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FIRST INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAWAII'S COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN 2016 TOPPED \$600,000; 2,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS

HONOLULU – More than 100 community nonprofit organizations and projects benefited from First Insurance Company of Hawaii (FICOH) in 2016 through financial donations from the company as well as donations and volunteer hours given by FICOH employees. First Insurance's philanthropic donations last year surpassed \$600,000 and its employees' volunteer hours exceeded 2,000.

Among the organizations receiving financial donations were: the University of Hawaii Foundation, the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the Aloha United Way, the American Diabetes Association, The Salvation Army and Easter Seals Hawaii. The First Community Action Team (known as First CAT) completed volunteer work for the Ronald McDonald House Charities® of Hawaii, the Institute for Human Services, HUGS, the Hawaiian Humane Society and Meals on Wheels (HMOW) to name a few. During the past 10 years, FICOH employees have volunteered during their lunch breaks to deliver approximately 800 meals per year, accounting for roughly 25% of HMOW's total volunteers.

"Contributing to our community is part of our business philosophy 'To Be a Good Company,'" said Jeff Shonka, First Insurance CEO. "It's our mission to support local organizations that strive to improve Hawaii's future."

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To learn more about FICOH and the FICOH Charitable Foundation's yearly donations, visit <http://www.ficoh.com/about-us/community/>.

About First Insurance Company of Hawaii

Founded on August 11, 1911, First Insurance Company of Hawaii, Ltd. is the oldest and largest property and casualty insurer domiciled in Hawaii, with assets of \$660.6 million, liabilities of \$375.5 million, and policyholders' surplus of \$285.1 million as of September 30, 2016.

First Insurance, a member of the Tokio Marine North America (TMNA) group of companies, enjoys an "A+" rating from A.M. Best Co. and has been named to the Ward's 50 list of top-performing property and casualty insurance companies for eight consecutive years.

First Insurance was honored to be named an Outstanding Corporation in 2016 by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Aloha Chapter.

Proud of its broadly experienced, service-oriented staff, First Insurance employs more than 300 insurance professionals and distributes its products through 28 independent general agencies.

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