

KA LEO O PALAMA

"The Voice of Palama"

Palama Settlement

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Since 1906: Serving The Individual, The Family, The Community

In-Community Treatment Program 20th Anniversary

In 1970, the In-Community Treatment Program was started at Palama Settlement at the request of the Family Court. The program attempted to help its youthful participants to learn, observe and abide by the laws of the community and to reduce and/or eliminate drug usage. The program offered teenagers between 12 and 17 an opportunity to develop a positive sense of self-esteem, self concept and confidence, and to develop a positive attitude toward learning through successful school experiences. It also helped strengthen behaviors necessary for social and academic adjustment in the home, school and community.

Today, 20 years later, the In-Community Treatment Program is still one of Palama Settlement's strongest programs thanks to Program Manager, Ed Nakamura

20 Years

and his staff, Edna Ibane and Eveni Tafiti.

The program includes a variety of treatment activities geared toward helping adjudicated youth readjust to their natural environment and to become law abiding participants of society. The activities include individual and group counseling, remedial education, enrichment

experiences and physical education activities. The Learning Center at Palama, an alternative educational setting, is a major component of the program where students can achieve academic success at their own rate. Today, academic services have been expanded. The program has acquired up-dated GED reading materials, mathematics computation workbooks and language arts materials, as well as computer software to help interested youth to prepare for GED classes. Classes are given in Family Violence, Health issues, such as family planning, sexual diseases and teen pregnancy, and Hawaiian culture.

The success rate of this program is twice that of the national average. Congratulations and Happy 20th Anniversary to Ed, Edna, Eveni and the kids in the In-Community Treatment Program.

Note From the Executive Director

It has been a busy three months at Palama Settlement since the inauguration of our first **KA LEO O PALAMA**. Christmas was celebrated with a big Community Event, a Board-Staff party and the appearance of our very own Santa Claus. Our Programs are thriving and active. The basketball season in Pakolea started on the heels of

football, pool tournaments for teens began in the Leland Blackfield Activity Center, our computers arrived, and our In-Community Treatment Program kicked off its 20th year of service to troubled teens.

We are blessed with many donations over the holiday season

and hours of volunteer service to Palama were graciously given from local companies, community groups and individuals.

We welcome our new Board members, headed by President, Donna Tanoue and say Aloha to those leaving the Board who have served Palama well. Mahalo to all.

Santa Visits Palama

On December 15, 1989, over 700 people came to Palama Settlement to celebrate at the Annual Christmas Party. The Community was greeted by Christmas carols played by the Damien High School Band and holiday songs performed by the Palama Senior Citizens.

The windows were decorated by the youths in our In-Community Treatment Program, with supervision and encouragement provided by Program Manager, Ed Nakamura and staff, Edna Ibana and Eveni Tafiti. They also constructed a 6-foot wreath that was hung on the doorway of the Rath Building. At 6:30 the wreath was lighted by Learning Center Director, Cheryl Ma'ae and everyone was invited to our dining hall for more entertainment by the Manana School Choir, drawings for door prizes and the arrival of Santa Claus (Gameroom attendant, Tovia Fatu).

Over 400 goodie bags were given to the children who visited with Santa. Local businesses provided the food, coupons and toys which filled the bags.



Santa Claus (Tovia Fatu) gets ready to greet over 400 children at Palama Settlement's Christmas Event.

Hyatt Regency-Waikiki Christmas Party

One hundred and fifty children and their parents from Mayor Wright Homes public housing project were guests of the employees of the Hyatt Regency-Waikiki and their General Manager, Mr. Eberhardt Linke, at a once-in-a-lifetime Christmas fantasy party in December. Employees greeted the children in

costumes and accommodated their every desire. Food, desserts, Santa and Christmas stockings started the day which later included clowns, singing and story telling. Each child was presented with a little stuffed animal friend to remember the special day and the new friends they made. Mahalo to our Hyatt friends!


Fire Destroys Homes in Kalihi-Palama Community

A sudden and unexpected tragedy affected the Kalihi-Palama community soon after the 1990 new year. A devastating fire left twelve families homeless and empty-handed as a number of homes on Lopez and Lakimela Lanes were totally destroyed. With the swift assistance of Kaumakapili Church, Tamashiro Market, Palama Settlement and the Red Cross, an emergency shelter was set up to feed and help the victims. As the families dealt with their losses and began to look ahead at their future, more

help came from the Salvation Army, neighborhood groups and resources, and again, Palama Settlement.

We were able to find accommodations in a transitional housing project, Maililand, a program sponsored by Catholic Charities, for eight families, where they could live for up to six months while putting their lives back together. Tools for their work were replaced, food, clothing and furniture were distributed, counseling and family support services were given.

The families are moving ahead with the help of many friends and caring people. We would like to thank all of the individuals who thoughtfully donated items to Palama Settlement to help these families. We can be proud that we were able to help in this emergency and remember the many times in the past when Palama was there to help others in need. All of you make this possible. Mahalo!



Mahalo

Special thanks and recognition go out to the students and faculty of **Iolani School** who donated clothes and toys to Palama Settlement for the families of our neighborhood. Their very special December school collection resulted in a truckload, which was gratefully received at Palama Settlement and distributed to children and parents who were greatly in need of many of these items

West Hawaii Rotary Club kept up their holiday tradition by donating six full Thanksgiving baskets to families who would not otherwise be able to celebrate this day properly. Each year, Rotarian, George Otani of Star Market-Kamehameha Shopping Center, generously packages Thanksgiving turkeys, stuffing and all of the important components of a traditional dinner for special families of Palama. We, too, are thankful for such caring and thoughtful friends. . . .

Three cheers for the **Hawaii Newspaper Agency** and **Oceanic Cablevision**, Trustee, Norman Santos for their donations of Hula Bowl tickets. All of our youth sports teams were able to attend with many very happy volunteers, coaches and staff.

Winners of the Leland Blackfield Youth Activity Center Teen Pool Tournament were the happy recipients of tickets to the Kalakaua Lions' Carnival at Farrington High School. The prizes were donated by **Ameron HC&D** and **MK Equipment Company** through the assistance of Mr. Steven Kanda. More tournaments are scheduled in February and March for the neighborhood teens in the new Center, named in honor of one of the community's leaders in youth sports and activities. . . .



Hawaiian Electric Company volunteers hard at work at Palama Settlement.

Hawaiian Electric Company Volunteers

They "light up our life" at Palama Settlement. Dozens of volunteers from Hawaiian Electric Company converged on Palama Settlement on November 18th and December 9th to spend their weekends painting and landscaping our grounds. Volunteers' efforts were coordinated by Mr. Walter Okudara, Manager of the Distribution Department and his assistant, Peter Okunami, T & D Electrical Designer, as a project of the Community Action Group, a partnership between IBEW Local 1260; Clyde Hayashi, Vice-President, Aloha United Way; and Mr. Dan Williamson, Hawaiian

Electric Company expressed a willingness and mutual desire to do community service projects. Clyde Hayashi, a long-time volunteer in Palama Settlement programs, suggested our agency and initiated the innovative projects.

Dozens of Hawaiian Electric volunteers painted the walls of Palama Settlement's gym and employees from the Distribution Department did a major tree trimming project around the Agency campus. Their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to helping others is appreciated by all of us at Palama Settlement.

Palama Purchases Van

Mr. Clement Judd, Executive Director of the Hawaii Hotel Association, presented a check for \$10,000 to help purchase a van for Palama's programs. The donation was made possible from funds earned through the 1989 Visitor Industry Charity Walk. This is the third year in a row that we have benefitted from their support and generosity.



Mr. Clement Judd, presents check to Pakolea Program Manager, Fred Filbert.

1989 Football Banquet

The 1989 Palama Football Banquet was held on November 18, 1989 in the Akala Room of the Queen Kapiolani Hotel. Players, cheerleaders, coaches and volunteers received recognition for another fine season. 1989 was particularly exciting because the Junior Pee Wee Cheerleaders won

first place in the Oahu Pop Warner Cheerleading Competition for the third year in a row and will retain the permanent trophy.

The Pee Wee team was the winner of this year's Windward Conference. They played Manoa, winners of the Central Conference,

to a 0-0 tie at the Mele Kalikimaka Bowl at Aloha Stadium on November 18th.

All the team coaches, volunteers and participating parents deserve a large "Mahalo" for making the season a great success.

Special Awards were presented for:

Most Improved Scholar

Junior Pee Wee: Robert Chang and Jonathan Ching

Pee Wee: Macky Sarsuelo and Kekoa Dias

Midget: Shawn Sepulveda

Cheerleaders

Junior Pee Wee: Paradise Hill

Pee Wee: Regina Chow

Midget: Angela Pickett

Scorpion of the Year, "Mr. Football"

Junior Pee Wee: Clayton Le Fontaine

Pee Wee: Kirsten Soares

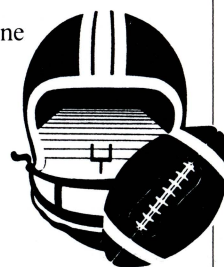
Midget: Joseph Famealoha

Scorpion of the Year, "Miss Cheerleader"

Junior Pee Wee: Sherisse Powell

Pee Wee: Johnelle Rogers

Midget: Sassy Sarcedo



Pakolea Sports Lounge Taking Shape

Located next to the Pakolea office in the Rath Building, the new sports lounge provides a welcome addition to the Pakolea Program. It features green and "maroon" cushioned rattan chairs, as well as NFL, college and high school pennants and letters fastened on the walls. With a refurbished trophy display case and sports pictures and

posters greeting coaches and players, there is no doubt that this is "Da Place"! A "coaches corner", with a wallmounted chalkboard and pictures of professional, college and high school coaches, is being developed. Now the teams have a great place to meet and discuss game strategy, view sports videos or just "talk story".

On the center pole, "Palama Scorpions" is spelled out between plaques representing football, cheerleading and basketball, the three team sports conducted by the Pakolea Program. In addition, star charts and behavior charts are displayed for the Pakolea student-athletes to mark their progress in the 10-week basketball program.

Pearl Harbor Kiwanis Club Cleans Up

Five members of the Pearl Harbor Kiwanis Club headed by President Joe Di Pardo, trimmed hedges, cut grass and weeds and generally cleaned up the front of Palama Settlement on Saturday, January 6, 1990. President Joe was assisted by Abe Sakai, Jack Satow, Charles Yang, and Fred Filbert. A big "Mahalo" to this organization for helping to beautify our grounds.

Generous Donation to Palama Athletes

A December 1989 telephone call from the office of Honolulu Attorney, David C. Schutter to our Pakolea Program office resulted in a large "windfall" of sports equipment. Five van loads of new basketballs, uniforms, T-shirts, all types of athletic shoes, as well as complete baseball uniforms were picked up by Palama staff. The items are now stored in the locker room for subsequent use by our Pakolea and Recreation programs. The baseball equipment will be given to schools and activities in this area for use in their programs. Mr. Schutter deserves a big Mahalo for his generosity. He will be honored at our Pakolea Basketball Banquet in March.

Staff Recognition Dinner



Nani Toyama, Duval Dutro and Priscilla Toyama receive Koa bowls from the Board of Trustees for 20 years of service to Palama Settlement.

On December 6, 1989, the Board of Trustees of Palama Settlement arranged a very special evening for the Palama Settlement staff. A dinner/dance was held at the Officer's Club at Camp Smith. There was a full buffet and entertainment by the Roadhouse Band and the KDO Radio dancers. Everyone received at least one door prize, which were donated by Board Members.

The highlight of the evening were the awards given by Board President, Mark Hastert to the staff for 5 or more years of service to Palama Settlement. There were also awards given to those staff who maintained perfect attendance at work for 1989.

This was such a success that everyone is planning on making it an annual event!

FIVE YEAR

Francis Akana
Lawrence De Soto
Ann Koga
Rosalinda Reyes
Jessica Rogers
Leonard Segovia
Dennis Shiraishi

TEN YEAR

Kathleen De Silva
Mary Dias
George Kahakai
Verna Keyes
Primo Llacuna
Ed Nakamura
Rosa Sandoval

FIFTEEN YEAR

Rosie Yano

TWENTY YEAR

Duval Dutro
Nani Toyama
Priscilla Toyama

Computer Center Update

Arrangements were completed, during the first week of January, with Apple Computer in California for the shipment of 20 Apple II GS computers and 4 Imagewriter printers. The computers, which were funded through grants from the McInerney Foundation, Cooke Foundation, Ltd., Atherton Foundation, Cablevision Foundation, Samuel & Mary Castle Foundation, and the Junior League of Honolulu Community Assistance Fund, arrived on January 8th and were installed the following week. Our first training sessions for staff and volunteers are underway. By the time you read this the Center will be in full use by Palama Settlement program participants with the help of volunteers from Punahou and Kamehameha Schools.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Duval Dutro
Nani Toyama
Rosie Yano

Spotlight on Staff:

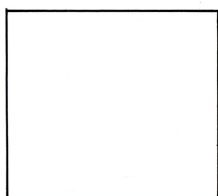
PAM TOMPKINS, Executive Secretary

Pam Tompkins officially became Palama Settlement's Executive Secretary on December 4, 1989. Pam is a bundle of energy and enthusiasm wrapped in a big, friendly southern drawl.

Pam was born in Ft. Worth Texas, but moved to Hawaii for six years during her school days. Back home in Texas, she met her husband, Chuck, a Hilo boy. They married in 1972 and moved to Hilo, where they lived from 1972-1978, before moving to Texas again to work in the landscaping business and raise their daughter, Jessica.

The Tompkins made the permanent move to Hawaii in August 1989. They now live in Kaneohe where they love the scenery, but hate the commute to town! Welcome to Palama, Pam.





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Recreation News

Volleyball League for girls 9-17. Registration open.

Volleyball, Men's, Women's Mix League. Registration open.

Community Free Play. Our gym is open evenings, Monday through Saturday from 6:00-9:00 P.M.
Monday, Wednesday, Friday - Volleyball night.
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday - Basketball night.

Pool - Winter Schedule. Free Community Swim, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-5:00 P.M.;
Saturday, 12:30-5:00 P.M.

Easter Community Event. Our Annual Easter Event will be held on April 12, 1990 from 5:00-6:30 P.M.
Mister Bunny will be here . . . hope you will be too!

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