



HILO MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION®

Annual Report

2022 - 2023

Celebrating 27 years of supporting healthcare in East Hawaii

Saving Lives on Hawaii Island

For the second year in a row the Hilo Medical Center Foundation in partnership with the Max and Yetta Karasik Foundation awarded the Hawaii County Fire Department with an additional three (3) Lucas, v3.1 Chest Compression Systems for the Hawaii County Fire Department to place on their ambulances bringing the total donation of devices to six (6) being utilized island wide. The new devices were placed with Medic 7, Kailua-Kona, Medic 18, Hawaiian Paradise Park, and Medic 8, Honokaa.

These live saving devices paired with community chest compression only and AED use trainings through Hilo Medical Center Foundation's *Be a Lifesaver Hawaii* program are critical to educating the public on how to react in a cardiac emergency. Immediate action taken by community members has helped raise our on-island survival rates from 4% to 10%. For mor information on scheduling a FREE chest compression only training contact the HMC Foundation office at (808) 932-3636.

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Pictured: Leslie Rudasky & Dr. Richard Robbins representing the Max & Yetta Karasik Foundation with HMC Foundation Executive Director, Lisa Rantz & County of Hawai'i Fire Department Personnel

Cancer Center Grand Opening

Hilo Medical Center celebrated the grand opening of the East Hawaii Health Cancer Center on Friday, July 14, 2023. The event was an inspiring ceremony that included a blessing from Kahu Awai and speeches from Mayor Mitch Roth, Representative Mark Nakashima, East Hawaii Region CEO, Dan Brinkman, and the Foundation's Executive Director, Lisa Rantz.

The new cancer center is a state-of-the-art facility accredited by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) offering comprehensive cancer care through radiation and medical oncology employing a broad-spectrum approach to the diagnosis and treatment of cancer close to home. The expanded center has eighteen (18) infusion bays and includes a beautiful tranquil healing garden.

The Hilo Medical Center Foundation is proud to support the new center with nutrition stations and comfort items to help patients receiving cancer treatments.



Pictured: Lianne Kaetsu & Brad Stout.



Pictured: The East Hawai'i Health Cancer Center team in front of new EHHCC mural.



Pictured: EHHCC new nurse's station.

Scout's Honor!

Big Hearts come in small packages! In this case, it was packages of Girl Scout cookies donated to the East Hawaii Health Cancer Center (EHHC) from a quiet and caring girl named Katalina. Because her family has been impacted by the hardship of cancer related illnesses, this member of G.S. Troop 26 wanted to reach out to others who have been experiencing the same as her loved ones. Due to her thoughtfulness, the EHHC Leadership Team presented Katalina with the HOPE pin, a pin that only the EHHC staff wear. At the center of the pin is the word hope. Hope is what the clinic staff give to their patients and community. Surrounding the word hope are many different color ribbons each representing a different cancer. The East Hawaii Health Cancer Center treats ALL types of cancers with not only medicine but also hope, caring, and love. Thank you, Katalina, for sharing your hope, caring, and love!



Pictured: Brad Stout, Lianne Kaetsu, Katalina, Shawnie Kawachi & Lisa Rantz in front of East Hawai'i Health Cancer Center mural.

FREE comfort items for patients



Items Include:

- Reading Glasses
- Books & Magazines
- Activity Items
- Pocket Games
- Backscratchers
- Sleeping Masks
- Care Items
- & More!

Interested in Donating?

We appreciate donations of Aloha Cart Items in new or like-new condition.

We also accept monetary donations, with the proceeds going to purchase new comfort items for Hilo Medical Center patients.

Visit our Square sight to donate!



Visit <https://hmcfoundation.square.site> to donate.

Welcome!

The Hilo Medical Center Foundation would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Administrative Assistant, Jessica DeCamp. Jes started with the Foundation in January 2023 and has previous experience in a variety of service that include, event management, technological services, non-profit administration, & has a passion for the creative arts. Jes moved from the mainland in 2021 with her



wonderful husband and three amazing children. Her hobbies include painting, ceramics, writing fiction, graphic design and creating garden terrariums.



Update on the Area Health Education Center

By Student Services Coordinator, JD Domizio



Pre-Health Career Corps (PHCC)

The Pre-Health Career Corps (PHCC) is a FREE year-round program for students from middle school to college level who are interested in pursuing careers in healthcare. PHCC's purpose is to support the development of a local healthcare workforce for our community. By increasing awareness about health related careers among our island's youth through innovative and captivating experiences including one-on-one mentoring, shadowing, hands-on workshops, clinical trainings, and research opportunities, we can achieve this goal.



Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Scholars



We are proud to say that students in the PHCC program have been accepted to the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), UH Hilo School of Nursing and Pharmacy programs, and the new training programs at Hilo Medical Center as Medical Assistants and Certified Nursing Assistants.

The HMC Foundation's AHEC Scholars program saw eleven (11) students complete and graduate from their respective health professions programs, including five (5) from the University of Washington-MEDEX Physician Assistant's Program in Kona.



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Please join us in welcoming our new class of Family Medicine Residency Physicians!



*Dr. Parivash
Abdolhosseini*



Dr. Jordan Ginn



*Dr. Elizabeth
Hollenbaugh*



Dr. Hyo Park



*Dr. Sucharat "Gift"
Tayarachakul*



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