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Waikiki Health launches Save-a-Smile Campaign to Raise \$7,500 for a Pediatric Dental Chair

(Honolulu, October 15, 2013) – Even today, children live in tents in central Honolulu, in need of dental care. Through its Save a Smile Campaign, Waikiki Health is raising funds for a pediatric dental chair to help these children. Save a Smile with Waikiki Health aims to raise \$7,500 for a pediatric dental chair before December 1st 2013. “It is hard to believe in the heart of Honolulu some of our city streets are lined with tents with entire homeless families doing what they can to survive. Medical and dental care is often thrown to the wayside, that’s when we step in to help” says Liz Makarra of Waikiki Health.

Through its six Honolulu sites, Waikiki Health providers offer Honolulu’s most vulnerable population medical care and social service. The main medical clinic is on Ohua Avenue with primary care, behavioral health services and Native Hawaiian Healing. In addition, there is Next Step Shelter in Kakaako, where individuals, couples and families receive emergency shelter, medical care, integrated behavioral health services and job training. The Care-A-Van program offers services at a drop-in-center in Kaimuki and provides outreach medical care using medically-equipped vans and a mobile medical unit. The Youth Outreach program offers homeless youth, between the ages of 14 and 21, services (medical care, hot meals, GED prep courses and job training) in a safe, non-judgmental environment in Waikiki. And, Path clinic provides perinatal, behavioral health and social services for women with past or present addiction issues in a comfortable, home-like setting.

In 2014, Waikiki Health will establish a new service site: The Makahiki Medical and Dental Clinic. Pediatric dental services will ensure children receive the dental care they need. Waikiki Health is inviting everyone to join in helping to save a smile.

Visit Waikiki Health’s crowdfunding campaign here:

www.waikikihealth.org/saveasmile

Waikiki Health (previously Waikiki Health Center) is re-branding to increase awareness of the agency’s mission, expanded and enhanced programs, and new service sites. The agency’s mission is to provide quality medical and social services that are accessible and affordable for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. For further information visit www.waikikihealth.org