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2006 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SUZANNE RICHMOND-CRUM AWARD PRESENTED TO DR. CYRIL GOSHIMA

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Health STD/AIDS Prevention Branch is pleased to announce that the 3rd Annual Suzanne Richmond-Crum Award will be presented to Dr. Cyril Goshima, Director of the AIDS Education Project at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii Manoa.

This award will be presented to Dr. Goshima at the World AIDS Day event on Oahu, to be held at 6:00 pm on Friday, December 1st at Church of the Crossroads in Honolulu. Dr. Goshima will be present at this service to receive his award.

This award is dedicated to the memory of Suzanne Richmond-Crum, the former Director of HSPAMM: Hawaii Seropositivity and Medical Management Program, an HIV/AIDS medical care program of the STD/AIDS Prevention Branch. Suzanne passed away in August 2004 after serving as Director of HSPAMM for more than ten years. Those who knew Suzanne admired the pride and commitment she exhibited in all aspects of her professional life. This award is established in memory of the expertise, competence and compassion Suzanne demonstrated in her HIV/AIDS work and is presented to an individual in Hawaii each year "for outstanding contribution in providing HIV/AIDS services in Hawaii".

Dr. Cyril Goshima has worked as an HIV/AIDS physician in Hawaii for the past 25 years, since the beginning of the HIV epidemic.

Dr. Goshima's practice has been based mainly at his office in Kaimuki. He has been caring for people living with HIV/AIDS in the most compassionate and dignified manner possible since he began his practice. He was one of the first physicians in Hawaii willing to provide care to patients who were HIV+ or who had a diagnosis of AIDS.

As a current member of the Scientific Research Advisory Board of the University of Hawaii, The American Medical Association, The American College of Physicians, The American Board of Internal Medicine, The Hawaii Medical Association, The Honolulu County Medical Society and The Physicians Association for AIDS Care, Dr. Goshima has used his extensive experience in the fields of HIV and AIDS to educate the local community, the government and the scientific community on HIV/AIDS research and current issues. Dr. Goshima is one of the few doctors who belong to the prestigious American Academy of HIV Medicine.

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For several years, Dr. Goshima was the Chair of the Governor's Committee on HIV/AIDS. In this role, he provided leadership regarding policies and practices related to the provision of prevention, care and treatment services for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Hawaii.

Dr. Goshima has utilized his experience and expertise to speak at conferences and meetings in Hawaii and in the Pacific area.

This award provides an opportunity to acknowledge Dr. Cyril Goshima's courage, commitment and compassion to those who are HIV positive in Hawaii. The Hawaii Department of Health joins with the community in honoring Dr. Goshima with the 3rd Annual Suzanne Richmond-Crum Award on World AIDS Day, December 1, 2006.

The public is invited to attend the World AIDS Day service where Dr. Goshima will be presented with the award.

There are many activities occurring statewide for World AIDS Day, December 1st, including other Oahubased events and Neighbor Island activities. For more information on all statewide World AIDS Day events, go to:

www.worldaidsdayhawaii.org

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