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Aloha United Way Announces the Upcoming Retirement of President & CEO John Fink

June 12, 2024 - HONOLULU, HI – Aloha United Way (AUW) has announced the upcoming retirement of its President and CEO, John Fink, effective December 31, 2024. Fink has led AUW since June 2020 and will be stepping down to pursue personal endeavors after a notable career in community service.

Joining AUW during the COVID-19 pandemic, Fink's leadership over the past 4.5 years has been crucial in navigating the organization through significant challenges. Under his direction, AUW implemented major programs to assist tens of thousands of residents during the pandemic and raised over \$3 million through the organization's Maui Wildfire Relief Fund.

"We are deeply grateful for John's service and wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement," said Brian Bowers, AUW Executive Committee Board Chair. "We've been planning this transition for a while, and we are thankful for John's willingness to stay and help ensure a smooth handover to the next leader. We look forward to partnering with a search firm to launch a nationwide search for the next President & CEO of AUW, continuing the legacy of impactful leadership."

Under Fink's leadership, AUW enhanced relationships with business and legislative communities, secured increased funding and support for agencies and partners across O`ahu, and nearly doubled its workforce. His tenure also saw increased awareness for AUW's ALICE, 211 Statewide Helpline, and Safety Net initiatives.

As AUW prepares for this transition, the Executive Committee of the AUW Board of Directors will ensure a seamless handover. The new President will build on Fink's successes and guide AUW into its next chapter of growth and impact.

Fink expressed his gratitude to the AUW community for its unwavering support. "When I came to AUW in June 2020, I was well-aware of the legacy of great work the agency had done in our community for over a century. Being part of the agency's day-to-day work during COVID and through the Maui wildfires has only reinforced my respect for the role

AUW plays in Hawai'i's social work landscape. I am honored to have been part of this wonderful organization and look forward to the next six months as the Board searches for the next CEO.”

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Aloha United Way (AUW) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for individuals and families in Hawai'i by addressing critical social issues, amplifying non-profit agencies, and mobilizing resources such as the AUW ALICE, 211 Statewide Helpline and Safety Net initiatives. For more information, visit www.auw.org.