



IH OHANA HAPPENINGS



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MARCH is National Social Worker's Month -- And boy do we have some awesome ones!
(see page 4 for *photos* of our fantastic teams)

March 10 - 16: Patient Safety Awareness Week

March 18: Volunteer Training Orientation, 5 pm @ IH Office, 1301 Young St, Honolulu

March 23: Walk on the Wild Side Event, celebrating National Kidney Month,
11:00 a.m. -- 4:00 p.m., arts, crafts, prizes, games and more! Fort St. Mall & Chinatown,
Register at kidneyhi.org/wows (see pg 3 for more *IH specific details...*)

March 26: Prince Kuhio Day! (Islands Office closed)

March 30: National Doctor's Day -- A great day to encourage the doctors in your life!



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PATRICK ROONEY, D. TH -- SPIRITUAL CARE PROVIDER

The vocational jump from Pentecostal preacher to hospice chaplain was big, but one Patrick Rooney wouldn't trade for the world! Instead of preaching to nearly 1,200 people each week, he now shepherds one person at a time which allows him to "truly see the Holy Spirit working" in his patients and their families as they come face to face with deep spiritual, end-of-life questions.

Patrick first moved to Kaua'i in 1985 and worked with First Hawaiian Bank until Hurricane Iniki destroyed their home in 1992 at which point he and his first wife moved to Oahu. When his wife was diagnosed with breast cancer they moved back to San Diego to be near her family. After a long and hard fought battle, Rooney's young wife ultimately passed away in 2000 at the age of 35.

Rooney's fragile faith was understandably rocked. He cried out to God for answers and testifies, "God answered me in the form of the Rev. Billy and Ruth Bell Graham." While setting up for a Harvest Crusade, Patrick met their son Franklin who asked him why he seemed so down. Patrick doesn't know why he chose to open up and confess his "hatred for God," but he did. The Grahams were sympathetic to his plight, but it was the moment Ruth put her hands on his face and said, "Patrick, you will never move on in your life until you trust someone, and that someone is Jesus Christ" that his life was forever changed. He had "never had such a powerful feeling" and recommitted his life to follow Jesus.

He moved back to Hawaii to "get away" and ultimately met the "true love of his life," Terry. The two have been married since 2013. They live in Hawaii Kai and "enjoy doing things outside, especially at the beach and Aulani, Disney in Ko'olina." Patrick has two grown children, a boy, Shawn, and a girl, Lisa.

When asked how he likes to spend his free time, he joked, "Free time? What's that! Just kidding. We love the beach so when the time is available, I will scuba dive or just sit in the sand and look at God's beauty."

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I have worked with Patrick several times and just being with him and seeing/feeling the compassion that he has for the patients and their families inspired me to do the same.

*Another thing that I want to acknowledge is his ability and his **willingness to serve others** regardless of how busy he is. For example, he has such a huge caseload but when another co-worker needs some type of assistance or coverage whether it is big or small he'll make the time to help that person out.*

-- Patrick's co-worker

The poster features the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii logo at the top left. The main title is 'Walk on the Wild Side' in a large, stylized font. Below the title, it says '23 March 2019 | 11am - 4pm' and 'Fort St. Mall & Chinatown'. The central illustration depicts a vibrant festival scene with a band performing on a stage, a lion dancer, a crowd of people, and various stalls. A large, colorful mask is positioned above the stage. At the bottom, there is a block of text describing the event as a community wellness promotion and a registration link: 'Register now! kidneyhi.org/wows'.

A promo code (ISLANDSWOWS) has been created for **25 free walkers** for the Kidney Foundation's Walk on the Wild Side. {Click here to go directly to the link}. A few things to note:

* These **25 spots are intended for Islands Hospice Employee and Volunteers**. This is a fundraiser and IH received these spots as part of our corporate sponsorship. Please **do not use this promo code** for family, friends or the uber driver you just met last week. :)

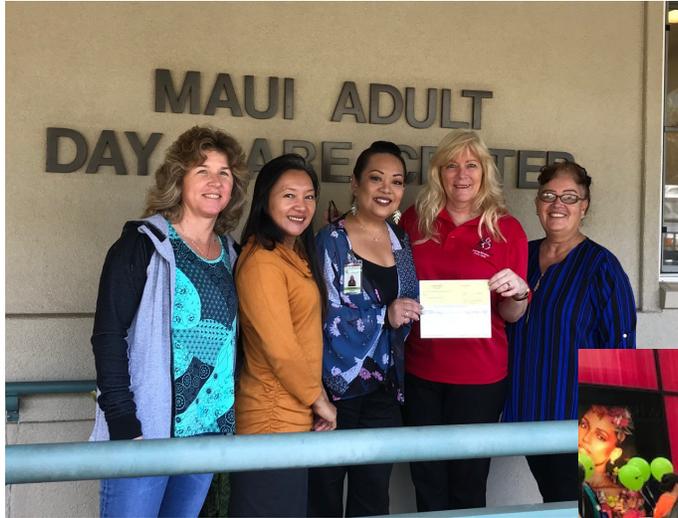
***After we fill the 25 spots, registration will cost \$25/person**. Keep in mind, this is a fundraiser, so the registration fee goes to a good cause!

***If you would like to bring your family** (at the cost of \$25/person), you can **register** them at <https://kidneyhi.org/wows>. Again, it is a fundraiser for our friends at the Kidney Foundation, so please do bring along as many family and friends as possible. Just make sure they register and pay separately.



**Remember to wear your
Islands Hospice shirt!**

WHERE WE'VE BEEN: CELEBRATING RECENT EVENTS



Islands Hospice Maui was a title sponsor and presented a check for \$2500 to the Maui Adult Day Care Center during their Annual Family Caregiver Walk.

Well done, team Maui!

Left to right: Kelly, Margie, Mary Jane (IH), Suzanne and Kathy.



Meet our fantastic teams of social workers -- Mahalo for all of the wonderful work you do!



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