



PALAMA SETTLEMENT

Dedication of Buildings
Friday, March 22, 1985

Out of the Ashes, a Place of Help

For nearly 90 years, Palama Settlement has served the communities of Palama and Kalihi as a place of help and a source of hope.

It was originally Palama Chapel, which was opened by Central Union Church in 1896, but after the Chinatown fire of 1899 it was transformed almost overnight into a social agency to meet the needs of the area.

Today the Settlement works on problems of family disintegration, unemployment, juvenile delinquency, and drug abuse.

Programs include: **group homes** for teenagers referred by the courts for treatment; the **Pakolea project**, an after-school program using sports as an incentive to daily study improvements at Palama's learning center; the **alternative school program** for group home residents and other students, as an alternative to detention; **counseling and assistance** to others involved in community improvement projects; **meals** for needy youth-program participants; **community recreation** programs for children and adults; and providing **support for other agencies** which serve the community.

A Great Step Forward

In 1981, Hawaii's corporations, trusts and foundations—and hundreds of friends of Palama Settlement—raised \$3 million to relocate and renovate the Youth Service Building and build a new Community Activities Center.

The fund drive was led by Honorary Chairman, Governor George R. Ariyoshi and Co-Chairmen John D. Bellinger and Robert J. Pfeiffer, the Chief Executives of First Hawaiian Bank and Alexander & Baldwin respectively.

The last part of the project, the Community Activities Center, was completed in September, 1983.

Honors for Past and Present Service

The renovated Youth Service Building is being named for the late James A. Rath, the Settlement's first Executive Director. The Community Activities Center is being named for the late Robert H. Higashino, Executive Director from 1970 to 1983.

In addition to memorializing two men of the past, we are today honoring some contemporaries, key people who have made possible this physical renewal of Palama, which renews our spirit to serve.

Program

Welcome	Al Harrington Board Member
Invocation	Reverend David Kaupu Kamehameha Schools Chaplain
Plaque Presentations	Melvin Kaneshige Past Board President
Recognition	Governor George R. Ariyoshi Honorary Chairman of the Fund Drive John D. Bellinger Co-Chairman of the Fund Drive Robert J. Pfeiffer Co-Chairman of the Fund Drive
Special Presentations	Thomas Papandrew Board President
Response	Mrs. Robert Higashino Mr. Robert Rath
Acknowledgements	Al Harrington
Blessing of Food	Dr. Gerald Gifford St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church Refreshments
Entertainment	Kanikapila and Auntie Mary Cash and her Halau

Fund Drive Committee

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