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Hawaii Eye Surgeon Receives Small Business Success Award

(Honolulu, HI—December 8, 2008)—Tyrie Jenkins, M.D., accomplished Hawaii ophthalmologist and eye surgeon, is a recipient of a *Hawaii Business* magazine 2009 Small Business Success Award.

Dr. Tyrie Jenkins' success can be measured in many ways: professional trailblazer, health care advocate, educator and student.

Dr. Jenkins provides eye care to patients of all ages, has worked in laser refractive surgery since its infancy and remains on top of technological advances in eye diseases, including cataracts and glaucoma.

She performed Hawaii's first LASIK (Laser In Situ Keratomileusis) procedure in 1997. She participated in the national study that led to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval and has remained in the forefront of refractive technologies, performing thousands of procedures.

In 2005, Dr. Jenkins was part of the team that introduced the FDA-approved laser technology in Hawaii, called "iris registration." Last year she performed the latest FDA-approved procedure using the Visian ICL™—a lens that is permanently implanted behind the iris and in front of the natural lens.

Dr. Jenkins has been recognized twice by VISX as one of the nation's top 100 eye surgeons, placing her in the top five percent of refractive surgeons. (The VISX system was the first device for corneal refractive surgery approved by the FDA.)

Investing in new technologies keeps Dr. Jenkins on the cutting edge. She is medical director of the Laser Eye Center, Hawaii's first locally owned laser refractive surgery center. She also performs other eye surgeries at the Surgical Suites.

Dr. Jenkins is president of the Women's Fund of Hawaii, a philanthropic organization that benefits women and young girls in need in Hawaii. With an eye to a later-life career in missionary work, Dr. Jenkins is also working on a Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University.

Hawaii Business annually recognizes outstanding Hawaii-based companies with fewer than 100 employees. *Hawaii Business* magazine's editors review nominations and select the top 20 percent. Entries are judged on four criteria: longevity, unique service or product, rapid sales growth or expansion, and ability to overcome challenges and make a comeback.

The 2009 awardees will be recognized at a reception in the first quarter of 2009.

Tyrie Jenkins, M.D.: Eye Care provides compassionate care. In addition to refractive surgery, the practice specializes in general eye care, and treatment of cataract and glaucoma.

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