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Napuakea

Donation will help build facility

KAPOLEI — Home builder D.R. Horton's Schuler Division presented a \$100,000 check to Easter Seals Hawaii March 16 during a ceremony at Napuakea, off Makakilo Drive in Kapolei.

Napuakea is Easter Seals Hawaii's new West Oahu facility. Scheduled to open later in the summer, Napuakea will provide services to more than 500 West Oahu families. The donation by the developer, made in two installments over the next two years, will help fund critical programs for infants, children, youth and adults with disabilities or special needs from Ewa to the Waianae Coast.

"Easter Seals Hawaii's relationship with D.R. Horton goes back many years from when they assisted us with the acquisition of the land that Napuakea is built on through support during the many stages of development and construction, and we are thankful for this generous gift to help us complete this wonderful addition to the West Oahu communities," said John Howell, president and chief executive officer of Easter Seals Hawaii. "The D.R. Horton team has demonstrated its support of our community, and we truly appreciate its commitment to make a difference in the lives of children and adults with disabilities."

"D.R. Horton — Schuler Division has been deeply involved in the West Oahu community for decades, and we are proud to partner with Easter Seals Hawaii to help them continue their great work with the development of the Napuakea service center in Makakilo," said Mike Jones, the company division's president. He said the company "has always believed in giving back to the communities in which it is involved in and the Napuakea center will provide much needed help to those with disabilities or special needs."

Napuakea, a two-story, 20,000-square foot service center on three acres of land in Makakilo, will house programs including early intervention, youth services, occupational, physical and speech therapies, adult health and workforce development. Easter Seals Hawaii serves as a nonprofit provider of services to those with disabilities or special needs.

Schuler provided engineering support for Napuakea in 2007.
