

## Waianae Coast Health Center Surpasses \$250,000 Fundraising Goal



(Left to Right) WCCHC Board Members Joseph Lapilio, Denice Keliikoa, Honoree Stephen MacMillan (CEO of The Estate of James Campbell), Ginger Fuata, Lyle Kaloi, Kauila Clark

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The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) raised \$250,000 at its first major fundraising event held on Saturday, October 22 at Lanikuhonua in Ko Olina. The event, "A Tribute to the Spirit of Community," honored the following individuals:

- U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye for his commitment to community health centers and to the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians

- Stephen MacMillan, Chief Executive Officer for The Estate of James Campbell, for his years of support on the Health Center's board of directors and for the support of the James and Abigail Campbell Foundation in funding the James and Abigail Campbell Clinic in Nanakuli and the pediatric floor of the soon-to-be built three-story medical building

- William Wilson, President of Hawaiian Dredging, for providing over \$400,000 of donated labor and materials since 1991 for projects at the Health Center

- Chuck Wothke, one of the founders of the Health Center, for the instrumental role he has played in supporting the Health Center for over 33 years, many of those years as an active board member.

The 800 individuals who attended the event enjoyed a fabulous meal catered by J.W. Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa and relaxed to the entertainment provided by Mt. Keala, O'Brian Eselu and Ke Kai O Kahiki Halau, and special guest entertainment by Na Leo.

Highlights of the evening included a traditional Hawaiian blessing ceremony with the Health Center's Kupuna Council, board of directors and traditional

healers. Draped in kihei (traditional dress), the full ceremony included a blessing as well as the undraping of the kihei. Honorees were presented with a mortar and pestle award crafted from pohaku (stone) from the Waianae Coast. Waianae High Schools' award winning Searider Productions produced an exceptional video on the honorees and the Health Center. The acceptance speeches were heartfelt and especially significant was honoree William Wilson introducing the staff from Hawaiian Dredging who provided the volunteer manpower over the years for Health Center projects, the majority of whom are from the Waianae Coast.

There were many sponsors, donors and volunteers who made the event a success. Major sponsors included The Estate of James Campbell, Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc., First Hawaiian Bank and AIG Hawaii Insurance Company, Inc. The event chairs were Anthony Guerrero, Jr., Christine Camp-Friedman and William Paty.

A bountiful silent auction offered a wide range of fabulous items with many contributed from Leeward Coast artists such as Pat Pine, Vicky Durand, Solomon Enos, Hanalei Hopfe, Mark Kadota, Kauila Clark and Sooriyakumar Muthukumar.

Since 1972, the Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center proudly fulfills its mission as a community-owned and operated non-profit medical facility serving an ever-expanding Waianae Coast community of some 50,000 residents. For more information, please visit [www.wcchc.com](http://www.wcchc.com).