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Hawai'i breast cancer survivor goes to Washington D.C.

(Kaka'ako, Hawai'i) Niu Valley resident Lillian Kehau Matsumoto is traveling to Washington D.C. this evening to participate with the Lance Armstrong Foundation to raise awareness about cancer survivorship issues. [LIVESTRONG Day 2007](#) will occur on Wednesday, May 16, 2007.

LIVESTRONG Day is the Lance Armstrong Foundation's grassroots advocacy initiative to unify people affected by cancer and to raise awareness about cancer survivorship issues on a national level, yet impact local communities. Matsumoto and other survivors will meet with Capitol Hill legislators about the myriad unaddressed issues faced by people living with cancer. Kehau plans to call attention to the high risk for breast cancer among Hawaiian women.

When she returns, she says she wants to make an impact as a Hawaiian woman. "I want to bring back knowledge and tools. I want to reach out to other Hawaiian women to help to improve our life style with early detection and to LIVESTRONG."

"We as Hawaiians are willing to fight for our land, but if we do not take care of ourselves or fight for ourselves, then what good is the land if we do not live?," she asks other women living with breast cancer.

Kehau has survived three occurrences of breast cancer. She is featured in the health education video *Breast Health, Shared Stories from Women in our Hawaiian Community* (2007) along with husband Eric, two sons and a grandson. Kehau now supports other women undergoing breast cancer screening, treatment or recovery through her volunteerism for American Cancer Society, Ke Ola Mamo (Native Hawaiian Health Care System, O'ahu) and 'Imi Hale.

'Imi Hale is the Native Hawaiian Cancer Network at Papa Ola Lōkahi funded by the National Cancer Institute to reduce the incidence and mortality from cancer in Native Hawaiians.

Papa Ola Lokahi

is a non-profit Native Hawaiian organization founded in 1988 for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians and other native peoples of the Pacific and continental United States.

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