

Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

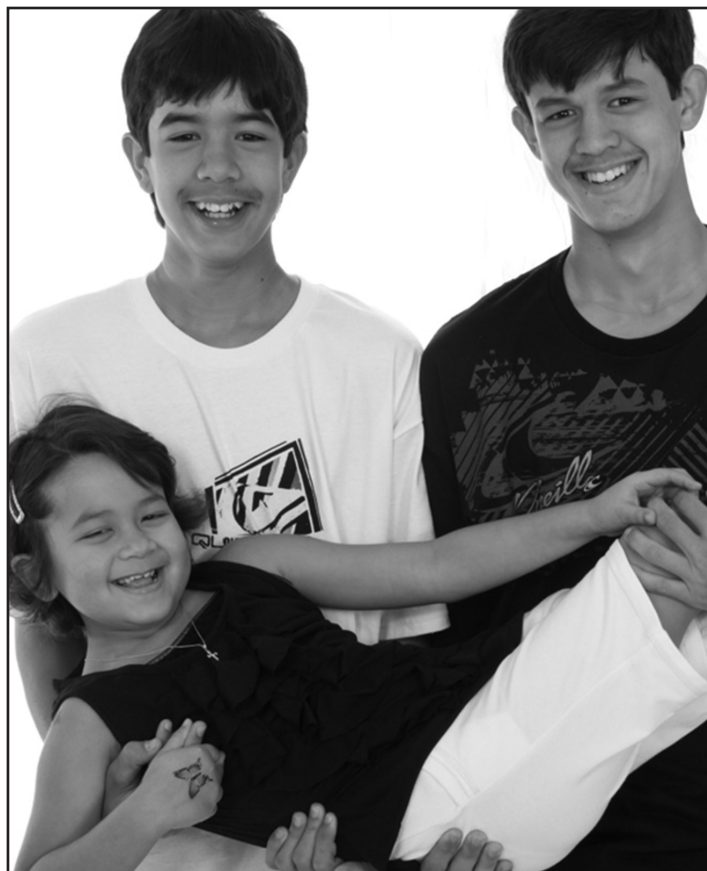
- June 25 **Magic on Merchant Street**
Annual dinner and auction to benefit HCCF. Murphy's Bar and Grill. Sponsored tables and individual seats available.
- June 27 **Hawaii CRB Chapter's 15th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit HCCF:**
Held at Mid-Pacific Country Club.
Contact Crystal Lancaster @ CLancaster@hawaiiirealtors.com for details.
- July 27 **Ace Auto Glass 12th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit HCCF:**
Kapolei Golf Club. Contact Jennifer at 808-847-3217 for details
- September **National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**
Fall Workshops – dates to be announced.

For HCCF events updates, please visit www.hccf.org

Family Spotlight: The Reindollar Family

"It was late November 2008. Bailey had been running a fever for a few days and complaining of a stomachache," recalls her mom, Kim Reindollar. "I took her to the doctor and he said to bring her back if the fever persisted for a few days." The next day Bailey woke up with a pain in her side. "It was a Sunday morning and I took her to the pediatrician right away. The doctor told me to take her straight to Kapi'olani Medical Center emergency room," Kim relates. The doctor had thought it might be appendicitis. "Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought what was about to happen would change our lives forever," says Kim. "I remember doctors coming in and pressing on Bailey's skin and on her foot and not saying anything. Bailey kept asking to go home and Kim said she kept reassuring Bailey that they'd be leaving soon. Kim thought they'd be in and out, but they were in the ER for four hours. "I was sitting in a chair and the doctor came in and kneeled down and put her hand on my leg and said they weren't sure, but by her blood count it looked like leukemia," relates Kim. Bailey was admitted right away and started treatment the very next day. That Monday morning, doctors had diagnosed Bailey with Pre-B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. "I was devastated," says Kim. "You hear about cancer but you really never think it will happen to you or your child." Kim notes that it was Dr. Wendi Hirsch who told her about HCCF. "Kendis Teho has been great," Kim says. "There have been bumps in the road, and ups and downs, and when there's a low and I don't know where to turn, I e-mail Kendis and it makes a huge difference."

In the hospital, with teams of doctors poking and prodding her, Bailey was understandably scared. "Bailey learned to shut out her surroundings," Kim



Bailey Reindollar and brothers

notes. "She would lie in her bed and shut everything out except the TV. But when the team of doctors left her room, Bailey would turn to me and repeat some of what the doctors had said and asked when they were coming back. So she'd really been listening all along."

Kim says Bailey has been very strong through all of this. "She comforts me," says Kim. "She'll see me cry and she'll tell her brothers, 'Mommy's crying for me.'" Bailey's two brothers—Jordyn, 17, and Kody, 15—have been coping pretty well. "They're teenagers, so they're pretty busy with school and activities. When Bailey goes for her spinals, once

in awhile I'll have them come to the hospital so they're a part of what their sister is going through," Kim says.

Bailey was in kindergarten at the time she was diagnosed but did not return to school and had a home tutor for the rest of that school year. Now she is back at Keolu Elementary School where she is in the second grade. "I'm lucky to work at the same school with her, and if there are days when Bailey isn't feeling well, I'm right there and she can let me know," Kim says. In February 2010, the St. Francis softball team made Bailey an honorary member for the St. Francis Strike Out Cancer Tournament and she got to throw out the first pitch. Bailey is very shy with new people so she was a little overwhelmed with all the attention but the St. Francis girls were so patient and good with her.

Bailey has had some challenges throughout her treatment. One of the medicines she was taking daily was damaging her liver and, after several weeks of research, her doctors added one more pill to the many medications she was already taking in

order to protect her liver. Bailey has also been hospitalized for low counts and a fever. "Even when all the numbers are at their lowest, Bailey looks good and is full of energy. That's the scary part," says Kim. "She even has the doctors fooled at times."

Through it all, Bailey is a typical eight-year-old. She loves to play with her friends, dress up, dance and play with make-up.

Bailey finished her treatment on January 27, 2011. "Bailey was counting down the days till the end of her chemotherapy. She is so excited that she no longer has to take pills every day," says Kim. For her mom, it's bittersweet. "I'm happy that she is free from daily medications and all of the side effects, but scared of the unknown. It's like jumping without a net." Bailey now sees her oncologist only once a month for check ups. She's looking forward to getting her port taken out. "It's been a long journey and we've met so many amazing people. We met a waitress who had cancer as a little girl. She's a survivor now, with a child of her own. Meeting people like that gives me hope," says Kim.

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, September 2010



Ese, Kawehe (with photo of her late sister Leilani,) and Val Emosi

Every September is designated as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, and HCCF took a new approach to raise awareness in 2010. The focus of the effort was a portrait exhibit featuring several Hawaii families and their stories of coping with childhood cancer, as seen through the lens of photographer James Anshutz. Anshutz generously donated his time and talent to create beautiful portraits of these families, capturing the love and spirit of hope and survival in each of his subjects.

The exhibit was unveiled at a pau hana kickoff event at Hukilau, downtown on Bishop Street, on August 19. The event, attended by about 100 people, featured live entertainment, great food, prizes, and a first look at the portrait exhibit. The photographer himself and some of the families featured in the portraits were on hand to meet HCCF's guests and newest supporters.

On September 4, volunteers and board members helped to staff an Awareness table at Kahala Mall, featuring the portrait exhibit and facts about childhood cancer and about HCCF. Many passersby offered donations and signed up to volunteer for HCCF.

The exhibit was featured at Kahala Mall and Pearlridge Center, as well as at First Friday September in Chinatown. Visitors signed the guest books, offering words of encouragement to the families and messages of support for HCCF. We hope to carry that awareness and growing support for HCCF and the families we serve into 2011!

Childhood cancer survivorship expert and advocate Dr. Smita Bhatia speaks at HCCF educational workshop, thanks to NFL Charities grant



Dr. Smita Bhatia

With September being childhood cancer awareness month, it was fitting to have Dr. Smita Bhatia, M.D., M.P.H., of City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in Los Angeles speak at HCCF's educational workshop on September 8, 2010.

Having Dr. Bhatia as a speaker was made possible by a grant from NFL Charities. Among her many titles, Dr. Bhatia is the Director of the Center for Cancer Survivorship at City of Hope and is well known among pediatric oncologists as the chair of the Children's Oncology Group's Late Effects Committee. This is the fifth year HCCF has been the fortunate recipient of a grant from NFL Charities.

Thanks to greater cure rates, childhood cancer survivors make up a growing portion of our population. One estimate is that presently one in 750 20-year-olds is a childhood cancer survivor. Given that, Dr. Bhatia's topic "Childhood Cancer Survivors – Lessons Learned and Future Direction" hit a responsive chord for the more than sixty parents and 'ohana in attendance at the workshop. Dr. Bhatia spoke frankly about the myriad of late term effects and potential medical problems that can result from the various chemotherapy medications and radiation therapy used to treat cancer. She also spoke from a place of deep compassion and caring for our young survivors, many of whom are quickly becoming teens and young

adults. By the comments after her presentation, Dr. Bhatia's talk was sobering and informative, yet very well received by all who came.

Dr. Bruce Shiramizu, a local pediatric oncologist, talked briefly about his exciting research involving the study of the effects of chemotherapy on the brains of young children diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia. He is looking for more participants for his study.

Dr. Andre Bachman, the Director at the College of Pharmacy at UH Hilo, came to share his current and ongoing clinical trial utilizing an African sleeping sickness drug and repurposing it to treat children with relapsed neuroblastoma. It was exciting to find out about the cutting edge research of Drs. Shiramizu and Bachman.

Along with presenting at HCCF's public workshop, Dr. Bhatia was able to address all local pediatricians and others treating childhood cancer survivors in Grand Rounds at Kapi'olani Hospital. She also spoke with Kapi'olani's Hematology-Oncology Team. Dr. Bhatia inspired us all in our effort to assist and advocate for survivors so that they can meet life's challenges in the most informed way possible.

HCCF is pleased to announce the receipt of a new grant of \$6,000 from NFL Charities to sponsor the fall 2011 workshops. HCCF is indebted to NFL Charities for its continuing support of our efforts to educate our families, medical community, and community at large about the issues facing long-term survivors of childhood cancer.

Local businessman establishes foundation to support HCCF and alma mater

Sanford Ota, owner of San Construction, recently established the Albert and Betty Ota Foundation. Named for his parents, the foundation will provide much-needed funding for HCCF's Family Financial Assistance Program as well as support for Mr. Ota's alma mater, 'Iolani School. HCCF is indebted to Mr. Ota and his parents for their incredible generosity and commitment to Hawaii's families who are battling cancer.



L to R: Dale Saito, Albert and Betty Ota, Kendis Teho

HCCF logo truly comes from the heart



Coreen and Don Herzog

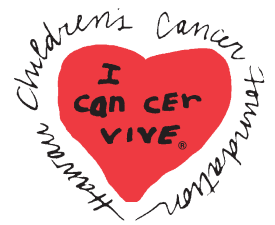
has personally been down the path walked by so many HCCF families.

Coreen Oshiro Herzog was just a toddler when she was diagnosed with fibrosarcoma (soft tissue cancer) in 1982. Doctors successfully treated her cancer with surgery and radiation. HCCF did not exist at the time, so her parents relied on Coreen's doctors for support and information. In 1992, when Coreen was eleven years old, she was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer) in her left leg. She underwent chemotherapy but her treatment also required doctors to amputate her leg. It was at the hospital that Coreen saw a clown wearing a button that read "I can cer vive." Two years later,

HCCF families and supporters are familiar with our logo—the red heart with the words "I can cer vive" written in the middle. It's an image that imparts a feeling of hope during a difficult time. But not everybody knows that the logo was actually created by someone who

when Coreen was celebrating her last chemotherapy treatment, her family made buttons with the now familiar heart and "I can cer vive" slogan to give to the hospital staff, friends, and family. When HCCF—which had been formed just two years earlier—asked if the organization could adopt her button as their official logo, Coreen and her family immediately agreed. "My family and I were happy to support HCCF because we know that the education and support they provide is invaluable," says Coreen.

Coreen has now been cancer free for over sixteen years. She lives in California with her husband, Don, and works as a job specialist with a program that provides employment opportunities and career exploration for high school students with disabilities. Over the past year, Coreen lost her father to cancer and helped her sister survive a bout with breast cancer. Despite their challenges, Coreen and her family are optimistic about the future. Through the logo she created, her attitude and belief in "I can cer vive" inspire new generations of fighters.



Two grants help boost HCCF's programs

The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation held a Christmas in June awards luncheon on June 23, 2010, and distributed \$10,000 checks to several local charities. The lucky charities were individually selected by employees of the foundation so they could appreciate and experience the joy of giving. HCCF is grateful to Jayna Osada for selecting us and to the Weinberg Foundation for their wonderful Christmas generosity in June! The money will be distributed through HCCF's Family Financial Assistance Program.

HCCF also received a \$7,500 grant from Friends of Hawaii Charities who raises money in conjunction with the Sony Open. Friends of Hawaii Charities is a long-time supporter of HCCF. The money will be used for the Family Financial Assistance Program.

Bank's Kokua Mai program includes HCCF for second year

First Hawaiian Bank's internal employee giving campaign, Kokua Mai, included HCCF as a designated charity for the second year in a row. Each year the bank's employees are encouraged to give to a pre-selected list of local non-profit organizations. HCCF is grateful to the entire FHB 'ohana for their overwhelming generosity. To date HCCF has received more than \$50,000!

A special Father's Day, Maui style



Father's Day 2010 was celebrated the way this special day has been observed by Brian and Janice Yoshikawa, Wanda Yonamine and their entire 'ohana for the last eight years – at the Daniel Perreira Spearfishing Tournament. The tournament was held at Baldwin Beach Park on a lovely, sunny day on Maui. Held in memory of Daniel Perreira, who lost his young life to neuroblastoma just before his third birthday, the tournament is really an "invitational." That wasn't apparent, judging from the many cars, trucks and easy-ups all around the pavilion. Besides the 180 divers who competed for fabulous prizes donated by many generous Maui businesses, the divers and the many families in attendance enjoyed a day

filled with live music, good food and a fun program to support children in Hawaii with cancer.

The special guest of honor this year was Tailia Ka'onohiokala Purdy, a three-year-old Makawao girl who has eye cancer. Her 'ohana represented her at the tournament while Tailia and her parents had to remain in Honolulu for her treatment.

Brian Yoshikawa, owner of Maui Sporting Goods, uses his business acumen to organize this all-day

event by calling on his family, friends, business colleagues and others in the Maui community to join him in supporting the tournament. While assuring that his nephew Daniel will never be forgotten, Brian, his wife Janice and Daniel's mother, Wanda, derive much personal satisfaction and positive energy from helping a Maui child in cancer treatment as well as Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation. This year, Brian presented HCCF with a check for \$16,400. Brian also recognized all the childhood cancer survivors his tournament has honored over the years. HCCF is very grateful for the awareness and support for HCCF that the Daniel Perreira Tournament brings to the island of Maui.

JAMS WORLD sponsors fundraiser for HCCF

On November 19, the Monarch Room at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel was the venue for "Celebrating Decades of Fashion and Rock and Roll," a fundraiser for HCCF sponsored by Jams World.

The evening began with Jazz by Boogie. Then Jams World took us back in time with a unique choreographed fashion show spanning the decades from the 1960s through today. The band Rumbletone closed the event with a Rock 'n Roll dance concert.

There were heavy pupu stations and an auction with items that included a three-man canoe, stand-up paddleboard, cars, and jewelry. The event was absolutely a blast, and raised \$30,000 for HCCF!



HCCF gratefully acknowledges the in-kind donation of storage space from our new community partner Hawaii Self Storage

A variety of events raise awareness and funds for HCCF

- Sheraton Hawaii Bowl donated \$2,500
- 12 Bars of Christmas, a first time event sponsored by establishments in downtown Honolulu and Chinatown, raised \$3,000
- Customers of HomeWorld (Oahu), Furnitureland (Kona) and BJ Furniture Mart (Maui) donated \$3,400 from a portion of the sale of their Ekornes recliner during a promotional event in December, 2011. All of these stores are part of the C.S. Wo family of stores.
- Our Lady of Good Counsel School Walk-a-thon raised \$2,400
- Kelley Mitchell, a Maryknoll high school student, raised \$1,500 from neighbors, friends, and relatives for her community service project
- Don and Marion Murphy donated \$6,000 from the sale of corned beef and cabbage meals sold during the month of March to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
- Symetra Financial, based in Seattle, WA, made a \$2,500 donation to honor the late Walter Komatsubara who was posthumously awarded the Symetra Community Champion Award. Mr. Komatsubara was a great lover of baseball who spent a lifetime volunteering his time and talents to improve the baseball fields in our state and promote local talent.

HCCF is truly blessed to receive this incredible support from so many individuals and businesses in our community.



This year's dinner and auction to benefit HCCF is on Saturday, June 25 at Murphy's Bar and Grill. The theme is Magic on Merchant Street and it promises to be a magical night indeed. Sponsored tables and individual seats available. For more information, or to make your reservation, please contact Kendis Teho at 528-5161 or visit our website at www.hccf.org.



For the third year, Kyle Kaneshiro and friends celebrated Labor Day by organizing a tennis tournament at Moanalua High School's tennis complex. 150 players participated and raised \$2,200 for HCCF. Many thanks Kyle and friends and players.

Summer golf tournaments continue to raise funds for HCCF families

On July 9, 2010, the Hawaii CRB Chapter (Certified Real Estate Brokers) hosted its 14th annual golf tournament to benefit HCCF. A full field of golfers teed it up at Hoakalei Golf Course. With each hole sponsored by a company or organization and offering games or give-aways, lots of fun was had by all. Cancer survivor Mari Galihier thanked everyone for participating. Mari was an inspiration to all as she won a closest-to-the-pin contest and her team placed in the top 10 for the day! The tournament raised \$8,600. The 15th Annual tournament will be held on June 27, 2011. Please see the Calendar of Events for more information.

Calvin Tamaye and the Ace Auto Glass 'ohana held their 11th annual golf tournament on July 28, 2010, at Kapolei Golf Club. Another full field of golfers teed off under sunny skies. HCCF dad Ese Emosi gave an emotional testimonial to thank all the sponsors and participants on behalf of all the HCCF families who have benefited from the money raised from the tournament. The event raised \$17,700. The 2011 event is scheduled for July 27. Please see the Calendar of Events for more information.

HCCF is indebted to Crystal Lancaster, long-time chair of the CRB tournament, and Calvin Tamaye, host of the Ace Auto Glass tournament, and all the sponsors, players and volunteers who make these two annual events so successful.

Calling all Cancer Survivors

The Childhood Cancer Connection (CCC) is a group of families who have been touched by childhood cancer who get together to network, seek mutual support and friendship, and share common experiences. The CCC families meet one evening per month for "Making Connections" get-togethers at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children. The get-togethers are open to everyone, regardless of where the child is in their treatment. Dinner and childcare are provided. Interested families can contact Dr. Wendi Hirsch at 983-6100 or whirsch@kapiolani.org or Clarissa Bueno at 224-0147.



Front row left to right: Kawehi Emosi, Jen Evanko, Clarissa Bueno
Back row left to right: Wendi Hirsch, Kendis Teho, Ese Emosi, Kalani Evanko

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