

The Many FACES OF Me

Together We Can Save Lives
Blood Bank of Hawaii



the "happy" me



the "mommy" me

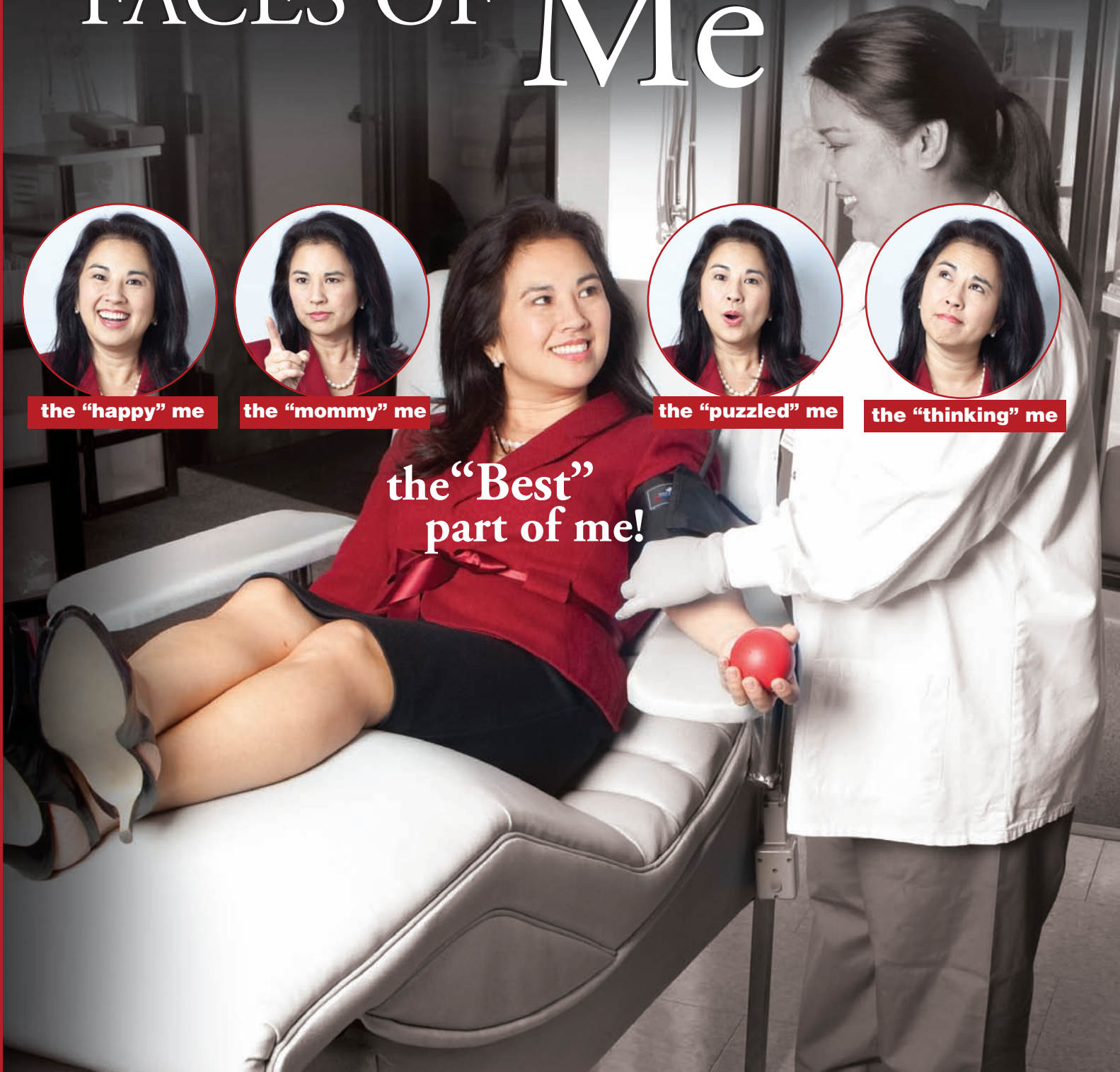


the "puzzled" me



the "thinking" me

the "Best"
part of me!



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the “coach” me



the “fun” me



the “disagreeing” me



the “surprised” me

the “Best”
part of me!

Joe Lileikis

SUPER DONOR

Joe Lileikis’s calling came when he was 10 years old. His mother, a nurse and blood donor recruitment coordinator in Southern California, often held gatherings for community leaders in her home. “My brothers and I would help Mom set up a table with recruitment and donor information brochures,” recalls Joe with characteristic enthusiasm. “That provided the foundation for my commitment to blood donations, which began almost 20 year ago.” Today, the Niu Valley Intermediate School

teacher, former All-American swimmer turned swim coach and Blood Bank of Hawaii Super Donor encourages his students to blend academics with positive “life skills.” He is diplomatic when he says it, but his message is unvarnished: **“I can’t force anyone to give the gift of life, but I can provide them with the inspiration and opportunities to ‘take action and make it happen!’”**

PRESIDENT & CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



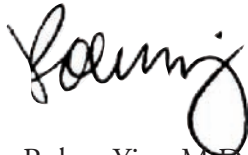
Every day, people from all walks of life make the Blood Bank of Hawaii a part of their lives. Despite the many demands on their precious time, they donate blood so others' lives may be saved or improved. Amid life's complexities, their simple act of kindness means hope for Hawaii's patients.

"The Many Faces of Me," the theme of this annual report, salutes our donors and supporters. While our donors each have varying roles and responsibilities, they all share one common element: their unselfish and generous commitment to the Blood Bank of Hawaii's mission. This is the "face" that the Blood Bank of Hawaii honors and appreciates in its donors, Lifesaver Club coordinators, volunteers and supporters.



We thank you for making a difference in the lives of Hawaii's patients who require blood for their survival. With your support, we face the future with confidence that we will meet our state's ongoing need for blood.

Sincerely,



Robyn Yim, M.D.
President & Medical Director



Robert P. Hiam
Chairman of the Board

On The Cover



Michele Loudermilk

SUPER DONOR

Despite the many demands on her time as wife, mother of two and working professional, Michele Loudermilk finds time to donate blood. From her office at Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., where she is the firm's associate general counsel, Michele takes a short walk to the Downtown Donor Center about every eight weeks to give her O-positive blood. She gave her first pint as

a student at Punahou School and, 78 pints later, continues to give because "it's easy, convenient, and something I can do for the community that's more than just writing a check," she says. The importance of blood donations struck close to home within the past year when her grandfather needed blood. "But whether he needed it or not, it hasn't changed my commitment at all," she says. **"To me, the importance of donating blood is that there's no substitute for it."**



MEETING THE NEEDS OF HAWAII'S PATIENTS

In 2009, roughly 27,000 donors contributed 59,500 pints of blood, resulting in over 111,000 blood components for Hawaii's patients. To meet the ongoing need for blood, donors continue to display their aloha spirit through their generous donations.

Why is Blood Needed Now More Than Ever?

New Technology Helps More People

Advancements in medical technology have led to increasingly diverse medical procedures and treatment options that can save more lives and improve the quality of life for many people. Operations such as transplants and open heart surgeries, once considered rare or high risk, are becoming more common and are frequently performed in Hawaii's hospitals. Many of these life-saving procedures require large amounts of blood.

"Too Busy to Donate"

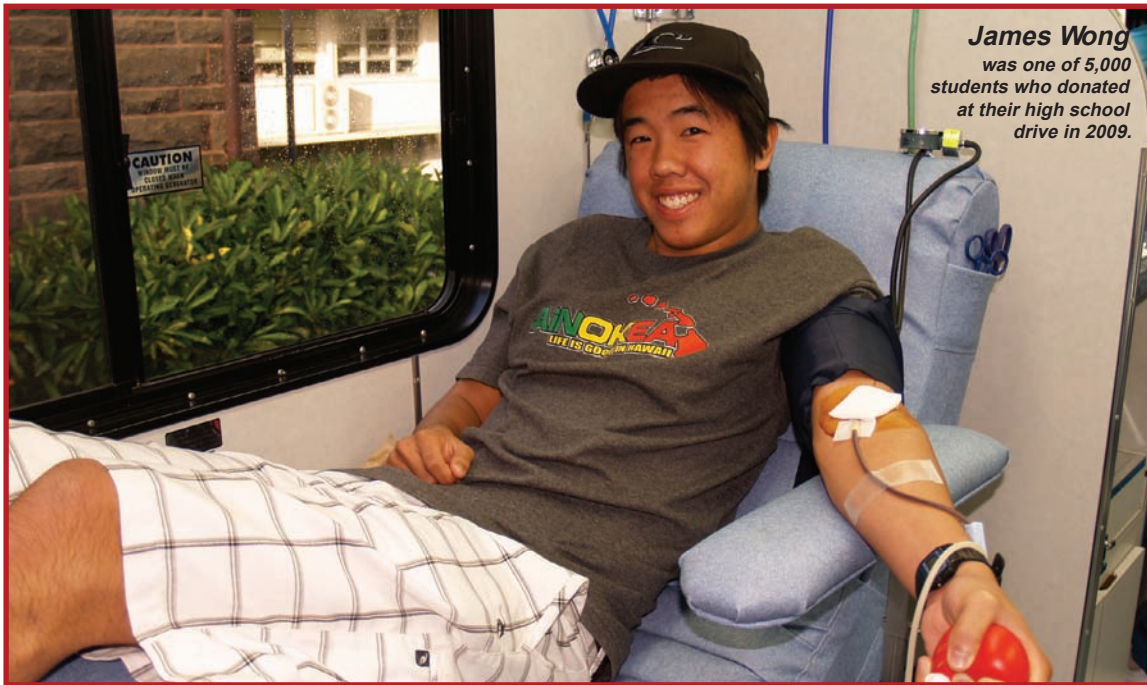
More than 200 donors are needed every day to meet the needs of Hawaii's patients. According to national surveys, the reason that most people don't give blood is that they're too busy. To make donating more convenient, the Blood Bank of Hawaii's two bloodmobiles are on the move daily, setting up collection sites within companies, churches and community centers throughout the state.



The Bloodmobile

An Aging Population

As the Blood Bank of Hawaii's most loyal donors age, many are leaving the donor pool. Continually educating and encouraging young people to adopt a lifelong tradition of giving is an ongoing challenge.



Bill Shanks

PATIENT RECIPIENT

Bill Shanks vividly recalls the day he lay in a hospital bed, watching blood drip through an intravenous tube into his body.

"I remember thinking that I was being kept alive by people I didn't know," he said, his voice filled with emotion. "These were people who cared enough to give of themselves so others, like me, could live."

In 2006, Shanks was diagnosed with aplastic anemia after experiencing symptoms of severe fatigue that he thought were "just a lingering virus." Aplastic anemia is a rare auto-immune condition where the bone marrow does not produce sufficient new cells to replenish blood cells.

Test results showed that Shanks's blood lines were severely depressed and at life-threatening levels. His bone marrow was almost "empty," with less than 10 percent of the normal amount of blood-forming stem cells. He required two units of red blood cells every two weeks and one unit of platelets every week, for four months.

"I received over 30 units of red blood and 30 units of platelets over the last three years," recalls Shanks. "Without the selfless giving of all of those donors, I would not be here right now, my wife would be a widow and my 14-year-old son would be without a father. I am truly grateful to them all."

Participating Schools

Aiea High School
Anuenue School
Campbell High School
Castle High School
Damien Memorial School
H. P. Baldwin High School
Hawaii Baptist Academy
Hawaii Preparatory Academy
Hawaii Youth Challenge Academy
Hilo High School
Iolani School
Island Pacific Academy
Kahuku High School
Kailua High School
Kaimuki High School
Kaiser High School
Kalaheo High School
Kalani High School
Kamehameha Schools
- Kapalama Campus
- Maui Campus
Kapaa High School
Kapolei High School
Kealakehe High School
King Kekaulike High School
Le Jardin Academy
Leilehua High School
Lutheran High School of Hawaii
Maryknoll School
McKinley High School
Mid-Pacific Institute
Mililani High School
Moanalua High School
Nanakuli High & Intermediate School
Pearl City High School
Punahou School
Radford High School
Roosevelt High School
Sacred Hearts Academy
Saint Louis School
W. R. Farrington High School
Waiakea High School
Waialua High & Intermediate School
Waianae High School
Waipahu High School



THE NEXT GENERATION

High school students play a crucial role in helping to maintain an adequate blood supply for Hawaii. With many Junior and Senior students reaching the donor qualification age of 18 years (17 years with parental or legal guardian consent), they are the largest group of first-time donors. Each of these new lifesavers has the potential to become a regular donor in the future.

In 2009, 44 schools participated in the Blood Bank of Hawaii's High School Donor Program. Students contributed more than 5,000 pints of blood, despite several furlough days in the fall. High school blood drives are open to students, families, faculty, alumni and the surrounding community.

The Blood Bank of Hawaii thanks this up-and-coming generation of blood donors for their lifesaving efforts!

"That was easier than I thought!"

"It's neat to know that I just saved 3 lives!"

"The staff was very friendly!"

"The free snacks and drinks were great!"

"It didn't really hurt!"

Mililani High School student blood drive committee members (standing) help their peers prepare for a smooth and memorable first-donation experience.





the “studying” me



the “texting” me



the “swimmer” me



the “musician” me

the “Best”
part of me!

Tiffany Tran

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
BLOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR

A senior at Roosevelt High School in Honolulu, Tiffany Tran has coordinated her school’s National Honor Society (NHS) blood drive for two years. In addition to serving as NHS president, Tiffany is a multi-sport athlete (water polo, swimming and cross-country), plays the viola in the school orchestra and Honolulu Youth Symphony, and is active in her school’s Leo Club and Interact Club. Her community service included volunteering at Kap`iolani Hospital for Women and Children.

Having already donated two times, this scholar/athlete/community service leader is on the road to a bright future and making blood donation a regular part of her life!

From Donor to Delivery

One Donation Can Save

Together We Can
Blood Bank

It Begins with Giving...

Donors must be in good health, be 18 years of age or older (17 with signed Blood Bank of Hawaii parental/legal guardian consent form), weigh 110 pounds and have a valid photo ID. After completing a health questionnaire and mini-physical, one pint of blood is collected. Collection supplies are new, sterile and used only once. The entire process takes about an hour, but the actual collection of blood takes just five to eight minutes.

Separating & Preparing...

In the Dillingham Donor Center laboratory, the whole blood is processed into three different components — red blood cells, platelets and plasma. These components are stored and monitored.

Red Blood Cells...

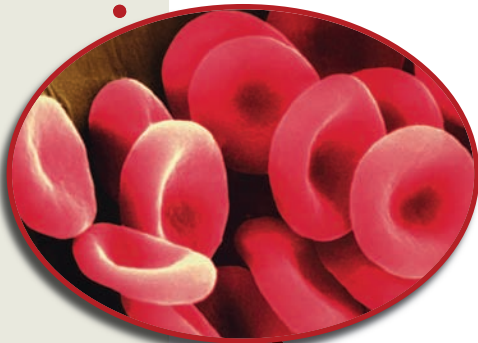
Red blood cells carry oxygen and nourishment from the lungs to every part of your body. Refrigerated, they expire in 35 to 42 days.

Platelets...

Platelets are needed to stop bleeding and must be kept in constant motion at room temperature. They expire in just five days.

Plasma...

Plasma is a liquid that contains proteins that help blood to clot. It can be frozen for up to one year.



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Up to Three Lives!

Can Save Lives

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Helping Someone in Need...

Manned 24 hours a day and seven days a week, the Blood Bank of Hawaii's laboratory receives blood orders around the clock. Deliveries are immediate. After performing additional compatibility tests, hospitals transfuse patients undergoing surgeries and treatment, including cancer patients, mothers and babies during childbirth, and accident and trauma victims.



Ready for Delivery...

The tested blood is moved to a storage area sorted by blood type, soon to be transported to Hawaii's 19 civilian hospitals.



12 Different Tests...

Components are stored while 12 different tests are performed. Laboratory technicians determine if the blood is type A, B, AB or O, and Rh positive or negative. Blood samples are mixed with antibodies and other ingredients to test for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C and HTLV virus. Sophisticated nucleic acid testing, or NAT, identifies viral genetic material.



Safer than Ever...

With advances in medical technology and continuous updating of standards for collection and processing, the blood supply is safer than ever. State-of-the-art testing is performed on each unit to ensure safety. Testing is just one of several layers of safety built into the blood donation process, which also includes a vital signs check, a confidential interview and anonymous self-exclusion.



Active Lifesaver Clubs & Blood Drive Sponsors

Since 1978, local companies and organizations have played a key role in ensuring that patient blood needs are met every day in Hawaii. These Lifesaver Clubs—organizations that make a commitment to host and coordinate regularly scheduled blood drives or sponsorships drives— have saved thousands of lives. While donations clearly benefit blood recipients, Lifesaver Clubs also have a positive effect on company employees, who receive support and encouragement “from the top” to donate 60 percent of the state’s blood supply.

The organizations listed on this page comprise large and small businesses, churches, schools and civic organizations. All of them demonstrate their commitment to our island community’s well-being by providing an ‘on the job’ lifesaving experience for their employees and members.

We are grateful to each of our Lifesaver Clubs & Sponsors and extend to them our warmest MAHALO!

LIFESAVER CLUBS

Accuity, LLP
Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.
Ali'i Beach Medical Group
Aloha United Way
Alpha Phi Omega Alumni Association
Altres
American Red Cross
AON Corporation
Architects Hawaii, Ltd.
Ashford & Wriston, LLP
Aston Kauai Beach at Makaiwa
Atlas Insurance Agency, Inc.
Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc.
BAE Systems
Bank of Hawaii
Bays Deaver Lung Rose & Holma
Blood Bank of Hawaii
Boy Scouts
- Christian Putegnat
- Troop 35
- Troop 75
Brigham Young University - Hawaii
C&S Wholesale Grocers, Inc.
Cades Schutte, LLP
Calvary Chapel Aiea
Calvary Chapel Pearl Harbor
Castle Medical Center
Castle Resorts & Hotels
Central Pacific Bank
Central Union Church
Certified Management, Inc.
Chaminade University
City & County of Honolulu
Clear Channel Radio Hawaii
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First Assembly of God Red Hill
First Hawaiian Bank
First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu
at Koolau
Foodland Super Market, Ltd.
GEICO Direct
Girl Scouts
- Troop 433
God's Country Waimanalo
Goodsill Anderson Quinn Stifel, LLP
Grace Episcopal Church
Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa
Halekulani Hotel
Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel
Hawaii County Police Department
Hawaii Home & Remodeling
Hawaii Medical Center
- East
- West
Hawaii Pacific Health
- Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi
- Kapi'olani Medical Center for
Women & Children
- Straub Clinic & Hospital
Hawaii'i Pacific University
Hawaii Prince Hotel
Hawaii State Federal Credit Union
Hawaiian Airlines
Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc.
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.
- American Savings Bank, F.S.B.
- Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc.
- Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.
- Maui Electric Company, Limited
Hawaiian Telcom
HawaiiUSA Federal Credit Union
Heald College
Heart of Aloha
Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa
HMAA
HMSA
Holy Family Catholic Academy
HonBlue, Inc.
Honda Windward
Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church
Honolulu Fire Department

Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber
of Commerce
Honolulu Police Department
Hope Chapel Kaneohe Bay
HSTA
Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa
Jeruselema Hou
JN Automotive Group
JW Marriott Ihilani Resort & Spa at Ko Olina
Ka Hale Laa - O Jeruselema Hou
Kahalu'u - He'eia Broncos
Kailua Community Church
Kailua United Methodist Church
Kaiser Permanente
- Honolulu Clinic
- Koolau Clinic
- Mapunapuna Clinic
- Moanalua Medical Center and Clinic
Kalihi Union Church
Kaneohe Yacht Club
Kauai Marriott Resort
Kmart Iwilei
Kuakini Health System
Liberty Mutual Group
Lions Clubs
- Kohala
- Molokai
- Pearl City
Maui Divers of Hawaii, Ltd.
Mauna Kea Beach Hotel
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Molokai High School Leo Club
Molokai Police Department
Monsanto Hawaii
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the “dreamer” me



the “concerned” me



the “cheerleader” me



the “relaxed” me



the “Best”
part of me!

Diane Choy Fujimura

LIFESAVER CLUB COORDINATOR

Diane Choy Fujimura, a senior real estate specialist with the State of Hawaii’s Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, has coordinated the department’s Life-saver Club blood drives since 2002. **“I’m always trying to recruit new donors,” she says with her trademark smile. “It’s not easy! But what a good feeling when a**

new donor is found!” Herself a 69-pint donor, Diane cheerfully models her belief that donating blood is a great way to give back to the community, especially to those who need it to survive. Knowing her donations save lives has reaffirmed “why I am dedicated to giving blood as regularly and as long as I am able,” she says.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Operating Revenue	FY08	FY09
Blood Processing	13,785,705	14,665,922
Plasma for Fractionation	454,786	540,872
Laboratory Reference	259,305	330,272
Total	14,499,796	15,537,066

Operating Expenses

Administration	2,853,579	2,459,100
Blood Processing	5,352,447	5,362,920
Blood Collection	4,548,022	4,607,989
Donor Recruitment	1,341,072	1,239,445
Facility	641,514	650,226
Total	14,736,635	14,319,680

Operating Income

Total Revenue	14,499,796	15,537,066
Total Expense	14,736,635	14,319,680
Net Operating Income	-236,839	1,217,386

Non-Operating Revenues

Investment Gains (Loss)	-330,918	-52,612
Interest & Dividends	163,767	144,837
Other	89,972	61,611
Pension Liability Adjustment	42,591	-2,652,001
Total Non-Operating Revenues	-34,588	-2,498,165

Net Income (Loss)	-271,427	-1,280,779
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The Blood Bank of Hawaii's financial records for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 have been examined by the accounting firm KPMG LLP. A copy of the auditor's report is available for inspection at the Blood Bank of Hawaii, 2043 Dillingham Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii 96819.



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Oahu Transit Services, Inc. (TheBus)
Oceanic Time Warner Cable
ONO Construction, LLC
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Outrigger Enterprises, Inc.
- Embassy Suites Waikiki Beachwalk
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Roberts Hawaii, Inc.
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SERVPRO
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State of Hawaii
Tesoro Hawaii Corporation
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Honolulu Hawaii West Stake
- Kaneohe 1st Ward
- Laie Hawaii Stake
- Makakilo Hawaii Stake
The Home Depot, Inc.
- Iwilei
- Kapolei
- Pearl City
The Honolulu Advertiser
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The Plaza Club
The Queen's Health Systems
This Week Magazines
Times Super Market
Tony Group Autoplex
UHA
United States Government
University of Hawaii Systems
- Honolulu Community College

- Kapi'olani Community College
- Kauai Community College
- Leeward Community College
- University of Hawaii at Hilo
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- Windward Community College
Volcano Community Association
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Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center
Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa
Watanabe Ing, LLP
Weston Solutions, Inc.

SUPPORTERS

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- Airport Industrial Park
American Assets Real Estate Group
- Waikale Center
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Bishop Square Management
- American Savings Bank Tower
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Castle & Cooke Commercial, Inc.
- The Shops at Dole Cannery
CB Richard Ellis
- Ewa Town Center
- The Avenue Shops at Safeway Center
Christ Church Kona
Church of the Holy Cross
Colliers Monroe Friedlander Management, Inc.
- Kapolei Shopping Center
- Pacific Park Plaza
- Town Center of Mililani
- Waipio Shopping Center
Cookie Corner Hawaii, Inc.
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- 1132 Bishop
Farrington High School's Health Occupation Students of America
General Growth Properties, Inc.
- Prince Kuhio Plaza
- Ward Centers
- Windward Mall
Grubb & Ellis
- Times Royal Kunia
- Waianae Mall Shopping Center
Hale Mahaolu
Harold K.L. Castle Foundation / Kaneohe Ranch Management, Ltd.
- Kailua Foodland Marketplace
- Kailua Thursday Night Farmers' Market
Hawaii Fire Fighters Association
Hawaii Pacific Health
- Wilcox Memorial Hospital
Hawaii Reserves, Inc.
- Laie Shopping Center
Hawaiiana Management Company, Ltd.
- Alakea Corporate Tower
HSTA Retirees
Hui Okinawa
J. Walter Cameron Center
Kalihi Business Association
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Kiwani's Clubs
- East Hawaii
- Maui
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Kona Daifukuji Soto Mission
Kona Hongwanji Mission
KONG Radio
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Lions Clubs
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Mary, Star of the Sea Parish
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.
MMI Realty, Inc.
- Hawaii Kai Towne Center
- Kahala Mall
- Pearlridge Center
Naniloa Volcanoes Resort
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Pacific Office Properties
- Davies Pacific Center
- Pan Am Building
- Waterfront Plaza
PM Realty Group
- Alii Place
Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
Salt Lake Shopping Center
St. Ann's Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Kona Stake Center
W.M. Keck Observatory
Walmart Kunia
Y's Men & Women's Club Hilo



Betty K. Karratti

LIFE SAVER CLUB COORDINATOR

Betty K. Karratti, volunteer coordinator for Hawaii Pacific Health, has served as the organization's Oahu blood drive coordinator for about 20 years.

"Since I can't personally give blood, this is my way of supporting our community and making a difference in someone's life," said Betty, whose blood drive coordination responsibilities include Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, and Straub Clinic & Hospital.

In 2009, she scheduled 10 blood drives and four sponsorships, including a drive on one of the most challenging days of the entire year — New Year's Eve — at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children.

"I couldn't do these drives without the support of my co-workers and the Blood Bank's field representatives," she said.

She credits the Blood Bank of Hawaii for providing assistance with sign-ups and e-mail blasts, and her company for the great food and door prizes. Both are instrumental in motivating and encouraging both new and regular donors.



THE MANY FACES OF LEADERSHIP

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The Blood Bank of Hawaii is governed by a volunteer board of trustees who provide guidance on the strategic direction, financial solvency and the continued viability of the organization.

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Ruth Mikami

VOLUNTEER

Whether making reminder calls, delivering blood to hospitals, or providing donors with refreshments, volunteers are an integral and appreciated part of the Blood Bank of Hawaii. Ruth Mikami, a retired state public health nurse, exemplifies their "can do" spirit. Every Wednesday, she spends five hours at the Dillingham Donor Center,

where she helps with clerical work, primarily in Laboratory Services. "Ruth's positive attitude, reliability, commitment and dedication to service are invaluable assets to Hawaii's Community Blood Donor Program," says Volunteer/Employee Relations Coordinator Winnie Mokiao. **Thanks to Ruth and other volunteers, the Blood Bank provides better service to its donors and patients.**



the “caring” us



the “dedicated” us



the “greater good” us



the “professional” us

the “Best”
part of us!

The Dillingham Donor Center Team

The many faces of the Blood Bank of Hawaii range from registrars, nurses and recruiters, who work directly with donors, to the “behind the scene” employees who service the laboratory, supply and finance. United in their commitment to provide donors with a pleasant, rewarding experience, these professionals strive to make them feel welcomed and appreciated, and to look forward to their next donation.



Dillingham Donor Center
2043 Dillingham Boulevard
808-845-9966 / 1-800-372-9966

Monday.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday.....6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday.....9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Friday.....6:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday.....6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday.....First Sunday of the month
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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126 Queen Street
808-845-9966
Monday - Friday.....6:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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the “concerned” me



the “playful” me



the “fighter” me

the “Thank you
for saving my Life” me!

Ron Pelletier

BLOOD RECIPIENT

Sales and marketing executive Ron Pelletier says matter-of-factly, “If not for the donors, I would not be alive today.” In November 2007, he started hemorrhaging blood internally. “I received 14 pints of blood in a 24-hour period as the doctors desperately tried to find where the blood was coming from in my colon,” he says. Surgeons removed a third of his colon and determined the bleeding was caused by diverticulitis, which occurs when small, bulging pouches in the digestive track become inflamed or infected and sometimes rupture. Two-and-a-half years later, Ron’s in great health and prospering in the media community. He says, **“I thank blood donors and the Blood Bank of Hawaii for saving my life. I will volunteer for the Blood Bank in any capacity for the rest of my life.”**

Give Blood. It’s Safe. It’s Simple. It Saves Lives.