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**Imua Family Services' Congratulates Christi Masters
Pacific Business News 40 Under 40 Awardee**

Wailuku, Hawaii – In a prestigious awards ceremony last night held at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu, HI Imua Family Services Program Director Christi Masters was honored as one of the 40 awardees in the Pacific Business News Forty under 40.

Forty und 40 recognizes Hawaii's best and brightest young business professionals commending them for their professional achievements and positive contributions to the community. Hard work, bright ideas, confidence and unfettered drive have brought each of the candidates to the forefront of their fields. Imua Family Services Executive Director Dean Wong says "Imua Family Services is so very proud of Christi, she has served Imua and Maui's community of families with a passion and expertise in her field in very difficult economic times. Pacific Business News honors those in Hawaii whose ambitions will shape Hawaii's future with their leadership and commitment to community and Christi exemplifies these attributes."

Masters is the Program Director for Imua Family Services Infant and Child Development and Newborn Hearing Screening Programs which serves more than 400 children and their families each year. These early interventions serves children from birth to age three who have developmental concerns. Imua helps these children improve physical movement, communication, and personal and social skills through physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, special instruction and other services as needed. In addition, the program helps families by providing information, demonstrations and support to caregivers they may better understand their children's developmental needs and how to meet them.

Masters has been with Imua Family Services since 2005, when she started as a speech-language pathologist serving children in public schools; her colleagues describe her as devoted and compassionate. "I am honored to be chosen as a recipient of the 2011 40 Under 40 Award. To be nominated by my peers is a wonderful feeling and it encourages me to work even harder. I am inspired as well by my co-recipients of the award as they are such talented, intelligent and innovative leaders themselves." Says Masters "Thank you so much to Pacific Business News for the opportunity to be part of such an incredible event."

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