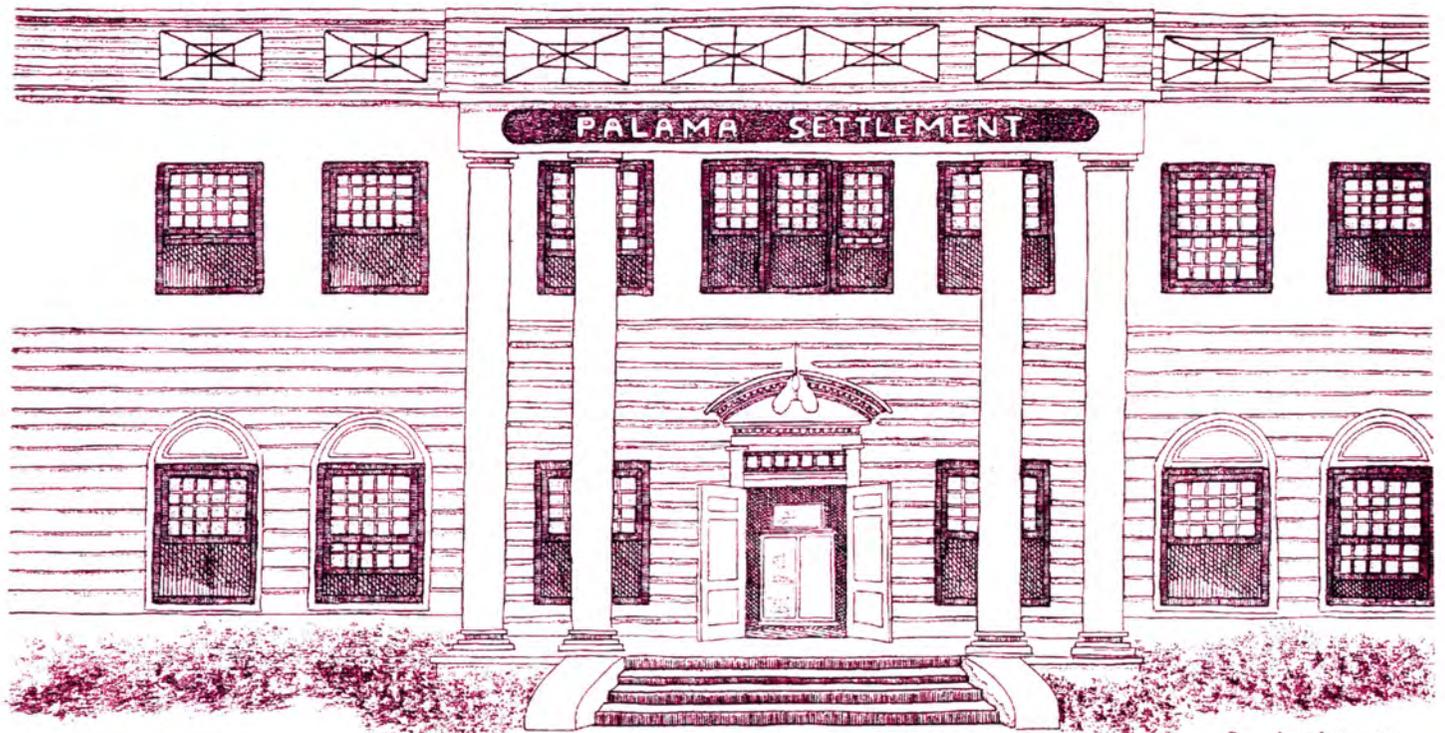




# PALAMA SETTLEMENT



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**2005/2006 ANNUAL REPORT**



Benjamin Saguibo  
President, Board  
of Trustees



## ANNUAL REPORT 2005/2006



Bob Omura  
Executive Director

*Aloha, friends of Palama Settlement ~*

We are happy to send you our 2005/2006 Annual Report. These past two years have been a very busy time for our Board and staff as we held our Strategic Planning workshop and addressed some major changes in our program services. We have continued to expand our services to meet the growing needs of our community, which has seen the influx of new immigrants from the Pacific Basin regions.

Our Recreation Department has expanded its intramural sports program that now includes several agencies in the Kalihi-Palama districts. Initially offering only flag football, the program now consists of football, volleyball, basketball and softball. These activities are in addition to our social/recreational and other organized team sports programs that are offered throughout the year.

The Family Service Center has been relocated to the main campus with offices in our tenant building. This move has proven to be timely and beneficial. It has given us the opportunity to restructure our staff and program goals in time to meet the surging demand for new services from the various public housing projects in the area. Thanks to a generous grant from the *Waterhouse Charitable Trust* we have been able to hire a full-time Micronesian worker to meet the growing needs of this segment of our population.

In May 2005 we were able to send one staff member and two youth volunteers from our Neighborhood Development and Community Outreach Program to the *Asian American and Pacific Islander Substance Abuse Research: Making It Work for our Communities Conference* in Los Angeles. Our youth representatives made quite an impression with their presentation of their work with the Dancers of Paradise and Island Youth performing groups and our work with the Ohana Coalition aimed at working together to keep kids drug-free and out of the juvenile justice system.

Our Computer Resource Center continues to grow and develop, thanks in large part to our collaboration with the *Center on Disability Studies* at the *University of Hawaii*. In particular, we want to acknowledge Drs. Peter Dowrick and JoAnn Yuen for their interest in the Settlement's programs, their vision of the future of our community, their commitment to make a positive impact on our youth and families, and including Palama in several of their grant proposals. The latest grant, the *Ho'opa'a Hawaiian Literacy Computer Program* has attracted a large number of children to our afterschool program. An additional benefit of this program has been the creation of a choir made up of participants from the Ho'opo'a Literacy Program.

Palama's financial need continues to increase with the expansion of services and staff and the need to maintain our grounds and aging buildings. The Board has contributed immensely by organizing the agency's major fundraiser, the *Palama Settlement Annual Charity Golf Tournament*. The event has continued to raise much needed funds, \$72,000 in 2005 and \$75,000 in 2006. We owe a great deal of thanks to our major sponsors for the success of this event ~ the *Laborers' Union Local*

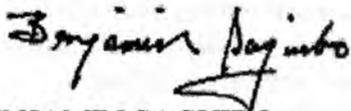
368, *First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Hawaii and RMY Construction* ~ as well as our many contributing sponsors, businesses and individuals who participated in our tournaments. A special thanks to PENSKE for the special way they support our tournament and their organization's commitment to provide a service to the community.

In addition to the supporters of our Charity Golf Tournament, we owe a debt of gratitude to the *Aloha United Way* and the many trusts, foundations, and individuals who provide financial support of our programs. Volunteers also continue to play a vital role in the success of Palama. They include our Board members, instructors, mentors, tutors, coaches, and scorekeepers who contribute over 32,000 hours of service each year.

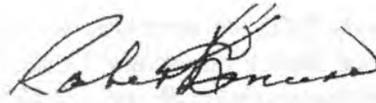
We are sad to report that one of our most faithful and deserving volunteers, *Trustee Emeritus Bob Rath*, passed away on October 6, 2006. Bob was a "*true son of Palama*," born and raised on the Settlement's grounds, participating in the agency's activities, and serving as a mentor and coach. Later in life he returned to Palama to serve on the Board of Trustees and carry on the legacy started by his late father, *James Rath*, the first Executive Director of Palama Settlement. Bob also served on the Board of the Strong Carter Foundation, which operated the Strong-Carter Dental Clinic on the grounds of Palama Settlement for many years. Our thanks to the Strong Foundation for the very generous donation made to the agency in honor of Bob Rath.

Palama has honored the Raths by naming our newly established archives, located in the administration building, *the Robert H. and Jacqueline Rath Archives*. The archives will include records, photos and memorabilia that will preserve the history of Palama Settlement and keep its legacy alive in this ever growing and changing community.

As we look back over the challenges and accomplishments of 2005/2006 we extend our deep appreciation to all of you who have helped Palama to continue its work in this neighborhood. Your support and encouragement give us the energy and conviction to move forward. *Imua, Palama!*



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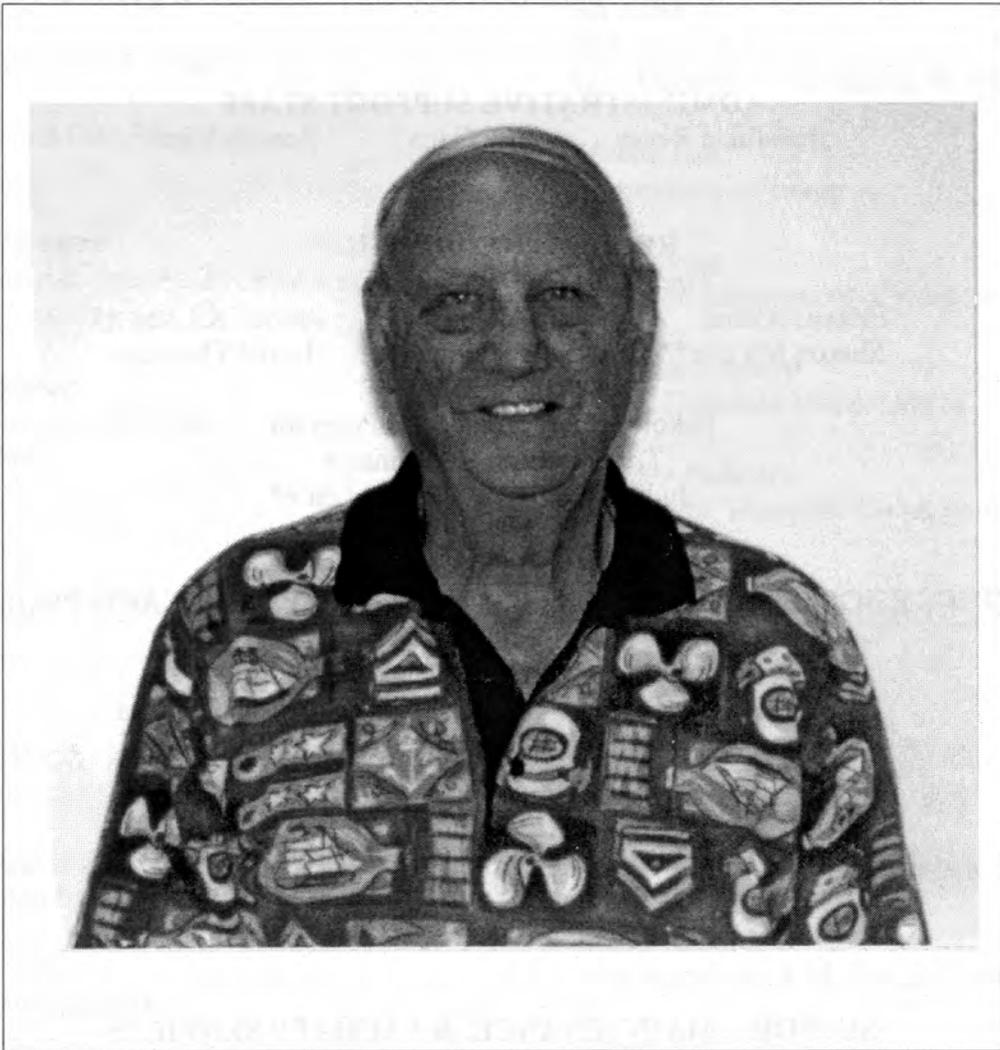
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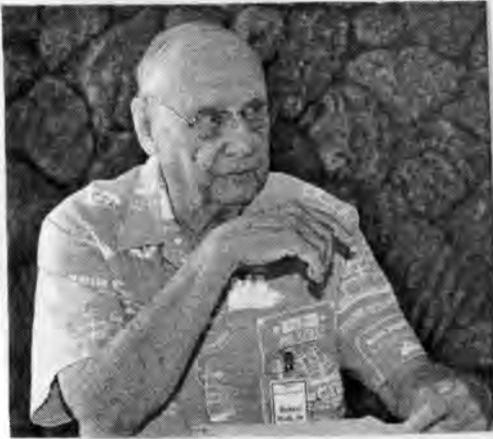
*Dedicated with aloha to  
**Robert Helsher Rath, Sr.**  
Trustee Emeritus*



*Bob Rath, a true son of Palama  
July 17, 1915 - October 6, 2006*



## *In Remembrance ~ Robert Helsher Rath, Sr.*



*Robert Helsher Rath, Sr* was born and raised on the grounds of Palama Settlement. He was the youngest of five children born to James and Ragna Rath. His father, *James Rath*, was the first Executive Director of Palama Settlement, a newly formed social service agency located on the outskirts of Honolulu in the Palama district. Under Mr. Rath's leadership the agency flourished, pioneering a broad array of social service programs, recreational activities as well as many health, educational, cultural, family strengthening and community outreach programs including a "fresh-day-care" camp for families and children.

Bob grew up in this place full of activities designed to help the early immigrant families, low-income groups and troubled youth. He was nurtured in this environment of caring and helping and he experienced and witnessed first-hand the plight of the less fortunate. He lived in this community and became a counselor, swimming coach and mentor at Palama.

Bob graduated from Punahou and the University of Hawaii. He was a loyal and devoted employee of Union Oil, retiring as the president of Unoco, the company's international division. After retirement he returned to Palama Settlement to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees and worked tirelessly to continue the work of his father's legacy. Besides his service on the Board, Bob spent a considerable amount of time at Palama, observing the programs, listening to the needs of staff and helping to raise funds for activities or to provide scholarships for those who could not afford to pay for registration fees or program uniforms. He wanted to ensure that, like the days of old, *"this place will be filled with kids."*



Bob Rath's vision for Palama Settlement ~ that *"this place will be filled with kids"* ~ is being fulfilled. Every day keiki of all ages flock to the Settlement to take part in a wide range of educational, athletic, recreational, cultural, musical, and fun-filled activities. They all say *"mahalo"* to Bob Rath for helping to make Palama a *home away from home* for them.

Bob was a very active Board member serving on various working committees including the Fundraising Committee and the Centennial Committee, which organized a memorable celebration of Palama's first hundred years in 1996. In 1990 Bob was given the title of *"Trustee Emeritus"* in recognition of his active and valued participation on the Board, which provided vital linkages to trusts and foundations for financial support, and his steadfast dedication and commitment to the mission of helping to improve the lives of families and youth living in the surrounding neighborhood. Bob will always be remembered as a "true son of Palama," who, since childhood, epitomized the spirit and mission of Palama Settlement.

# Remembering Bob Rath's work at Palama Settlement



As soon as Palama's Executive Director Bob Omura was hired in May 1991, Bob Rath shared his thoughts about what should be happening at Palama and how he would try to help raise funds to support programs. In less than a month he arranged a meeting with the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation trustee Alvin Awaya. Two weeks later a project proposal was submitted to the Foundation and the project was funded a year later. Bob Rath was a man of action!

*Above:* Bob Rath and Palama's Board President Guy Fujimura received an endowment check of \$1,200,000 from Gailene Wong, the Weinberg Foundation Grants Administrator, in October 1992.



Pictured at the presentation luncheon held at Sheraton Waikiki (L-R): Guy Fujimura, Bob Rath, Sam Hata, Glenn Kimura, Wallace Weatherwax, George Okuhara 2nd row: Bob Omura, Rick Fujimura, Melvin Kaneshige, Vernon Hirata, Stanley Tokumaru, Mark Hastert, Cyrus Tamashiro.



In March 1993 Bob Rath met with Richard Ing, trustee of the Sheridan Ing Foundation, to inspect the work funded by the Ing Foundation in Palama's multipurpose activity room.



*Above right:* Bob Rath presented Cecilia Blackfield with a recognition plaque for her support of the Leland Blackfield Youth Activity Center at Palama.



Bob Rath (center) conducts a site inspection of Palama Uka Camp grounds located on the top of mountains above Haleiwa town in June 1991. Chris Kanazawa (L), chair of Palama's Building and Grounds Committee, and staff member Duval Distro inspect the site with Bob. For many years the camp site was used to provide recreational and educational programs and activities for youth and families at Palama Settlement.

Bob also played an important role in securing donations from the United Airlines Hawaiian Open Charities. Bob is pictured here with Chester Kahapea (R) and Randolph Ko (L), representatives of UAL and the charities (now known as the Friends of Hawaii Charities).



Bob and his wife Jackie visit Alma Watanabe and friend at the Centennial Luau Celebration held in 1996 at Palama Settlement. The event celebrated the hundred years of Palama's service to the community.



Left: Bob is seated here with a Palama volunteer at the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in 1993.

Below: At the luncheon Gailene Wong from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation was also recognized for the foundation's generous support of Palama Settlement.



Vernon Hirata, Palama's Board President, presents a recognition award to Bob Rath at the 1995 Annual Board Meeting.



Bob and Jackie supported Palama's programs in every possible way. Here they visit a food booth at one of our many recreational activities held on site.



At the annual Board of Trustees meeting in May 1998 Bob talks with staff members Larry Sweets and Linda Quiocho regarding the Pakolea Program. He was always interested in helping staff to improve the program.

In 1999 Bob and other members of our Board of Trustees listened to Ron Alba from Coca-Cola regarding ideas to generate funds for Palama through additional vending machines.

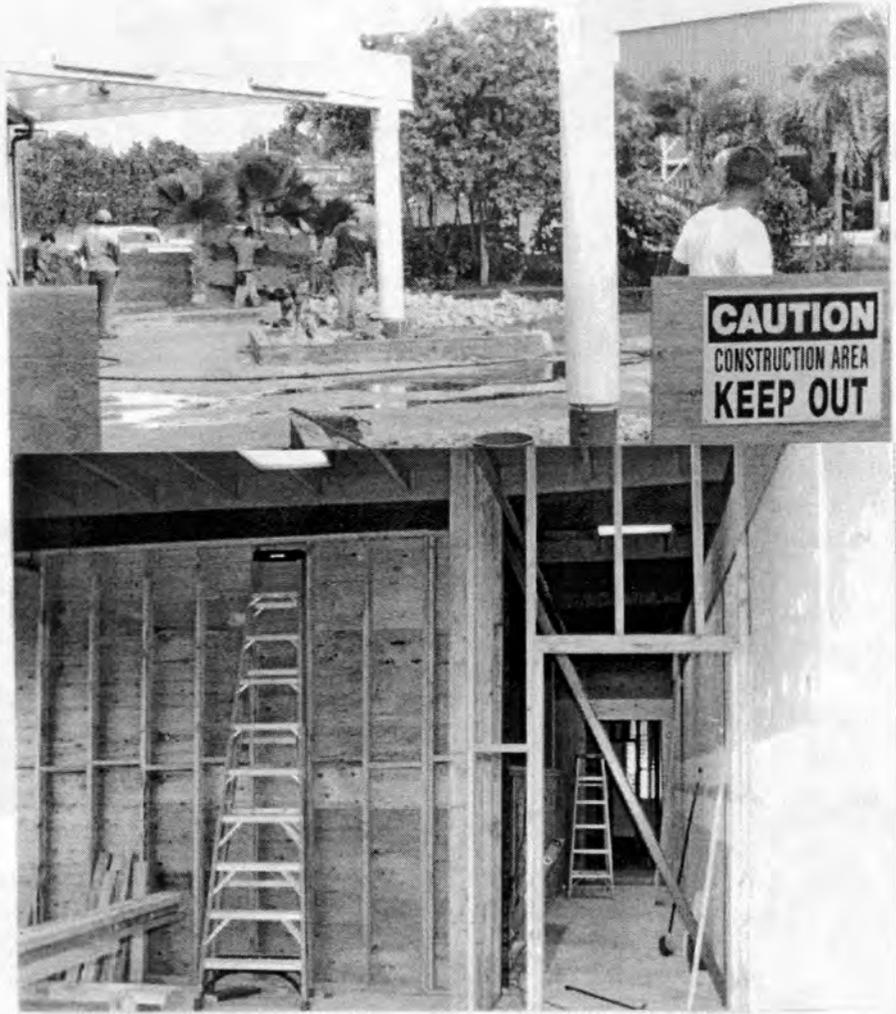


Bob, daughter Paula Rath and wife Jackie visit Palama's Centennial Display at the Pearlridge Shopping Center in May 1997. The display chronicled Palama's work and service in the community.

Jackie and Bob give an interview about Palama Settlement to reporter Jocelyn Fujii in March 1993. Their long history and association with Palama provide valuable information regarding the agency's work in this community.



## Bob Rath carrying on the legacy of his father



Bob's long history with Palama Settlement and the ***Strong Foundation*** enabled the agency to receive generous grants from the foundation for program services and capital improvement projects. Renovations to the administration building, funded by the Strong Foundation, were completed in December 2005.



Bob explains the Centennial Display to Mrs. Muriel Flanders and her niece in July 1996. Mrs. Flanders was a generous donor to Palama Settlement.



Bob and Jackie enjoy themselves at the Board of Trustees annual business meeting in May 1996.



## **THE MISSION**

- Palama Settlement will offer programs and services that will help to create a safer and healthier living environment for all individuals and families living in the Palama area. The “Palama area” is generally defined as the area of Honolulu bounded by Houghtailing, School, Liliha and King Streets and the surrounding neighborhoods.

## **THE GOAL**

- Palama Settlement will strive to provide programs and services to meet the physical, social, educational, emotional, cultural and economic needs of individuals, families and groups living in the Palama and surrounding areas of Honolulu. The agency will also coordinate with other service providers and institutions in the community and collaborate with them to offer needed programs and activities and thereby minimize duplication of services and maximize the use of staffing, facilities and finances.

## **THE TARGET POPULATION**

- Palama Settlement will focus on developing programs and services for children, teens, adults, seniors and families who live in the area. In particular, a wide range of educational, sports, musical, and cultural activities will be provided for at-risk youth and their families to provide them with positive alternatives to the many negative influences in the neighborhood.

# Pakolea Program focuses on preventing delinquency

A major effort of the services and activities of Palama Settlement is directed toward the *prevention of juvenile delinquency*. The agency, located in the midst of the state's most densely populated area and one with the highest juvenile and adult crime rates, is in an optimum position to play an important role in helping to prevent youngsters from becoming a statistic in the juvenile justice system. Hundreds of youngsters grow up in this "at-risk" neighborhood, living in public housing facilities or in the thousands of low/medium rental units that are very attractive to new families arriving from the orient or the Pacific basin region.

Because of their economic situation, many parents work two jobs leaving children with very little attention or supervision. Lacking positive reinforcements, many children under-perform in school and are drawn into truancy, juvenile delinquent activities, gangs and drugs. One way to get youth back on the right track is to involve them in as many positive activities as possible. The most positive options include intramural or organized sports. Given the proper guidance and tools, educational support and positive reinforcements, young people have the resiliency to bounce back and get on the right track.

The ***Pakolea Sports/Academic/Socialization Program*** is a highly structured behavioral management system that utilizes positive reinforcements to help youth to make better choices, develop positive attitudes, relate to kids from other cultures, and take responsibility for their personal belongings and behavior.

In order to play, participants must spend study time in the Learning Center two (2) days per week and maintain a satisfactory or better level of academic performance. Tutors are there to assist the youth to complete their school work, experience a sense of success and achievement, feel challenged to do more and move on to the next level. By experiencing these positive academic and personal gains, youth can develop a more positive attitude about themselves and school, learn effective study habits that will help them stay in school, graduate and perhaps move on to college.



The Pakolea football program attracts nearly 150 youth during the fall season. Many of our past participants have gone on to play high school and college football. Some have even played in professional leagues. Pakolea stresses game fundamentals, team work, and good sportsmanship.



To further motivate the players, the program also incorporates guest speakers who talk to the youth about educational goals, career options, and other self-development topics and special field trips and activities that can help them to expand their world and reach for higher goals in their life.

The Pakolea Program also serves to strengthen and improve family relations because parents are encouraged to serve as volunteers in various capacities, participate in team fundraising activities, cheer for and support the team and their children. The key to healthy development in youth is a strong, supportive and involved family. Staff members must work with the family unit to ensure success so that whatever is taught at Palama is reinforced at home.

The Pakolea Program is popular with the girls who love to get on the court and show their basketball skills. Besides football and basketball the program offers volleyball, cheerleading, and aquatics activities.

# Youth learn and grow through sports

The Pakolea Program includes Tackle Football, Cheerleading, Boys and Girls Basketball and Volleyball and the Aquatic Swimming/Paddling Activities.

Participants per year:	2005		2006	
	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
Football	145	3	146	3
Cheerleading	-	30	-	32
Basketball	55	15	56	15
Volleyball	35	25	35	26
Aquatics	14	10	12	8
Canoeing	<u>15</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>
	264	89	261	90

The **Late Night Basketball Program** is a summer activity league operated in collaboration with several social service agencies and the Honolulu Police Department under the federal Weed and Seed Program. Agencies include: the Kalihi YMCA, Parents and Children Together (PACT), Susannah Wesley Community Center and Palama Settlement. Previously funded by a local charitable trust, participating agencies are now required to donate \$1,500 each to underwrite the cost of operation that includes referees, security, basketball uniforms, snacks and awards.

The league operates from mid-June to the end of July, with games starting at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m. This prompted calling the league the "**Late Night Basketball Program.**" The intent of the league is to keep teens busy during the summer nights and out of trouble. Another goal is to help youngsters get to know each other and establish friendships that will help to lessen the tensions among the different factions or gangs in the community. The games are usually very competitive and often lead to skirmishes. Realizing this, league organizers have established very strict rules of conduct and, if things get out of hand, there is uniformed police security on the grounds.



Youth love the competitive play in the Late Night Basketball Program.



Palama Settlement has approximately five teams in the Late Night Basketball league, totaling 60-65 youngsters from Mayor Wright Homes, Ka'ahumanu Homes and Kamehameha Homes and two teams from our Recreation Division. In addition to our financial obligation to the collaboration, we also donate use of our gym facilities and the cost of lights/utilities and staffing for the league.

Game officials and staff work hard to keep the games from getting out of hand. HPD is on site to maintain security at the games.

# Palama reaches youth through sports and recreation

Palama's organized *Recreational Sports Program* provides sports/athletic/social/cultural enrichment activities but without the requirement to take part in the educational/ tutoring program offered in the Pakolea Sports Program. Many children and youths prefer "just to play and have fun." However, the objectives are the same in both programs: divert youngsters away from the juvenile justice system and help them build relationships with youths from other cultures, reduce conflicts and tensions among various groups, and create a safer community.

The Recreation Department, in collaboration with our Neighborhood Development and Community Outreach Program, has worked hard to develop this program and recruit youngsters in our target population. Other agencies in the surrounding area are invited to recruit their youngsters to join Palama's sporting events, which include:

- ♦ Winter, Spring, Summer & Fall Basketball Tournaments
- ♦ Winter & Summer Volleyball Tournaments
- ♦ Spring/Summer Baseball Program

The Recreation Department also operates the Summer, Spring, Fall and Winter School Break Programs that offer parents a safe place to send their children during these break periods. Keiki participate in a number of educational, recreational, and cultural activities that can fill their time away from school.



Keiki in our Summer Enrichment Program enjoy swimming in our pool.

## Leland Blackfield Youth Center

Palama's "drop-in center", known as the *Leland Blackfield Youth Activity Center*, serves as a safe haven for youngsters in the afternoons, evenings, weekends and holidays. Hundreds of keiki drop by at the Center every day to play, meet their friends, and hang out. The Center is the entry point to Palama Settlement. Staff members establish contact with youth there and refer them to other activities that can keep them busy and out of trouble during their crucial pre-teen and teen years.

Supported by *Mrs. Cecilia Blackfield*, her family, friends and other individual donors, the Blackfield Center is a favorite activity for the many children and teens who are looking for a safe place to spend their free time. They also love to participate in the regular billiard and ping pong tournaments that are held at the Center to encourage skill-building and friendly competition.



Youth pose here with their t-shirt prizes donated through the efforts of Pamela Blackfield. Mrs. Cecilia Blackfield and her family loyally support the Blackfield Center and the many keiki who visit the gameroom on a daily basis.

Participants per year:	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Basketball Tournaments	302	320
Volleyball Tournaments	170	180
Baseball	72	75
School Break Programs	262	251
Drop-In Center		
(Daily avg. 30x360 days)	<u>360</u>	<u>400</u>
10,800 per year	1,166	1,226

## Intramural sports fill an important need for our youth

Participants per year:	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Mayor Wright Homes	12	12
Ka'ahumanu Homes	14	14
Kamehameha Homes	12	12
Recreation A	11	15
Recreation B	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
	60	65
Collaborative Teams	<u>170</u>	<u>180</u>
Total Participants:	230	245



Basketball games and tournaments provide a healthy and positive outlet for youth in the neighborhood. Keeping young people engaged in sports activities helps to keep them on the right track to adulthood.

The *Intramural Sports Program* was organized to provide activities for a large number of recently arrived youth from the Pacific basin who lived in the area but were not involved in any activities at Palama Settlement. Teaching them any sport was difficult because they had very little understanding of the English language and knew nothing about the rules of the game they were playing.

These circumstances proved to be very challenging but with a lot of hard work and coordination with several other agencies in the community the Intramural Sports Program was formed. The program has proven to be an exciting and successful activity and offers youth the opportunity to participate in flag football, softball, and basketball. The activity has attracted several hundred participants in various age groups and a large contingent of parents and family members who serve as the players' cheering section. A number of these youths have moved on to participate in our regular sports program.



Players enthusiastically kick the football in the first kick-off of the Intramural flag football season.

Participants per year:	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Football	30	45
Softball	15	30
Basketball	25	35
Other agencies total	<u>60</u>	<u>260</u>
Total	130	370



Over 60 boys and girls gather at Palama for their group team picture before the first game of the season. For many of these youth the Intramural Sports Program has provided a healthy, safe, and enjoyable outlet for all their energy. Being part of this program has allowed them to develop skills, learn team work, and make friends.

## Neighborhood Development and Community Outreach Program

The *Neighborhood Development and Community Outreach Program* provides critical outreach and social service activities to approximately 1,500 families living in the Mayor Wright, Ka'ahumanu Homes and Kamehameha Housing Projects as well to families living in the community surrounding Palma Settlement. The unit was moved from a site office located at Mayor Wright Housing to the main campus at Palma Settlement.

The move to the main campus has proven to be in the best interest of the community because the staff members are now more aware of the needs of the wider community and are able to respond to their concerns on a more equal basis.



Carrie Wong and Koki Akamine from the Waterhouse Charitable Trust visit the Mayor Wright office to evaluate Palama's work at the housing project and discuss future needs.

The staff maintains a visitation schedule according to the needs of the families: weekly, monthly or quarterly visits and contacts. Services or needs that are addressed include: offering basic needs such as food, clothing, household appliances, school supplies; crisis or short-term counseling for individuals and families; networking and empowerment activities; establishing linkages to other service providers and agencies; providing interpretation services and support in court appearances; consulting and community building information; offering social and cultural enrichment activities, after school tutoring and weekend/evening activities for teens and children.

Right: Staff member Lolita Nardo accepts a generous grant check from the *Friends of Hawaii Charities* to support the Neighborhood Development and Community Outreach Program.



Program Supervisor Lolita Nardo hangs out with youth from Mayor Wright Homes.

Reaching out to families and establishing relationships and trust are very important elements in providing services especially when working with disenfranchised populations. These families have seen many agencies come into the community to provide services, only to leave once their contract funding runs out. In contrast, Palama Settlement has kept its promise to continue to serve despite the termination of our contract funding.

Our ability to "stay the course" and continue to assist families in these high-risk areas is based on support from trusts, foundations, and organizations that believe in our work. The *Pettus Foundation* and the *Waterhouse Charitable Trust* have made generous grants to help support this vital program for the community. Carrie Wong, trustee of the Waterhouse Trust, and Koki Akamine, administrator of the Trust, have also made annual visits to assess the program and maintain a personal interest in the work of Palama Settlement. The outreach program is also supported by donations from individual donors.



# Island Youth love to dance!

The *Island Youth Dance Group* is a major activity for children and teens supported by Palama Settlement. Depending on the season of the year, there are approximately 40-60 youngsters participating in the program. The dance group is one of the positive results that grew out of the formation of the "*Ohana Coalition*". The Coalition, composed of four public housing tenant associations in the Kalihi-Palama districts--Mayor Wright Homes, Kamehameha Homes, Ka'ahumanu Homes and Kuhio Park Terrace--was initiated by Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center in collaboration with Palama Settlement. Funds for this project are provided through grants from the Hawaii Community Foundation's "Mo Bettah Program", Queen Lili'uokalani and Palama Settlement.



The Island Youth Dance Group performs at the Christmas Celebration at Palama Settlement. The development of the group was one of the outcomes of the Ohana Coalition, a collaboration of four public housing complexes in the Kalihi-Palama districts.

Participants per year:	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Total Program Beneficiary		
Males	480	533
Females	500	686
Parent Support Groups	20	35
Tutorial After School	66	72
Counseling	30	42
Cultural Enrichment Activities	60	56
Social Group Activities	130	150
Community Service Projects	3	5
Community Building Training	3	2
Outreach/Home Visits	530	600
Case Management/Referrals	300 Families	360 Families
Community Meetings	35	32
"Ohana Coalition Meetings"	6	4
Outreach Service to Youth	120	156
Emergency Food/Shelter	160	172
School Supplies	300	375



The youth group poses for the camera after their performance at Kaiulani School. By learning the dances and music of several different cultures the youngsters learn to appreciate what makes each ethnic group special.



The Island Youth dancers perform at the Palama Settlement Charity Golf Tournament banquet held at the Kapolei Golf Course. They impressed the audience with their energetic moves and obvious enthusiasm for the dance. The group also performed at various state, city, public and private functions.

# Palama's Computer Center is a hub of learning for all ages

*Palama's Computer Center* provides an array of basic computer classes, training, tutorial assistance and specialized graphics and cultural programs for children, youth and adults. The program, which is provided in collaboration with the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii, is operated by *Ohana Computers* through a contract with Palama Settlement.

In November 2006, the *Ho`opa`a Cultural Technology Program* was initiated. This program targets at-risk Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian youth and incorporates some Hawaiian language and phrases to help them in the learning process. The program was made available through a grant from the University of Hawaii's Center on Disability Studies. We are grateful for the support of *Drs. Peter Dowrick* and *JoAnn Yuen* from the UH who have worked with Palama for a number of years to bring needed computer training and literacy programs to our community. Through their efforts we have been able to tap into the resources available at the University and bring needed expertise to our agency.

Over the years the demand for computer classes, assistance from our computer instructor and time available for usage of the computers has increased. Currently our computer instructor is responsible to provide or oversee computer programs and activities for the In-Community Treatment Program, After-School Technology Programs for "at-risk" youths, the Ho`opa`a Technology Program, the Pakolea Sports/Behavioral Management Program, and our program for senior citizens. Special evening and weekend classes are held for adults in the community.



Dr. JoAnn Yuen from the University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies observes the progress of students in the Computer Center.



Above: A student tutor helps new students to learn computer skills in the Teen Ace Program. Student tutors are frequently used in the Computer Center to provide additional assistance to participants and to reinforce learning.

Participants per year:	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
In-Community Treatment Center	91	93
After-School Technology	120	128
Ho`opa`a Technology	46	140
Pakolea Program	353	351
Senior Citizens	32	36
Community Adult Classes	34	38
School Break Program	262	251

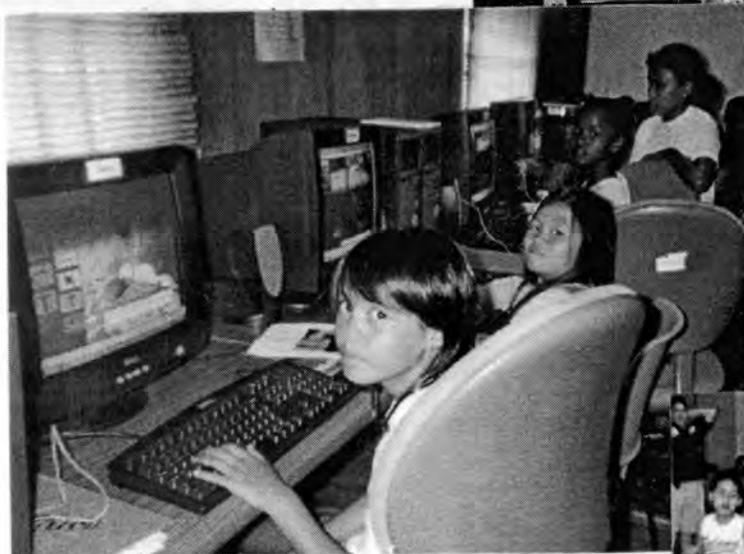
Computer classes at Palama are not only for our keiki. Classes for adults and the general community are held in the evening hours and on Saturdays. Participants in our Palama Senior Program can take classes at midday during the week.



# Palama's programs reach out to children and youth



As part of our collaboration with the Department of Education and the federal School Lunch Program, Palama provides lunches and snacks for children and teens participating in our Summer Enrichment Program.



Youth learn computer literacy and receive academic tutoring in Palama's After-School and Pakolea Program activities.



Cultural activities are taught through music and dance at Palama. The youth experience diversity by learning about their own culture and those of other ethnic groups.



Athletic fees and uniform costs for Palama's sports programs are nominal and are based on the ability of families to pay. These costs should not be an obstacle to participate.

## Palama's Senior Program fills many needs

*Palama's senior program* is a social/recreational/physical activity program for seniors designed to prevent isolation, promote friendship and a healthy lifestyle and prevent or deter early age-related deterioration. Seniors gather at Palama to participate in early morning group exercise, country line-dancing, tai-chi, luk tung and table games. Some of the seniors take part in hula, lei making and sewing and others participate in the *Dancing Hearts Country Line Dancing Group*. They have performed at various city and state functions as well as entertaining the senior population in residential facilities and hospitals. The group spends hours each week practicing their routines but they consider this as their way of volunteering and giving back to their community. In fact, the seniors have been very generous by volunteering their time to teach line dancing, organizing performances and activities for the group, and making donations to support our youth programs and educational scholarship program.

Right: Seniors in the Dancing Hearts perform their fancy country line dancing moves at our Board of Trustees annual meeting.



Palama senior citizens invited children from our Summer Enrichment Program to watch the performance of dancers from the Japanese Cultural Center. Part of the summer program includes learning about the many different cultures that live together in Hawaii.

Participants per year:	2005	2006
Beginning Line Dancing	120	115
Intermediate Line Dancing	85	110
Advanced Line Dancing	70	85
Table Games	65	75
Sewing Classes	25	30
Tai-Chi	30	35
Luk Tung	30	30
Morning Exercise	65	80
Lei Making	28	29
Hula	35	36
Dancing Hearts	32	35

# Adults continue to learn at Palama

Through a collaborative effort with Palama Settlement, the *Farrington Community School For Adults* provides a variety of basic adult education classes on-site. Approximately 250 adults, primarily of Chinese descent are enrolled in basic English, math and citizen preparation classes at Palama Settlement. In exchange for utilizing the classroom space, the school has graciously paid for several part-time instructors in our In-Community Treatment Program and After-School Tutoring and Activity Classes.

The educational philosophy of the Adult Education Program has always been that "...learning is a lifelong process that transcends generations and serves to improve the quality of life for all." Hence, providing support for our youth programs not only embraces their philosophy but also provides valuable linkages to parents and adults who may need or want to pursue their educational goals.



Liberato Viduya, principal of the Farrington Community School for Adults, meets with faculty members at Palama Settlement.

Participants per year:	2005	2006
Basic English/Math	345	335
Citizenship	135	60



Adult students listen attentively to the teacher in one of the classes held at Palama.

## Special assistance provided to families at Palama

Palama's fee schedules for program activities are priced fifty percent below the prevailing rate in the community. This is done to make our activities affordable for families living in our target area and to encourage families that can afford the fees to pay for the services to participate. Many families, however, may not be able to pay for our fees because of limited income and the large number of family dependents.

To ensure that no one is denied access to our programs, scholarships or financial assistance are awarded to families in need. In addition, lunches and snacks are provided free to participants under the state and federal School Lunch Program. Although over 90% of our participants receive some form of assistance, everyone is encouraged to pay something so they will value the service or product they receive.

Participants per year:	2005	2006
Scholarships/fee adjustments	425	465
School Lunch (220 x 35 days)	7,700 (lunches)	7,700 (lunches)

In addition to this type of program assistance, Palama provides educational scholarships to our participants who attend college or private schools. These youth must demonstrate financial need and show promise of academic success. The scholarships are available through the Leland Blackfield Educational Scholarship Fund and a special educational fund supported by our Palama seniors.

2005/2006 *Palama Settlement Charity Golf Tournaments* were supported by Ben Saguibo and the Laborers' Union Local 368, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 50 headed by Lynn Kinney, First Hawaiian Bank, Bank of Hawaii and other businesses, organizations and individuals. Mahalo for their support!



Lynn Kinney and Ben Saguibo



(L-R) Bette Uyeda, Jan Harada, Saundra Smith and Natalie Misaki prepare goodie bags for the golfers.



(L-R) Faithful supporters Stephanie Mahelona and Marilyn Tanaka from the Laborers' Union with staff Bette Uyeda and Palama Trustee Maude Lau.



(L-R) At the check-in station staff member Lynne Akana and volunteers Ernest Murata, Edgar Takamoto and Jane Takara assist Louis Pinho whose company PENSKE offered special services for our golf tournament.



PENSKE provided refreshments, snacks and staffing as part of their corporate donation to support a worthy community event.



(L-R) Seasoned volunteers Ed Miyatake, Edgar Takamoto and Phil Pang assist Bob Omura in setting up team prizes for the tournament.



(L-R) Volunteer Micah and staff members Duval and Joe load up water and refreshments to distribute to the golfers.

# Golf tournaments raise needed funds for Palama

The 2005 and 2006 golf tournaments raised \$72,000 and \$75,000 respectively. Pictured at left with the \$75,000 check for the 2006 tournament are (L-R) Bob Omura, Glenn Kimura, Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Maude Lau, Suelyn Au, Lori Hiramatsu, and Russell Loo.



"The most honest golfers", who finished in last place, were very happy with their prize.

In addition to providing corporate sponsorship for the tournament, PENSKE and Mr. Louis Pinho raised another \$1,000 by auctioning off an autographed football.



Francis Fujimoto was the lucky lottery winner!



Since his team did poorly, Gerald Ushijima predicted he would win this lucky prize...and he did!



Left: Palama administrator Jan Harada presents a lucky golfer with the \$1,000 "on/off the green" prize, which was generously donated by Michael Dunicliffe.

Right: Staff member Rosalinda Reyes wins the Las Vegas lottery again! How lucky can you get!



# Volunteers provide 32,000 hours of valuable service!



Board of Trustees help develop policies and review the operation of the agency. (L-R) President Ben Saguibo, Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Ted Lubong, Glenn Kimura, Lynn Kinney, Ramsey Pedersen, Walter Ida, Jim Harrow, Richard Takashima, Wesley Hiyane.



Left: Volunteer Rosita Nardo provides hundreds of hours of dance instruction for children and teens at Palama. The youth love to dance!



Palama staff member Joe Pacquing also coaches keiki after hours.



Above: Deanne Bothelho volunteers as linesman for flag football.



Chef Sam Choy provides inspiration and good food to our youngsters.



Left: George Yoon has spent several seasons coaching football.

# Staff keep things running at Palama



Angela Taumua and Vince DeBina with his hand held loud speaker help out at the flag football game.



Pakolea staff Judy Baker with her group of "angels." Her friendly and outgoing personality make her a favorite with the keiki.



Blackfield Center gameroom attendant Leila Akana (R) and Bette Uyeda give out shirts and awards to tournament participants.



(L-R) Joe Pacquing, Duval Dutro and Rosie Yano help out at the refreshment booth during Palama's Christmas event.

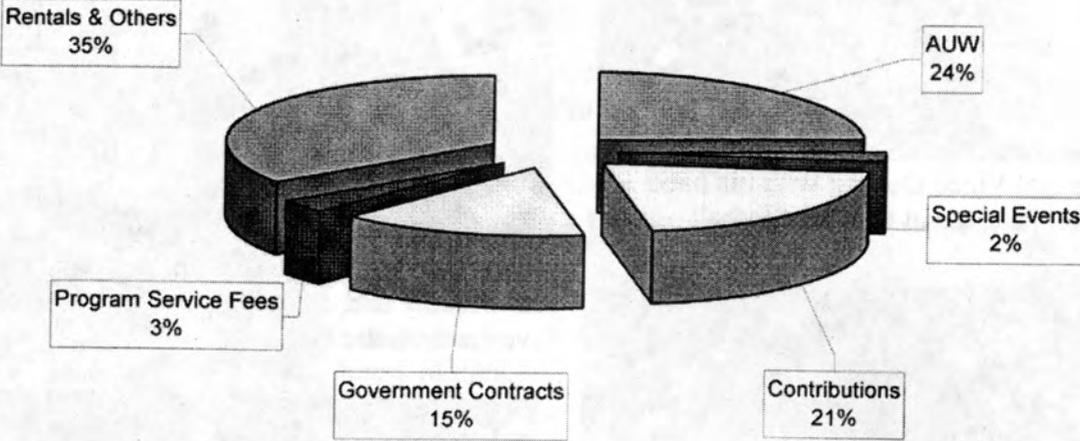


Staff and volunteers take a well-deserved break with Santa after working hard to pass out hundreds of gifts to children in the neighborhood.

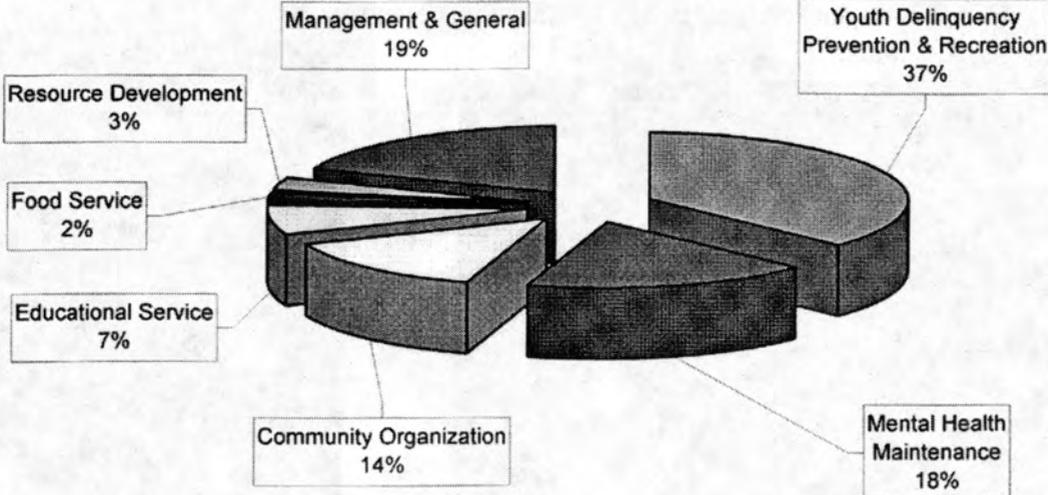


Yes...Bette Uyeda finally retired from Palama Settlement in March 2006. She had a surprise luncheon with staff, friends, mom (R) and family. We'll miss her!

# Income 2005



# Expenses 2005

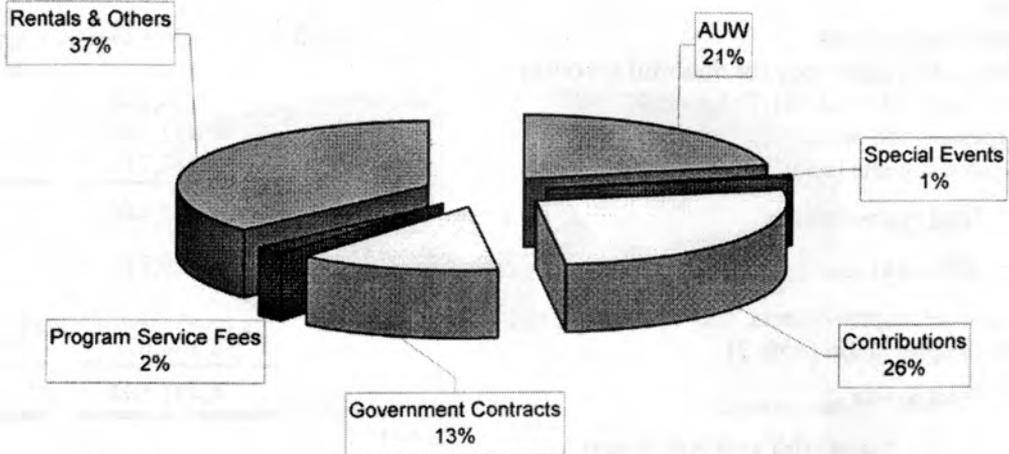


**PALAMA SETTLEMENT**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
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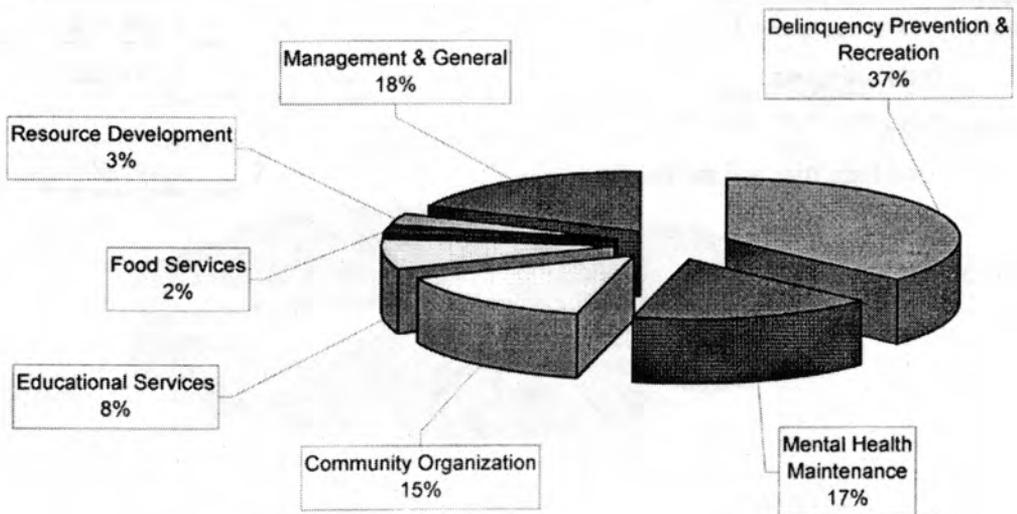
<b>Assets</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 336,624	387,100
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$21,531 in 2005 and \$21,731 in 2004	34,183	68,072
Prepaid expenses and other	32,125	87,381
Short-term investments (note 2)	14,714	—
Total current assets	417,646	542,553
Long-term investments (note 2)	1,909,779	2,101,742
Land, buildings and improvements, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (note 3)	2,164,079	1,978,837
Total assets	\$ 4,491,504	4,623,132
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 2,562	18,169
Accrued expenses	4,786	2,654
Accrued vacation	49,219	50,107
Deferred income	141,675	122,657
Total current liabilities	198,242	193,587
<b>Net assets:</b>		
Unrestricted	2,260,217	1,886,882
Temporarily restricted (note 6)	123,266	440,921
Permanently restricted (note 7)	1,909,779	2,101,742
Total net assets	4,293,262	4,429,545
Commitments (note 5)		
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 4,491,504	4,623,132

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## Income 2006



## Expenses 2006



**PALAMA SETTLEMENT**

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December 31, 2006 and 2005

Assets	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 456,848	336,624
Receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$9,850 in 2006 and \$21,531 in 2005	75,741	34,183
Prepaid expenses and other	40,742	32,125
Short-term investments (note 2)	43,716	14,714
Total current assets	<u>617,047</u>	<u>417,646</u>
Long-term investments (note 2)	1,909,779	1,909,779
Land, buildings and improvements, and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (note 3)	2,079,074	2,164,079
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,605,900</u>	<u>4,491,504</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 24,255	2,562
Accrued expenses	1,913	4,786
Accrued vacation	46,923	49,219
Deferred income	166,487	141,675
Total current liabilities	<u>239,578</u>	<u>198,242</u>
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	2,355,977	2,260,217
Temporarily restricted (note 6)	100,566	123,266
Permanently restricted (note 7)	1,909,779	1,909,779
Total net assets	<u>4,366,322</u>	<u>4,293,262</u>
Commitments (note 5)		
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 4,605,900</u>	<u>4,491,504</u>

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