Aloha From The Lunalilo Trust

As this new year unfolds, we reflect upon our commitment to honor our kūpuna, place them first in our thoughts, and to reaffirm our kuleana to assure that they are respected and cared for with the highest degree of aloha.

Additionally, we mahalo those who have supported our kūpuna through the generosity of their time, volunteer projects, and gifts. The Trustees of the King William Charles Lunalilo Trust, the administration, management and staff of Lunalilo Home, and most prominently, our kūpuna offer all who have touched their lives continued happiness, health and prosperity.

Jointly, we have all contributed to the advancement of The Trust’s mission to fulfill the wishes of Mo‘i Lunalilo to care for our kūpuna. We are fortunate to have so many of you walking alongside us in this journey as we have been able to:

- Increase the number of kūpuna who we serve through residential care, adult day care, and home delivery of meals;
- Increase the number of Hawaiians who were provided housing subsidies to live at Lunalilo Home;
- Collaborate with our ‘ohana of Hawaiian organizations (Lili‘uokalani Trust, Kamehameha Schools, The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Queen’s Medical Center, and The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands) to initiate plans and programs that will expand our reach to provide services to more kūpuna, their families and communities;
- Complete a strategic planning process that focuses on building the financial strength of the Trust, expanding the array of services provided, extend the reach of Lunalilo services into communities, working in collaboration with others to serve broader increasing populations, and assuring that services are provided in a manner that utilizes and honors our rich cultural heritage.

We continue to be energized as we move forward with our intent to transform from a care home into an expanding system of elderly services to our kūpuna. During this process, we look forward to your ongoing support and your demonstrated willingness to serve our kūpuna with all the respect and aloha that they deserve.

Harvey H. McInerny, J. Kūhiō Asam, M.D.
Trustee and Chair, Lunalilo Trust, Executive Director, Lunalilo Home and Trust

Lunalilo Tomb Restoration Project

After King Lunalilo’s death in 1874, the executive committee of Kawaiahaʻo Church dedicated a site on the west side of the Church grounds for the erection of a mausoleum for him. Construction began at the end of that year and was completed in 1875. Shortly thereafter, the remains of King Lunalilo were transferred to the new mausoleum where they are today, along with the remains of his father who had supervised the construction of the tomb prior to his passing.

The mausoleum is one of the earlier examples of concrete block construction in Hawaiʻi. Although intermittent repairs to the mausoleum had been undertaken, it was not until 2009, when an “Existing Condition Analysis” of the King Lunalilo Tomb was completed, that the Trustees of the Lunalilo Trust embarked on a process to restore the tomb to the historical time period in which it was constructed.

Restoration of the King Lunalilo Tomb began this month and is to be completed within six months. Funding of approximately $500,000 has come from the King William Charles Lunalilo Trust and the generosity and support of The Queen Lili‘uokalani Trust, the Kamehameha Schools, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Needed funding in the amount of $100,000 for the re-landscaping of the surrounding grounds has not yet been secured.
Lunalilo Home has served the Hawaiian community since 1883, and has been at its current location for more than 80 years. In early 1997 the Home closed for renovation and reopened in 2001. At that time, the Home was re-licensed by the Department of Health as a Type II Adult Residential Care Home.

Prior to the reopening of the Home, Trustees of King William Charles Lunalilo Estate decided to initiate three new programs to assist not only those of Hawaiian decent, but the entire community. The three new programs consisted of nutritional services for the elderly in partnership with Hawaii Meals on Wheels, Respite Care and Adult Day Care (ADC).

In July 2004, Lunalilo Home applied for separate licensure to operate an ADC Program. The Department of Human Services licensed the King William Charles Lunalilo Adult Day Care in 2004. The ADC program is approved for 44 clients and is open to the public Monday through Friday from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Since opening, the King Lunalilo ADC has successfully assisted hundreds of kūpuna and their families by providing respite to caregivers and a safe and stimulating option for their loved one during the day.

On July 1, 2010, the Department of Human Services entered into a contract with Community Ties of America (CTS) for the licensure of adult day care centers statewide. On October 4, 2010 CTA conducted the annual relicensing survey of our ADC, which was successfully completed with no deficiencies! Everyone at Lunalilo Home and Adult Day Care would like to thank those of you who love and support the on-going efforts to our community. All inquiries and referrals are welcome! Please call 808-395-4065 for more information.

Grace Mee to Retire From Lunalilo Home!

After more than 20 years of service to our residents, their family members, and the staff of Lunalilo Home, Finance Manager, Grace Mee, is looking forward to spending time relaxing, traveling, and visiting family and friends in China.

During her tenure, Grace has worn numerous “hats” as the Home has undergone many changes to enhance the programs and services offered to the residents. In 1998, when Lunalilo Home closed for renovation, Grace remained as the primary contact for financial oversight of the project’s numerous aspects. Prior to construction beginning, Grace, who was playing a dual role as Finance Manager and Admission Coordinator, worked with the Director of Nursing to find appropriate placement for the 56 residents of the Home who needed to be relocated. What was thought to be a “temporary” placement for an estimated 2.5 year construction time-frame ended up being permanent for many of the Home’s residents as construction took longer and was more extensive than originally planned. Through it all, Grace maintained the books and prepared for the return of residents to the beautifully renovated Home.

In 2003, with the grand re-opening, Grace was again in full swing of contacting former employees who had expressed a desire to return to the Home once construction was complete. This included a number of long-term employees who remain with Lunalilo Home to this day. Grace, still overseeing Admissions, contacted the former residents who had been out-placed. Only a handful returned as many were, by then, settled into their new surroundings. Anticipating this, Grace notified various referral sources of the Home’s room availability and has been instrumental in the success of its current status of near capacity.

Many of you who have known and worked with Grace over the years know of her tenacity and attention to detail with regard to the finances of Lunalilo Home. What you may not know is that although Grace no longer oversees Admissions, she has the dual responsibility of the Finance and Maintenance Departments and acted as Interim Director prior to Dr. J. Kuhio Asam joining the Team as Executive Director in 2009.

Although everyone at Lunalilo Home wishes Grace the very best in her new endeavors, we will miss her day-to-day involvement and support of special events (where she regularly invited her husband John to join in...and he did), her sense of humor and dedication to the well-being of our residents, their family members, staff, vendors and Board of Trustees. Fortunately, she plans to participate in a number of her favorite community events held at or sponsored by Lunalilo Home, thus we will continue to have Grace in our lives and will be better off for it.

Mahalo Grace! You will be missed!
Hand Pounded Pa`i`ai Family Cultural Event

On August 28th, Lunalilo Home hosted Daniel Anthony, expert kalo pounder, and a number of his friends and students who provided an interactive demonstration of fresh poi making for the residents, their family members, community leaders and staff of Lunalilo Home. This traditional demonstration featured a number of custom, hand-made boards and stone pounding tools used in the preparation of pa`i `ai.

During the event, the Kamehameha School Class of 1974 provided fantastic entertainment and a traditional Hawaiian meal prepared by classmate Henry Ah Loo consisting of Kalua Pig, Rice, Lomi Lomi Salmon, Chicken Luau, sweet potato and potato mac salad complimented by a generous helping of fresh Poi and Haupia for dessert. Music and dance was performed by a number of classmates organized by Ed Simeona. Residents entered into the festivities by singing, dancing and lounging in the ample shade of the enormous Keawe tree located in the back yard of the Home. As classmate Coreen Zablan replied regarding the day’s events, “Daniel and his group were worth waiting for and they did live up to our expectations. However, I really think that it was the combination of all things and all those involved that made the event a success. I carried a really good feeling from Saturday home with me that day and it is still with me today.”

We cannot thank Daniel, his family, students, friends, and the Class of 1974 enough for making this such a memorable kanikapila for the more than 85 attendees. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next cultural event at Lunalilo Home!

Annual Lunalilo Home Benefit Lū`au

The five acre grounds of Lunalilo Home was the perfect setting for our annual benefit Lū`au featuring ‘ono food, nahenahe music, beautiful hula, and a relaxing time with family and friends! This year, as in the past, the support of many organizations and individuals made our Lū`au a wonderful success as evidenced by the smiling faces, empty plates and friendly conversation witnessed throughout the day.

It is with heartfelt thanks that we acknowledge Haili’s for the savory food, Kamehameha Class of 1970 for their service, United Laundry for donating use of their linen table cloths, Kamehameha School for delivery, set-up and use of their tables and chairs; and last but certainly not least an outstanding lineup of volunteer entertainers including Holunape, Natalie Ai Kamauu, Ku`uipo Kumukahi and the Hawaiian Music Hall of Fame Serenaders, Hiikua, and MC Randy Hudnall who all created an atmosphere of celebration of our Hawaiian heritage and culture so inviting that some of our Lunalilo Home kūpuna danced!

In the midst of the festivities, it was not lost that this annual tradition, centered around the birthday of our Benefactor, King William Charles Lunalilo, is also a benefit to help provide support for the programs and services to the Lunalilo Home kūpuna. In this spirit, we would like to say Mahalo again to all who were in attendance and those who so generously donated toward our mission. By doing so you truly represent the living-out of “Na kākou āpau ke kuleana e mālama i kō kākou mau kūpuna — It is all of our responsibility to care for our elders.”
Charitable Contributions

Lunalilo Home is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt not-for-profit organization. The operations of Lunalilo Home are funded through the Trust’s investments, fees charged to residents, fundraising events, in-kind and charitable contributions. Donors have made a significant impact on our ability to provide financial subsidies to Native Hawaiians who are unable to pay the regular monthly fees for services at Lunalilo Home. We are privileged to serve our kupuna who, for generations, have served and guided us, so please be generous when you consider giving via our website www.lunalilo.org or by sending a check or money order made payable to Lunalilo Home at 501 Kekāuluohi Street, Honolulu, HI 96825.

Opportunities

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT: ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator reports to the Executive Director and is the person responsible for Lunalilo Home’s services that it provides to its beneficiaries and the Native Hawaiian community. Responsibilities include budget and finances, operations, program, product and performance delivery, personnel and staff management, and marketing.

Lunalilo Home has completed a strategic plan that will enhance, and expand its services to kupuna, their `ohana, and the communities in which they live, and is seeking a leader who is able to advance the goals of transforming the organization into the foremost system of elder services for kupuna. Qualifications include:

- Master’s degree in administration or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Demonstrated commitment to Hawaiian values and culture
- Two years fiscal management of organization
- Five years in senior or executive management position
- Familiar with elder care needs and policies

Qualified Applicants may send a cover letter and resume, with subject line “Administrator Position” via:

Email: lunalilohomeHR@hawaii.rr.com or Fax: 808-395-8487

Save the Dates

First Hawaiian Bank Primetime Wellness Fair (Blaisdell): April 6-7th Visit us at Booth 74
Annual Golf Tournament: July 15, 2011