selection is based on a comprehensive review of each organization's benefits, career development, training and retention, as well as feedback from employees through an extensive survey.

Today Imua Family Services provides comprehensive early childhood development services to children with developmental delays, special needs and disabilities and to their families with the support and resources needed to achieve their full potential in life. Each year, over 2,500 community members on Maui and Lanai receive support from Imua Family Services through the Infant & Child Development Program, Early Childhood Development Program, Newborn Hearing Screening, and Camp Imua.

2012 marks the 65th anniversary of Imua and brings many exciting changes and opportunities for the nonprofit organization; this year, Maui can anticipate several new events, programs and fundraisers by Imua Family Services, including a public performance at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center of Patrick Henry Hughes, the inspirational young man and author of "I am Potential" Patrick who made his debut national TV appearance on Oprah Winfrey Show, the launch of The Fantasia Ball Gala Fundraiser at the Grand Wailea Ballroom celebrating Imua's 65 year anniversary, the 15th anniversary of the Roy's Restaurants Classic Golf Classic and The First Annual Paddle Imua a stand-up, 6 man, OC1 and prone paddle fundraising event for Camp Imua, and so much more. 2012 promises to be an exciting year at Imua!

If you would like more information about Imua Family Services, please visit our website at www.imuafamilyservices.org or call 244-7467.

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A small representation of Imua's staff at the 14th Annual Roy's Golf Classic Tournament this past September. From Left to Right – Bottom Row: Rae Graber – Accounting Specialist, Michelle Tianio – Program Assistant, Christi Masters – Program Director, Priscilla Veilleux – Executive Assistant, Stacey Teshima – Occupational Therapist, Andrea Parker – Speech Language Pathologist; Top Row: Betsy Scheller – Director of Human Resources, Debbie Sutherland – Board President, Matthew Clark – Speech Language Pathologist, Joanna Tomchak – Controller, Carol Riccio – Physical Therapist, and Dean Wong, Executive Director.