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PRESS RELEASE

Hawaii's Favorite Preschool Teacher and Favorite Child Care Provider Announced

The winners of PATCH's first-ever online contest for Hawaii's Favorite Preschool Teacher and Favorite Child Care Provider were announced at the 2011 PATCH Benefit Dinner on May 7, 2011. The statewide contest was held in honor of National Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, and celebrated those who care for Hawaii's children. More than 45,000 votes were tallied, and one winner in each category received a prize package worth \$1,500.



Back row, left to right: Katy Chen, PATCH executive director; Rebecca Kow, finalist and preschool teacher at Hilo Hongwanji Preschool; Val E. Rita, finalist and preschool teacher at Na Kama Pono ECDC Lab School, Kauai Community College; **Tiffany Kimizuka, winner, Hawaii's Favorite Preschool Teacher, from Seagull Schools Early Learning Center in Honolulu;** **Joy Tangalin, winner, Hawaii's Favorite Child Care Provider, from Joy's Rainbow Daycare on Kauai;** Choon Miike, finalist and Oahu Family Child Care Provider; Shirley Pokipala, finalist and Oahu Family Child Care Provider of Promise Child Care Home Center; and Tanny Joaquin, anchor, Hawaii News Now Sunrise, and PATCH Benefit Dinner master of ceremonies.
Front row: Zachary Ing, a student at Na Kama Pono ECDC Lab School, Kauai Community College.

PATCH, a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization, has been helping Hawaii's families balance work and family responsibilities since 1976. The mission of PATCH is to support and improve the quality and availability of care for the young people of Hawaii. To learn more, visit www.PatchHawaii.org.