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Aloha kākou!

We are excited to share the first issue of the Puna Community Medical Center Foundation newsletter. You are receiving this because you provided your email address to us via a donation or signing into an event. We are hoping to provide updates every other month for now, then, as momentum picks up on building the Medical Center, we will update you more frequently.

As you know, it is our mission to improve access to healthcare for the people of Puna. This project has been a long-term goal and after some delays due to funding and COVID, we are happy to report that we are moving forward with our plans.

Updates:

We will provide a presentation at the Pahoa Community Center on the evening of **May 18th at 6:00 pm. Please spread the word and bring your ohana.**

Board President Steve Sparks will be meeting with Governor Green in the next couple of weeks to request his support and backing on this project.

We are working with the Bank of Hawaii on a Line of Credit and After this is completed, Board President, Steve Sparks, will be meeting with the Engineers and Architect to resume the contract for work on the medical campus. We have applied for a 2-year extension of the GIA (Grant in Aid) and it is now on the AG's Desk- we anticipate an extension will be granted.

Sadly, we lost our friend and valued colleague, Kumu Dane Silva, in December. Kumu Dane was a tremendous source of knowledge, energy, and inspiration. He will be sorely missed by the community, and we will honor Dane's legacy by continuing his work at the Kipuka Garden. Please read his full obituary at <https://www.dodomortuary.com/obituary/dane-silva>

Thank you to Luana Jones for taking up the duties at the Kipuka Garden in his absence.

We need your help!

This work cannot be done without community involvement and as we move forward, we will form several committees to work on the multiple components of this project. Subsequent issues of this newsletter will announce the new committees and ask for volunteers. If you have an area of expertise or interest that you feel would contribute to our goal, please raise your hand!

Mahalo to the Men of PA'A for their hard work cleaning up the building site this month:



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