



Celebrating
50 Years of Service
to Kalihi Valley

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ku'ea wa'a

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

HĀNAI PILINA, HĀNAI KULEANA

Kōkua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services



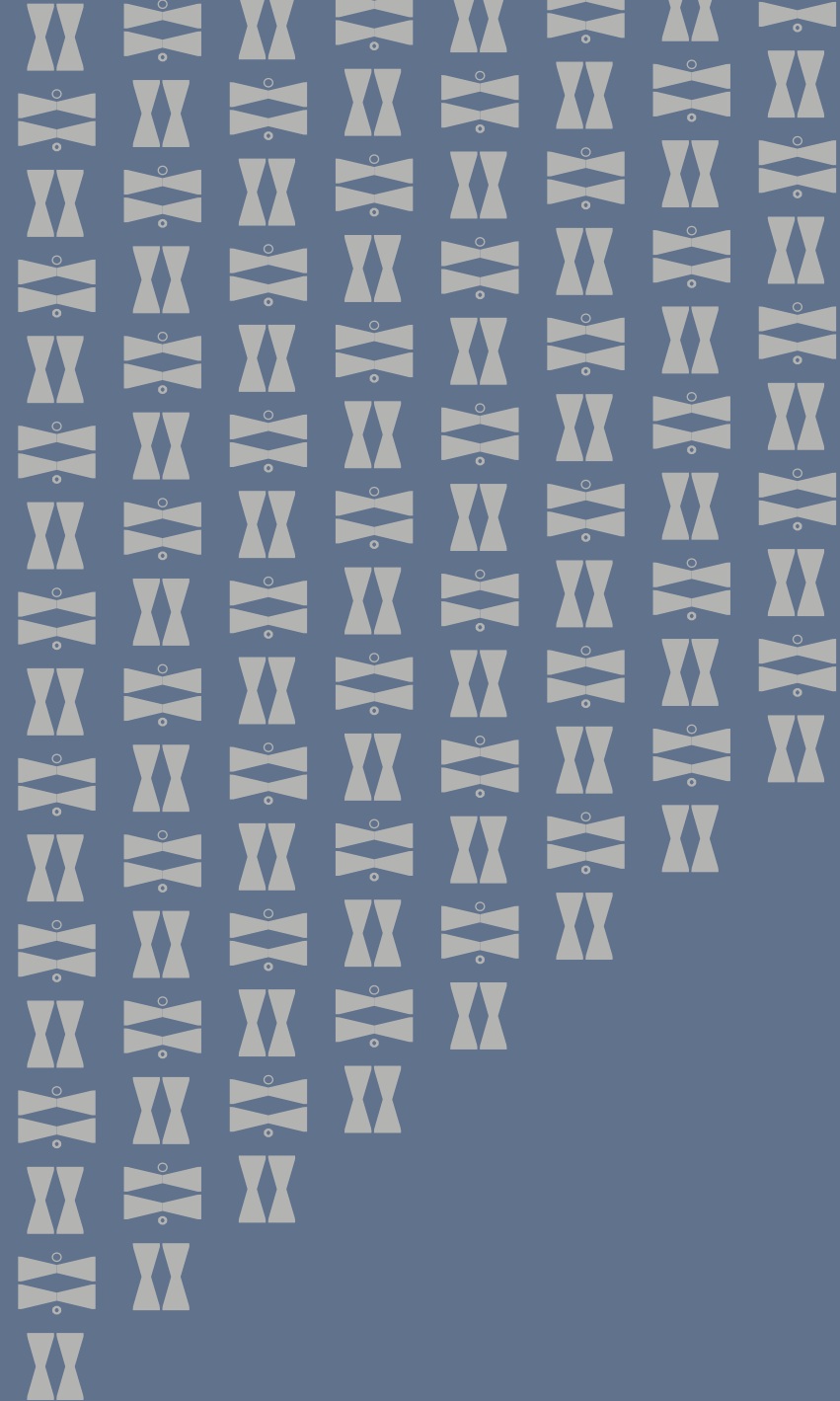


***No Kalihi 'oe, no Kalihi wau
You are from Kalihi, I am from Kalihi***



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A Message from our Executive Director

Storytelling has always been at the heart of KKV as an organization. For fifty years we have been actively learning from our community's passion for neighborliness and connection by fostering an organizational culture of deep listening. As COVID-19 continues, it is more important than ever to put distractions aside and be fully present no matter what our role at KKV. I know from experience that it is in the moments of deep listening when I begin to more fully understand the work that is in front of us.

KKV started out as a small organization of four community aides who were tasked with walking the neighborhoods of Kalihi to talk story and listen. The aunties spoke the languages of our community and in their humble manner, learned about what was going on in people's lives. From the stories they gathered, they came back, debriefed, listened to one another, and understood further what their work was. Remarkably, this strategy remains at the core of KKV's approach to care today. It is the iterative process of listening and then responding with love, that lies at the heart of our mission as an organization.

Caregiving by building relationships and connections naturally means that our work is ever changing. It regularly takes us outside of the clinic. I recently had an opportunity, for example, to spend some time with one of our youth programs, Mai Uka Ku'u Wa'a. Keiki were learning on the land at Ho'oulu 'Āina, and on the sea at

Kahana Bay, to build and sail canoes and connect with their ancestors. The youth took part in each step from caring for the forest, to carving the log, learning to lash, and learning to provision through growing of food and setting the imu. Through these activities, the keiki and staff listened to one another and shared stories and gained a deeper understanding of the many faces of health and healing.

As I consider my kuleana as a caregiver in Kalihi, I know that KKV needs to continue its efforts to support the physical and spiritual needs of whole families, neighbors, kupuna, and keiki. We must invest in the next generation so that Kalihi youth can grow to be leaders and care for us as we age. A healthy community means recognizing that care must be ongoing and reciprocal for many generations.

Mahalo to all the stories and storytellers that we at KKV cherish daily as we work together to heal and thrive.



Dr. David Derauf, MD, MPH
Executive Director



“A healthy community means recognizing that care must be ongoing and reciprocal for many generations.”

Our Mission: Together we work to advance health, to inspire healing, to foster reconciliation, and to celebrate abundance in the ahupua'a of Kalihi through strong relationships that honor culture and place.





Today we commit
to sit with discomfort
with the intention to grow through it.

We are compelled
to explore varied viewpoints
remembering together
that we once knew how to live in harmony
until blunt force societies
shifted our knowing -
changing the smells in our kitchens,
reinterpreting the shapes of our stories.

Resilient,
the wise-ness remains
living in the practices of our ancestors,
taught in our grandmother's kitchens, and
held in the security
of our father's arm.

Together we replace cold formalities with
connections to the human parts of our being
living in the in between spaces of
community.
Exact solutions
cannot be protocoled
as population outcomes
based on individuals
mean nothing
to
a
single
person.

Rather we will heal together
by always living in aloha
deepening
growing
whole moments.

Together we work to create safe
loving
spaces,
so we can learn
and remember.
Creating connections
in a time we must keep our distance
Practicing unconditional friendship with
ourselves
we aim to copy the amebic shapes of our own
cells
constantly contracting and expanding our gazes.

Focusing on whose
what's

in front of us
inside of us
while simultaneously checking in
with the past

the future
our systems
and communities
until that edge between becomes so thin
that we are everything at once

Poem by Megan Inada
KKV Research Coordinator

Patient Demographics

Total Patients **10,819**

Demographics

Asian	4,274 (39.5%)
Native Hawaiian	895 (4.9%)
Other Pacific Islander	4,840 (44.7%)
Black/African American	102 (<1%)
American Indian/Native	0
Alaskan/Native	31 (<1%)
White	255 (2.4%)
More than one race	119 (1%)
Unreported/Refused	303 (2.8%)

Gender

Male	3,648 (33.7%)
Female	5,465 (50.5%)
Other (includes did not indicate)	1,706 (15.8%)

Income as Percentage of Federal Poverty Guideline

100% and below	6,599 (61%)
101-150%	550 (5%)
151-200%	188 (1.7%)
Over 200%	159 (1.4%)
Unknown	3,323 (30.7%)

Principal Third-Party Medical Insurance

Uninsured	1,471 (13.6%)
Medicaid (Title XIX)	6,351 (58.7%)
Dually Eligible (Medicare & Medicaid)	301 (2.8%)



Services We Provide

Medical

KKV offers a broad range of primary health services to patients of every age, ethnicity, and origin. Our approach emphasizes family-focused, unhurried, Patient Care. We work closely with professional education/medical residency training programs in Pediatrics and OB/GYN. We value relationships with clients and feel rewarded to work in such a richly diverse community. Services include Pediatrics, Immunizations, Geriatrics, Adult Health Screenings, Family Medicine, Well-child checks, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Vision, Pharmacy, Nutrition, Diabetes Group Visits and Kidney Disease Group Visits. *Dr. Laura Carr DeVilbiss, Clinical Director.*

Dental Services

KKV's Dental Program brings preventive and restorative dental care to the residents of Kalihi at the Wellness Center and at Kalihi schools served by our mobile Dental Van. KKV is one of the few dental clinics in the country that provides professional education opportunities through its dental residency program in partnership with NYU Langone. *Dr. Jason Hiramoto, Dental Director.*

Behavioral Health (BH) and Substance Abuse Services

KKV's Behavioral Health Team offers help with a variety of problems related to a person's mental and physical health conditions. In 2021, the BH team launched an extensive and successful telehealth program to serve patients in their homes and other discrete and/or comfortable locations. Services include evaluation of problems; medical treatment for behavioral problems; individual, family or group counseling; home visits; education; substance abuse and smoking cessation counseling and relapse prevention. *Dr. Mya Moe Hla, Behavioral Health Director.*

Preventative Health Care

Because we believe that prevention is key to maximizing a community's health, numerous KKV programs involve outreach, education, screenings, and lifestyle support. These include the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program and Chronic Conditions Self-Management Programs for Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease, Kidney Disease and Overweight/Obesity. *Dr. Laura Carr DeVilbiss, Clinical Director.*

Public Housing and Enabling Services

KKV's Ke Ola Hou health clinic at the Towers at Kuhio Park provides a wide range of patient services and outreach for public housing residents. The team works closely with KKV's Enabling staff to provide case management and referrals, as well as language interpretive services in support of health insurance, transportation, immigration, housing, social security, and other public programs. *Ms. Pearl Sheck, Public Housing Coordinator.*

Languages We Speak

Burmese, Cantonese, Carolinian, Chuukese, Fukienese, Hawaiian, Ibanag, Ilocano, Ilongo, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Marshallese, Mongolian, Nepalese, Pohnpeian, Portuguese, Samoan, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Triêu Châu, Visayan, Yapese (Woleaian).

Services We Provide

Maternal Child Health (MCH)

KKV's Maternal Child Health department provides culturally responsive services and support for pregnant women, families, babies, young children, and teens. MCH provides perinatal, family planning, WIC and family strengthening support programs, including literacy and parenting education. *Ms. Dolly Tatofi, Director Maternal Child Health.*

Youth Services

KKV has four youth programs for kids ranging in age from elementary to high school that uplift and value our cultural heritage and our connections to the community. Programs include Pacific Voices (two sites), Kalihi Valley Instructional Bike Exchange (KVIBE), Tennis and Afterschool Program, and Waiwai and Civic Education Community Engagement (CECE). *Ms. Rona Mangayayam, Youth Services Coordinator.*

Returning to Our Roots

Food is powerful. Through preparing and sharing food, KKV's Returning to Our Roots (Roots) program strengthens our connections to the land, the sea, our cultures, our community, our family, and to each other. Roots oversees a Cafe', Food Hub, community farm gardens, and educational programs for youth and families, supporting food systems change for Kalihi and the people of Hawai'i. *Ms. Ka'iulani Odom, Roots Director.*

Ho'oulu 'Āina

Ho'oulu 'Āina is a 100-acre nature preserve nestled in the back of Kalihi Valley that is KKV's center for indigenous healing, COVID-emergency support programs, cultural learning, and the arts. Here community comes together around forest stewardship, farming and agroforestry, knowledge, spirituality, and lā'au lapa'au activities. As KKV engages community to restore the land, we give back the values of our ancestors, and learn that healing is reciprocal. *Ms. Puni Jackson, Ho'oulu 'Āina Director.*

Elder Care

KKV's Elder Care program keeps Kalihi seniors in their homes by providing comprehensive health maintenance services, socialization, case management, weekly exercise (virtual and in-person), in-home, and respite care, caregiver support, food support and an emergency pantry, and transportation services. The program's bilingual staff helps to reduce falls and prevent health emergencies for seniors and caregivers in Kalihi, supporting families to ensure seniors have confidence to live at home and in community. *Ms. Merlita Compton, Elder Care Director.*

Na Koa

At the start of the pandemic, we opened our Na Koa clinic where we test, treat, and provide support to COVID-19 patients. Now that vaccines have been made readily available, one of the many needs of the community has come to include vaccine distribution. *Dr. Laura Carr DeVilbiss, Clinical Director.*

Hui Hoaka & Ea (Economic Assistance)

Since March 2020, KKV pivoted to create a new program called Hui Hoaka to assess urgent patient needs and supply families with meals, fresh produce, staples, paper goods, and cleaning supplies. Our coordinated team continues to work across KKV departments to provide regular deliveries to patients needing to isolate or quarantine because of Covid.

"Ea" means "sovereignty" in Hawaiian but also stands for "Economic Agency." Many of KKV's COVID-positive patients lost jobs due to the pandemic and then experienced additional traumas, such as being unable to access public rental support programs and hotels designated to help patients isolate. Ea intervened on behalf of families needing public services and ensured that patients had access to emergency financial assistance. *Dr. Megan Inada, Research Director, and Ms. Lalo Ishiki-Kalāhele, Ea Coordinator.*

2021 Accomplishments

PRIMARY CARE SERVICES

- 10,819 Number of Kalihi residents who received direct primary care services.
- 6,667 Number who received medical care.
- 4,733 Number who received dental care.
- 655 Number who received mental health services.
- 115 Number who received substance use disorder services.
- 737 Number who received vision services.
- 4,792 Number who received enabling services.

MEDICAL

- 22,575 Total number of clinical visits for KKV's medical services.
- 4,888 Total number of virtual (telehealth) medical visits.
- 681 Number of SARS-CoV-2 visits to KKV.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- 134 Total number of clinic visits.
- 4,372 Total number of virtual (telehealth) visits.
- 2,371 Total number of Depression & mood disorder visits.

DENTAL

- 358 Total number of keiki who received free dental services at their schools with KKV's Dental Van.
- 2,432 Total number of dental emergency services provided by KKV.
- 3,670 Number of dental oral exams provided to Kalihi residents.



NA KOA

- 6,941 Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine.
- 4,888 COVID tests.
- COVID care for patients and referrals to Hui Hoaka.
- Intake and Assessment for patients.
- Walk-in medical services and triage.
- Eligibility and referral services.
- Temporary renovations were completed to allow KKV to continue COVID testing & vaccination services & continue health assessments & care for patients.

HUI HOAKA & Ea

- Continued food pantry services to support both COVID-positive & other individuals/families with food & other essential household supplies.
- Facilitated addition of social determinants of health (SDOH) concerns to KKV's care services by empowering providers to support patients with food, economic assistance, and plant-based medicine desired by many Pacific Islanders.
- Expanded data sharing across KKV programs to explore how SDOH metrics can enhance our understanding of the whole story of a patient's health.
- Focused on meeting the financial needs of patients & their families, especially with rental assistance.

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

- Pivoted case management to include SDOH and cultural practices.
- Expanded "gifts" based work to build relationships and trust.
- Utilized Kaluaopalena for peer counseling sessions and parenting classes.
- Conducted pop-up events to support families with clothing, household supplies and health services.



ELDER CARE

- Served 1,757 seniors and enrolled 250 new clients.
- Provided 800 seniors with weekly meals and bags of fresh produce.
- Reduced malnutrition rate from 35% to 5% among KKV senior clients.
- Provided 135 clients with 8,447 rides to care and other services.
- Educated/trained 102 seniors to use connected devices for virtual exercise and telehealth.
- Provided respite care to 80 seniors.
- Provided 1,634 hours for personal in-home care to seniors and their caregivers.



HO'OU LU 'ĀINA

- Increased food production to support community needs through an expansion of agroforestry for cultivation of cultural foods.
- Comissioned a new Environmental Assessment taking into consideration Hawaiian cultural values & aligning with Ho'ou lu 'Āina's use of the nature preserve for the benefit of community health.
- Provided trauma & resilience informed care (TRIC) to medical professionals and other providers.
- Expanded school-based 'āina engagement with students from the University of Hawai'i, Honolulu Community College, Kalihi elementary, middle, & high school students.

RETURNING TO OUR ROOTS

- Distributed 3,744 pounds of produce to COVID-positive patients and their families.
- Distributed 22,254 pounds of produce to community as pandemic food support.
- Purchased 59,382 pounds of produce from local farmers through the Food Hub.
- Sold 3,757 low-cost meals through the Roots Cafe.
- Supported 28 farm partners through regular purchases and technical services.
- Counted 916 SNAP transactions as part of Food Hub sales.

YOUTH SERVICES

- Opened new site for Pacific Voices at Kalihi Elementary School, expanding after-school and summer programs.
- Launched the Story Project at Dole Middle School to teach 7th grade youth about Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island culture, traditions, and values.
- Initiated Echoes of Oceania to produce children's books with Pacific Islander writers and illustrators.
- Resumed in-person programming for KVIBE.
- Launched a series of KVIBE creative workshops with local hip-hop artists, musicians, visual artists, and storytellers to work with the youth on self-expression and storytelling.



Pilinahā: Four Connections

An Indigenous Framework for Health

In 2014, Kōkua Kalihi Valley began a process to develop a new framework of health that accommodates the full spectrum of strengths, challenges, desires, and needs of the community. Through careful and continual listening and engagement with community leaders, patients and other stakeholders, a clearer view of health and wellness has been emerging, centered around what matters most to our community. This view, named Pilinahā, looks at four connections vital for health:

- Connection to place
- Connection to community
- Connection to past and future
- Connection to your better self

Over the next few pages, we present stories from 2021 that illustrate these connections.

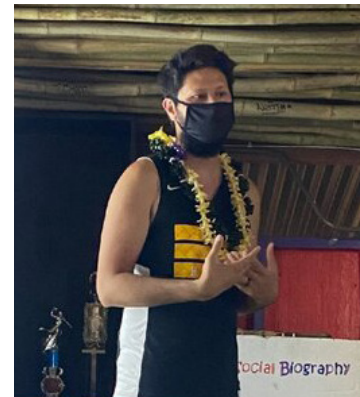




CONNECTION TO PLACE

*Stories That Connect:
A Hawaiian Soul at KVICE*

Hawaiian Soul Writer and Director 'Āina Paikai was on-site to screen the film and talk-story with the KVICE youth. Paikai shared his knowledge and experience as a Native Hawaiian perpetuating Native Hawaiian stories through film.



The Kalihi Valley Instructional Bike Exchange, more commonly known by its acronym KVICE, is one of KKV's Youth Services programs. Many of the youth who frequent KVICE reside in the Towers at Kūhio Park or Kalihi Valley Homes, two of the State of Hawaii's largest public housing complexes.

KVICE is a youth outreach program that uses the bicycle as both a literal and figurative vehicle for learning. The youth are given the opportunity to earn a bike through sweat equity, which entails participating in a popular education curriculum that teaches them how to decolonize societal lenses of disparity with ancestral and genealogical definitions of prosperity. The majority of KVICE youth have ancestral ties to the regions of the Philippines

and Micronesia where traditionally wealth is defined by the distribution of resources through healthy connections and relationships among people, the land and ocean, rather than by monetary means.

KVICE offers a place-based learning curriculum that encourages youth to connect the stories of their immigrant identities to life in Hawai'i today. Youth learn about traditional Pacific Islander navigation and how the canoe is sacred to Hawaiians and other Pacific cultures, bridging traditions and fostering shared knowledge.

The learning process gives the youth tools to reclaim their own narratives by being able to articulate their social biographies. Social biography is defined by KVICE youth as "the

social context of my life and my life as a transformer of the social context." Descendants of cultures whose histories were largely passed down orally, the youth are also taught how to incorporate mediums of storytelling that honor those traditions. These mediums include video and film.

In April 2021, the KVICE youth had the honor of hosting a community screening of the short-film *Hawaiian Soul* by Native Hawaiian film maker 'Āina Paikai. This short-film is the first part of an on-going docuseries that recounts the life and legacy of Native Hawaiian Activist and musician George Helm who, in the 1970's, used his gift of song to gain support from his kupuna to protect the island of Kaho'olawe and stop the military bombing there.

When asked what they liked most about the film, one youth responded: "I liked when the land went cry." What he's referring to is a poignant scene in the film where the viewer realizes the connection to 'āina is deeper than what appears on the surface. It challenges the viewer to reflect on this connection and what role we as humans play as care takers.

It's these moments that further connects the story shared on screen with the stories surrounding their day to day lives and it reminds them of how powerful they are when telling their story. II

This story originally appeared in the May 2021 Issue of the KKV Newsletter.

For almost 50 years, KKV has provided a full range of health and support services to the residents of Kalihi Valley, including those living in four of the state's largest public housing developments. The majority of residents at The Towers of Kūhio Park (known as KPT) and directly adjacent at Kūhio Park Terrace Low-Rise and Kūhio Homes are of Asian/Pacific Islander ancestry, and most are best served in languages other than English. Located on the ground-floor of one of the Towers, KKV's Ke Ola Hou Health Clinic is an on-site satellite clinic, easily accessible to KPT residents (and non-residents) looking for healthcare support. As in its name, the goal of Ke Ola Hou is the restoration of health.

CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY

Ke Ola Hou: Community Navigators Restoring Health

Here, the community can receive assistance in a large range of services: primary care, behavioral health, case management, caregiver support group, group medical visits and health education, nutrition counseling, social/legal advocacy for individuals and families who are facing systemic legal or social barriers to good health, and referrals. Our team of highly-skilled, multi-lingual community navigators serve as the key connectors between our community and our services. With roots in Auckland, Chuuk, and Nepal respectively, Rebecca Seumanu, Amenina Opet, and Nabin Oli are the community navigators at Ke Ola Hou helping everyone who walks through the clinic doors. In their own words: "We try to promote this as a community hub. We don't ask if [visitors] have an appointment, we say 'What do you need?'"

Rebecca Seumanu, affectionately referred to as Auntie Rebecca, was hired by KKV's Elder Care Program in 2003. In 2004, she transferred to the Public Housing Program where she later became the Public Housing Program



Coordinator. She is a “Super Auntie” and respected leader in the community whose many hats include Program Coordinator and Case Manager. At Ke Ola Hou, Auntie Rebecca runs the caregiver support groups, food bank distribution, and provides Samoan language interpreting for those who are better served in their Mother Tongue. She is a bridge between the main clinic and the community, keeping in touch and understanding how she can navigate available resources to meet the complex needs of KPT residents.

Amenina Opet was hired by KKV as an Outreach Worker in 2010. In 2012, she became KKV’s Seams Wonderful Program’s Project Coordinator. As a community navigator she also wears many hats. Amenina is a Case Manager and an Outreach Worker who supports KKV’s clinic by providing Chuukese interpreting for residents and, when needed, assists patients with resumes, job applications, and unemployment benefits applications.

Nabin Oli was hired by KKV in 2016. Trained as a medical doctor in Nepal, he has devoted his career to giving care to those who most need it. Nabin now works as a community navigator with the title of Care Coordinator, Community Health Worker, and Health Advocate. At KPT, he coordinates primary services for patients and helps residents secure transportation, supplies, medication, food, and specialist care appointments.

“Rebecca, Nabin and Amenina mean so much to us here at KPT,” says Dr. Melissa McKinney, Family Doctor at KKV’s Ke Ola Hou Health Clinic at KPT. “Frankly I don’t think I would have been able to build up a patient base without their support. They are highly respected and trusted in the community here by our patients. And they know everything about the families and what’s going on in their lives because the patients feel comfortable opening up to them. So while the providers are focusing on their medications, preventative care and medical needs, they are able to fill us in on all the gaps about what’s going on in their personal lives which may be impacting their health...that we would not likely have known about. Plus they take so much initiative to help our patients out in

any way they need...outside of their job description (and do so because they are truly kind people not looking for kudos or praise).” ❧ *This story originally appeared in the April 2021 Issue of the KKV Newsletter.*



CONNECTION TO PAST AND FUTURE

Perpetuating Hawaiian Cultural Knowledge and Healing through the Lessons of the Canoe

The kālai wa'a shapes our world.

To become a kālai wa'a or canoe carver, one must understand all the different elements of ocean, sky and forest. One must know how to form the tool and how to use the tool. One must know how to fish, for the canoe is a vessel that feeds its people. One must know lā'au lapa'au as the dye used on the living body of the canoe is traditionally made with plants. And when navigating out at sea, the kālai wa'a must know how to take care of the crew in the event of injury or illness.

All these pieces of knowledge are woven together in this one tradition of the wa'a. The wa'a has always been important in Hawaiian and Pacific cultures as a symbol of courage, strength, and resilience. It is also a powerful vessel for teaching about the reciprocal and harmonious relationship between mauka and makai.

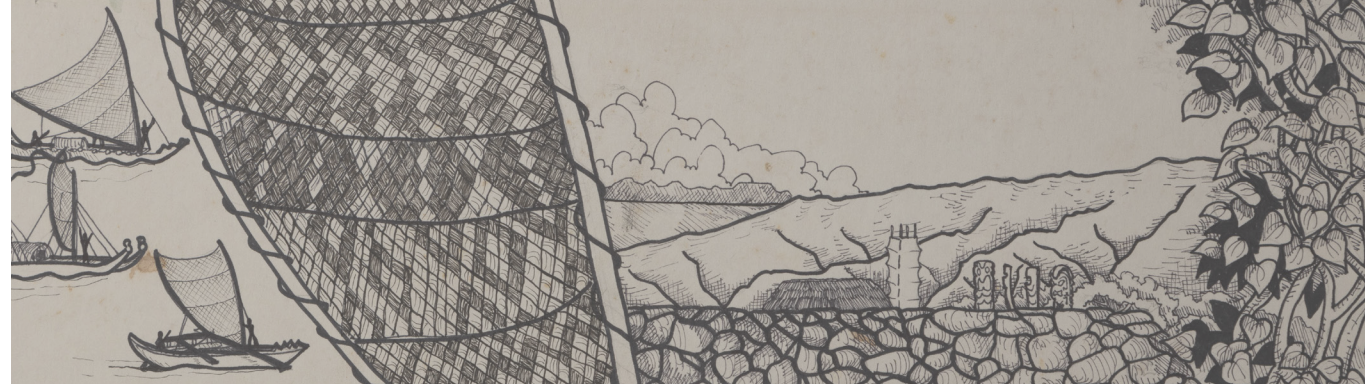
Mai Uka Ku'u Wa'a, meaning "my canoe comes from the uplands," is a KKV program at Ho'oulu 'Āina born from the desire and responsibility to bring the mana of the uplands down throughout the whole ahupua'a of Kalihi and beyond. The youth of the community engage in Hawaiian culture and health programming in forest, farm, and ocean while focusing on uka (upland) and kai (lowland) connections through the wa'a. Guided by marine genealogy and a long history of navigation, these lessons center on the culture of the canoe and the making of the canoe and are intentionally designed to create opportunities for keiki to bring that rich knowledge to create healing and strengthen relationships within their own families.

Youth participants do masterful work with their adzes, having learned over the course of two summers how to carve and sail their own small canoes

shaped like a koa leaf. The program has gathered many stories, including how one six-year-old keiki, after carving all summer, went and taught his father how to carve for the first time. After learning to infuse the oil of a plant known to have medicinal properties, another twelve-year-old boy asked for the plant to take home so that he could apply it on his mother who had damaged a ligament in her knee because of hula. She felt so loved. In the simplicity of these lessons dwells a powerful and lasting effect on the complexity of relationships.

The success of Mai Uka Ku'u Wa'a has been in the way that basic concepts, such as carving, plant medicine, chant, prayer, and the protocols of harvesting and entering the forest can have deeper meaning and impact. For instance, using the wood of the albizia, typically vilified as invasive and therefore unwanted, is a valuable reminder that irrespective of being deemed good or bad, wherever we are in the world, we can be useful. The Indigenous philosophy practiced at Ho'oulu 'Āina is to take the albizia out in order to restore the native forests, ensuring that it does not go to waste. Each child's unique gifts are meant to be cultivated,

“The wa'a has always been important in Hawaiian and Pacific cultures as a symbol of courage, strength, and resilience.”



acknowledged, honored and applied; these gifts are then transferred, replicated and expanded within the family network. Approximately 30 to 40 participants are currently enrolled in Mai Uka Ku'u Wa'a, with 8 to 13 being the official enrollment ages. When siblings get involved with learning and teaching, that number grows to 60 youth, who are as young as 5 and going up to 16. This leads to 100 or so family members, and just over 200 people as the broader impact.

As the shift occurred from a large group of single-child engagement to participation in small family biomes due to COVID-19, Mai Uka Ku'u Wa'a has seen an even greater affirmation that the investment of the values put into one child yields great abundance. The program provides the opportunity for those values to be nurtured through sharing stories, preparing food, and sometimes asking for help and to be extended to a wider family and beyond. And the potential for growth is exponentially staggering.

Starting with the swing of one child's adze, great things can happen. And with that, the journey of the canoe creates a far-reaching ripple effect on health and healing in our community. ❧

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"The ways food can heal is always inspiring. Last October we had a volunteer scheduled to cook with us on a Tuesday. She arrived a little late and was withdrawn and more quiet than she had been the previous week. Before even starting the food prep, she took a break but returned to help make the tinola or chicken papaya soup. As we finished the dish and started serving the customers, I noticed that the volunteer was smiling and was now talking with other staff. Once it slowed down, I asked her "how are you doing?" She replied that she had some sad family news in the morning but cooking the tinola reminded her of when her grandmother made the same dish. She explained how this had brought her to a place of good family memories and transformed her day. It reminded me that our food stories can sustain us, and sometimes they are signposts on the map to our better selves and the places outside of time where we can rejoin our loved ones."

-Jesse Lipman, recalling an October 2021 cafe work day with a community volunteer

CONNECTION TO YOUR BETTER SELF

The Healing Power of Food





*The Kaula of our people
is 2,000 years old
boy
some time...good
some time...bad
some time...strong
some time...sad
but most time
us guys
just like this rope*

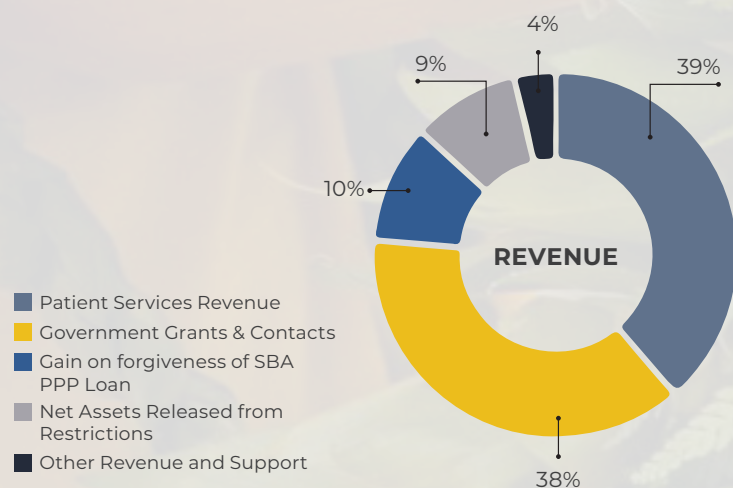
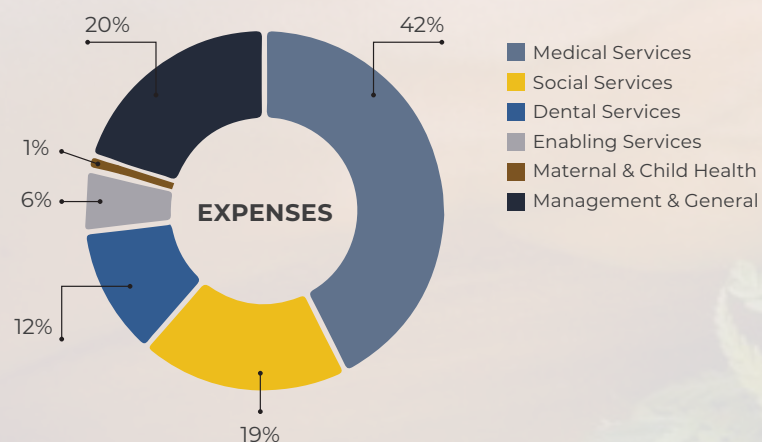
*one by one
strand by strand
we become
the memory of our people
and
we still growing
so
be proud
do good

and
make rope
boy
make rope.*

*Excerpt from the poem
'Make Rope' by
'Imaikalani Kalāhele
KKV Artist in Residence*

2021 Financial Statements

KKV undergoes annual single audits by an independent accounting firm. All such audits have resulted in earning KKV the distinction as a low-risk auditee.



Revenue And Support	2021	2020
Patient Services Revenue	\$9,389,523	\$8,523,640
Government Grants & Contracts	\$9,104,535	\$5,224,606
Foundation Grants and Private Donations	\$389,411	\$1,302,560
Gain on forgiveness of SBA PPP Loan	\$2,548,200	\$0
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$2,301,377	\$162,356
Other Revenue and Support	\$224,461	\$1,347,422
Contributed Rent, Supplies, and Services	\$281,313	\$256,917
Total Revenue and Support	\$24,238,820	\$16,817,501

Expenses Program Services	2021	2020
Medical Services	\$9,165,715	\$8,537,243
Social Services	\$4,058,397	\$2,969,582
Dental Services	\$2,520,818	\$2,508,667
Enabling Services	\$1,200,115	\$1,144,104
Maternal and Child Health	\$285,261	\$283,617
Total Program Support	\$17,230,306	\$15,443,213

Supporting Services	2021	2020
Management & General	\$4,308,802	\$3,814,862
Total Support Services	\$4,308,802	\$3,814,862

TOTAL EXPENSE	\$21,539,108	\$19,258,075
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$16,119,335	\$17,381,073
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$19,111,749	\$16,119,335

Board of Directors

Mahalo to the 2021 Board of Directors for their dedication and service to KKV.

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In Memoriam Doug Hamasaki

Our own Doug Hamasaki, an 'āina warrior who committed his life to Ho'oulu 'Āina here at KKV, has transitioned into the world of the ancestors after a noble battle with leukemia. We are blessed to have shared his life of joy and generosity. He passed here at his home, Ho'oulu 'Āina, with bravery and dignity. We have been truly loved.

For the past 16 years, Doug poured his love and life into the 100 acres of dense upland forest here in the back of Kalihi Valley. A foundational component to the dream that has grown to be this place of refuge and healing for Hawai'i, Doug's employment as resident caretaker did not adequately describe his commitment to aloha 'āina, to teaching the children, and to saving the forest. Even today, reading through his volumes of notes and files and research for Ho'oulu 'Āina, 'love' is the only word to describe the deep relationship between this brave warrior and this community land-base.

Doug's childhood was spent in Māui with his parents and three sisters, Gayle, Susan, and Naomi, and he often credited his love for family and Hawai'i to his upbringing on that island in a more peaceful era. He held numerous jobs over his life including travel agent, videographer, and aku boat fisherman, and his kind and hardworking wisdom helped him to integrate the learning from each phase of his life into ways to mālama the 'āina and aloha the keiki. While he never raised children of his own, each generation of aloha 'āina families hold special individuals who were deeply cared for by Uncle Doug. Described as a 'steady hand' in the lives of these

"...so evolution has to continue. Looking around at the current state of affairs in much of the world, how do we change to make it better? Notice I said we, cause it can't just be me...but you and you and you and all of us together that must make this happen...or not. We could just be stones on the ground for some other future to wonder about..."

Excerpt from a reflection written by Doug in 2006 on the grounds of Machu Pichu

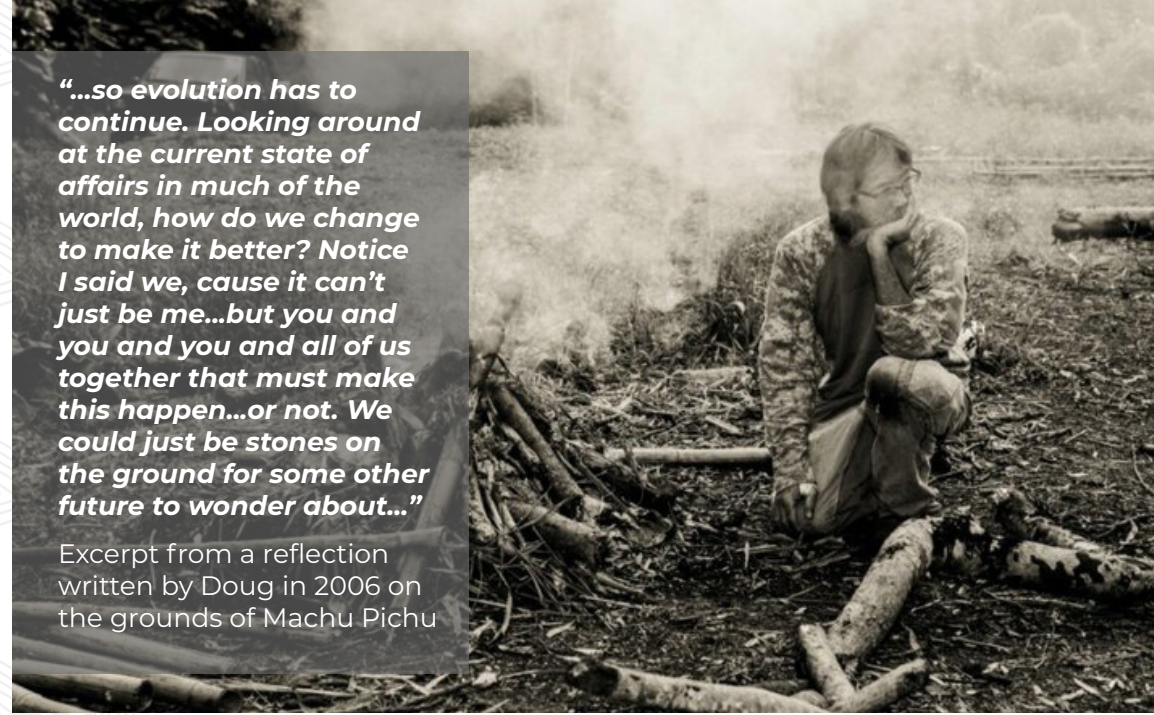
young people, he loved them as his own children.

As Doug grew older and grew more philosophical, he would always say "I MUA!!" no matter what the challenge, encouraging our young community members to keep moving forward, and never forget, "Main ting happy." Nothing was work to him because he loved his life here in Kalihi. Even through years of treatment and blood transfusions, he pushed forward, celebrating the beauty of each day, reminding us to breathe and to be grateful. Sometimes he would get tired and apologize that he couldn't work as hard as he wanted, but how could he have known that most of us, mere mortals, would need to lie down after a bout of chemotherapy?

In his last days, he was surrounded by his loved ones, his sisters, beloved students, and children of Ho'oulu 'Āina, all sharing in his own ways of saying goodbye, still teaching the ways he knew best. Work hard, clean the toilet, cut the flowers. We know his life has impacted many of us here in Hawai'i and those who have moved away. Thank you for the many expressions of love and gratitude we have received here at Ho'oulu 'Āina. We look forward to a time in the future when we can safely gather to commemorate his life together.

Puni Jackson, Director, Ho'oulu 'Āina

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You are from Kalihi, I am from Kalihi***





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