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Waikiki Health granted \$30,000 by G. N. Wilcox Trust
toward primary medical care for uninsured and underserved patients

(Honolulu, August 12, 2013) –**Waikiki Health** has received a grant of \$30,000 from **G. N. Wilcox Trust** (Bank of Hawaii, trustee). The grant supports primary medical care for those who are uninsured and underserved, including patients who will receive services at the agency's newest facility: Makahiki Medical and Dental Clinic in McCully-Moiliili, opening in early 2014.

"Support from G. N. Wilcox Trust and others means that we are able to provide high quality, affordable medical care and supportive services to a greater number of patients than would be possible otherwise," Sheila Beckham, RD, MPH, Waikiki Health's chief executive officer, said. "Many days, it's standing room only in our Ohua Clinic reception area. Our expansion to the Makahiki clinic will give us an additional service site to accommodate many more people in need."

In 2012, Waikiki Health served 9,315 patients, of whom 72% were poor or had low-incomes, and 41% were homeless. By comparison, the agency saw 5,733 patients in 2010 . . . In just two years, the number of patients increased by 62%.

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 Clinic in McCully-Moiliili (now being established); PATH Clinic in Kaimuki; Next Step Shelter, an emergency homeless shelter in Kaka'ako; Care-A-Van in Kaimuki and Youth Outreach (YO) in Waikiki: drop-in centers and clinics serving the homeless; medically-equipped vehicles, reaching out to the homeless across Oahu; and Friendly Neighbors, offering assistance to older seniors. For further information visit www.waikikihealth.org.

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