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## **THE CHAMBER GRANTS \$25,000 TO WAIKIKI HEALTH CENTER**

HONOLULU - - - This week the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii will award the Waikiki Health Center a total of \$25,000 from the Public Health Fund to start-up pediatric services for children and women with histories of substance abuse.

The Waikiki Health Center assumed responsibility for operating the PATH clinic. The PATH clinic is the only comprehensive prenatal addiction clinic in Hawaii which offers obstetric/gynecological care and social services to pregnant and parenting women with a history of substance abuse.

This grant will be used to establish pediatric services at the PATH clinic available also to the women served by Salvation Army. They anticipate approximately 750 visits to 50 children over 12 months. The Waikiki Health Center also anticipates that the program will be self-sustaining after the first year.

Other grant recipients of the Public Health Fund grants include: Institute for Human Services (HIS), Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Life Foundation, Save the Foodbasket, Inc., Legacy of Life Hawaii, Mental Health America of Hawaii, the Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter. The various programs help to promote public health education and research for which funds are not available from other sources.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii distributes approximately \$100,000 - \$150,000 annually to programs that provide the community with public health benefits.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii is an organization representing the interest of Hawaii's business community. With over 1,100 business members representing over 200,000 employees, the Chamber is the largest organization to serve as "The Voice of Business" in Hawaii.

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