



PALAMA SETTLEMENT

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Dear Choir Member,

It is very good of you to be lending your support to the Scholarship program of the Palama Settlement Music School by singing in the May 25th Benefit Concert.

I thought you might appreciate having this letter with some information about Palama Settlement and about the Concert itself.

The Settlement as a whole is a neighborhood athletic, recreational and cultural agency which provides not only wonderful facilities such as a swimming pool, gymnasium, athletic field, music school, canteen rooms and so on, but perhaps more important it provides trained specialists in the several fields of athletics and physical education, kindergarden, music, group work and club activities. Its program is mainly designed to provide creative and healthy activities for the youth of the community during their after-school or leisure hours.

A staff of social workers supervises the planning and carrying out of the activities of twenty-seven teen-age and pre-teen age clubs with training in the democratic processes, sharing, mutual help, community projects, as well as hikes, camping, and outings which help cultivate an appreciation of the natural beauties of the islands.

There are dozens of athletic teams, leagues, and physical training activities in the athletic department including swimming team, basketball, football, tennis, volleyball, field sports, weight lifting, kenpo (Japanese art of self-defense) and even a "Drills-for-Jills" class for the wahines to keep in shape. The athletic program develops healthy bodies and a respect for balancing physical exercise with life's other interests.

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There is a Music School with two bands, a children's chorus, musicianship classes as well as piano, vocal and instrumental lessons for upwards of 300 children. We have a registrar and staff of 13 teachers three of whom are with the choir.

In addition to all of this there are arts and crafts activities, ceramics, woodshop, a dramatics club, canteen program, student concerts and many other special events of interest..

You may be interested to know that Palama Settlement is the largest settlement house in the country with its extensive facilities. Hull House in Chicago and the famous Henry Street Settlement in New York have larger staff but none can offer the spacious out of door facilities that we have here. In addition to the buildings, pool and field on Vineyard St. we also have a camp by the sea called the Palama Fresh Air Camp which has given tens of thousands of children healthy relief from the city life over the years during their summer, Christmas and Easter vacations. The camp was badly damaged by the last seismic wave so we are now developing a new camp site in the fertile green mountain region behind Waimea Bay.

It is a great joy to be working at Palama and I would like to share with you who will be helping us next month the thought that this type of service is an expression of man's highest ideals, that of service to fellow man. Settlement workers are ministers without sect of the ideals of peace and abundance and their recompense is greatest in the realm of friendship and satisfaction.

The settlement is supported by the Community Chest which as you know is a public fund gathering agency. It is dependent upon the good will of the people of Honolulu for its existence and in turn brings a healthier, more democratic and secure existence to the youth of the community. Palama Settlement's program is perhaps a harbinger of the day when needed social services offered with the help of trained specialists will be found in all communities throughout the city.

I hope this hasn't taken too much of your time to read. Enclosed you will find the rehearsal schedule for the May 25th concert.

Again on behalf of the Settlement, thanks loads for your support of our program. And on behalf of the church thanks for your support of the church's community work!

With much Aloha,

John
John M. Kelly Jr., Director
The Music School