

Impact Report 2025

A Place of
Hope



Executive Director's Message

In 2025, the J. Walter Cameron Center continued to build upon more than five decades of service to Maui County by strengthening our campus, expanding our programs, and deepening our impact in the community. As we celebrated our 50th anniversary, we reflected on a legacy of collaboration and compassion that has made the Cameron Center a cornerstone for social good on Maui since 1973.

Our mission—to incubate, support, and accelerate social good—remains at the heart of everything we do. More than 24 resident agencies continue to provide critical health and human services from our campus, serving thousands of Maui residents each year.

This year marked significant progress in facility improvements designed to increase accessibility, efficiency, and sustainability.

In 2025, the Cameron Center also advanced its role as a resource in Maui's ongoing recovery from the 2023 Lahaina wildfires. Through the Na Hale Kupuna (NHK) program, a partnership with the County of Maui, the Center manages County-owned affordable senior housing units designated for older adults who lost their homes in the disaster. The NHK Project is funded in whole or in part with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or Community Development Block Grant CARES ACT (CDBG-CV) funds.

As we look ahead, we continue to pursue the development of Cameron Center West, a new hub for nonprofit and social service agencies serving West Maui. This project represents a natural extension of our mission—ensuring that critical services remain accessible to residents who have been displaced or are rebuilding their lives after the wildfires.

The Cameron Center's strength lies in our partnerships—among our resident agencies, community members, and funders who believe in our shared purpose. With over 53 years of experience and a proven record of collaboration, transparency, and impact, we are well-positioned to continue supporting the agencies and individuals who make Maui stronger, more resilient, and more connected every day.

Aloha and Mahalo,

Cesar Gaxiola

More Than Walls ... A Network of Services

OUR RESIDENT AGENCIES

We extend our deepest gratitude to our resident agencies—more than 24 nonprofit organizations whose work embodies compassion, service, and community resilience.

Together, they provide essential health, education, and social services to thousands of Maui residents each year. Collaboration is at the heart of our shared success. This cooperative model ensures that individuals and families receive comprehensive, wraparound support to help them thrive.

The Cameron Center is proud to provide a safe, affordable, and supportive environment where these partnerships can grow. We celebrate the dedication and teamwork of our resident agencies—whose collective mission continues to uplift our island community and drive social good forward.

OUR COMMUNITY SPACES

The J. Walter Cameron Center's meeting facilities serve as a vital community hub, hosting over 600 meetings, seminars, workshops, and classes each year. These versatile spaces provide affordable, accessible venues for nonprofits, businesses, and community groups to gather, collaborate, and learn. The Center is also proud to host the only Maui site for the Blood Bank of Hawaii's regular blood drives, supporting lifesaving efforts that benefit residents across the island.



50th Anniversary Celebration

This year, we also celebrated a remarkable milestone — our 50+ Anniversary Gala, held this past May at the Grand Wailea. It was a joyful evening honoring our founder, his vision, our history and our future as a resource and resiliency hub for our Maui 'ohana.

We are incredibly grateful to all of our board members, resident agencies, donors and funders over the years. We were especially proud to recognize two incredible individuals, Hideo Kawahara and Alec McBarnet, for their lasting contributions and leadership in shaping the Cameron Center's legacy.



Facility Milestones

2025 was a great year of progress in our ongoing maintenance, upgrade and renovations of the campus. Here are just a few highlights:



1

Automatic ADA Doors Installation

This project replaced six exterior doors with low-energy, power operated doors that open for pedestrians by the push of a button. These doors are at priority access points for the clients served and are a critical component to making accessibility a practical reality, ensuring that everyone in the community has the independence to access the services they need.

2

Space and ADA Bathroom Renovation

Accessibility is key to the sustainability of the Cameron Center campus. This renovation project upgraded electrical and plumbing to current standards, created fully ADA compliant restrooms - complete with baby changing stations and a shower, and created a small program space for a nonprofit service organization.

3

Pedestrian Access to the Center from Mahalani Street

The Cameron Center welcomes over 65,000 individuals to our facility every year. This year we were able to construct an ADA compliant sidewalk directly from Mahalani Street enabling all pedestrians, including people in wheelchairs or scooters, parents with strollers and our kupuna to access our campus without having to navigate through the busy parking lot.

Financial Overview

The financial health of the J. Walter Cameron Center remains strong and stable. Through strategic planning that integrates both private and public funding sources, along with a sound business model, the Center continues to provide safe, welcoming, and affordable space for our resident agencies. This approach allows our agency partners to focus more of their resources on delivering services to the community rather than on overhead costs. Thoughtful investments in our facilities have resulted in measurable savings through reduced utility expenses, maintenance, and repair costs. The Cameron Center operates within a balanced budget each year and undergoes an independent financial audit to ensure accountability and fiscal responsibility.

Our commitment to transparency and good governance is reflected in earning the Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency which signifies that the Cameron Center goes beyond financial disclosure to share detailed information about performance, strategic goals, and community impact—demonstrating our dedication to accountability and the responsible stewardship of every dollar entrusted to us.

MAHALO FOR THE SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS

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