



# PALOLO CHINESE HOME

SUMMER 2024



## COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS SENIOR CARE AT PCH GOLF TOURNAMENT

Palolo Chinese Home (PCH) hosted its 32nd Annual Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament on May 10 at the Ala Wai Municipal Golf Course, where both longtime and new supporters and volunteers came together to enjoy a day of friendly competition, support a good cause, and raise funds for the home's various programs and services dedicated to the care of kupuna and their families.

In a display of community spirit, 139 golfers took to the green in support, with event donations and sponsorships greatly benefiting the home. Chaired by Hilton Raethel, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), he shared, "The home has a rich history of caring for people, regardless of background, embodying the true aloha spirit. Its leadership team and the staff did outstanding work during the pandemic caring for their residents. The additional resources resulting from this golf tournament will enable Palolo Chinese Home to continue its tradition of caring and service."

The Awards Banquet at L&L Restaurant Ala Wai Municipal Golf Course was an exciting highlight of the event. Attendees had the chance to win incredible hole-in-one prizes from some of our wonderful sponsors: \$15,000 towards a Servco vehicle on Hole #2, sponsored by Servco; a Mercedes-Benz luxury vehicle on Hole #11, sponsored by Mercedes-Benz of Honolulu; and a free 1-year vehicle lease on Hole #15, sponsored by Autosource/Carousel. But the excitement didn't end there! Additional prizes were available on the course, and attendees could win fantastic prizes in the lucky draw and putterama. Congratulations to Servco for coming in first place!

The 32nd Annual Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament brought the community together, fostering a deeper understanding of Palolo Chinese Home's mission. Supported by generous businesses and individuals, events like these enable the home to continue providing exceptional care to kupuna.





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**A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO**

**DARLENE NAKAYAMA**



Palolo Chinese Home recently hosted its 32nd Annual Dynasty Invitational Golf Tournament. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors, donors, and golfers, the proceeds from this event will directly support our programs that enhance post-acute care, allowing us to continue providing exceptional services to those in need. Mahalo to **Hilton Raethel**, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), our honorary chair, and to everyone who continues to advocate for PCH, making this wonderful event possible.

Additionally, I, along with **Robert Choy** and **Paige Choy** from the Healthcare Association of Hawai‘i, recently met with members of Congress in Washington, D.C., to discuss the “Unfunded Staffing Mandate Proposal” for Medicare and Medicaid in post-acute care facilities nationwide. I emphasized the significant challenges this mandate would pose for Palolo Chinese Home and other post-acute facilities in Hawai‘i, highlighting the severe shortage of nurses and nurse aides and the lack of additional

funding for these staff requirements. However, this meeting was a positive step forward, as it allowed us to voice our concerns and advocate for solutions.

To meet our staffing needs, we have been supplementing support with temporary nurses and are advocating for more focus on recruiting and training permanent nursing staff. Our goal is to ensure that facilities like ours can continue to provide the high-quality care that our residents deserve, despite these proposed changes. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to improving post-acute care.

Aloha!

**Darlene H. Nakayama, CEO**

**A FANTASTIC FIVE**

Palolo Chinese Home is pleased to welcome five highly skilled professionals to our team, furthering our commitment to care excellence for Hawaii’s seniors and their families. Each employee brings years of experience to their distinctive posts, supporting various departments including Nursing, Culinary, Environmental Services, and the Palolo Wellness Program and Senior Day Care. As the demand for quality senior care grows combined with industry-wide challenges in recruiting talent, having these experts across diverse and pivotal roles at the Home ensures seamless service as we address a continuum of care needs for our community:



**Susanna Arai**  
*Assistant Director of Nursing*



**Patricia Ballesteros**  
*Palolo Wellness Program & Senior Day Care Manager*



**Gabi Bedlion**  
*Nurse Manager*



**Romy Jamarabon**  
*Environment Services Manager*



**Aaron Love**  
*Executive Chef*







## DISTINGUISHED DONATION & VISIT FROM THE TONG & TAN FAMILIES

Renowned Chinese actor **Tong, Ruixin**, actress **Xia, Jing**; and their daughter, **Tong, Xinyu**, recently visited Palolo Chinese Home and made a generous donation. They were accompanied by **Victor Tan** and **Victoria Tan**, long-time supporters who had previously donated masks during the pandemic and continue to support the Home. PCH's CEO Darlene Nakayama, President and Chair of the Board of Directors Elvira Lo, Board Member Frances Goo, and PCH managers attended the donation reception.

A graduate of the Shanghai Theater Academy, Tong Ruixin has made significant contributions to the film and theater industry. He is the founder of the Shanghai Charity Micro Film Festival and serves as the president of the Shanghai Film Performing Arts Association. Additionally, he holds the positions of Director of the Shanghai Film Actors Troupe and Vice President of the Shanghai Filmmakers Association.

Xia Jing is a celebrated actress in Mainland China. She began her career at the age of 12 when she joined the Shanghai Hongkou Yue Opera Troupe and gained recognition at 14 with her role in the film Chunhui. She went on to star in several notable films, and is perhaps best known for her portrayal of Jia Baoyu in the Dream of the Red Chamber film series, where she played the role in a male disguise.

Mr. Tong further expressed his admiration for the beauty and tranquility of Palolo Chinese Home and was pleased to see our seniors being so well cared for. PCH is honored to receive such generous support from these distinguished international visitors.



## GENEROSITY & FRIENDSHIP FROM HCCA

In July we had the pleasure of welcoming the **Hawaii Chinese Civic Association (HCCA)** to our facility, where they generously presented Palolo Chinese Home with a check donation. Current PCH board member and past president, Frances Goo, accepted the donation on the Home's behalf. In addition to their generous contribution, HCCA performed several dances and delighted our residents by gifting them dragon keychains in honor of the Year of the Dragon.



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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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## SENIOR DAY CARE

**“I appreciate the care and attention from the staff.”**

*- Linda Yuen, Senior Day Care Participant*

Looking for a nurturing environment for your loved one during the day? Look no further than Palolo Chinese Home’s Senior Day Care program! Open every day from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm, we offer a welcoming space filled with activities and compassionate care.

For a limited time, new participants can benefit from our monthly subscription plan. Sign up for at least four months and receive additional free days of daycare based on your chosen attendance frequency.

- Monthly/1x a week: Get 1 day free
- Monthly/2x a week: Get 2 days free
- Monthly/3x a week: Get 3 days free
- Monthly/4x a week: Get 4 days free
- Monthly/5x a week: Get 5 days free
- Monthly/6x a week: Get 7 days free
- Monthly/7x a week: Get 8 days free

Join Palolo Chinese Home’s Senior Day Care program and become part of an enriching and caring community!

