



# GREGORY HOUSE PROGRAMS

*Hawaii's Statewide HIV/AIDS Housing Agency*

June 20, 2006

Dear Friend,

*Together, we can help others in need.*

This month marks twenty-five years of AIDS and it's hard to believe AIDS has been with us so many years. Since 1981, 40.3 million people have been diagnosed with HIV or AIDS worldwide, and 30 million have died. Today, 1.1 million Americans are living with HIV or AIDS. While there have been clear and important successes against what is considered one of the most devastating diseases in history, serious challenges remain, particularly for individuals and families living with the disease.

I am writing you today to ask you to support the Gregory House Programs Fund Drive. This Fund Drive is our most important campaign of the year. **We are counting on the participation of caring people like you to help us so that we can continue to assist the over 220 households we serve each month.**

Our services include emergency shelter, housing assistance, transitional shelter, rental assistance and subsidies, and supportive services that include housing case management, counseling, substance abuse treatment, and so many other vital and essential daily living needs.

*Founded in 1988, Gregory House Programs is the only statewide HIV/AIDS housing provider. As you know through news reports, housing costs have skyrocketed and homelessness is ever present. According to the U. S. Census Bureau, the median gross rent in Hawaii surpassed that in all other states.*

Thanks to people like you who support Gregory House Programs, those that are less fortunate and in need will have access to our services. At Gregory House Programs we witness everyday the impoverishing effects of HIV and AIDS. The individuals and families we serve would not be able to maintain an adequate level of health, stability, and a sense of security without the access to housing and related services we provide; ***Housing is Healthcare.***

I encourage you to help us help those that are challenged with living with HIV and AIDS. I am writing to ask for your kokua to support those in need right here in our community through a donation of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100 or any amount. This will help us bridge the gap in funding between actual client needs and what is provided from our funding sources. If you have donated in the past, we thank you for your continued support. If you have never donated, now is the time to help.

*Your gift will help us maintain services to those individuals and families in need. Your contribution is completely tax deductible. On behalf of the many people we serve, **thank you** for your generosity. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 592-9022.*

Sincerely,

Jon Berliner  
Executive Director

