



# ALOHA MEDICAL MISSION

## 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



**SERVING THE UNDERSERVED IN HAWAI'I & OVERSEAS**

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

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In the mid-1970s, Dr. Ernesto Espaldon, a plastic surgeon from Guam, had been traveling to the Southern Philippines as a medical missionary to correct the cleft lips of indigent children. In the early 1980s, he moved to Hawai'i and set up his own practice. With his inspiration and the support of the Philippine Medical Association of Hawai'i, the Aloha Medical Mission (AMM) was founded as an independent nonprofit healthcare organization under my leadership in 1983.

As we approach our 27th year of service to humanity, we are proud to have accomplished over 120 medical missions in the 16 countries of Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Micronesia, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Vanuatu, Vietnam and USA-Hawai'i. We have delivered an estimated \$86 million of in-kind medical and surgical services to the disadvantaged.

The invaluable contributors to these missions have been the volunteers of the Aloha Medical Mission. They have selflessly gone beyond the call of duty to help the sick by sacrificing their own time, money and family life. They are true Heroes in our hearts. Additional volunteers, our Angels, work behind the scenes, making it possible for us to lay the groundwork for our projects and missions, permitting our ideas to become a reality. I wish to thank all our Heroes and Angels who have truly defined the success and accomplishments of AMM, and want to assert that we are committed to continue and expand our work to serve the underserved in the Pacific, Asia and here in Hawai'i. Mahalo Nui Loa to all our hardworking administrative staff, volunteers, donors and supporters of the Aloha Medical Mission. Your collective efforts have allowed AMM to thrive, grow and serve.

**Ramon K. Sy, M.D.**

**Co-Founder and Past President (1983-2006)**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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A single plastic surgeon returning to his hometown to treat a handful of children suffering from cleft lips has morphed into an organization that has treated thousands of medically underserved people both here in Hawai'i and abroad in foreign lands. Hundreds of volunteers have done many good deeds, and many patients have benefited from the application of their skills and compassion. But in no small way, each of the volunteers has been blessed with a dose of their own medicine, the elixir of having seen and completed great challenges. They have grown both professionally and emotionally from their experiences.

And thus I see the Aloha Medical Mission as a great canoe, supporting its volunteer paddlers in their quest to find direction and fulfillment in their lives through helping others. I am very proud to have been associated with the Aloha Medical Mission and all of the people who have given so much to improve the lives of their fellow man. This is not drama, it's the reality, and it is my desire to see that this organization continues long into the future doing good for the local and global community. I humbly ask all of you reading this to help us in our pursuit to further this worthwhile mission.

**Bradley D. Wong, M.D.**

**President, Aloha Medical Mission**



## OUR VISION

*“It is rewarding to see the impact of the clinic services in the thankful expressions of our uninsured patients. Those images constantly remind me of why I volunteer for AMM.”*

Sandra J. Yorong, AMM Board Member

The Aloha Medical Mission is a secular, nonprofit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization based in Honolulu, Hawai'i, and provides free health care to underserved people in the Pacific, Asia and Hawai'i.



## OUR HISTORY

The Aloha Medical Mission was founded in 1983 by Drs. Ramon Sy, Ernesto Espaldon and Danilo Lucila. That first year, a team of physicians and nurses traveled to a small Philippines town and performed free cleft-lip surgery. We continue to send medical and surgical missions abroad to reach those who cannot afford medical services.



In 2002, we established the only free dental clinic in Hawai'i. This clinic continues as AMM's main healthcare focus in Hawai'i. We serve the 30 percent of the state population that lacks dental insurance and care for about 120 patients per month.

Our most recent project, Kōkua me ka Laulima: Help With Many Hands, was initiated in August 2010. AMM has brought together The Queen's Medical and Castle Medical centers, private surgeons and anesthesiologists, and two community health centers (Kalihi-Pālama and Kōkua Kalihi Valley) to provide free outpatient general surgery services to the uninsured and poor on O'ahu.

*“Words cannot express either the gratitude of the patients we treat or the pleasure we feel extending our services to the under-privileged. I thank Aloha Medical Mission for making these missions possible.”*

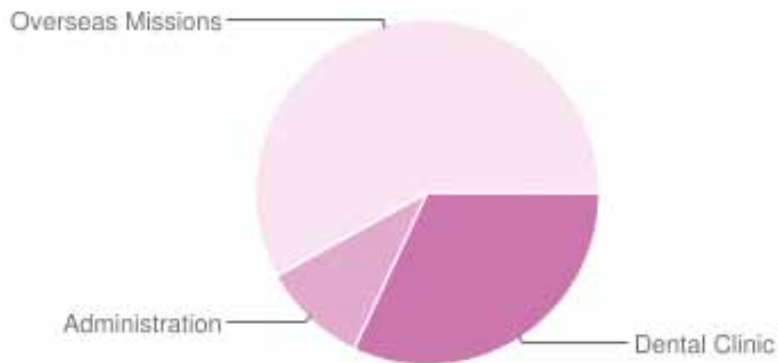
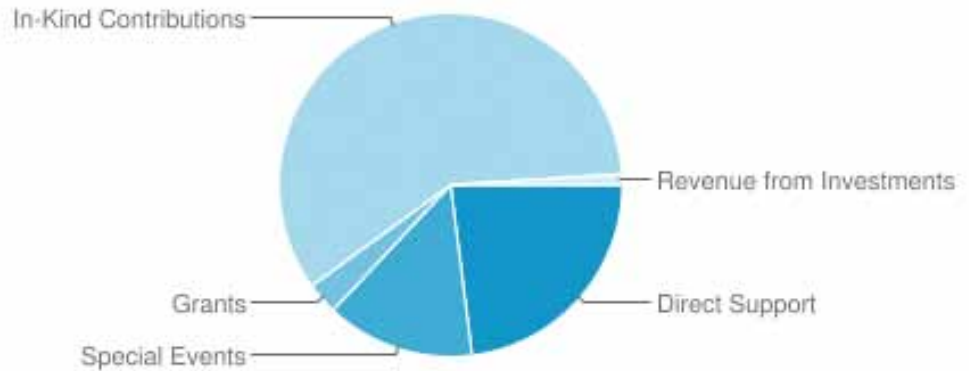
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# 2009 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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## Net Operating Revenue:

Direct Support	\$357,993
Special Events	\$217,913
Grants	\$47,531
In-Kind Contributions	\$927,673
Revenue from Investments	\$3,244
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,554,354</b>



## Net Operating Expenses:

Dental Clinic	\$507,880
Administration	\$140,927
Overseas Missions	\$904,435
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,553,242</b>



# ALOHA MEDICAL MISSION 2009 VALUE PROVIDED

## Overseas Missions Statistics

Location & Mission #	Number of Volunteers	Number of Patients Treated	No. of Surgeries Performed
(#113) Candon, Ilocos Sur, Philippines	52	2,700	256
(#114) Calamba, Laguna, Philippines	17	235	235
(#115) Luang Prabang, Laos	35	0	0
(#116) Pakse, Laos	22	0	327
(#117) Sagaing, Myanmar	17	277	60
(#118) Bacolod, Silay City, Philippines	32	0	277
(#119) Talibon, Bohol, Philippines	27	0	210
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>3,212</b>	<b>1,365</b>

## Honolulu Dental Clinic

### Patient Population

Patients Served	
Dental Patients	1,215
Hygiene Patients	213
<b>Total Patients Served</b>	<b>1,428</b>

Immigrant Status	
Immigrant	300
Resident	993
Unknown	135
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,428</b>

Age Range	
1-6	72
7-17	149
18-24	200
25-44	554
45-64	380
65+	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,428</b>

Top 10 Ethnicities	
Caucasian	180
Micronesian	117
Filipino	117
Hawaiian	99
Korean	94
Hispanic	83
Chinese	79
Samoan	59
Japanese	57
Tongan	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>936</b>

#Of Clinic Days	245
#Paid Dentist Days	139
#Volunteer Dentist/Dental Hygienist Days	245
<b>Total Volunteer Hours Served</b>	<b>3,315</b>

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Benjamin C.K. Tom, M.D.  
Col. Albert F. Turner, Ret.  
Wendy Ann N. Wakai, DMD, Inc.  
Betty S.K. Woo  
A. Stephen Woo, Jr.

## **2009 Nonprofits \$49 and under**

Badoc Pinili Womens Assn. of America  
Friends for Suzanne Chun Oakland

## **2009 Concert \$49 and under**

Bernard & Elizabeth Berger  
Boyuan Cao, MD, LLC  
Nicole Brodie  
Corrine Brodie  
Brandon S. Dunn  
Maryann Gianantoni  
Hawaiian Tel Federal Credit Union  
Bonnie Kealoha  
Ruth S. Lucas  
Belen C. Ongteco  
Tricia Rigney  
Ruben & Jessica Romero  
Isabelita Saldo  
E.J. Smith  
Patricia A. Teho  
Michael & Sylvia Young

## **2009 Missions \$49 and under**

Venugopal B. Bhat  
Diane M. Brady  
Bryan & Kristine Davis  
Nancy M. Hayatsu  
Thepthara N. Pholsena  
Pavy Thao  
Vanessa S. Tran

“I repaired a lip and palate in a man of age 30. I found out years later that he had married and had one kid back in his hometown. I thought this inspiring: the man finding new life because of our mission.”

**John Fegurgur, M.D., Plastic Surgeon**

“As I lay a child down on the bed in the recovery room, his father looked at me with a tear in his eye and said, ‘Thank you, doctor.’ It was the warmest, most sincere thanks I have ever gotten and brings a tear to my eye to think back on that moment.”

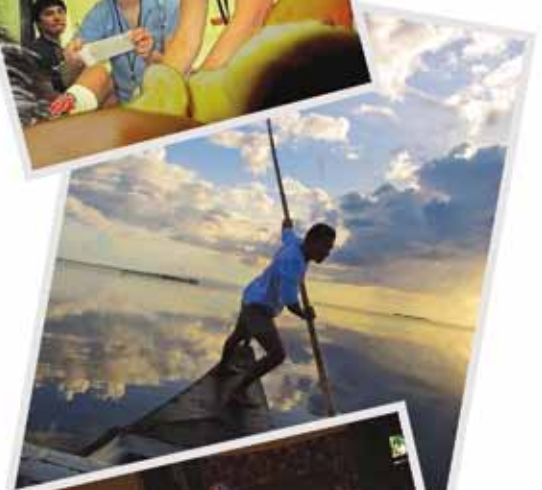
**Kameron Slaten, M.D., Anesthesiologist**

“I have treated many children being deprived of even the most basic care in nutrition and health. Relieving a little of their pain and seeing a smile is what motivates me to volunteer each year. I hope to continue my volunteer service as long as I can.”

**Michael Healy, M.D., Pediatrician**

“I have had no greater joy in life than to be welcomed with open arms into someone else’s country, be immersed in their culture and be given instant, complete trust in caring for their health.”

**Sonia Gupta, D.D.S., Dentist**



**“The goodwill and care that our volunteers provide to patients extend well into the lives of the patients’ families and the activities of their communities.”** **Dot Hutchins, Lay Volunteer**

**“When this patient came out of a complex five-hour surgery, his parents and family hovered over him, weeping with joy. I looked at the child and was speechless.”** **Shon Magsalin, R.N., Clinic Nurse**

**“I don’t expect or want to be paid for my services, nor do I expect or desire any ‘thank you’ from our patients. So when I am presented with a smile of gratitude, I know I have been more than fully compensated.”** **Bradley Wong, M.D., AMM President and Mission Leader**

**“I saw a child in the Philippines come with a badly twisted leg. He received some fairly simple corrective treatment from one of our volunteer doctors. This changed the child’s life forever for the better, and I knew AMM was a cause worth fighting for.”** **Lynn Watanabe, Advisory Board Member**

