Susie News

Spring/Summer 2014

The Newsletter of the Susannah Wesley Community Center

Aloha Valued Supporters and Donors:

On behalf of Susannah Wesley Community Center's beneficiaries, staff, volunteers, and Board members, thank you for your continued support.

It seemed as if winter was never coming to an end, yet the upcoming C-Base graduation ceremonies in July and VISTA volunteers interviewing to become summer program leaders indicate that the long days of summer are just around the corner. This time of year is filled with the sounds of youths who come off the streets and into the Center.

The dedication of the staff continues to amaze us, as staff often go out of their way to provide so much to our clientele, utilizing the little resources we have. The summer programs for example are mainly funded through grants, and often do not cover the entire costs of direct program needs such as renting a movie and popcorn snacks for rainy days or for a pair of basketball shoes for a child who wants to participate in Late Night Basketball, but cannot afford to.

We are asking for your help to support Susie's Summer Enrichment Program. There are several ways that you can help Susie. A $500 sponsorship of a Susie Late Night Basketball Team will help to defray the costs of jerseys, a few basketballs, and athletic supplies. $250 will nourish and educate our children and youth with healthy snacks and fresh produce which will be incorporated into our cooking program. A contribution of $150 will provide a Summer Enrichment and/or Transition Scholarship for a child who would otherwise be sitting unsupervised at home. The Youth Programs also need to replenish our equipment. We are looking for donations of arts and crafts supplies, dodge balls, and board games.

We are looking forward to an amazing summer, please help us to make a meaningful impact on the lives of the children and youth we serve.

Mahalo for your continued support,

Adele Lum
President, Board of Directors

Marisa C. Hayase
Resource Development Committee Chair

Jaden can't wait for summer!

Going Green

You may not have heard from us in a while - but Susie's Going Green by updating our database. Please help us by updating your contact information and by sending us your e-mail address. You'll help Susie to reduce the cost of our printing and postage expenses. We are hoping to provide monthly snapshot updates via e-mail, so you can be at the forefront of social justice issues happening in our community. Please send your mailing address and e-mail update to nakizuki@susannahwesley.org. Mahalo!

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Program Highlight: Enriching Summer Programs

Susie's **Summer Fun & Drop-In Programs** are an affordable cost-effective 6 week program for many families in the surrounding community at $150/child. Enriching activities, healthy lunch/snacks, and excursions are a part of the program. The agency works with assistance of AmeriCorps VISTAs (Volunteers in Service to America). However, there are many families who cannot afford the cost of our Summer Program, and Susie does not want to turn any child away.

Youth Services also hosts a **Summer Transition Boot Camp** to ease the transition from elementary to middle school. Recognizing that this is a major event in a students' lives, our goal is ensure that students are both prepared for and successful in middle school by building the capacity of 6th grade students by providing them with a sense of connectedness and security when transitioning to middle school. The program focuses on developing successful work habits, such as planning, goal setting, and time management. Participants are provided on-going support throughout the school year, by participating in Susie's school homework help and tutorial programs, the cost per student is $150.

Please help Susie to create lasting summer impressions filled with enriching activities centered on positive youth development best practices.

Ways You Can Help

- $158 transportation for one field trip
- $150 Summer Scholarship Fund for one child participant
- Arts & Crafts: glue, construction paper, poster board, felt, glitter, markers, sidewalk chalk, popsicle sticks, etc.
- Healthy Cooking Supplies, Healthy Snacks, or Fresh Produce
- Musical instruments such as ukuleles, guitars, or recorders
- Outdoor Fun: hula hoops, jump ropes, dodge balls, bean bags, cones
- Quiet time activities: PG-13 DVDs, board games, playing cards, etc.

Donations may be dropped off at Susie's Front Office with our receptionist.

Summer Smiles from Jacob & Nikki.

In its 25th year, the community **Late Night Basketball League** will run through August. Late Night Basketball began practices in April and continues to offer a consistent, positive summer recreational activity for the youth – focusing on more than just the fundamentals of the game, but nutrition, positive reinforcement, community service, educational and skill building activities, and sportsmanship. Susie is looking for a few good companies or individuals to help **Sponsor A Susie Team**. Susie's Late Night Basketball consists of 6 teams, with approximately 15 athletes on each team. See the info graphic below or contact Nicole at nakizuki@susannahwesley.org to learn how you can be a part of a summer memory.

Susie's Late Night Team ready for practice!

Sponsor A Susie Team

How your donation helps:

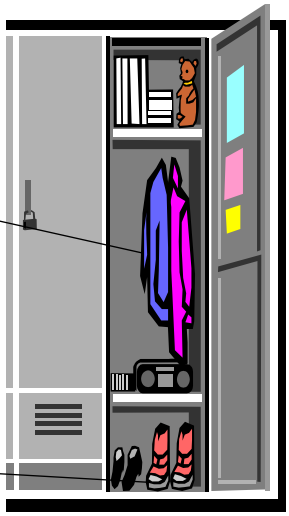
$500 - 15 team jerseys with your company logo printed

$312 - Supplies for 6 Volunteer Coaches
(whistles, stopwatches, clipboards, scorebooks)

$250 - Water bottles & healthy snacks/per team for the season

$75 - 3 basketballs per team

$70 - basketball shoes for one athlete



United Methodist Women Making It Happen!

Former U.S. Secretary of State and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, a lifelong United Methodist, addressed the Assembly in her keynote speech about the challenges facing many women and girls.

From April 25-27, Louisville, Kentucky welcomed more than 7,000 United Methodist Women and men, for the 2014 UMW Assembly, to address the theme "Make It Happen." Our Executive Director, Ron Higashi, SWCC Board President, Adele Lum, and Human Trafficking Program Coordinator, Shante Williams, were in attendance as guests of the National United Methodist Women office. During the Assembly, over 75 workshops were offered as UMW learned about salient social justice issues facing women, children and youth throughout the world. Ron and Shante, along with Liz Dunbar & Janjay Innis from the Tacoma Community House led a workshop entitled, "National Mission Institutions Link to Service and Advocacy." The workshop highlighted advocacy work centered on immigration and human trafficking. The workshop was well received with over 200 attendees and Shante said that she was honored to be able to present Susie's work with Human Trafficking victims. Shante found the crowd to be receptive and engaging, as human trafficking is one of the UMW's Mission Focus Issues. According to Shante, the workshop participants expressed excitement and admiration for all of the work that is being done by Susie's employees.

The link to the United Methodist Women's page is :http://prod.umwomen.org:88/assembly

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United Methodist Women
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Program Update: Immigrant Resource Center

For over a half a century, Susie has been at the forefront to meet the needs of Hawaii's ever-changing and dynamic immigrant community. Located in the heart of the community as a safe shelter to come home to and a safe space to help newcomers to acculturate into American society. SWCC is home one of two Office of Community Services funded **Immigrant Resource Centers** on Oahu. To the right is the IRC's logo which embraces Susie's rich history of bilingual care coordination. The beautiful logo which depicts the saying "bridging the gap of language and cultural barriers" was designed by Mrs. Kyung Suk Lee's niece who is a graphic designer in Korea. Mrs. Kyung Suk Lee is Susie's IRC Program Coordinator.

The IRC helps new immigrants to navigate the system of resources and services available to them with the goal of becoming more economically self-sustaining members in our society. The IRC provides:

- **Outreach** materials to non-English speaking populations via community awareness programs,
- Conducts **Intake and Needs Assessments** to determine eligibility and development of an Individualized Service Plan.
- **Acculturation Information** to provide guidance to clients regarding the skills required to meet every day needs (e.g. housing, banking, shopping, access to employment, social and health services, and their rights and obligations).
- Functions as a connector between clients and the services they need; the core component involves **referrals to community services** to meet a clients' immediate needs.
- Susie's bi-lingual case managers are a natural fit to help provide oral **interpretations** or written **translation** related to the needs of the clients with a limited capacity to speak, read, and understand English.
- Assists with **solution-focused counseling**, helping clients to articulate their problems to find appropriate referrals.
- Most importantly, the IRC is evidence of **advocacy** work, assisting service agencies and the community, in providing cultural sensitivity trainings and workshops to help educate the general public.

Cultural Sensitivity Workshops are being scheduled in the next few months - please contact Mrs. Kyung Suk Lee at (808) 440-5824.

Ways to Donate to Susie and Support Our Mission

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