



Hawaii golfers to raise funds for final drilling costs for water well in Ethiopia, Africa, and in memory of Well of Hope co-founder Mike Elinski

The “Well of Hope Golf Tournament in Memory of Mike Elinski” will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at Waialeale Golf Course on Oahu. Check in begins at 10 a.m., followed by a 12:00 p.m. shotgun start.

Celebrity chairmen “Little Albert” Malignat and radio personality “Scotty B” are asking the community to golf in memory of water well co-founder Mike Elinski, who along with four other Hawaii residents funded the cost to drill a deep water well in the Samasenbet area of Ethiopia, Africa in 2006. Before the well, the children and villagers walked three hours each day to fetch water from a dirty river, but today in village Gilo Ager, clean water is available and running. Fundraisers in Hawaii over the last four years have paid for \$46,000 of the \$60,000 required to cover the initial drilling costs. The project is now in Phase III – installation of more water distribution points at four villages and one school, serving a total of 10,000 people.

The tournament will offer an Eagle Sponsorship for \$1100 (a \$1400 value), where sponsors receive (2) three-person teams and (2) hole signages. For a Birdie Sponsorship for \$600 (a \$700 value), sponsors receive (1) three-person team and (1) hole signage. Tee sponsorships are \$250. Fees include lunch, beverages, green fees and cart, awards banquet, goodie bags and door prizes. There will be special hole-in-one prizes on selected par 3s and door prizes. Banquet only tickets cost \$40.

The Well of Hope Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization (#20-8086100). The Foundation’s mission statement is: ***To provide basic human survival requirements, such as clean drinking water, through the construction of water wells and filtration systems, food, clothing, and shelter, and to fulfill educational and health needs for poverty stricken individuals and families in Hawaii and worldwide.***

In addition, the Well of Hope Foundation continues to provide much-needed hot meals for US VETS in Kalaeloa, food donations to local agencies, and educational scholarships for orphaned students in Gulu, Uganda, Africa. In 2012, the Foundation will award the inaugural Mike Elinski Scholarship.

On Oct. 13, 2011, Sonya Mendez will travel to Ethiopia for the official dedication of the well. The Well of Hope Foundation is an all-volunteer board and all travel costs are out-of-pocket. For more information, visit www.thewellofhopefoundation.org or contact Sonya Mendez at (808) 228-4499 or sonyamendez@hawaii.rr.com or Leilani Williams at (808) 864-2782 or lcwilliams@williamsaerospace.com.

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