



Annual St. Francis of Assisi Spirit Award Gala

St. Francis Healthcare System

The mission of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii is to continue a legacy of caring for Hawaii by “creating healthy communities in the Spirit of Christ’s healing ministry.” St. Francis is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities and is the only Catholic healthcare system in Hawaii.

In 1883, Mother Marianne Cope and six Sisters of St. Francis answered the plea from King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani, to care for those afflicted with Hansen’s disease and their families. Together, Mother Marianne Cope and the Sisters of St. Francis operated the Branch Hospital on Oahu and founded Malulani Hospital, the first general hospital on Maui. In 1888, Mother Marianne Cope moved to Molokai to assist Father Damien De Veuster in caring for the patients of Kalaupapa.

Over the years St. Francis Healthcare System has introduced many new health procedures and services to Hawaii. Having established the first transplant center, St. Francis has conducted many “first” transplant surgeries including, kidney (1960s), bone marrow (1970s), heart (1980s), and liver and pancreas in (1990s). St. Francis also developed the first renal dialysis service (1960s) and opened The Sister Maureen Keleher Center which was Hawaii’s first freestanding hospice inpatient facility.

Today, St. Francis is one of the largest, multi-faceted providers of post-acute care, and offers a variety of services and programs to care for seniors and their caregivers. In the same spirit of innovation, St. Francis is preparing to respond to the needs of Hawaii’s growing senior population by developing the Kūpuna Village, Hawaii’s first one-stop, health and wellness center to support kūpuna, caregivers, and other family members.

Event Information

The St. Francis of Assisi Spirit Award Gala is an annual evening affair which St. Francis Healthcare System coordinates to raise funds for the transformation of the Liliha campus, into the St. Francis Kūpuna Village. It is an event which community members come to honor an awardee with the St. Francis of Assisi Spirit Award.

2018

Awardee: Mrs. Kitty Sullivan Wo
Venue: Hilton Hawaiian Village, Coral Ballroom
Date: Saturday, July 21, 2018
Time: 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Guests: 500-700
Attire: Aloha, Cocktail

St. Francis of Assisi Spirit Award Description

The St. Francis of Assisi Spirit Award was developed to honor the legacy of the Sisters of St. Francis and their integral role in Hawaii, and to recognize a community member who emulates the Spirit of St. Francis through their leadership, community involvement and Franciscan Charism.

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