

REACH

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Stories of Inspiration
from *REHAB Hospital*

"Messy!"

FAMILY, LOVE

AND RESILIENCE

with

**MICHAEL
MONTAYRE**

Stroke Survivor

Discover how Michael turned a life-changing stroke into a journey of resilience and joy, proving that with a strong support system and the right community, life can be more fulfilling than ever.

REHAB
FOUNDATION



TO OUR REHAB OHANA

At REHAB Foundation, we have the privilege of witnessing what is possible when a community comes together around a shared purpose. Every story in this issue reflects the power of partnership—bringing together patients, families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, donors, volunteers, and community organizations committed to helping people live fuller, more independent lives.

In these pages, you'll meet Michael Montayre, whose rehabilitation journey reminds us that recovery extends beyond medical treatment to include creativity, connection, and discovering passions that bring purpose and joy. You'll also read about REHAB's new Stroke Center of Excellence, an important step forward in meeting one of Hawaii's most pressing rehabilitation needs, and learn how a State Grant-in-Aid helped bring 66 advanced inpatient beds to the hospital, enhancing care and safety for patients across our islands.

You'll discover innovative partnerships like Honolulu Font, where art becomes a powerful tool for inclusion, expression, and healing, and meet staff members whose dedication embodies REHAB's values every day. We also pause to honor the legacy of Stuart Ho, whose vision helped establish rehabilitation care in Hawaii nearly five decades ago. His lasting contributions continue to inspire the work we do today.

Whether you support REHAB through philanthropy, volunteerism, advocacy, event participation, or partnership — thank you. Your generosity helps create opportunities for recovery, independence, and hope for thousands of individuals and families each year.

Mahalo for being part of the REHAB ohana.



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Stanford Carr
Chairman of the Board
REHAB Foundation



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Jennifer Onishi
Executive Director
REHAB Foundation



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"I always like to say that everyone is born an artist. Art can really be essential to helping people—and that's what they do here at REHAB." - Jasper Wong, Artist

WHERE ART, HEALING, AND COMMUNITY MEET

REHAB's Creative Arts Program recently partnered with Honolulu Font, a community art initiative inspired by Tokyo's Shibuya Font and brought to Hawaii by artist and World Wide Walls founder Jasper Wong. The initiative uses art to foster inclusion, empowerment, and connection. Participants created hand-drawn fonts, symbols, and visual patterns that reflect personal journeys of healing and resilience. Their artwork was transformed into digital typefaces and is available for a limited time as T-shirt designs, with proceeds benefiting participating organizations.

To learn more about our partnership with Honolulu Font scan the QR code.



NEW STATE-OF-THE-ART HOSPITAL BEDS

Thanks to a \$600,000 State Grant-in-Aid, REHAB recently welcomed 66 new inpatient beds that enhance safety, comfort, and recovery for patients across Hawaii.

As Hawaii's only acute care rehabilitation hospital, REHAB provides specialized care for individuals recovering from stroke, spinal cord injury, brain injury, illness, and other complex conditions. The new Baxter Centrella® Smart+ Beds feature advanced safety and monitoring technology to help reduce falls, improve outcomes, and create a safer healing environment. Specialized bariatric beds also help meet the evolving needs of our community.

This milestone reflects the dedication of our team and partners. The donation of our previous beds to Kuakini Hospital extends their value while supporting access to quality healthcare resources for our community.



THE PEOPLE BEHIND AN EXTRAORDINARY EVENING



This September, Hawaii's culinary community will once again come together in support of REHAB's mission at the 28th Annual The Joy of Food & Wine at Halekulani.

Behind every unforgettable evening is a community of people who care. The 28th Annual The Joy of Food & Wine brings together acclaimed chefs, dedicated volunteers, and generous supporters dedicated to rebuilding lives. Mahalo to chefs Wade Ueoka, Michelle Karr-Ueoka, and Shaden Sato, Event Chair Dr. Laurie Tom, and our returning Title Sponsors, Stanford & Kathy Carr and Clyde & Holly Kaneshiro, for helping make this meaningful tradition possible.

To learn more, visit rehabhospital.org/jofw2026

31 YEARS OF DRIVING HOPE FORWARD

More than a golf tournament, the REHAB Golf Challenge is a celebration of community coming together to change lives.

On May 20, 2026, supporters gathered for the 31st Annual REHAB Golf Challenge presented by First Hawaiian Bank, raising more than \$225,000 to support REHAB's mission of helping individuals recover function, regain independence, and reconnect with their communities.

To everyone who participated—as a golfer, volunteer, sponsor, donor, or supporter—mahalo for making this year's tournament such a success. Your generosity helps fund rehabilitation programs and services that create opportunities for recovery and renewed independence.



BY THE NUMBERS

31st Annual REHAB Golf Challenge

More than **\$225,000** raised

Hundreds of golfers, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters united for one cause

Countless lives impacted through rehabilitation programs and services

SAVE THE DATE

**32nd Annual
REHAB Golf Challenge
Thursday, May 20, 2027**

A LASTING LEGACY:

*Remembering
Stuart Ho*



We remember and honor the life and legacy of Stuart Ho, a founding figure in REHAB Hospital, who passed away one year ago at the age of 89. A respected leader in Hawaii's business, civic, and political communities, Stuart served as REHAB's interim CEO, strengthening the organization and expanding access to rehabilitation care for the people of Hawaii.

"Stuart Ho's leadership left a lasting imprint on REHAB and the people we serve," said Stephanie Nadolny, REHAB President and CEO. "His dedication solidified our role in Hawaii's health care landscape and ensured high-quality rehabilitation for generations."

Reflecting on Stuart's profound impact, fellow community leader and founding REHAB Hospital Board Member Walter Dods, Jr. shared, "Stuart was a man of great integrity and vision. His leadership helped shape REHAB from its earliest days, and his commitment to serving others continues to inspire us."

We remain deeply grateful for his enduring legacy and lasting contributions to our mission.



ADVANCING STROKE RECOVERY

This spring, REHAB launched its **Stroke Center of Excellence (COE)**, strengthening our ability to address one of Hawaii’s most urgent healthcare needs. The Stroke COE brings together specialized physicians, nurses, therapists, advanced rehabilitation technology, and personalized treatment plans designed to help stroke survivors achieve the best possible outcomes.

"Our goal for the **Stroke Center of Excellence** is to make the recovery process simple, yet as robust as possible. We are committed to supporting the people of Hawaii and the Pacific throughout every stage of their recovery journey."

Stephanie Nadolny, President & CEO

Healing doesn’t end when a patient leaves the hospital. Through outpatient therapy, wellness programs, adaptive sports, support groups, creative arts, and volunteer opportunities, REHAB helps individuals continue building strength, confidence, and independence long after their initial rehabilitation.

REHAB’S Stroke COE reflects the power of our community, bringing together expert care, advanced technology, and innovative programs to help stroke survivors regain independence and thrive.

Scan the QR code or visit rehabhospital.org/Stroke-COE to learn more about our Stroke Center of Excellence.



CELEBRATING H.E.A.R.T. OF SERVICE AWARDEES

Our **H.E.A.R.T. of Service Award** recognizes employees who exemplify **H**onesty, **E**ngagement, **A**loha, **R**esilience, and **T**eamwork through their commitment to patients, colleagues, and community.



**Kayla Mukai,
Financial Analyst**

Balancing her everyday work duties with event volunteering—and even recruiting outside help like her partner—

Kayla expands the Foundation Team’s capacity to deliver incredible events for our sponsors and donors and raise vital funds for our mission.



**Kylie Okamura,
Occupational Therapist**

As the first staff member to mentor a Hawaii Pacific University occupational

therapy capstone student, Kylie dedicated time beyond her regular schedule to guide her student through the entire process.



**Chika Matsumoto,
Physical Therapist**

Chika is dedicated to mastering lymphedema treatment to provide vital, hard-to-find care for our community.



"Yessssah!"

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MICHAEL MONTAYRE
Stroke Survivor

Growing up, Michael always put others first. But on May 7, 2020, his role shifted when he suffered a severe stroke. Despite beginning his recovery during the isolation of the pandemic, his positivity—best captured by his joyful catchphrase, "Yessssah!"—never wavered. With the compassionate team at REHAB Hospital, he began the hard work of regaining his strength.

"Being in the water gives him a sense of freedom and independence that's difficult to put into words. It's one of the places where he can move more naturally, and you can truly see the happiness on his face every time he's in the pool."

Charity, Michael's Sister

Freedom Through Community

For his sister Charity, becoming his primary caregiver has been both a challenge and a profound privilege. Beyond fierce family support, Michael has discovered new ways to heal through REHAB's adaptive community programs. From expressing his creativity in art to feeling a renewed sense of independence in REHAB's adaptive sports and art programs, Michael's journey proves that life after a stroke can still be deeply fulfilling.



Scan the QR code to read
Michael's full story.

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Recovery Happens Through Community

No one recovers alone. Your gift helps REHAB patients build strength, regain independence, and take the next step toward recovery. Give today to help a neighbor heal this summer.



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