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**DR. DOMINIC CHOW TO RECEIVE SUZANNE RICHMOND-  
CRUM AWARD ON 2013 WORLD AIDS DAY**

HONOLULU – The Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) STD/AIDS Prevention Branch is pleased to announce that the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Suzanne Richmond-Crum Award will be presented to Dr. Dominic Chow. The award will be presented at the World AIDS Day event on Sunday, Dec. 1, from 4 to 6 p.m., at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu (1730 Punahou Ave.). Dr. Chow is being honored for his tremendous contributions to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment services in Hawaii.

For over 15 years, Dr. Chow has dedicated himself to taking care of individuals affected by HIV/AIDS. He is an HIV expert at the Hawaii Center for AIDS Program; the Medical Director for the Clint Spencer Clinic, a multi-specialty clinic focusing on the care of individuals infected with HIV and its complications; a primary care provider at the Queen Emma Clinic; and an active board member at the Life Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to stopping the spread of HIV and to assisting people who are living with HIV and AIDS.

Nicole Valcour, clinical nurse manager at the Clint Spencer Clinic, said, “Dr. Chow is the very definition of dedication to his patients, showing compassion and care above and beyond what is

expected of a physician. His personal touch, coupled with a deep and broad understanding of HIV and primary care make him a highly sought after resource both for patients and staff.”

Dr. Chow completed his combined medicine/pediatrics residency at Yale School of Medicine, and a Masters of Public Health and general preventive medicine residency at Johns Hopkins. Since 2002, Dr. Chow has been the Associate Program Director of Ambulatory Care in the HIV Fellowship Program at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. He is funded to do research projects by the National Institutes of Health, and has published more than 40 research articles. He is a renowned local, national and international lecturer on HIV.

Dr. Chow is an active participant in the training of medical students and medical residents at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and has served as mentor to other students and junior researchers. He provides HIV expertise through the continuing education of Hawaii practicing healthcare providers and is committed to the care of HIV-infected patients to ensure they receive optimal therapies. Dr. Chow is also an outstanding leader in the UH Internal Medicine and Pediatric Residency Programs, receiving the University of Hawaii Pediatric Residency Program Faculty Teaching Award in 2005.

Bruce Shiramizu, MD, Professor at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, Hawaii Center for AIDS summarized Dr. Chow’s dedication to the care of those with HIV/AIDS by saying, “His significant accomplishments and outstanding contributions in the area of providing and improving HIV/AIDS care in Hawaii has benefited patients, partners, families, organizations, and other professionals throughout the state.”

Suzanne Richmond-Crum passed away in August 2004 after serving as director of the Hawaii Seropositivity and Medical Management Program (HSPAMM) of the department’s STD/AIDS Prevention Branch for more than 10 years. The award was established in honor of the competence and compassion she demonstrated in her HIV/AIDS work, and is presented annually to one individual in Hawaii for their outstanding contribution in providing HIV/AIDS services.

The public is invited to attend the award presentation at the 2013 World AIDS Day program as well as many other activities occurring statewide. For more information on all statewide World AIDS Day events, go to: [www.worldaidsdayhawaii.org](http://www.worldaidsdayhawaii.org)

The STD/AIDS Prevention Branch of DOH empowers people in Hawaii to make responsible health decisions for themselves and others by providing statewide leadership and coordination for the prevention, treatment, care and surveillance of infections transmitted primarily through sexual contact or injection drug use. The Branch also ensures the accessibility and delivery of client-centered, non-judgmental, and comprehensive services with the spirit of aloha and respect.

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