**Historical Highlights**

The evolution of Hawai‘i Community Services Council into HANO

In 1899, the health of the entire community of Hawai‘i was threatened by the bubonic plague. The harbor area was closed and parts of the city were quarantined. In response, the shipping and import companies volunteered to contribute ten cents per ton on their imports in order to establish a fund to eradicate shipborne rats carrying the plague in order to protect the public’s health. The Shipper’s Wharf Committee was created to receive and manage these monies. Founded in 1901, this group was the Hawai‘i Community Services Council’s earliest precursor. Since that time, this community has recognized the need for voluntary agencies that enable people from different backgrounds and walks of life to work together to solve problems they could not solve individually.

1914 - The function of the Shipper’s Wharf Committee was turned over to the Public Health Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu.

1927 - The Honolulu Council of Social Agencies (HCSA) was organized, with nineteen charter members and five associate members.

1939 - The Public Health Committee organized the Oahu Health Council to serve as its advisory board for joint community planning of health services.

1947 - HCSA became a corporation under a charter granted by the Territory of Hawai‘i. The voluntary wharfage fee was discontinued, and in 1949 the Oahu Health Council became an independent, nonprofit organization.

1962 - HCSA assumed responsibility for managing the Community Chest funds. 1966 - responsibility for the Community Chest funds was transferred to the Aloha United Fund. The name of the Oahu Health Council was changed to the Hawai‘i State Health Council, as its responsibilities expanded Statewide.

1968 - The Health and Community Services Council of Hawai‘i (HCSCH) created from the merger of the Hawai‘i State Health Council and the Honolulu Council of Social Agencies. Its purposes – to collect and disseminate information relevant to human services, determine unmet needs and coordinate human service programs to meet those needs.

1970 - The Health and Hospital Planning Council of Honolulu merged with the Health and Community Services Council of Hawai‘i in order to provide a direct means to relate health facilities planning activities with the health and welfare needs of the community.

1989 - The Health and Community Services Council of Hawai‘i changed its name to the Hawai‘i Community Services Council.

2006 - The Hawai‘i Community Services Council becomes the Hawai‘i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations with a new mission: The Hawai‘i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations unites and strengthens the nonprofit sector as a collective force to improve the quality of life in Hawaii.

**Moving Forward Together**
Critical steps along the way...

The agencies that have paved the way for the **Hawai‘i Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations** have benefited the state of Hawai‘i in many ways. They have:

- Served as an *incubator for vital agencies and programs* like the Hawaii Foodbank, the Volunteer and Information Referral Services, the Waikiki Health Center (originally the Waikiki Drug Clinic), the Honolulu Community Action Program, and 211 (formerly ASK-2000).

- Assisted *community groups in advocating for their rights* through efforts such as the Welfare Recipients Advisory Councils of the early 1970s.

- In partnership with Aloha United Way, brought together government, business and community sectors to *provide the community with a planning and problem-solving process* called “Decisions ’87/Action ’88.”

- Convened intergenerational groups statewide to create a *community benchmarking process* called “Ke Ala Hoku” in the mid 1990s.

- Helped *nonprofits and community groups build their capacities* through the HELP for Nonprofits program (started as the Volunteer Leadership Development Program), Weinberg Fellows Program, Castle Colleagues Program, I SEEK Program and the current Training & Consulting Services Program.