



HPGS Communication & Arts Awardee, Kirk Matthews

Kirk Matthews has been a KHON2 anchor and reporter for over 20 years. Seniors also recognize him as the face of KHON2's Elderhood Project, the weekly morning broadcast on elder issues. Since its inception over 2 years ago, the Elderhood Project has been instrumental in providing a voice for numerous senior care programs. Elders and their caregivers have found positive solutions to everyday challenges because of the information that KHON2 provides every Thursday morning. Kirk and the KHON2 news team, along with experts in many fields, have examined the issues that matter most to seniors, their families, and the community. Over the years, the Elderhood Project has touched on themes such as medical care, social welfare, and pedestrian safety.

KHON2, under Kirk's leadership, has established positive relationships with the State and County Offices on Aging, AARP, Kapiolani Community College, the Hawaii Family Caregivers Coalition, and many others. His nominator writes, "Hawaii's seniors, on average, live longer than seniors anywhere else in the country. Kirk and the KHON2 news team have been committed to making certain that the quality of life of elders in Hawaii matches that longevity."