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Palama Settlement



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PALAMA SETTLEMENT: Seven Decades of Service

Although the Settlement was started in 1896, it received its impetus as a result of the great plague of 1899. It was in that year that 22 year old Yong Chong, a bookkeeper for Wing Wo Tai became ill; diagnosis - Bubonic Plague! Within a few hours Yong Chong was dead, and the "Black Death" was already beginning to claim other lives. Five plague deaths were reported the first twenty four hours. At the corner of Liliha and King Streets, just a few short blocks from the area of the plague and the great fire which followed, was a struggling young chapel - the Palama Chapel. Started in the summer of 1896 by P.C. Jones and under the auspices of the Central Union Church, the Chapel became almost overnight a focal point for health and educational work, as hundreds of shacks were thrown up to house the plague and fire victims.

In 1905, Central Union Church turned over the management of Palama to the Hawaiian Evangelical Association. On March 1, 1905, Mr. James A. Rath was brought to Honolulu to be the headworker. One year later, the name of the Chapel was officially changed to Palama Settlement and, in 1910, the Settlement was on its own and incorporated with its own board of trustees under the laws of Hawaii.

In the past sixty-six years, under the farsighted guidance of an exceptionally dedicated Board of Trustees and the energetic directorship of several able men, Palama Settlement pioneered in the field of public health (prevention and treatment of disease). The Palama visiting nurses were incorporated into the Territorial Service (Public Health Nurses) in 1943. Many of the present supervisors of that service today are former

Settlement nurses. The various out-patient clinics, pioneered by the Settlement, were transferred to the established hospitals where they operate today. Subsidized low-cost housing, family planning clinics, pasteurized milk for the poor, citizenship classes, adult education, kindergarten, "fresh air" residence camping, all of these and many more social moves were carried on at the Settlement. As the larger society in Hawaii began to see its obligations to its people, the government agencies of the Territory assumed many of the functions begun at Palama, thereby serving the total population - not just the neighborhood surrounding the Settlement. Free recreation for the non-affluent Honoluluans was developed and expanded at Palama and brought to fruition by the Parks and Recreation Department of the City Government.

The physical description of the neighborhood has changed; the age, the economic and ethnic patterns of the population have changed; and today Palama Settlement is programming to meet the needs caused by this disorganization with new and innovative techniques in treating social and family breakdown, especially juvenile delinquency, in both preventative and therapeutic ways - a program that might be called "Human Conservation."

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES

"The Impossible Dream" must have been the theme for the past year because that is what happened.

The four major Social Welfare Services projects became firmly established and, in fact, at the year's end, grew to a total of five: In-Community Treatment for multiple offending juvenile law violators (Section A); Behavior Modification utilizing athletics as a reward into early delinquent behaviors; Here and Now Groups (elementary school age target) intervention into nonacceptable school behaviors

(classroom management); Crisis Intervention; AND In-Community Treatment, Section B, academic evaluation and remediation into early or prodelinquent behaviors, the newest one.

In-Community Treatment Section B, a project providing Learning Center and the engineered environment to youngsters primarily referred by the Family Court who demonstrate school related difficulties and who are showing signs of delinquency.

There were 31 youngsters 12-17 years old referred by the Family Court for this project and 4 referred by Settlement staff.

In-Community Treatment, Section A using GGI had a total of 40 participants during the past year. All of these are referred as a condition of probation and the treatment is in lieu of institutionalization. There were 9 graduates of the project in 1972.

245 youngsters 8-15 years of age participated in the Academic Achievement projects, Football '72 and Basketball '73.

The record number of kids in the project also brought about record achievement, drastic improvement in the Health Component (diet, medical, dental), a more visible ratio of academic skill increase and physical skill increase, and concrete and visible learning situations involving law violating behavior. These are "staff" ... "Settlement" programs goals.

The kids' goals included another Bantam Oahu Championship in Football and the fourth consecutive Bantam Basketball Crown.

These teams traveled to the Mainland: the Football team to Baltimore, Maryland; the Basketball Squad to San Bernardino, California. Aside from the games played on the Mainland, the youngsters visited Washington, D.C.; Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; Snow Valley, California; Disneyland; Knott'sberry Farm, etc.

This past year found Palama kids touring the White House, eating lunch with U.S. Congress representatives, watching the printing of U.S. currency, visiting the F.B.I., Arlington Cemetery, spending a day at the Smithsonian Institute, walking the Battlefield at Gettysburg, seeing the hotel where President Lincoln stayed the night before delivering the famed "address," attending the "Blessing of the Hounds" in a Maryland church and participating in the Thanksgiving Fox Hunt, attending a Baltimore Colts pro-football game, building a snow-man, sliding in 10 feet of fresh snow, and receiving the "Key to the City" by the Mayor of San Bernardino, California -- learning -- sharing and becoming the men and women of tomorrow.

Here and Now Groups served 98 kids from 6 schools working with 24 individual teachers and 5 counselors.

117 persons were served by the Crisis Intervention team. 42 were referred to other agencies for long term help. 75 expressed no wish for additional help or refused other than Palama's help.

The ages included those 9 to 50 and covered the gamut of human need, inter-personal (family -- mate, etc.) problems and legal hassles were the most common. 40 were drug or substance abuse related.

A special four day summer "Get Away From It All" camp was held at Palama Uka for 43 specific children referred by the Family Court and a training session for Family Court workers was also provided (at their request) by the Settlement staff.

The relationship and purchase of seminar practice involving the Settlement and Family Court grew dramatically in the past year. It seemed to serve the target, youngsters and both agencies well.

The work with individual schools has grown and improved but the basic struggle with the D.O.E. remains. Another year of conferences has failed to see any movement toward accrediting the Learning Center. This goal has not been abandoned. The quest will continue as it is basic to our programs.

All in all, the eleven member staff of Social Welfare Services accomplished unbelievable program goals and 1972-73 was a year of "CAN DO -- and DID."

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT

A service and style that offers to residents and organizations, primarily adults, consultant work, referrals, gathering and sharing information, bringing people and organizations together to help reach their goals.

Settlement workers wearing repeatedly differing hats are seen -- serving as advisors to neighborhood organizations: Mayor Wright Community Association, Oahu Tenants Advisory Council, Kalihi Valley Tenants Association, The Freedom Riders, Welfare Recipients Advisory Council, Oahu Chapter of the Welfare Coalition, Kauluwela Tenants Association and many other community groups.

Exploring current planning and legislation, relevant to economic development, housing, education, health and welfare.

A new role this year --- the role of helping neighborhood groups obtain funds from trust and foundations for new projects in the neighborhood -- Settlement know how and help plus resident participation and decision making -- a partnership for a better neighborhood.

Giving technical assistance to individuals or groups with special needs.

Role Playing
Lobbying Game

Helping existing agencies and services relate for the maximum service effect.

Working with small businessmen, welfare recipients executive boards of planning groups, sharing skills, doing research, trying to help evolve a healthy, happy, prosperous Palama area, a helping hand in the struggle of the evolution, village polynesian neighborhood to urban ghetto to what????

PALAMA SETTLEMENT
SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Support From:

Contributions - Trusts and Foundations	\$ 7,369.00
Sustaining Membership	828.00
Fees for Services	11,085.00
Rentals	34,739.00
Other	991.00
Aloha United Fund	<u>264,022.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$319,034.00

EXPENDITURES:

Personnel	\$265,725.00
Program Supplies	26,173.00
Occupancy - Building	23,073.00
Equipment and Furnishings	1,717.00
Miscellaneous	<u>1,731.00</u>
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$318,419.00

SPECIFIC:

Budgeted

Kauluwela Family Recreation Council	\$ 9,793.00
Mayor Wright Community Association -	
Children After School	4,980.00
State Law Enforcement and Juvenile	34,832.00
Delinquency Planning Agency In-Community Treatment (A Program in Lieu of Institutionalization for Multiple Offending Juveniles)	

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