

Volunteer Activities

ANNUAL BENEFIT

In 2017 the KCH Auxiliary Board of Directors decided to sponsor an annual benefit to raise funds to be used primarily for the Nursing Scholarship Fund. The annual benefit features a silent auction and door prize drawings all donated by local vendors and merchants. The benefit includes live entertainment featuring well-known local musicians. In the past, benefits have been held at the Old Kona Airport Pavilion. Board members, Auxiliary volunteers and friends of the Auxiliary provide all the services for the benefits including advertising, ticket sales, flyer distribution, refreshments, handling of the silent auction, door prize drawings and setting up and taking down of all materials at the venue.



*Principal performers Grammy Award winner
John Keawe and Kumu Hula Halau **Hope Keawe**
at the 3rd Annual Benefit held on March 8, 2020.*

BAKE SALE

The Kona Hospital Auxiliary bake sale has been held every Friday morning from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for more than twenty years. It is held in the Ginger Café at Kona Community Hospital. The sale is wholly staffed by dedicated volunteers and proceeds are used to benefit programs supported by the Auxiliary.

GIFT SHOP

The Auxiliary maintains a Gift Shop on the first floor of Kona Community Hospital where visitors can obtain gifts and personal care items for patients and others. There is a wide variety of items from which to choose. The sale is wholly staffed by dedicated volunteers and profits are used to benefit programs supported by the Auxiliary.

PATIENT ASSISTANCE

Book Cart: Volunteers distribute magazines and books to patient rooms. The volunteers stock the cart with donated books and magazines that are appropriate for the patients.

Emergency Department: Volunteers provide comfort to patients/families while assisting Emergency Department personnel as instructed. They might be asked to drop off laboratory samples, assist with cleaning rooms, make up gurneys and perform errands, such as picking up cafeteria orders for patients.

Women's Health: Volunteers assist in the OB Unit and screen visitors coming into the facility. They also answer telephones and relay messages to the staff.

Surgical Services: Volunteers help the nurses in the pre-op and post-op areas. They assist the Health Unit Clerk by meeting and greeting patients in the waiting room. They escort post-op patients to the parking lot upon discharge. Volunteers may also assist with assembling chart packets, copying, faxing, filing and answering the phone and taking messages. Volunteers may pick up or deliver items from other departments and cover the front desk when the Clerk goes to lunch.

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

Membership in the Hospital Auxiliary is open to individuals eighteen (18) years of age and older. Dues are only \$10/year and members are encouraged to participate in volunteer activities and attend biannual general membership meetings. Members who volunteer on the hospital campus are required to participate in a hospital orientation program and are eligible to receive some benefits such as flu shots and lunch in the cafeteria. For more information please contact: Nella Silverman at 808-238-0351.

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