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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO | DARLENE NAKAYAMA

PALOLO CHINESE HOME WELCOMES BACK VISITORS



Our Palolo Chinese Home staff would like to thank everyone for their continued patience and support in safely caring for our seniors. We have been so very blessed in keeping our residents and families safe from the COVID-19 infection with only one resident. Additionally, only four staff members became COVID-19 positive thanks to everyone's diligent mask-wearing, social distancing, and handwashing. While we wish no one had tested positive, low rate of infection is.

PCH is ecstatic to announce the resumption of in-person visits! In line with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid recommendations, our many scenic outdoor areas can accommodate the needs and safety of all residents and their families. Furthermore, our spacious and open indoor hall is ideal for socially distanced get-togethers, while bedside and compassionate care visits will also resume. Finally, in remaining proactive, we will perform a free monthly COVID-19 test for all of our visitors.

The Palolo Wellness Program (PWP), our home and community service, is fully open, with most participants and staff vaccinated. In addition, our senior daycare center has a flexible schedule to accommodate those returning to work. We pride ourselves on fostering a safe environment for seniors by continuing to uphold social distancing standards.

We are also happy to report that 92% of residents and 73.5% of staff are vaccinated, which is a testament to our community's commitment to helping keep each other safe. Being fully vaccinated will help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and allow our seniors to thrive. It is essential to adhere to the vaccination protocols and procedures. We encourage everyone to get vaccinated and still require our residents and staff to wear masks while in the facility. Again, our number one priority remains supporting our community in all ways possible.

As always, PCH continues to provide community sessions to help seniors navigate through all of the changes with relaxation, resources, and finances. We urge you to contact our manager **Aiza Pobre** with any questions you may have at **(808) 748-4909**.

We look forward to welcoming you back!

Darlene Nakayama



REFLECTIONS FROM DONOR & FRIEND, RUSSELL LAU, CHAIRMAN & CEO OF FINANCE FACTORS



Since 1896, Palolo Chinese Home (PCH) has taken care of the people of Hawaii during their most vulnerable years--always with respect and care. As they continuously strive for excellence, the results remain abundantly clear. Receiving the highest rating by independent evaluators, they are one the best caregivers in the state. Performing duties with the highest level of integrity, I have volunteered hundreds of hours and contributed financial resources to assist in the continued success of PCH. In addition, my time here has allowed me to participate in many roles as a part of the

executive committee, the Honorary Chair of their golf tournament, and a member of the board since 2007.

Now my high regards for the institution do not come without reason, as I can personally attest to the dedication of the staff to ensuring the well-being of seniors. As a memory care resident, my mother received personalized care driven by the staff's investment in her wellbeing. Years later, my father also became a resident following an unfortunate stroke. The process of rehabilitation was astounding, with my father embarking on an eventual return to his office. While a second stroke would require a permanent stay, PCH's superb level of care and gentleness of touch made the transition seamless. These memories and the close ties established with PCH are the hallmarks of the quality of service they deliver day in and day out.

PALOLO CHINESE HOME WELCOMES GENESIS REHAB SERVICES

At PCH, we believe education and information are powerful tools for our residents, their families, and the community as a whole. In a recent webinar on (date), we showcased our rehab partners, the dedicated team of Genesis Rehab.

Specializing in comprehensive care and rehabilitation, the Genesis team provides life-changing care to residents. From dysphagia and cognitive-communication assessment and treatment to aphasia therapy, balance, and fall prevention, they cater to the diverse needs and concerns of elders and their families alike. Whether your needs are tailored to keeping your loved one safe at home through the prevention of accidents resulting from everyday hazards, Genesis Rehab has always believed that the most practical skill in elder care is education.

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and Darlene Nakayama.*





MAHALO TO 30TH ANNUAL DYNASTY INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORS

Welcome back for our most eagerly-awaited event: the Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament. Mark your calendars for November 5, 2021 and join us for 18 rounds of friendly competition and community, all while supporting our kupuna and their care.

Mahalo Nui Loa to the returning sponsors who have been instrumental in the success of our past tournaments. We are grateful for the continued support you have all shown in extending a helping hand.

By becoming a tournament sponsor, you enrich the lives of our kupuna and ensure our facilities and resources can adequately attend to their



L to R: Peter Fong, Frances Goo, Darlene Nakayama, Calvin Say, Darin Yoshimoto, Gladys Lee, Michael Tsang, and Eric Watanabe.



L to R: Tess Novio, Brandon Tran, Justin Nishimoto, Rolando Rambaud, Scott Gardner, Darin Yoshimoto, and Darlene Nakayama.



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The blessing of “long life” is universally celebrated. At Palolo Chinese Home, the Chinese character for longevity (shou) has long been used as our symbol. By adding two brush strokes, the artist, the late Clarence Lee, incorporated the Chinese character for people or mankind (ren), and the result is an image of a roof embracing long life — our wish for you. The unbroken circle signifies our mission of continuous care and respect for our kupuna (elders).

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“Better Care, Better Lives.”

At the heart of our mission is a commitment to the well-being of our residents, their families, and our employees. Our programs and services cater to our beloved community’s everyday needs, both big and small. From our beginning, we have striven to provide a place which seniors are proud to call home. And we are continually inspired by the dedication our staff and extended ohana have shown during both good and challenging times.

Thanks to your donations, we have been able to continue this life’s work. Palolo Chinese Home was founded to assist and care for the aged and indigent; aid in the alleviation of human suffering and distress; and carry on works of charity, mercy, and benevolence. Now, more than 125 years later, PCH remains true to those guiding principles by providing seniors a future filled with friendship, purpose, and security.

Please join us in supporting our efforts to provide and maintain the best level of care at a moment when someone needs it most. By giving, you become a beacon of hope for our kupuna, who have already given our communities so much.

In saying all this, we hope that you will join in supporting our efforts in maintaining the utmost level of care in a moment in life when the residents need it most...need us most. At PCH, we are defined by our actions and, most importantly, fueled by the actions of our others. In taking the time to donate, you are a beacon of hope in the lives of our kupuna, who have given our communities so much already.

