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Kahi Mohala receives support for renovation of child and adolescent wing

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Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health, an affiliate of Sutter Health, has received several grants and donations in support of its campaign to raise funds for Phase II of the renovation and expansion of its Lokelani Child & Adolescent Unit, including grassroots support from community members, hospital staff and management.

Budgeted at \$226,000, Phase II of the Lokelani renovation will improve the safety and environmental quality in the common areas of this busy residential treatment unit for child and adolescent acute care, continuing inpatient and partial hospitalization (PHP) populations.



Grants received to date include \$5,000 from the Alexander & Baldwin Foundation; \$10,000 from the Atherton Family Foundation; \$1,000 from the First Insurance Company of Hawai'i Charitable Foundation; \$8,000 from Friends of Hawai'i Charities; \$1,000 from Island Insurance Company Charitable Foundation; and \$1,000 from the J. Watumull Fund. The Board of Trustees of Kahi Mohala has also shown tremendous financial support, with 100 percent participation in the campaign. Staff have donated as well, pledging more than \$7,500.

A Challenge Grant from affiliate Sutter Health will match \$50,000, after all qualifying funds are raised locally prior to the December 31, 2009 deadline.

Phase I renovations to the Lokelani child and adolescent unit were completed in 2007 with \$90,000 in capital funding from Kahi Mohala's Board of Trustees and seven local foundations and businesses: Atherton Family Foundation, James Campbell Co. LLC (then James Campbell Estate), First Hawaiian Bank Foundation, Friends of Hawai'i Charities, McInerney Foundation, Seto Foundation, and G.N. Wilcox Trust.

About Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health

For the past 25 years, Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health has provided specialized care and treatment for children, adolescents and adults. With 32 child and adolescent beds, and partial and outpatient programs in place, Kahi Mohala treats nearly 500 children and adolescents annually on an inpatient and outpatient basis for depression, anxiety, eating disorders, suicidal ideation, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, psychotic disorders, and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Founded in 1983 and fully accredited by the Joint Commission, Kahi Mohala is Hawaii's only free standing, not-for-profit, licensed medical center exclusively specializing in behavioral health care. Services include treatment plans for depression, eating disorders, anxiety, suicide prevention, conduct disorders, substance abuse and psychiatric services. Entrusted with delivering the highest standards of care, the center embraces an inter-disciplinary perspective to client services, offering the leading approaches in emotional, physical, mental and behavioral health care treatment to achieve the best possible outcomes for clients. Improving the quality of life for clients overall is at the heart of Kahi Mohala's philosophy of care.

Kahi Mohala is located at 91-2301 Old Fort Weaver Rd. in Ewa Beach. For information call (808) 671-8511 or visit www.kahimohala.org.