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Aloha,

The American Cancer Society Hawai'i Pacific hosts the annual Hope Gala Honolulu to commemorate and generate funding for The Clarence T.C. Ching Hope Lodge Hawai'i, the only Hope Lodge in the western United States. Our upcoming 9th annual gala – to be held on November 13, 2021 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Waikiki Ballrooms – is especially significant because it coincides with the 5th anniversary of Hope Lodge Hawaii's opening and will celebrate the reopening of the lodge after COVID-19 forced us to temporarily suspend operations to protect our vulnerable guests. One hundred percent of funds raised from the gala remain in Hawai'i and will exclusively benefit Hope Lodge Hawai'i.

Hope Lodge Hawai'i offers complimentary temporary housing to cancer patients and their caregivers traveling 40 or more miles to receive treatment. Since opening in late 2016, Hope Lodge Hawai'i has served 927 unique cancer patients – 58% from the Big Island, 15% from Kaua'i, 15% from Maui, 6% from Moloka'i, and the remaining 6% from Lana'i, Guam, American Samoa, and other Pacific Islands – with 57% returning for subsequent stays. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Hawai'i, claiming nearly 2,500 lives each year, and 60,000 Hawai'i residents suffer from the disease.

We would like you to participate in our festivities this year. Your presence at and involvement with our gala would greatly enhance our efforts to support cancer patients and survivors facing additional challenges during this pandemic, particularly as we endeavor to eliminate the health disparities.

Mahalo for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

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