

What is the Kona Community Hospital Auxiliary



The Kona Community Hospital Auxiliary provides support for the Kona Community Hospital which has come a long way since it was founded in a small wooden structure built in 1941 in Kealahou (now the location of St. Francis Medical Center/Kona Dialysis). In 1975 the hospital moved into its present building in Kealahou and subsequently expanded in 1992 to include Same Day Surgery, Recovery Room and the Intensive Care Unit. In 2001 renovation of the Obstetrics Unit, the Administrative Services Building and the Behavioral Health Service Unit were completed and in 2020 the hospital unveiled three state-of-the-art operating rooms. This new technology reduces the time patients spend in the Operating Room thereby reducing risks for complications and infections.

The Surgical Services Department performs over 2200 surgical procedures annually. Today, Kona Community Hospital includes over 450 highly skilled employees, 100 medical staff practitioners and 24-hour emergency services. Areas of excellence include the Imaging Center, Cancer Treatment Center, Surgical Services and Maternity Services.

In addition to providing volunteer services directly to Kona Community Hospital patients for decades, the Auxiliary has donated more than \$100,000 for nursing scholarships and more than \$50,000 to the hospital for unbudgeted necessities. These include renovations to the Surgical Services Department and Cardiology Laboratory as well as essential equipment for the Intensive Care Unit. Volunteers have provided an average of more than 6,000 hours of service each year.

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