FONATION

The Kona Hospital Foundation is dedicated to improving Kona Community Hospital for the entire community. They fund medical technology, expanded services and enhanced facilities that would otherwise be unavailable.

Hospital Foundation Receives Generous Donation for the Cancer Center at Kona Community Hospital

The Kona Hospital Foundation recently celebrated a generous donation from the newly established Milton and Ursula Stolaroff Foundation. The donation will be dedicated to The Cancer Center at Kona Community Hospital (KCH).

Kona residents, Milton and Ursula Stolaroff established their new foundation with the mission of creating a long lasting impact on their community. The Stolaroff’s wanted to kick off their philanthropic activities with a donation that is both personal and meaningful to them. Mrs. Stolaroff has been a patient at the infusion center for over eight years, making the Cancer Center at KCH a natural fit for their vision.

Peggy Bowman, RN, OCN, (retiring) lead nurse at the hospital’s infusion center says of Mrs. Stolaroff, “She is a lovely woman...always very positive and caring. She sees that the infusion center is all about kindness and hope.”

The event was celebrated with the dedication of a plaque acknowledging the Stolaroff’s generosity. Mr. and Mrs. Stolaroff were joined by a small group of friends, Kona Hospital Foundation and hospital staff for the dedication and photos.

NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Auxiliary recently awarded $15,000 in nursing scholarships to six local students seeking to pursue nursing careers.

The Kona Community Hospital Auxiliary nursing scholarship program annually awards up to $2500 per recipient to nursing students. This year the program funded scholarships for three new nursing students and three returning recipients. New scholarship recipients include Robert Chadwick, Yarden Davis and Caryn Masutomi. Second year recipients are Sherrine Gray, June Mohr and Joli Remund.

Jim Higgins, Kona Hospital Foundation chairman said, “We’re so thrilled that the Milton and Ursula Stolaroff Foundation chose the Cancer Center at KCH to be their first donation recipient. Their generosity will greatly enhance the level of care for cancer center patients. We’re very appreciative of Milton and Ursula’s sense of community.”

Foundation Gala Benefits KCH Cancer Center

The Kona Hospital Foundation’s 13th Annual Gala Benefit will be held on Saturday, November 22 at 5:00pm at the Four Seasons Resort Hualalai. The Gala’s theme is “Life, Health & Giving.” Proceeds will benefit The Cancer Center at Kona Community Hospital. Exceptional live and silent auction items can be viewed online at www.biddingforgood.com/khfhawaii.com The Foundation extends warm thanks to KCH employees and family who have donated art items for this auction.

For more information, please contact the Kona Hospital Foundation at 322-4587 or go to www.khfhawaii.org

HOLIDAY HOUSE NEWS

Let Your Holidays Begin Here!

The KCH Auxiliary is holding its annual holiday extravaganza, Holiday House—Christmas At The Volcano on November 28, 29 & 30 and December 6, 7 (8am—5pm). This is a highlight of the holiday season where you’ll find art, antiques and gifts. The crisp, cool mountain of Kilauea creates the perfect holiday atmosphere. 99-1949 Pukeawe Circle, Volcano Village. (From Highway 11, turn onto Pahau Mauna Drive).

For more information, call 322-4577 or go to www.kchauxiliary.org

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Welcome to The Ginger Café

The Kona Community Hospital has been undergoing change over that past several months. A cafeteria development project team, consisting of employees from the dietary, contracts, marketing and revenue cycle departments has been hard at work to identify process and revenue improvement opportunities. The goal is to create a more café-like environment.

In October, the cafeteria implemented an upgraded cash register system. This system eliminated the meal ticket process and allows patrons to purchase food items with cash or credit card. This process is more convenient for staff and visitors. It also allows Dietary staff to manage food items and inventory appropriately. Additionally, cafeteria prices were adjusted to fair market prices. The adjustments were necessary in order to maintain the high quality of products offered.

The cafeteria has been in need of attention such as the recent ceiling upgrade. Soon, the cafeteria will undergo renovations which will improve the café’s ergonomics and flow through the tray line. KCH received Capital Improvement Project (CIP) funds from the State designated for this upgrade. CIP funds are restricted to maintenance and facility improvement projects, and cannot be used for day to day hospital operations.

The cafeteria provides a meeting place for employees and visitors to have lunch, a snack or just enjoy a cup of coffee. Because it is an essential location at our facility, the project team decided it is time in our cafeteria to have a name. After careful deliberation, the team selected “The Ginger Café” as the name. The team felt that this new moniker is a perfect fit because it reflects the values wrapped into the KCH Island Floral logo theme.

Thank you in advance for your patience during the upcoming renovations. Many thanks to the cafeteria development team members for their dedication and thoughtful decision making during this project. Watch for additional information and updates about the café renovations.

Island Flora Logo

With its distinctive floral motif and vibrant colors, this symbol projects an island feel while at the same time communicating other important themes. The plant’s uplifted leaves symbolize the supporting “arms” of the institution, providing a sense of strength and security within our community. The heart within the blossom represents caring, vitality and the health care profession. The sun “rising” at the top of the image connotes warmth, consistency, the continual “dawning” of new ideas and modern medicine, and the Kona Coast itself. The color green was chosen to express health, growth and flourishing life. The flower’s magenta color expresses vitality and vibrancy. (Island Flora logo story reproduced from Human Resources Orientation Packet)
Aloha Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have been a cancer patient at your hospital for close to five months, first as in-patient, and now as out-patient. I have also lived in South Kona for thirty-six years. I am so thrilled to be able to pursue such complex treatment in my rural community minutes from my home.

The care I have received has consistently been of the highest quality in terms of skill and expertise, as well as compassion. From my first frightening moments of diagnosis in the ER, through surgery with Dr. Fedder and Dr. Groshong and their crew; to the compassionate nursing care; then six arduous weeks of radiation with the incomparable team at Radiation Oncology—now my family; accompanied by exams with the perennially upbeat Dr. De Salvo and his supportive staff; and finally with the loving care at the Infusion Center, I have maintained tremendous faith in my full recovery.

My family and I have been so impressed with the speed, quality and consistency of my treatment. Congratulations on maintaining a very high standard of care, and a heartfelt thank you to your dedicated staff for saving my life and carefully monitoring my progress. I and my loved ones are forever grateful.

Sincerely,
Marianne Thalken