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We Need Your Help!

Hilo Medical Center Foundation is calling on everyone in our community to help. The dedicated and compassionate staff in the East Hawaii Region are stretched thin and emotionally exhausted in the midst of the Delta surge .



18-months into the pandemic, we saw a number of highs; highest level of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in the state, in our hospital, and in our ICU. The average length of stay for COVID-19 patients is 4 weeks, compared to the average length of stay for non-COVID-19 patients of 4 days. Unvaccinated patients make up the vast majority of Hilo Medical Center's COVID-19 hospitalizations. Breakthrough cases of vaccinated patients are milder and their length of stay is much shorter, ranging from 6-9 days.

Using this data, Hilo Medical Center extended the clinic at the Arc of Hilo through the end of the year to meet consumer demand for COVID-19 vaccinations and booster shots for immunocompromised recipients, front line workers and the general public. In addition, the East Hawaii Health Clinics in Hilo, Keaau, Pahoa and Ka'u have expanded access to vaccination and testing to meet the increased demand.



Throughout the pandemic, Hilo Medical Center has been functioning at the highest level of 5-star care for our community. Our hospital is operating at full capacity and beyond. The pandemic is not only about COVID-19, it is about all of our patients who turn to us to care for them. Mahalo to our community for doing your part to help minimize the spread of the virus by; wearing masks, social distancing, frequent hand washing, and vaccination.

Thank You to Our Generous Donors!



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Visitation may be limited and in the case of COVID-19 patients and the ICU stopped completely, but HMC Foundation continues to deliver comfort items to patients and uplifting items to staff to keep their spirits up and help them feel cared for and valued. The cart runs twice daily. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the cart or donate items, please contact our office at 932-3636



Hilo Medical Center Foundation is such an important resource in supporting health in East Hawaii. Executive Director Lisa Rantz is a dedicated collaborator and tireless advocate in promoting health education and other initiatives to improve health in our rural community.

~Karen Pellegrin

HFS Caring for those who *care for us* Annual Fundraiser



Mahalo to HFS Credit Union, Staff and Members for their charitable contributions to the HFS Annual Fundraiser to support Hilo Medical Center Foundation!

200 Beanies Donated!!



A big mahalo to Don Lawrence (pictured on the right) and Roch Jones (pictured on the left) for their generous donation of 200 baby beanies for the Hilo Medical Center OB unit made on Monday, September 6, 2021.



Heartfelt Donation

During a ceremony held in Hilo on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, Lisa Rantz, Executive Director, and Ami Lamson, Immediate Past President, appeared on behalf of the Max and Yetta Karasik Family Foundation represented by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins with their second donation of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) to the Hawaii Police Department.

The donation included 20 AEDs, training pads, hard shell cases and a 4-year maintenance plan to ensure the devices stay up to date.

The Hilo Medical Center Foundation continues to partner with various donors to perpetuate the *Be a Lifesaver Hawaii* program to help raise awareness of sudden cardiac arrest, place AEDs into our local community and train people on chest compression only CPR. For more information, please visit our website at: www.hilomedicalcenterfoundation.org/



“Hawaii Police Department appreciates the generous donation of AEDs as it will provide valuable tools for our officers as they continue to assist our community,” says Hawaii Police Department Chief Paul Ferreira.

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Save the Date!
Virtual Event!



Saturday, November 6 2021
19th Annual Wine, Cheese,
Chocolate & MORE!



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



Bruno Lima, MD



Fujiko Matsui, DO



Laureen Nilo, DO



Kristen Richard, MD



Brian Thielen, MD



Benjamin Wing, MD

ACCESS TO CARE: KEEPING CARE LOCAL



Hilo Medical Center Foundation, in collaboration with Community First and other key stakeholder groups, is working on an island wide Comprehensive Community Health Needs Assessment (CCHNA) to be completed by December 31, 2021. The assessment will work to address the long term goals of timely access to care for all, increasing provider capacity to serve more patients locally, and to inform our community of their healthcare options and the benefits of keeping care local.

Make sure your voice is heard and participate in the survey in November 2021!

