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President's Message

Aloha Friends and Supporters,

Your generous support of the Friends of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center has affected many young lives. Our April fundraiser at Ferguson's Pub netted approximately \$40,000. This money was used by the UH Cancer Center to support their young summer interns.

We were treated to meeting and hearing from these brilliant young people. Most are attending college on the mainland, and they were home for the summer. For many it was their first time working in research, both basic research and clinical research. Their exuberance and intelligence shone bright.

In an age where our community fears the loss of young people due to perceived lack of opportunity at home, this program permits our bright young students to come back home to Hawai'i and realize that there exists wonderful opportunity in Hawai'i to contribute to the health and medical fields.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Much aloha,



Sue Sylvester Palumbo, DVM
President, Friends of the UH Cancer Center



A Warm Welcome to our new board member, Dr. Rex Chang



Dr. Rex T. Chang has degrees and experience in the fields of medicine, law and business, and is eager to bring his considerable knowledge and skills to the Friends board. Having had family and friends fight cancer, he feels it is important to assist in the noble cause of helping in terms of all aspects of the journey, from prevention to diagnosis, treatment, and all that follows. The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center is in a unique position to help in this crusade against cancer, and Rex hopes to help the Friends in our efforts to educate our local community about and help all benefit from the invaluable resources that UH Cancer Center offers us all.

Tickets for Cure

IMAGINE FACING A LIFE-THREATENING CANCER,

one that has not responded to standard treatments. As you and your family face an uncertain future, you learn about clinical trials that are offered through the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center, treatments that not only offer the opportunity to access cutting edge therapies but also contribute to cancer research knowledge to benefit future generations.

The only problem is that you live on a neighbor island where clinical trials may not be available, and your health insurance or other resources will not pay for you (and your support companion, if necessary) to travel to Honolulu to participate in a clinical trial.

Who can you turn to? The Friends of UH Cancer Center's *Tickets for Cure* program! This program provides funds that support patients and their caregivers to travel to Honolulu to participate in clinical trials. Health professionals in neighbor island private clinics and hospitals work with the Cancer Center's Clinical Trials Office to enroll patients, coordinate visits and air transportation to Honolulu for clinical trial-related followup and care.

THE FRIENDS' TICKETS FOR CURE PROGRAM HELPS PAY FOR PATIENT OR COMPANION AIRFARE WHEN OTHER RESOURCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

Imagine you live in Waialua, and are in the same life-threatening situation. You don't have a car or the ability to visit your oncologist, have clinical trial-related tests, or receive treatments on your own. Taking the bus is an option, but can you imagine riding the bus home after a long and taxing treatment? *Tickets for Cure* is also working towards providing taxi or ride-sharing vouchers to enable O'ahu patients the ability to participate in UH Cancer Center trials in the manner that best supports their comfort and healing.

Cancer and its effects will touch us all, either personally, or through someone we care about. We will all benefit from the clinical trials offered through the UH Cancer Center. So how can you help? Please send the Friends your donation, and together we can provide *Tickets for Cure* to patients in need, improving their and our community's lives!

Clinical Research Associates from the Cancer Center's Clinical Trials Office discuss patient assistance through the Tickets for Cure program.

