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### **Hawaiian Telcom Employees Donate Nearly \$150,000 to United Way in Hawai'i *Hawai'i's Technology Leader Honored with AUW Spirit of Community Award***

**HONOLULU** (Thursday, May 5, 2016) – [Hawaiian Telcom](http://www.hawaiiantel.com) was honored as a recipient of Aloha United Way's Spirit of Community Award today at the non-profit organization's annual recognition and awards luncheon. As part of an elite group that was honored today, Hawaiian Telcom received the Laulima Award, which recognized exceptional leadership of an individual/group in coordinating an Aloha United Way workplace giving campaign.

"The Spirit of Community Award is a testament to our company's and our employees' commitment to generously support the communities in which we all live and work," said Scott Barber, Hawaiian Telcom President and CEO. "As Hawai'i's technology leader and a dedicated kama'āina company, our team is highly engaged with the community on many levels, and we're pleased that our contributions are helping to provide valuable social services and improve lives throughout our state."

Hawaiian Telcom employees raised a total of \$148,403 in 2015 for Hawai'i's four United Way organizations to strengthen and support our communities. Contributions were made to Aloha United Way (O'ahu), Hawai'i Island United Way, Kaua'i United Way and Maui United Way.

"We are extremely grateful for the many years of continued support and commitment from the employees of Hawaiian Telcom," said Cindy Adams, President and CEO of Aloha United Way. "This generous donation from the hearts of Hawaiian Telcom employees allows Aloha United Way and the nonprofit community to make significant strides in addressing issues that affect us all, allowing us to build a stronger, healthier community."

Hawaiian Telcom was also recognized for its support of the Kaua'i United Way at the non-profit's Annual Meeting and Mahalo Celebration held last month. Hawaiian Telcom was presented with awards in the following categories: 1) Top 15 Employee Groups as one of its top donors, 2) 100% Club for 100% employee participation and 3) Top Three Per Capita with an average contribution of \$220 per employee.

About 1,300 Hawaiian Telcom employees statewide raised money through a combination of individual pledges and employee fundraising events that included a Change for Change coin collection, a country fair and bake sale, and the company's first HT 'Ohana cookbook. Honoring a long-standing tradition of giving back to their communities, Hawaiian Telcom employees have raised more than \$1 million for United Way since 2006.



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**About Hawaiian Telcom**

*Hawaiian Telcom (Nasdaq: HCOM), headquartered in Honolulu, is Hawai'i's technology leader, providing integrated communications, broadband, data center and entertainment solutions for business and residential customers. With roots in Hawai'i beginning in 1883, the Company offers a full range of services including Internet, video, voice, wireless, data network solutions and security, colocation, and managed and cloud services supported by the reach and reliability of its next generation fiber network and a 24/7 state-of-the-art network operations center. With employees statewide sharing a commitment to innovation and a passion for delivering superior service, Hawaiian Telcom provides an Always On<sup>SM</sup> customer experience. For more information, visit [www.hawaiiantel.com](http://www.hawaiiantel.com).*