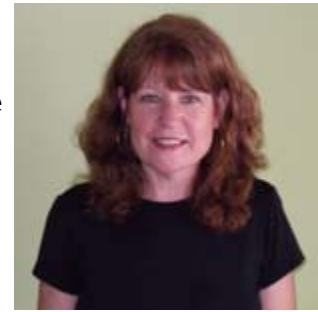


Meet **Pat Fleck**, our new West Hawaii community coalition coordinator. Pat has lived in Kailua-Kona, West Hawaii for the past five years, relocating from Kauai where she also lived for five years, working for the County of Kauai, Office of Economic Development. She was born and raised in the Midwest, followed by a move to the San Francisco Bay area after graduate school. Both her undergraduate and graduate degrees are in Vocational Rehabilitation from the University of Wisconsin. Her career in human services has focused on vocational evaluation, counseling, job placement assistance and training for individuals with disabilities. Her recent project was starting a nonprofit organization which initiated the renovation of a vacant theatre in Kona into a community center.



Pat's already been busy getting out in the community. On January 28, 2011 she exhibited along with 35 other community agencies at the Hawaii First Community Resource Expo held in Waimea. Much to her surprise Congresswoman Mazie Hirono dropped by her table.

She spent the day getting the word out about the West Hawaii Community Coalition and helping to expand the reach of the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii.



Join her on March 23 for **Kick Butts Day**

Alu Like, the Kealakehe Community Association, Kona Task Force on Feeding the Hungry, REAL statewide youth group, Walmart and the Coalition for a Tobacco-Free Hawaii are teaming up to celebrate national Kick Butts Day on Wednesday, March 23.

This all day celebration will be held at the Kona International Market (KIM). Nonprofit organizations are invited to display information about their programs and services from 9:00 a.m. until close of the event at 8:30 p.m. Group activities will begin at 3:00 pm, to include sign waving along Queen Kaahumanu Hwy, returning to KIM for fun Kick Butts Day activities, music, talk story, food, and the grand opening of Kealakehe Community Association's nonprofit kitchen.

To register for the event, volunteer, and for more information contact Pat Fleck, West Hawaii Community Coalition Coordinator at [pat@tobaccofreehawaii.org](mailto:pat@tobaccofreehawaii.org) or 557-5537.