

# Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services Summary

**Mission:** To advance health, inspire healing, foster reconciliation through relationships honoring culture and place.

**Category:** Health & Wellness

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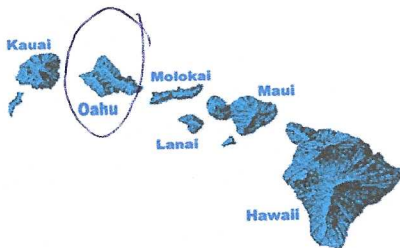
**Address:** 2239 North School Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

**Grant History:** 2018: \$25,000  
**TOTAL GRANTS TO DATE: \$25,000**

<b>2022 Request:</b>	<b>\$100,000 for capital funding for Hale Lauele</b>
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**Notes:**

- Health services center serving 10,000+ residents in the Kalihi Valley (near Honolulu).
- Provides medical, dental, behavioral, and pediatric health services as well as nature based medicinal treatments.
- Also has youth and senior programming.
- Most patients are low-income and uninsured or underinsured.
- Leases a 100-acre nature preserve on which patients restore the urban forest, remove invasive trees, replant with Koa and other native plants.
- All removed trees are milled, carved, or used for teaching purposes.
- Currently, there are no buildings on the preserve – use tents and other temporary shelters which do not hold up well to the weather.
- \$2.1 million capital campaign to build Hale Lauele – a classroom building for woodworking and milling, forest stewardship, environmental jobs training, and community gatherings.
- \$1.5+ million raised to date.





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**Request:** Kōkua Kalihi Valley (KKV) respectfully requests \$100,000 in capital funding for Hale Lauele, a nature classroom, wood working studio, and wood mill to support community-engaged forest stewardship and land-based healing.

**Need:** KKV is a federally qualified health center (FQHC) serving the community of Kalihi in Honolulu. Over 95% of our patients are Asian and Pacific Island (API) immigrants, with 53% who are best served in languages other than English. More than 86% are at or below 100% of the federal poverty guidelines and our patients experience the highest levels of diabetes, obesity, and hypertension in the State of Hawai'i. Our patients suffered from COVID infection and death at a rate of ten-times their population.

To address significant cultural and health issues facing patients living in dense urban housing with no access to land, KKV is the only FQHC in the nation to lease a 100-acre nature preserve dedicated to building health holistically. Many of KKV's API patients site the longing for homeland and cultural traditions as a significant factor impacting their health and creating high levels of anxiety for the future of children and families. This sense of loss and disconnection is likewise experienced by many Native Hawaiian families cared for by KKV.

Since 2005, KKV has worked with patients and volunteers to restore one of O'ahu's only urban forests, removing invasive trees and replanting the land with native Koa and other endemic plants. Using traditional ecological knowledge, KKV is working to restore the land, rebuild the watershed, replant ancient taro beds, and grow cultural foods and plant medicine for distribution to the community. Pre-pandemic, KKV engaged more than 10,000 patients, youth, educators, and adult volunteers in forestry, agroforestry, and farming. The preserve was selected by the Office of Hawaiian Education as a model site for malama-aina (land based) learning activities. So many schools and volunteers seek to participate in on-site programs that KKV is careful to manage activities through regular scheduling and volunteer workdays. As schools have returned to on-site learning, our program is inundated with requests for programs and activities.

Because KKV's preserve, named Ho'oulu 'Āina ("to grow the land, to grow because of the land" in the Hawaiian language), is fully organic and uses indigenous forestry practices, we are focused on ways to repurpose trees removed from the land. Every tree removed from the forest is either milled or used for carving or teaching purposes. Nevertheless, Ho'oulu 'Āina has no permanent facility for community-

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engaged forestry. Instead, KKV uses a variety of tent structures, retired shipping containers, and old sheds to shelter people and equipment from the daily rain and wind. Nestled against the Ko'olau Range, Ho'oulu 'Āina is one of the wettest and windiest places on O'ahu. The tents weather quickly, lack secure storage for tools, and pose challenges for people with physical disabilities. As we seek to expand our forestry and carving activities, KKV must build a facility that allows for year-round teaching, gathering, and woodworking.

### **Meeting the Needs of Community:**

For the past two years, COVID has impacted the community of Kalihi significantly. KKV's primary focus has been to support patients and their families as they struggle with infection, ongoing health issues, economic distress, and other traumas exacerbated by the pandemic. This required KKV expand its patient support given the significant medical, cultural, and economic challenges facing our patients. KKV directed program staff at Ho'oulu 'Āina to become the COVID response team given its outdoor space and staff capacity to manage a large-scale patient outreach and supplies distribution effort. The program has been called "Hui Hoaka" (Based on the Hawaiian name for the crescent shape of the koa leaf bringing light and nourishment to forest understory. This is also the flanking shape of people aligning themselves to win a battle both physically and spiritually, which is what the program set out to do). Through their work in Hui Hoaka, the park staff have pioneered an outreach and evaluation program that expands data collection through multiple touch points and coordination with medical providers. Ho'oulu 'Āina has also continued with its forest restoration and community-engaged activities.

COVID response activities at Ho'oulu 'Āina include:

- Growing food and plant medicine to support community resource distribution.
- Coordinating patient care needs for quarantine and isolation, including food, fresh produce, pantry supplies, medication, and housing.
- Contact tracing and patient assessment.
- In language public health communication.
- Job training and interdepartmental coordination.
- Community assessment and evaluation.

Youth and family activities have continued at Ho'oulu 'Āina during the pandemic. These include:

- Hands-on land-based learning for youth ages 5-18 and their families.
- Field trips focused on forestry and agroforestry for students in Kalihi's Title I schools.
- Take-home family kits with activities including planting and carving, cooking and language skills development.
- Production of educational videos focused on ecology, land stewardship, and cultural practices.
- Tree planting and seed germination.

Land-based healing activities have also continued. These include:

- Training sessions for providers and indigenous healers.
- Harvest and distribution of plant medicine ("la'au lapa'au") to patients and indigenous healers.
- Counseling sessions for Behavioral Health and Substance abuse patients.
- Advocacy for indigenous and culturally responsive care at local, state, and federal level.

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**Demographic of Clientele:**

KKV serves over 11,000 patients each year, most of whom live in zip code 96819. The demographic breakdown is:

<b>Demographic Breakdown</b>	<b>Population Underinsured 2020 UDS</b>
53.72% Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	16% uninsured
39.27% Asian	53.5% Medicaid/CHIP/Other public
7.01% (2.3% Hispanic/Latino; 2.26% white; 3.75% more than one race; <1% African American, <1% Native Alaskan)	6% Medicare
	24% Private insurance

Most of KKV’s Pacific Island patients are Native Hawaiian or Compact of Free Association (COFA) Micronesians who emigrated to Hawaii in search of health care and jobs. The opportunity to engage in land-based activities at Ho’oulu ‘Āina is unique to KKV and precious for adults disconnected from their homelands and heritage. For youth, it offers a multitude of programs that uplift and empower the kids with skills and knowledge they do not receive at school or living in public housing. One example is the Mai Uka Ku’u Wa’a program that provides hands-on, year-round education for Hawaiian youth where the kids learn everything from how to steward the trees and plants in the forest, to how to carve and sail a traditional canoe. Another is the Ehuola youth program that engages kids and their families in all aspects of growing food, cooking, and cultural learning.

**Number of individuals served by your program:**

Pre-pandemic, Ho’oulu ‘Āina served over 10,000 youth and adults each year through regular school visits, youth programs, patient education and counseling activities, and volunteer workdays. We anticipate that Hale Lauele will serve the following numbers per year:

- 3,000+ students, parents, and educators for school visits and hands-on learning.
- 210 youth ages 5-17 and their families for intensive year-round cultural learning.
- 120 indigenous healers.
- 20-40 Medical providers, medical residents, nursing students.
- 6,000 adult volunteers.
- 200 educators, administrators, and policy makers for facilitated meetings.
- 18-45 staff members.

**The geographic region covered:**

Ho’oulu ‘Āina is located in Kalihi Valley, approximately three miles inland from KKV’s main medical clinic. KKV’s service area encompasses **zip code 96819**, an urban and industrial area with a population of 52,981 residents within the City of Honolulu, Hawaii. The area’s zip code aligns with the historic ahupua’a (Hawaiian territorial land division) called Kalihi, meaning in the Hawaiian language “the edge.” To the southwest lies the Honolulu airport; to the west are three military bases Pearl Harbor, Hickham Air Base, and Schofield Barracks. Kalihi was geographically divided into

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the mountainous region and the area closer to the ocean by the H1 highway that was built from 1959 to 1986.

KKV's service area is located within Hawaii's First Congressional District and includes census tracts 60, 61, 58, 59, 62, 63, 64. Kalihi has been designated by the U.S. Public Health Service as a Medically Underserved Area (MUA) and a Health Profession Shortage Area (HPSA) for Primary Care, Mental Health and Dental Care. Located within State House District 29, the area has more public housing complexes than any other district in the state. Hawaii's largest and third largest public housing complexes are located within a block of KKV. The district also includes the Oahu Community Correctional Center and is the planned home of four stations for the future rail transit line.

KKV's service is not limited to residents residing in zip code 96819. When KKV was founded in 1972, most patients lived in Kalihi Valley above the H1 highway. This was not a firm boundary, rather one that made geographic sense in that it was easiest for patients in the valley to walk or take the bus to the clinic. KKV did take patients from other zip codes, including 96817 where the area's only high school is located, and other areas where KKV patients had moved. As KKV's capacity has increased over the years, we now serve patients throughout Kalihi as well as other zip codes, ensuring a continuity of care when patients move to other areas on the Island of O'ahu.

#### **How Dorcy Foundation grant money would make a difference to your organization and clientele:**

KKV's program Ho'oulu 'Āina is a model of forest stewardship and urban and community forestry. Our work advances Hawai'i's State Forest Action Plan priorities of climate change mitigation and adaptation; protection and improvement of air and water quality; reduction of the impacts of land-use change, fragmentation, and urbanization on forest landscapes; improvement of community health and well-being; and building urban forest resilience to mitigate the impacts of invasive pests and catastrophic events.

The concept for Hale Lauele was developed from more than four years of discussion and listening to our community. In late 2019, KKV hired Honolulu architects Kevin Miyamura and Andrew Neuman of AMA A/E to create schematic drawings, engineer and permit the project, develop construction drawings, and monitor construction through completion. This team was selected for their work with land-based nonprofits across O'ahu, with arts organizations, and with schools. Hale Lauele features a 6,000 square foot building divided into three main sections: a wood mill with access for heavy equipment, a woodworking studio equipped with saws, and carving tools, and a large classroom/gallery space. The building also has a kitchen for group hostings, a loft storage area, and 2,000 square feet of covered exterior space for public activities. Its roof profile reflects Pacific Islander traditional hale construction, and it is powered by solar panels. A water catchment system converts abundant rain to useable water. When it is completed in late 2022, Hale Lauele will be the only structure of its kind in Hawai'i.

Support for the \$2.1 million capital campaign for Hale Lauele brings KKV closer to achieving the following:

- Construction of the first purpose-built structure at Ho'oulu 'Āina dedicated to forest stewardship, indigenous education and crafts, and land-based healing.
- Expansion of KKV's green-new-jobs training programs, youth leadership development, and environmental justice activities.
- Provision of gathering space for hosting Pacific Island carvers and artisans.

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- Establishment of a fixed location wood mill to support other communities and nonprofits across O’ahu who need milling services.
- Creation of classroom and sheltered gathering areas for student groups, medical and behavioral health education groups, and KKV’s indigenous healing programs (lomilomi massage, pregnancy education and Hawaiian practices, and la’au lapa’au counseling).

**Timeline:**

January 2022: Renewal and extension of KKV/Ho’oulu ‘Āina’s long-term lease of the preserve from the Hawai’i Department of Land and Natural Resources (seeking 45 years).

March 2022: Completion of new Environmental Assessment commissioned by KKV and conducted by Native Hawaiian practitioners.

June – August 2022: Completion of schematic designs and engineering and applying for building permits.\*

December 2022: Begin construction.

September 2023: Completion of construction.

\*Honolulu’s Planning Department is severely backed up in reviewing permits. The permitting process could take significantly longer than estimated.

**Primary funding sources:**

Funding Sources	Amount Committed	Date Funds Available
State of Hawaii 2019 GIA	\$350,000	Pending
2014 GIA CIP	\$195,000	Received
Strong Foundation	\$100,000	Received
HMSA	\$180,000	Received
Ho’oulu ‘Āina General Funds	\$300,000	Received
First Hawaiian Bank	\$100,000	\$50,000 received 8/22 \$25,000 8/23 \$25,000
California Community Foundation	\$200,000	Received
Atherton Foundation	\$100,000	Received – contingent on building permits
McInerney Foundation	\$200,000	\$66,666.66 received 1/22 \$66,666.66 1/23 \$66,666.66
Freeman Foundation	\$100,000	Received

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Cooke Foundation	\$67,000	Received
Patricia Moore	\$25,000	Received
Private donations	\$83,000	Pending
Laurence H. Dorcy Hawaiian Foundation	\$100,000	Pending
Total	\$2,100,000	

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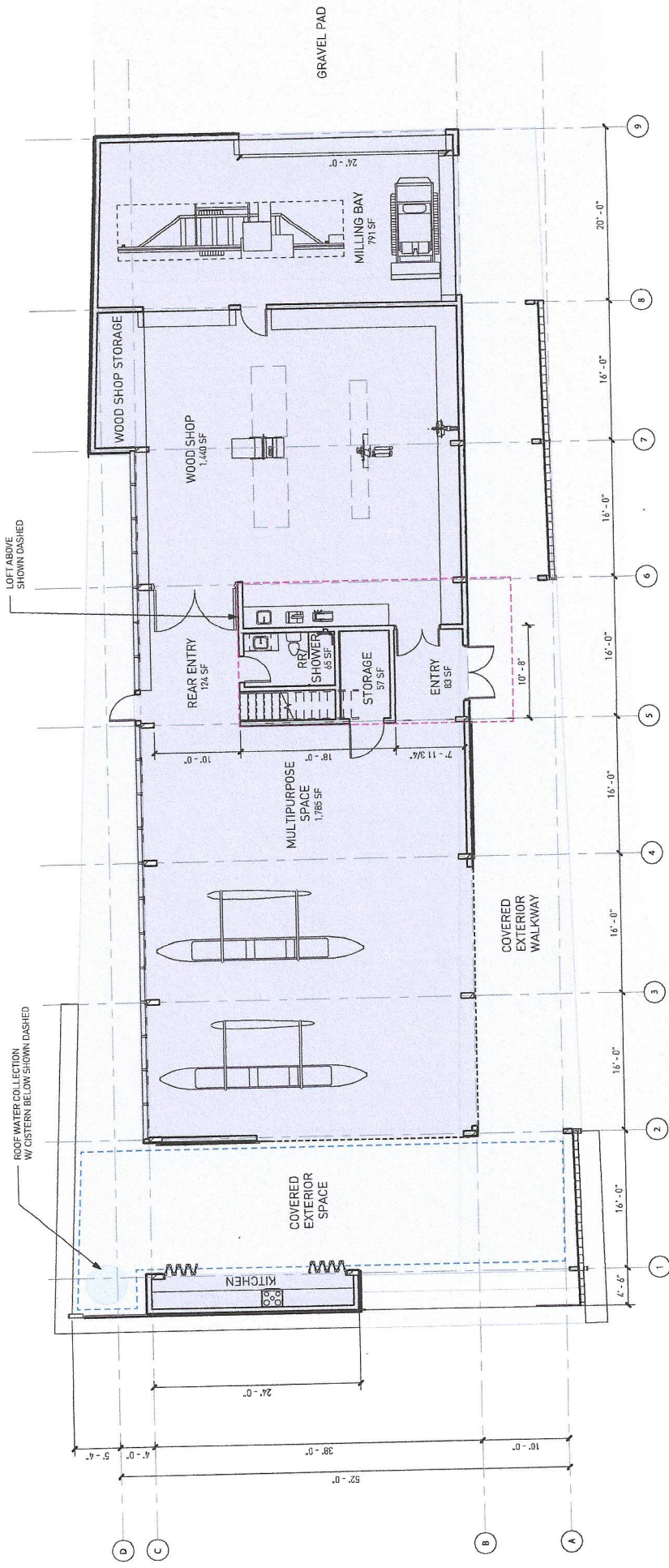
**Attachments:**

1. IRS tax exemption 501(c)(3) determination letter;
2. Audited financial statement; and
3. Architectural renderings.

Ho'oulu 'Aina aerial view and proposed site for Hale Lauele







**AMAAVE** | **HALE LAUELE**  
FLOOR PLAN  
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**KOKUA KALIHI VALLEY (COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES)  
AND AFFILIATE**

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**As of June 30, 2020  
(With Prior Year Comparative Information)**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash (including interest-bearing accounts)	\$ 5,974,557	\$ 4,725,909
Certificates of deposit – current	359,435	326,085
Patient services receivable – net	1,767,847	1,832,846
Grants and contracts receivable – net	668,680	873,575
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	266,581	229,027
Total current assets	<u>9,037,100</u>	<u>7,987,442</u>
<b>NONCURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Property and equipment – net	9,093,756	9,771,900
Certificates of deposit – noncurrent	140,892	140,124
Cash restricted for endowment	25,400	25,400
Capitalized leasehold interest – net	1,695,376	1,787,853
Total noncurrent assets	<u>10,955,424</u>	<u>11,725,277</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 19,992,524</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 19,712,719</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 321,805	\$ 478,930
Accrued compensation	1,003,184	947,527
SBA PPP Loan – current	1,127,818	-
Deferred revenue	-	905,189
Total current liabilities	<u>2,452,807</u>	<u>2,331,646</u>
SBA PPP LOAN – Noncurrent	<u>1,420,382</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u><b>3,873,189</b></u>	<u><b>2,331,646</b></u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Net assets without donor restrictions		
Undesignated	3,765,126	5,527,556
Invested in property and equipment	9,093,756	9,771,900
Total net assets without donor restrictions	<u>12,858,882</u>	<u>15,299,456</u>
Net assets with donor restrictions	3,260,453	2,081,617
Total net assets	<u>16,119,335</u>	<u>17,381,073</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 19,992,524</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 19,712,719</b></u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020  
(With Prior Year Comparative Information)**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS</b>		
Revenue and support		
Patient service revenue – net of contractual allowances and discounts	\$ 8,523,640	\$ 9,408,691
Provision for bad debts	-	-
Patient service revenue – net of provision for bad debts	<u>8,523,640</u>	<u>9,408,691</u>
Government grants and contracts	5,224,606	5,837,171
Contributions and other revenue and support without donor restrictions	2,402,693	2,366,362
Contributed medical services and supplies	220,432	369,684
Net assets released from donor restrictions	162,356	172,521
Contributed rent and other income	<u>283,774</u>	<u>254,127</u>
Total revenue and support	<u>16,817,501</u>	<u>18,408,556</u>
Expenses		
Program services	8,537,243	8,106,330
Medical services	2,969,582	2,785,621
Social services	2,508,667	2,914,527
Dental services	1,144,104	1,253,579
Enabling services	283,617	304,789
Maternal and child services	<u>15,443,213</u>	<u>15,364,846</u>
Total program services		
Supporting services	3,814,862	3,561,989
Management and general	-	5,534
Fundraising	<u>3,814,862</u>	<u>3,567,523</u>
Total supporting services	<u>19,258,075</u>	<u>18,932,369</u>
Total expenses	<u>(2,440,574)</u>	<u>(523,813)</u>
Revenue and support less expenses	<u>(2,440,574)</u>	<u>(523,813)</u>
Decrease in net assets without donor restrictions		

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (Continued)**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020  
(With Prior Year Comparative Information)**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
Contributions with donor restrictions	\$ 1,273,282	\$ 145,745
Cumulative effect of change in accounting	67,910	-
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>(162,356)</u>	<u>(172,521)</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets with donor restrictions	<u>1,178,836</u>	<u>(26,776)</u>
DECREASE IN NET ASSETS	(1,261,738)	(550,589)
NET ASSETS – Beginning of year	<u>17,381,073</u>	<u>17,931,662</u>
NET ASSETS – End of year	<u>\$ 16,119,335</u>	<u>\$ 17,381,073</u>

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**KOKUA KALIIHI VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES)  
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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

**For the Year Ended June 30, 2020  
(With Prior Year Comparative Information)**

	Program Services					Supporting Services		2019 Total	
	Medical Services	Social Services	Dental Services	Enabling Services	Maternal and Child Services	Total Program Services	Management and General		2020 Total
Salaries and benefits	\$ 6,267,141	\$ 2,167,999	\$ 2,012,900	\$ 920,889	\$ 277,047	\$ 11,645,976	\$ 1,841,036	\$ 13,487,012	\$ 12,947,189
Contract services	1,073,278	124,332	66,918	16,432	1,178	1,282,138	706,484	1,988,622	2,043,412
Supplies	945,456	477,296	199,589	35,036	2,745	1,660,122	135,642	1,795,764	1,863,466
Depreciation	36,957	33,438	34,929	-	-	105,324	696,164	801,488	800,758
Donated supplies and services	36,960	-	158,250	-	-	195,210	25,222	220,432	322,360
Occupancy	70,928	18,225	-	8,507	-	97,660	114,164	211,824	209,886
Repairs and maintenance	9,908	15,866	13,950	24,304	100	64,128	79,093	143,221	120,961
Contributed rent	-	23,239	-	105,725	-	128,964	-	128,964	128,964
Dues and subscriptions	29,339	26,447	4,959	133	130	61,008	31,244	92,252	94,929
Meetings, travel, subsistence	11,475	47,330	6,334	11,549	-	76,688	2,731	79,419	104,664
Equipment rental	1,451	18,737	513	-	-	20,701	39,047	59,748	37,025
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,060	59,060	57,436
Communication	8,295	7,736	-	2,625	461	19,117	38,618	57,735	62,073
Development and training	15,113	1,554	3,761	6,727	50	27,205	2,696	29,901	52,270
Miscellaneous	30,942	7,383	6,564	12,177	1,906	58,972	43,661	102,633	86,976
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 8,537,243</b>	<b>\$ 2,969,582</b>	<b>\$ 2,508,667</b>	<b>\$ 1,144,104</b>	<b>\$ 283,617</b>	<b>\$ 15,443,213</b>	<b>\$ 3,814,862</b>	<b>\$ 19,258,075</b>	<b>\$ 18,932,369</b>

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