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Waikiki Health receives \$30,000 FLEX Grant from the Robert E. Black Fund of the Hawai`i Community Foundation toward operating support

(Honolulu, July 29, 2013) – **The Robert Emens Black Fund of the Hawai`i Community Foundation** awarded a FLEX grant of \$30,000 to **Waikiki Health** in support of the agency's operations and core services, which are directed toward helping medically underserved populations.

Waikiki Health's family of clinics and outreach programs target the most marginalized and disadvantaged island residents, offering affordable, quality medical care and social services in a nonjudgmental, welcoming setting. Special emphasis is placed on serving homeless families, individuals and youth; seniors living on fixed incomes; those with the fewest financial resources; and others who experience barriers to accessing care.

In 2012, the agency provided 37,136 Primary Care visits to 9,315 unduplicated patients, of whom 72% had low incomes or were living at or below 200% of federal poverty level; and 41% were homeless.

To improve health outcomes while ensuring the most appropriate use of services, Waikiki Health established a Preventive Health and Utilization Department, which focuses on patients with uncontrolled, chronic conditions. This advance is moving the agency toward a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model of care, tied to quality improvements and streamlined methods of service delivery.

The Hawai`i Community Foundation's FLEX Grants Program is designed to provide flexible, unrestricted support to help sustain a non-profit agency's essential programs, further its mission, improve results and strengthen our communities.

*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. Waikiki Health's primary care clinics and outreach programs include: Ohua Clinic in Waikiki; Makahiki Medical and Dental Clinic in McCully-Moiliili (opening in early 2014); PATH Clinic in Kaimuki; Next Step Shelter, an emergency/transitional homeless shelter in Kaka'ako; Care-A-Van in Kaimuki and Youth Outreach (YO) in Waikiki, which operate drop-in centers and clinics serving the homeless; Care-A-Van's medically-equipped vehicles, serving the homeless across Oahu; and Friendly Neighbors, offering assistance to older seniors. For further information visit [www.waikikihealth.org](http://www.waikikihealth.org).*

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