



1996 ANNUAL REPORT

PALAMA SETTLEMENT

1896-1996

# A CENTURY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY



Member, Aloha  
United Way

# **SERVING THE COMMUNITY...**

On June 1, 1996, Palama Settlement celebrated its 100th Anniversary of service to this city and the surrounding community. Approximately 1,000 people attended the Centennial Luau celebration held on the Settlement's grounds. Proclamations from Governor Ben Cayetano, the City Council, the State Senate and House of Representatives were read and presented to the agency, congratulating and commending the Settlement on its work during the past 100 years. Mayor Jeremy Harris designated June 1, 1996 to May 31, 1997 as Palama Settlement Centennial Celebration Year.

In order to put our centennial year in perspective, we have prepared a history of the Settlement. This history will provide some basic information about the early beginnings of the settlement, its development into a community service center, to our present day setting. As you will note in going through the 1996 Annual Report, many of our programs today have come full-circle. For instance, basic citizenship classes offered during the early developing years are in demand now and offered through a joint effort between Palama Settlement and the Farrington Community School and Adults. Other programs pioneered by the Settlement such as the Public Health Nursing Program, the Pasteurized Milk Program and other health related programs were taken over by the Territory Board of Health and the City & County of Honolulu.

Palama Settlement today with its mixture of new and antique buildings is a testament to the past, present and future. However, the purpose and functions of the Settlement have remained somewhat constant. The Palama community continues to be in a "high risk" area with an ever-growing and changing population. Palama Settlement has done well to meet the needs of this community.

The next hundred years will be an even greater challenge for Palama Settlement. It will not be a simple task that the Board of Trustees or the staff can undertake ourselves. We will need the help and support of the total community. The Board of Trustees take their responsibilities seriously. Eight Trustees will complete their terms tonight. The retiring trustees and the remaining members have all committed themselves to serve the agency to the fullest. All have given countless hours of their time, energy and professional expertise. A number has given much more.

Our thanks to the very hard working staff who was kept extra busy during this Centennial Year. Besides all the additional activities related to the celebration, the staff was still required to perform their usual work. The maintenance and grounds keeping personnel also did an excellent job in preparing our facilities for this 100th anniversary year. Palama is truly fortunate in having a dedicated, faithful, loyal and hard-working staff.

Many of our program activities could not be provided had it not been for the hundred of hours of service provided by volunteers. We are indebted to these individuals who provide an important source of manpower and ingredient for our programs to succeed. Volunteers range from coaches, score keepers, statisticians, linesman, team parents, tutors, timekeepers, office/clerical help to members on our Board of Trustees.

Finally, our mahalo to all the individuals, groups, institutions, trusts and Foundations who supported our efforts this past year. Major donors include: The Aloha United Way, who provided approximately 24% of our operating funds; The Family Court; Office of Youth Services and the Self-Sufficiency Unit of the Department of Human Service; the Strong Foundation; Bank of Hawaii; the First Hawaiian Foundation; the Ing Trust; the Wilcox Foundation; the Frear Eleemosynary Foundation; the Jhamandas Watumull Fund; the Weinberg Foundation; Alexander Waterhouse; Servco Pacific; Mr. Henry Clark; Mrs. Cecilia Blackfield for her support of the Leland Blackfield Activity Room and Educational Scholarship Fund; Territorial Savings; The Garden Club of Honolulu and a special thanks to Mrs. Muriel Flanders for her very generous and sincere support in providing for the painting of the Rath Building and the vinyl siding for the Tenant Building.

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## PROGRAM SERVICES

PROGRAMS	1994	1995	1996
Community and Neighborhood Development	9,000	* 9,600	8,000
Palama Family Service Centers			450
Pakolea	590	625	650
Recreation, Planned	46,000	47,000	45,000
Recreation, Leisure	28,000	29,000	18,000
In-Community Treatment Program	76	80	80
Feeding Center	24,000	12,000	12,000
Senior Citizens	15,000	18,000	20,000
Volunteer Hours	14,000	15,000	15,000
Learning Center	780	800	800
Adult Education	75	60	280
Summer Enrichment	350	350	350
Teens Program	45	45	45
After-School Program	60	70	70
Girls Residential Group Home	0	** 0	9

\* Includes Palama Family Service Centers.

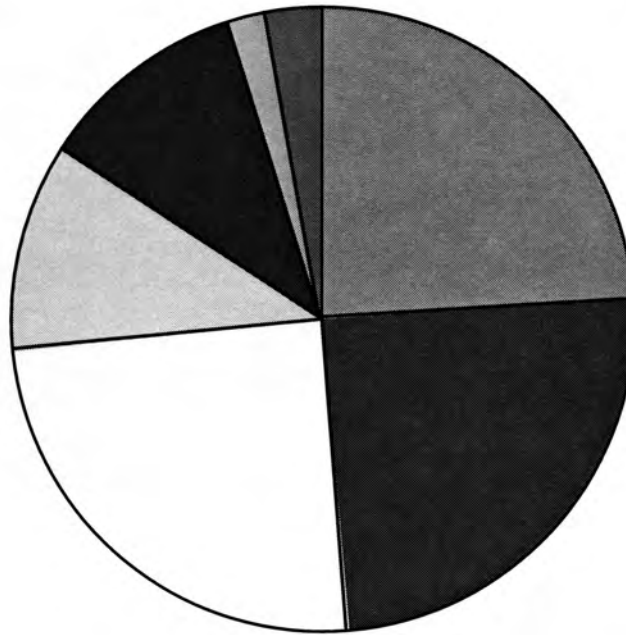
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**PALAMA SETTLEMENT**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 1996 and 1995**

<b>Assets</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 513,004	209,017
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of in 1996 and \$10,981 in 1995	\$ 118,490 64,860	49,336 60,279
Total current assets	696,354	318,632
Certification of deposit	1,000,000	1,100,000
Marketable securities	1,277,691	1,075,285
Land, buildings and improvements, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (note 3)	2,788,671	2,915,543
Total assets	5,762,716	5,409,460
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 17,427	34,742
Accrued expenses (note 6)	234,030	185,426
Accrued vacation	51,074	43,080
Deferred income	20,752	1,106
Total current liabilities	323,283	264,354
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	2,923,104	2,845,440
Temporarily restricted (note 7)	414,587	239,054
Permanently restricted (note 8)	2,101,742	2,060,612
Total net assets	5,439,433	5,145,106
Commitment (note 6)		
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 5,762,716	5,409,460

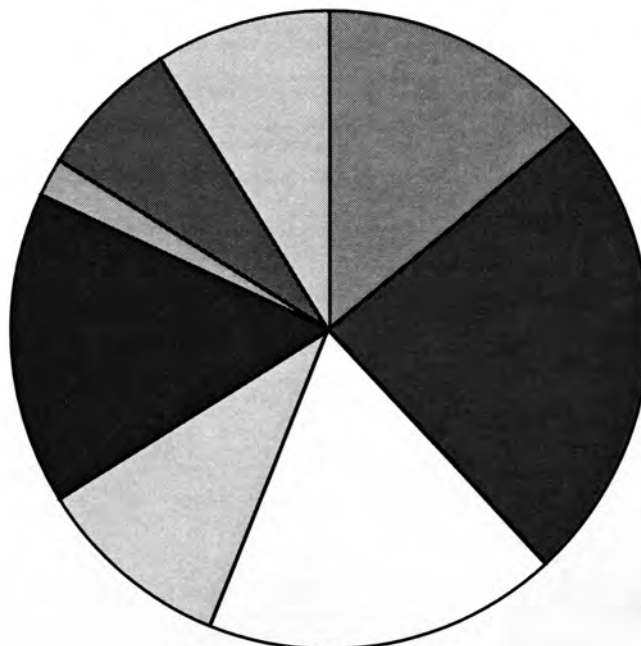
## FINANCIAL REPORT

### INCOME



- 1 AUX 24%
- 2 Contributions 25%
- 3 Govt. contracts 25%
- 4 Rentals 11%
- 5 Investment Income 11%
- 6 Special Events 2%
- 7 Program Svc Fees 3%
- 8 Others 0%

### EXPENSES



- 1 DELINQUENCY PREVENTION 14%
- 2 RECREATION 24%
- 3 MANAGEMENT & GENERAL 18%
- 4 MENTAL HEALTH MAINTENANCE 10%
- 5 COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION 16%
- 6 FEEDING CENTER 2%
- 7 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES 7%
- 8 FAMILY LIFE 9%



MAYOR PROCLAIMS JUNE 1st, 1996 - MAY 30, 1997  
PALAMA SETTLEMENT CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY YEAR



Photo Left to Right: Glenn Kimura, Mark Hastert, Bob Omura, Donna Goth, Vernon Hirata, Wallace Weatherwax, Mayor Jeremy Harris, Paula Rath, Stephanie Andrade, Rosa Sandoval, Jeffery Yamashita, Verna Keyes

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Palama Settlement, founded in 1896 by the Central Union Church, originally was called Palama Chapel; and

WHEREAS, it moved 10 years later to its present location and was incorporated into a community based, non-profit social service agency; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Settlement was to help individuals and families adjust to island life and urban living in Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, it provided programs in health, education, social welfare, sports, and recreation for the people living in the area; and

WHEREAS, programs and services have kept pace with the changing times during the century of its existence; and

WHEREAS, it meets annually the various needs of more than 130,000 people and our community is a better place due to the fine work of those associated with Palama Settlement,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEREMY HARRIS, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, do hereby proclaim June 1, 1996 - May 30, 1997, as

PALAMA SETTLEMENT CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY YEAR

in the City and County of Honolulu, and extend sincere appreciation and warm congratulations to the Settlement for its century-long commitment of caring for the needs of our people.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City and County of Honolulu to be affixed.

Done this 31st day of May, 1996, in Honolulu, Hawaii.



*Jeremy Harris*  
JEREMY HARRIS, Mayor  
City and County of Honolulu

## PALAMA SETTLEMENT - 1896 TO 1996: A CENTURY OF SERVICE

PALAMA SETTLEMENT was started in June 1, 1896 as a mission of the Central Union Church. P.C. Jones had erected the Palama Chapel on the fringes of downtown Honolulu, at the corners of Liliha and King Streets. What had started as a religious mission reaching out to the local population in this outlying



*The Palama Chapel as it once stood.*

area of the city was soon transformed into a social ministry program when the city was struck with the Bubonic Plague in 1899. Homes and stores of thousands of people were purposely set on fire to eliminate the disease. The City was then faced with the task of providing shelter and care for the thousands of people left homeless.

The immediate impact on the work of the church was to provide or locate shelter and care for the people left homeless and without food. The following years the work of the "religious mission" became more social in nature as the demand to

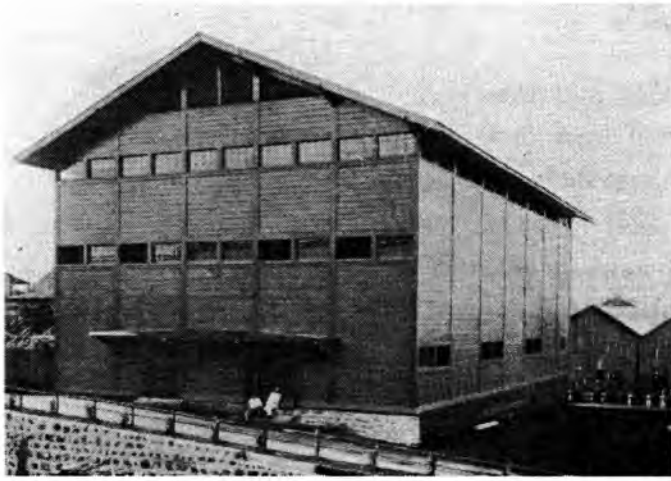
provide for the social needs of the new immigrants, migrants and the local population began to settle on the outskirts of town and the previous scarcely populated countryside.

The Central Union Church turned over the administration of Palama Chapel to the Hawaii Evangelical Association in 1905. That same year, Mr. James Rath was hired to direct the social ministry program of the Palama Chapel. In 1906, Palama Chapel became Palama Settlement. The Hawaii Evangelical Association at the time transferred the administration of this institution to an independent Board of Trustees. Mr. James Rath, who had previously been hired thus became the first Head Worker or in today's term, the first Executive Director of Palama Settlement in 1906. He remained in that position for twenty-five years until his untimely death in May, 1929.

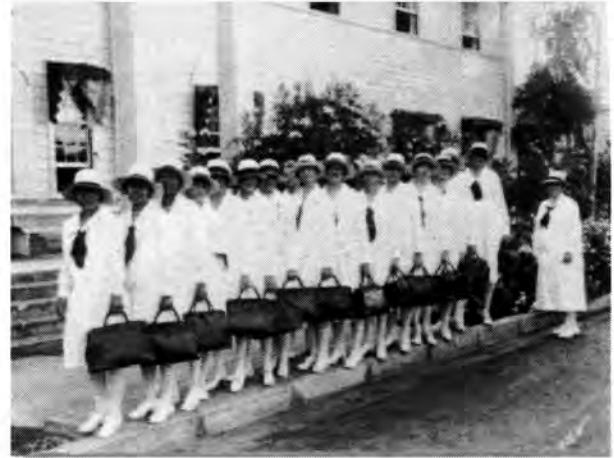


*The homes and stores being set on fire in 1899.*

Hundreds of thousands and children, young people and adults have since benefited from this century old community based agency—thanks primarily to the foresight and wisdom of the founding board of this organization and to Mr. James A. Rath, who not only had the vision but a man who possessed the energy, industry, intelligence, strong-mindedness, determination and action to develop viable, innovative programs for the people of this City and this growing community. Many of the programs or services that were developed by the settlement were later assumed by the Territory of Hawaii or the City. Some of the programs that were developed were: Preventative Health and Medical programs such as tuberculosis, public health nursing, prenatal and well-baby clinics; recreational, social and camping programs; organized competitive athletic sports program, social clubs, educational programs and activities for adults, shop and woodwork for adolescents, job training, home economics, music appreciation and cultural enrichment programs.



*The old two-story gymnasium with swimming pool below.*



*Palama's Public Health Nurses*



*Young ladies learning to be waitresses.*



*Girls in the Home Economics Class*

In 1925, Palama moved to its new ten acreage site on Vineyard Street, where the Settlement is now located. New Buildings included a large swimming pool, locker rooms, and auditorium, recreational facilities, administration and medical building, track field and tennis courts.



*1925-26: Makai View of the "New Palama Settlement Plant. Medical building on left, new gymnasium on right.*





*Young mother with her baby at the Well-baby Clinic.*

Also in 1925, a new wing was added to the administration building to incorporate the Strong-Carter Dental Clinic into the Settlement's Grounds. Since then, practically every youngster born and raised in Honolulu until the early 1940's has had their moment in the dental chair - with their eyes fixed on that, "Dentist with the long, long needle!" For many, the name and legend of the Strong-Carter Dental Clinic has become synonymous with the Palama Settlement.



*The Swimming pool with the original three tiered diving platform.*



*"Say aaahh---open wider, wider..."*



*Mothers from Adult Education Program enjoy a Sunday picnic.*

Since Palama was well endowed with recreational facilities and equipment, large numbers of youths congregated to participate in various competitive sports such as swimming, barefoot football, indoor softball, volleyball, basketball and baseball. Throughout its' one-hundred years of service, Palama has produced many champions in a variety of sports and hundreds of individuals who have assumed leadership and prominent roles in the community, in businesses and in government.

For those desiring not to participate in contact sports, there were clubs groups, piano, voice, choral singing, ukulele, photography and woodworking.





*Barefoot Football Champs - 1937*



*Basketball Champs*



*Young boys having fun learning skills for adulthood.*

Today, the Settlement is utilized by over one hundred and thirty thousand individuals a year. Where once it serviced practically the entire city with its various programs, today it is focused primarily in the Palama-Liliha districts—a truly community based agency.

Amazingly, many of the programs and activities offered in the past are coming back full-cycle and being offered to the present participants. And some programs have remained basically the same but under a different name or terminology. While a number of programs address the needs of adults and senior citizens such as adult education, computer literacy programs, line-dancing and weaving classes,

a major part of the agency's focus is the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the strengthening of family life. The Leland Blackfield Family and Activity Center, a "drop-in Center for youths supported by Mrs. Cecilia Blackfield is designed to attract children and youth off the streets and into a safe and secure environment; the Pakolea Program is a combined sports/academic program intended to promote social, physical, personal, emotional and academic development in the youngsters adolescent years; The Palama Family Service Centers strive to reach out to individuals and families and connect them up with resources at Palama or in the community, work with youths in preventative gang or criminal activity, establishing social and cultural clubs in promoting a positive self-image and Performing Arts program are designed to promote the artistic and cultural talents of our youngsters.

There are also specialized programs for troubled teens. The In-Community Treatment Program is a day, residential alternative program for troubled teens referred by the Family Court. For many youths, this may be the last stop before incarceration. The Girls Residential Group Home Program is a contract program with the Office of Youth Services and the Family Court. This is a twenty-four hours, group home for girls, age 13-18 years of age that is available state-wide. The girls in the home are required to attend classes, counseling sessions, participate in a variety of activities on the settlement campus and taught skills that will eventually permit them to return to their own home, to a more permanent long-term foster care home or independent living situation.

As has done in the past century, Palama Settlement will continue to serve this ever changing community for the next century. Old programs will be discarded and new innovative programs will surface to meet the changing needs of the community. As a dear and sincere friend of Palama said, "Palama...I really feel that this is Camelot-in the truest sense of the word- To Hawaii's Children." This is where the dreams of hundreds and thousands of young people will be cared and nurtured for to become productive members and leaders of our community.

## PALAMA SETTLEMENT 1896 - 1996

### SUPERINTENDENTS, HEAD WORKERS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Throughout this one-hundred years of service to this community, there have been a total of eighteen individuals serving as superintendents or directors of this institution. Any gaps or period when there was no appointed director, the Board assumed responsibility in the operations of the institution.

#### A. Superintendents of Palama Chapel

1. Reverend J. M. Lewis, 1896-Jan. 1898
2. Hiram Bingham III, Aug. 1898 - April 1899
3. Reverend John P. Erdman, Sept. 1899 - Dec. 1902
4. Reverend Henry P. Judd, 1902 - 1903
5. Reverend A. C. Logan, Sept. 1903 - Dec. 1904

#### B. Executive Directors of Palama Settlement

6. James A. Rath (known as the "Head Worker"), 1905 - 5/1929
7. Phillip Platt, Phd., 1929-1942
8. Theodore R. Rhea, 1942-11/1948
9. Eileen M. Watkins, 3/16/51 - 8/25/50
10. A. L. Ward (President of the Board), temporary, part-time, 8/1950 - 3/1951
11. D. J. Shehtanian, 3/16/51 - 12/19/51
12. Walter H. Ehlers, 4/18/52 - 7/1959
13. Arne E. Larson, 1959 - 11/1962
14. Jack T. Nagoshi, 4/15/63 - 9/1964
15. Lorin Gill, 9/16/64 - 12/1969
16. Robert Higashino, 3/1970 - 11/18/1983
17. Kaiulani de Silva, 11/18/83 - 2/1/91
18. Robert T. Omura, 5/6/1991 to present



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Palama Settlement was founded in 1896 as Palama Chapel -- a mission of Central Union Church -- and was relocated and given its present name ten years later; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1910, Palama Settlement -- one of the few remaining "settlement houses" still operating in the United States -- was incorporated as a community-based, non-profit social service agency; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout the past century, Palama Settlement has remained true to its primary mission of helping individuals and families adjust and settle in their new community, and now serves more than a hundred thousand people each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the agency has carried out its mission through a variety of health, education, social welfare, sports and recreational programs that have been adapted through the years to meet the needs of changing times; and

**WHEREAS**, Palama Settlement provides an ideal gathering place, with a family atmosphere of caring and compassion, for neighborhood residents of all ages -- pre-schoolers to senior citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that the directors, staff and volunteers of Palama Settlement -- along with the people they serve with such dedication -- be acknowledged and congratulated on this milestone anniversary;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, BENJAMIN J. CAYETANO**, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby proclaim June 1, 1996, to be

## **PALAMA SETTLEMENT DAY**

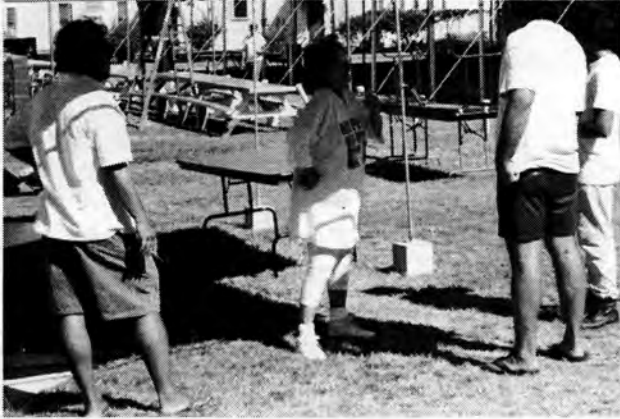
in Hawaii and encourage our citizens to recognize and express appreciation for the many contributions made over the past century by this committed social service agency.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this twenty-eighth day of May, 1996.

*Benjamin J. Cayetano*

PALAMA SETTLEMENT CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION LUAU - JUNE 1, 1996

Before the party there was work to be done! Staff and volunteers, many of whom are past participants help to set-up and arrange the flowers for table decoration and ti-leaves for table settings.



*Ingrid Alvarico coordinating work assignments with Dutro, Joe & Dennis*



*Robbie Rath and other volunteers preparing table floral arrangements.*



*Janet Nakashima, past employee and Erline Waiau, staff, work with other volunteers in preparing table arrangements.*



*Harry Fujinaga with his old time buddies help set up.*



*Lois Nottage, Jean Thomas and Garden Club help with the decorations.*



*Ann Koga (staff) works with volunteers in preparing ti leaves.*





*Donna Goth, President welcoming the guests.*

AND LET CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BEGIN! Donna Goth, president of the Board of Trustees welcomed the guest and thus began an evening of celebration of music, dancing, presentation of proclamations. More important, old friends, past participants, and previous employees all had a wonderful time renewing friendships, reminiscing about the good-ole-days and giving thanks that Palama Settlement was here for them.

Our thanks to the Centennial Planning Committee and the Luau Committee for working on the details of this event for the last two years.



*Paula Rath, Centennial Chairperson*



*Bob reviewing program schedule with Co-MC Brickwood Galuteria.*



*Brickwood & Cha Thompson, Co-MC's.*



*Councilwoman Donna Mercado Kim presenting proclamation from City Council. Plus an impromptu version of the "Camp Song"*



*Pat Loui, Co-Chair of Luau Committee with Paula Rath, Vince DeBina (staff) & Rick Ribuca (staff)*



*An impromptu by Robert Cazimero*



*Tony Conjugacion with the Opening Chant*



*James Takushi representing Governor Ben Cayetano, reads the Governor's Proclamation.*



*Jacky Rath being honored for her volunteer work.*



*President elect Vernon Hirata about to make a presentation to Donna Goth, past president.*



*Representative Romy Cachola presenting the House of Representative Proclamation.*



*Young Hula Dancer entertains the Luau guests.*



*Bob Omura presenting lei to Paula Rath, Centennial Chairperson.*



*Bob Rath presented with special award for his continuous and unselfish support of Palama Settlement.*



*Prosecuting Attorney Keith Kaneshiro with past president, Guy Fujimura.*



*Rosie with volunteers from American Savings.*



*Shawn & Robb with another group of volunteers from American Savings.*



*The Hula Halau group volunteered to man the chow-line.*



*Erline with senior volunteers and volunteer from Corbett House.*



*Mr. / Mrs. Harry Mamizuka*



*Jeff Yamashita, past participant and key volunteer for Centennial Year Committee.*



*Bob with Donna Goth, past president.*





*Bob Rath with his buddies.*



*Mike Harada with two buddies.*



*This group of friends was having their own No-Host Social Hour under the monkeypod tree.*



*Bob & Jacky with old friends.*



*Muffi Hanneman, Donna Mercado Kim, Milton Holt with family & friends.*



*Jeff Yamashita with his gang!*





*Palama Senior Musicians are always delighted to entertain.*

*And the music and dancing went on and on to the crowd's delight*



*Myrna Cleveland and her senior hula dancers.*



*A section of the approximately 1,000 guests under the canopy (above).*

*Brother Noland with his famous "Pua Lane" (left).*



*And here's the Palama Country Line Dancing Group doing one of their favorite numbers.*

*Cha Thompson, Co-Emcee performing an impromptu hula.*

CENTENNIAL LUAU continued....



*Janet Nakashima, Alma Watanabe & Margaret Iizaki had a wonderful time. All previous employees of Palama, they also help identify photos in the archives.*



*And behind the scenes were Joe & Dennis ...busy preparing lunch for staff & volunteers.*



*Bob Rath & Moki Kealoha scrutinizes the work the day before.*

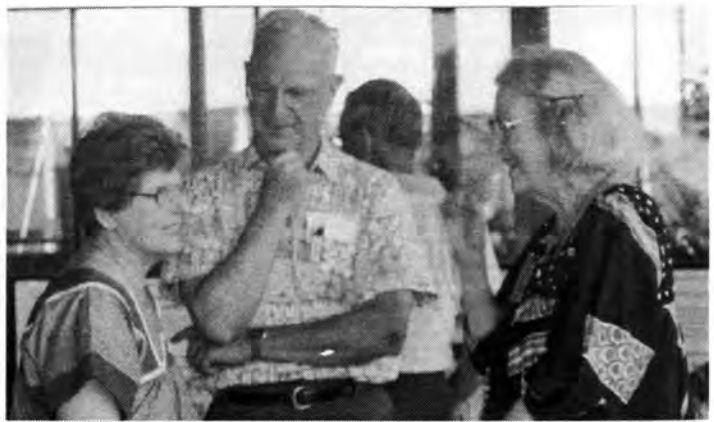


*Ed Nakamura, Lori Graffia, Leslie Omura & Carlos at the refreshment stand.*

*Left: Harry Fujinaga with old pal and swimming coach Harry Mamizuka.*



*Robbie Rath digging in for the best greens.*



*Mrs. Jacky Rath chatting with long-time friends in dining lanai area.*



Mark Hastert, member of Centennial Planning Committee and "Chair" of the Centennial Display pose with the final product.

The display, utilizing a "time-line" format was enthusiastically received by all. The display has been shown at the Pearl Ridge Shopping Center, The University of Hawaii, the Ala Moana Center and Sports Day at the Settlement.

*Ingrid Alvarico and Katrina Dick provide the manpower for the souvenir tent (below).*



*Cha Thompson enjoys talking with an old friend.*



CENTENNIAL LUAU continued....



*Paula Rath with her husband Dr. Gerald Mayfield and previous housing manager Judy Zelles.*



*Jennie Lau & Angie Mersbergh*



*Professor Godin, Kempo-Karate instructor, Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Kimura with other guests enjoying the meal.*



*Tom Oshiro & Ellen Soong, Sarah Akana in background.*



*Harry Fujinaga & his gang with Pau Hana Time relaxant.  
Left: Pat Murata and Lorin Gill past Executive chatting with friends.*



## THE CENTENNIAL TIME-LINE DISPLAY



*Paula Rath, gave short history.*

The Centennial Time-Line Display was shown in a variety of places, including the University of Hawaii, Pearl Ridge Shopping Center and the Ala Moana Shopping Center.

People who took the time to look at the display marveled at the amount of history that was included in the limited amount of space. And yes! They found familiar faces, places and photos that reminded them of their experiences here. And of course, "...the dentist!! I remember the place!" was a familiar statement.



*Pakolea kids & dad helping out..*



*Masaru Oshiro and wife talking about the settlement with couple.*



*Pakolea youths talking with interested couple about the program.*



*Ingrid and Vol. Jane Lee and Seniors at display.*



*Masaru chatting with Paula Rath at Centennial Display, Pearl Ridge.*



*The display attracted many people at Pearlridge.*



*Brother Noland and Tony Conjugacion performing.*

# A CENTENNIAL YEAR CELEBRATION ACTIVITY: SPORTS DAY AT PALAMA SETTLEMENT



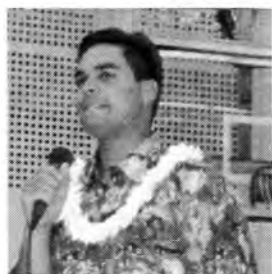
Vince DeBina, Recreation Division Director, coordinated the Sports Day Event with Jeff Yamashita. The program was centered around a number of motivational speakers in the various sports that was followed by a short, demonstration game with participants from some of our programs.



*Mr. & Mrs. Don Snyder with Mrs. Jeff Yamashita.*



*Coach John supervising Flag football game.*

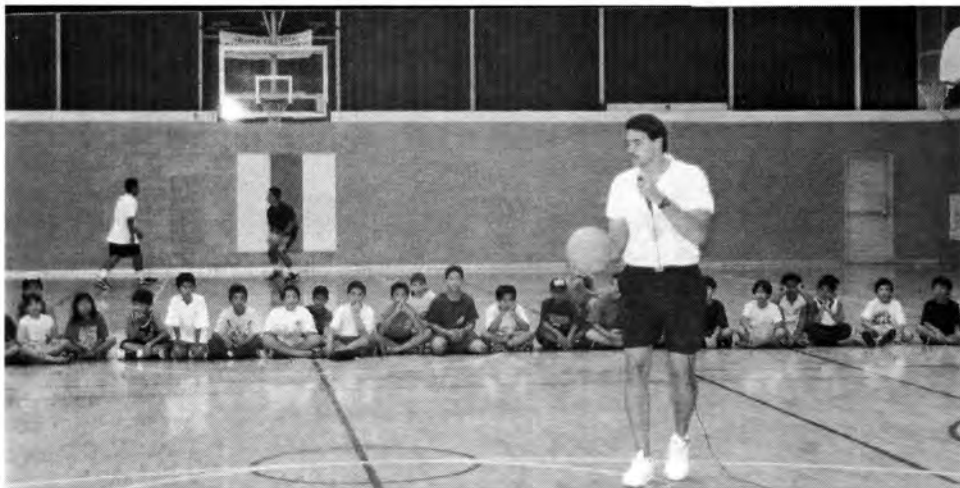


*The Akana brothers.*



*Pakolea Participants viewing Centennial display.*

SPORTS DAY continued...



*Allan Silva providing basic information the skills and techniques of basketball.*

*Below center left: After receiving a pep talk from coach Mamizuka and instructions from Jeff Yamashita, the kids were off to the pool.*



*Rosa Sandoval, Ingrid Alvarico & Rosie Yano trying to make a sale under the shade.*



*Touchdown !!!*





SPORTS DAY continued...



*The George Hanohano's, the Garcie's and Sala's enjoyed the events and seen here happy, smiling and relaxed after their meal.*



*Just...one more step.*



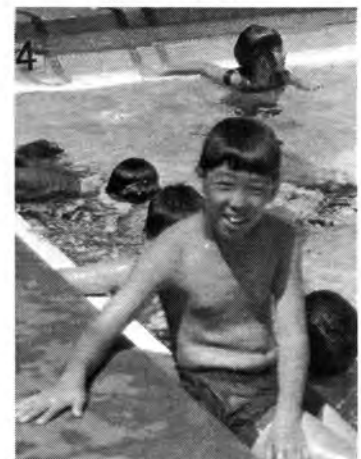
*The crowd enjoying a demonstration volleyball game.*



*Pomai about to shoot a free throw.*



*And at the end of the Sports Day, everyone got a hot dog or hamburger snack and refreshment.*



*C'mon...jump in too!*



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is made up of twenty-eight men and women from various walks of life. They are able to serve two three year terms or a total of six years. After two year rest period, they can again serve on the Board of Trustees.

The Board is the governing body of this agency and develops and reviews policies, guidelines for the proper administration of this agency. The Board has been extremely busy these last few years reviewing the many capital improvement projects, new program developments, establishing new investment policies for our endowment and retirement programs, and the development of a fund raising program.



*Vernon Hirata, president conducts the orientation meeting for officers and new board members. Shown left to right: Ed Nakamura (staff), Wally Weatherwax, Gerard Jervis and Vernon.*



*Masaru Oshiro, Lei Isa, Verna Keyes (staff) at a Board meeting. Board meetings are usually held during the lunch hour.*



*Glenn Kimura & Paula Rath reviewing the agenda.*



*Vernon Hirata, President holds a check donated by the Bank of Hawaii. Gilbert Tam, made the presentation on behalf of the bank.*

HIGHLIGHT OF THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING, MAY 1996, HILTON HAWAIIAN VILLAGE



*Vernon Hirata, Jim Tollefson, Cyrus Tamashiro*

Vice-President Vernon Hirata congratulate and thanks Cyrus Tamashiro and Jim Tollefson for completing six years of voluntary service on the Board of Trustees.

Vernon Hirata was elected to serve as President of the Board of Trustees for this year, 1996-97.

*Below: Bob Rath presents a plaque to Mrs. Cecilia Blackfield, recognizing her contributions to the Leland Blackfield Activity Center and the Leland Blackfield Educational Scholarship Fund.*



*Joel Maimon, Board Member, Carol Sato of Mutual of America, and Staff members Rosa Sandoval, Rosalinda Reyes and Ingrid Alvarico.*



*Mrs. Cecilia Blackfield & Bob Rath.*



*Volunteers being recognized for their work at Palama Settlement.*



*Brian Suzuki, chair of Scholarship Committee.*



*Toshiko Tsukayama was honored as the "OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR"*

*Special Awards and Scholarships were also presented.*



*Warren Gasper received the President's Trophy as the Outstanding Male Pakolea Participant.*



*Paradise Hill was a second year recipient of the President's Trophy.*



*Blaine Dutro was presented with the Leland Blackfield Educational Scholarship from Mrs. Cecilia Blackfield. Blaine, a freshman at St. Louis High School in 1996-97 proved that he deserved the scholarship with his outstanding academic performance this past year!*



## MRS. MURIEL FLANDERS HELPS TO SPRUCE-UP PALAMA'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS



*Mrs. Muriel Flanders escorted by Bob Rath on a tour of the facilities.*

A very generous and genuine deed by Mrs. Muriel Flanders has made it possible for the Settlement to paint the Rath Building and the installation of vinyl siding on the Tenant's Building on the corner of Vineyard and Palama Street. Of particular concern was the painting of the Tenant Building because of the lead content of the old paint and the tremendous cost of disposing of the lead paint and re-painting the building. Thanks to Mrs. Flanders real concern for the Settlement and her desire to help improve the condition and beauty of these historical buildings, the Rath and Tenant Buildings have truly taken on the image of "Camelot" where dreams and wishes of many of the children from this area come true.



*Mrs. Flanders and daughter, Judy on tour with Linda Kam, Program & Fund Development Administrator.*



*Linda Kam welcomes Mrs. Flanders to a luncheon to honor and thank her for her contributions. The luncheon at Palama Settlement was hosted by President Vernon Hirata and Territorial Savings.*



*Vinyl siding being put on the Tenant Building.*



*Mrs. Muriel Flanders standing in front of the Tenant Building. Notice scaffolding that is being utilized by staff to complete window trimming.*



CONTINUED Visit by Mrs. Muriel Flanders



*Mrs. Flanders, daughter Judy and granddaughter, Blair stop by Brother Noland's Ukulele class during the tour.*



*Glenn Kimura meets with Mrs. Flanders and Blair. Also present at the luncheon was Donna Mercado Kim.*



*Mrs. Flanders poses in front of newly painted Rath Building.*



*Rath Building.*



*Visit down "memory lane."*



*Building in process of painting.*

## ADULT EDUCATION



*Mr. Liberato Viduya Principal, Charles Oba, elementary VP and Richard Lee, site coordinator visit with citizenship class.*



*Right: Jackie Jones, computer instructor at Palama congratulates successful student and celebrate "graduation day" with class.*

The Adult Education Program continues to be an important part of the array of services that is offered in this community. The new federal guidelines and economic conditions will continue to encourage adults to increase their English language and job/employment skills through the adult education program at the settlement.



The major part of the adult education program is sponsored by the Farrington Community Adult Education

School. Mr. Liberato Viduya is the Principal. In addition to the computer literacy center, there were five daily English classes and two weekend classes held at Palama.



*Adult Education instructor Ann Kishi.*



*Instructor Amy Fu with her Citizenship Class.*

## PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM AND LINE DANCERS HIGHLIGHTED AT ALA MOANA

The Centennial Display at the Ala Moana Shopping Center presented an opportunity for Palama Settlement to showcase some of our Performing Arts and senior line dancing program.

People were amazed at the number and variety of activities the settlement had.

And of course, we were all proud of their performances.

Going clockwise: The Senior Line Dancers, Katrina Dick's Senior Tap Dancers, Kumu Moku Yoshikawa's Hula Halau, the Hip-Hoppers, Senior Hula Class, Women's Hula Halau and Brother Noland's Ukulele Class.







*Between 150 to 200 hundred seniors flock to Palama Settlement between Monday through Friday. The majority of the seniors come for the line dancing program. However, more and more seniors are getting involved in other activities such as weaving, ti-leave lei-making, Mah Jongg, shirt designing, hula, karaoke, Tai Chi, and the early morning walking exercise. There is also a special interest Herbal Club that meets every Wednesday.*



*Seniors playing Mah Jongg. Toshiko, our Line Dance instructor also teaches the Mah Jongg game.*



*Bill, Tom, Mary, Angie, Pauline, & Ellen in their weekly serenading session. The talented musicians obligingly play at practically every event at Palama.*



*Line Dancers in the gym patio. There's two other classes- one upstairs in the multi-purpose room and the other inside the gymnasium.*



*Violet Chock and Mildred Chibana keeping the tradition and skill alive.*



## PIANO IS FAVORITE PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAM FOR MANY

Palama has two piano teachers now: Leslie Omura commutes from Maui once-a-week to teach her Saturday morning classes and Stella Chow teaches from Monday thru Thursday. The demand for piano keeps growing - with a long waiting list.

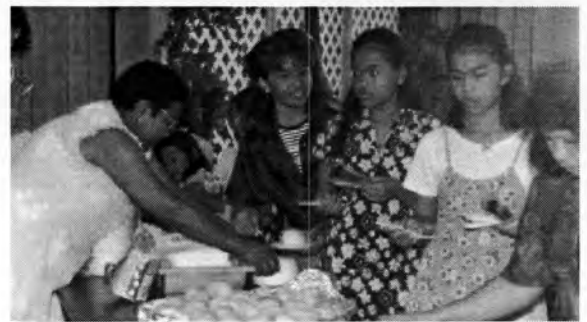


*Stella Chow proudly stands behind her students as they perform in their Christmas recital.*



*Mrs. Muriel Flanders amazed us with her piano virtuosity during her recent visit to Palama Settlement.*

*Below: Stella instructing a student on the keyboard with parent observing.*



*Students and parent help themselves to refreshments after their piano recital.*



*Stella poses with four of her students after their recital.*

## PAKOLEA PROGRAM



The Pakolea program is a combined sports and academic program. Participants who wish to play in any of our competitive sports program must also participate in our academic/tutoring program. Volunteer coaches and tutors play an important role in the overall development of the youngster. At the end of each season, the youngsters are recognized for their overall achievements..

Left: Coach John Kapua giving instructions during a time-out.



*Matthew and Mary Ann, staff in the Pakolea Program assist students in the Learning Center.*



*Cheerleading team going through a routine.*



*Individual study area helps the student to focus on their work.*



*Like the game on the field, studying sometimes is a team effort.*

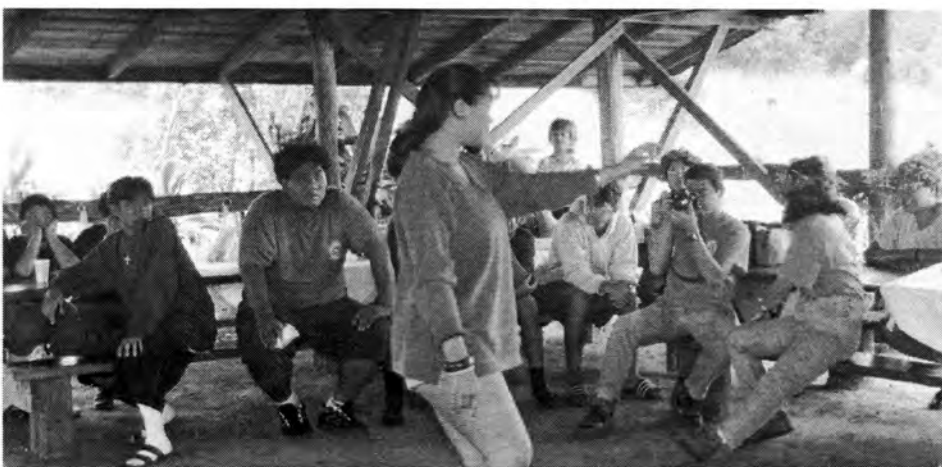
## TEEN & YOUTHS



*Stanley Chock assists with the Teen Group at the Children's Fair at Bishop Museum.*



*Teens line up to be fed after parents & guests are all taken care of.*



*Ikaika – performing for teens and guests.*



*Palama's "Make-your-own Terrarium" was a favorite stop among goers.*



*Stan Chock and teens at the edge looking down the valley.*





Once again about 30 teens enjoyed an active summer hiking up mountain trails and river beds, excursions, going to the beach, swim and surf, learning a little about their culture, basic survival skills, and building a "boat" that can hold at least two persons - long enough for it to stay afloat and cross the long Palama swimming pool.

The highlight of the summer program was the campout at Palama Uka and the Luau feast and program that the parents were invited to attend.

*Left: Theresa Cummings enjoying the meal with her family at Camp*



*Parents and Youths enjoying this special time together.*



*Fearless leader  
Georgiana Chock.*



*Campers unearthing the imu at Camp Palama Uka.*



*Coming or going??  
Going!!*

## A DAY OF RELAXATION FOR THE IN-COMMUNITY TREATMENT PROGRAM



*June Fujii made a direct hit on the piñata - but not hard enough to make a dent.*

The staff and youths from the In-Community Treatment Program took time off for some fun and relaxation. The In-Community Treatment Program is a contract program with the Family Court. Adolescents are accepted only through referrals from the Family Court. Referrals are made throughout Oahu, with an average caseload of 20-25 active cases per month. Participants receive individual and group counseling, individualized academic programs, computer literacy and other performing arts classes.



*ITCP students work on their Christmas Wreath. Every year the students help with the Christmas decorations.*



*Edina Godinet makes a small crack in the piñata.*



*And the candies came flying out when this student made a direct hit!*

## EASTER AND CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY EVENTS AT PALAMA



*Drey visits with Santa from North Pole via Samoa. From the look in Drey's smile, he got his Christmas wish!*



*The Bells and Chimes Chorus form Royal Elementary School.*



*Palama Settlement all decorated with the Christmassy look - thanks to Verna Keyes, Joe & Dennis.*



*Left middle: Easter bunny visit with the children.*



*Francis Akana, Tovia Fatu and Peter Pasigan "laying" the Easter eggs in the field. Thanks to all the rain, the grass was green and tall.*



*Left: No help from adults, please. The kids had a good time; the adults a hectic time. But it all ended up well, with at least an egg for every child.*

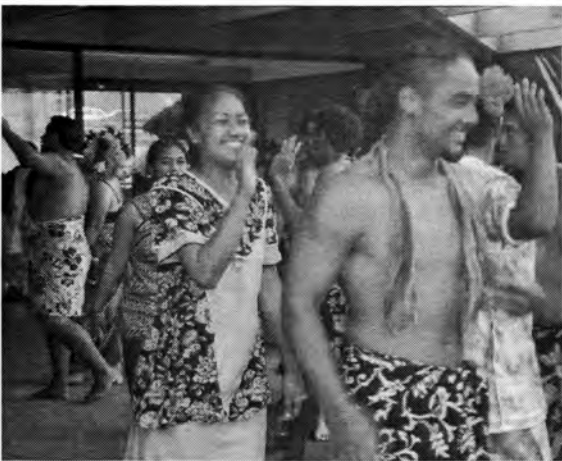




*Nia Aitaoto, newly appointed Program Manager for the Palama Family Service Centers, and the Mayor Wright Samoan Youth Group dancing in the background.*



*Theresa Cummings, V.P. and Tovia Fatu, President play vital roles in fostering community spirit and keep youths in check.*



*The Mayor Wright Samoan Youth Group performed for the first time at the Medical/Health workshop held at Palama Settlement in April 1997. They are seen here dancing the Ma'ulu'ulu, Sasa and the Siva Fa'atofa.*



*Sasa*



*Siva Fa'atofa*



*Betty Uyeda, Palama Family Service Center clerk/receptionist, as usual provides her all-around help during Easter for the children from Mayor Wright & Kaahumanu Homes.*

DAY OF CARING: JAPANESE JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OAHU CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, KOLOA PAINTING COMPANY & HNHS



*The Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce.*

Wally Miura, President of the Honolulu Neighborhood Services and owner of Wally's Flooring was instrumental in getting the Oahu Contractors Association, Koloa Painting Company and the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce to spend half a day painting the interior of a number of meeting rooms in the administration building, the hallway and conference room of the tenant building and the exterior walls of the gymnasium.



*President Derek Wong leads the charge.*

Vince DeBina, Staff



*Peter Pasigan – Staff*



*Wally Miura, Tom Sakamoto (OCA President Derek Wong, JJCC Pres. and VP.)*

## SUMMER ENRICHMENT AND AFTERSCHOOL ARTS & CRAFTS/READ-TO- ME ACTIVITIES

The Summer Enrichment and Afterschool program participants were fortunate in having a number of show, radio, TV and famous Palama personalities participate in the "Read-To-Me" program. The children always are especially attentive when the stories are read to them by other prominent and role-model personalities.



*Loretta Ables*



*Leslie Omura, piano & Arts & Crafts  
instructor*



*Children in the Summer Fun Arts & Crafts  
class.*



*Jill Kuramoto,  
KITV newscaster,  
reads to the  
children.*