



LUNALILO HOME

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**DR. DIANE PALOMA STEPS DOWN AS CEO OF LUNALILO HOME
National Search for New Leader Underway**

HONOLULU – Lunalilo Home – a premier senior care facility and one of five benevolent trusts established by Hawai'i's ali'i – announced today Dr. Diane Paloma will be stepping down as its CEO, effective November 12, 2021. A nationwide search to identify the next CEO has begun.

Dr. Paloma has accepted a position as President and CEO of Hawaii Dental Service, replacing Mark Yamakawa, who is retiring. She will remain at Lunalilo Home through mid-November to ensure a seamless transition.

“We appreciate Diane’s many contributions to Lunalilo Home, including her dedication to improving operations and commitment to increasing access to quality kūpuna care for families across the state. She leaves with our fondest aloha,” **said Kamani Kualā’au, Chair, Board of Trustees, Lunalilo Trust.** “Diane has laid a strong foundation on which to build a dynamic next chapter for Lunalilo Home, ultimately serving even more seniors throughout our state with best-in-class care.”

“Serving Lunalilo Home has been one of the greatest honors of my life,” **said Dr. Paloma.** “Throughout the past four years, I’ve had the opportunity to work alongside the truly exceptional team of senior care experts at Lunalilo Home. Under our Trustee’s guidance, the team ensures Hawai'i’s kūpuna enjoy the best quality of life possible while providing peace of mind for their families.”

Appointed to her position in 2017, Dr. Paloma was the first CEO of Lunalilo Home, fulfilling the mission and vision of King Lunalilo. Dr. Paloma’s leadership advanced continued growth for the organization, including acquiring additional land and raising a total of \$2.2M for the Trust, not including grants applied for or those in progress.

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About Lunalilo Home

Founded more than 130 years ago, Lunalilo Home’s vision is to be a nurturing and vibrant kauhale for all kūpuna. In fulfillment of the Trust of King William Charles Lunalilo, the sixth reigning monarch of Hawai'i, the organization’s mission is to perpetuate the legacy of King William Charles Lunalilo to honor, tend to and protect the well-being of elders. Lunalilo Home serves kūpuna through various efforts, including residential care, respite care, adult day care and its meal service program. Lunalilo Home provides residents with the highest quality of care and a vibrant kūpuna community, while respite care allows short-term, temporary care for families who need a reprieve from the daily caregiving routine. Kūpuna receive the health,



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nutritional, social and daily living support required through the King Lunalilo Adult Day Care Center. In an effort to provide seniors with local-style, nutritional meals, Lunalilo Home's Meals-to-Go offers meal pickup or delivery for seniors. The Trust is located on five expansive, landscaped acres and situated on the western slopes of Koko Head in Hawai'i Kai.

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