

Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network Spring Newsletter



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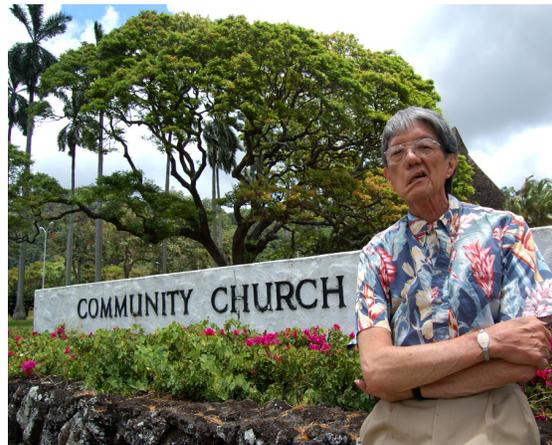
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Remembering Reverend Frank A. Chong



Frank (left) at American Cancer Society's Celebration on the Hill in Washington D.C.



Frank in front of Community Church of Honolulu, Hawai'i

Reverend Frank A. Chong was a co-founder of the Asian and Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network with Susan M. Shinagawa. He passed away on March 9, 2008, but his spiritual strength and leadership live on in the lives of the people around him. In Honolulu, he was a minister of the United Church of Christ, former executive director of Waikiki Health Center, longtime American Cancer Society volunteer and most recently the government and community relations manager of AlohaCare. He had been a 34 year nasopharyngeal cancer survivor before his cancer recurred. APIAHF was able to highlight

his survivorship story in *A Book of Hope*. This was Frank's message of hope: "Cancer is probably the most dramatic experience that anyone could have. It's dramatic in that it's a turning point in one's life and it's a challenge. Cancer is both physical and metaphysical. It is spiritual and existential because it forces one to find one's place in time and space and to make peace with one's maker." In his 2001 legislative guide, Chong directed social service advocates to "always believe in people," adding, "Our job is to empower people to live out those dreams that they dream." We will miss you, Frank.

Celebrating Ten Years of APINCSN



APINCSN Steering Committee Members
July 2004

In 1997, Susan M. Shinagawa, a nationally recognized breast cancer survivor and health advocate, authored the original concept paper that established a framework for the Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network (APINCSN). The Founding Meeting for APINCSN took place in April 1998 in San Francisco, California, in which the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) pledged their support, staff, and fundraising assistance in establishing APINCSN. In 1998, Reverend Frank A. Chong joined in the development of APINCSN. He was a nasopharyngeal cancer survivor, active volunteer with the American Cancer Society, and an APIAHF Board Member. Ms. Shinagawa, Rev. Chong and other community members and leaders agreed that APINCSN's foundation should include both men and women cancer survivors. A Steering Committee was formed to help determine the focus and programs of APINCSN. With the ten years that has passed, APINCSN has become a network of over 180 cancer survivors and organizations and continues to grow and be

connected via an online cancer resource directory on APIAHF's website. In 2003, APIAHF secured five years of funding with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to address Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AA & NHPI) cancer survivorship issues nationally and in the U.S. Pacific Island Jurisdictions. In addition, APIAHF received two years of funding from the Lance Armstrong Foundation to conduct focus groups and cancer survivorship educational forums focused on Pacific Islanders in California. APIAHF is committed to continuing the mission of APINCSN, which is to minimize the burden of cancer and improve the quality of life of AAs & NHPIs by dispelling myths, reducing disparities, and providing hope. It is this mission that has become the title of the first national convening of AA & NHPI cancer survivors, which will take place in San Francisco, CA from July 22 to July 24, 2008.

APINCSN Online Cancer Resources Directory

The Asian and Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network (APINCSN) Online Cancer Resource Directory is a compilation of organizations that offer cancer services for Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AA & NHPI) communities. The APINCSN Online Cancer Resource Directory provides detailed information about some of our network members, the AA & NHPI communities they serve, and the types of cancer services they provide. Cancer patients, survivors, advocates, organizations and health care professionals have requested the development of this directory to assist in patient referrals to culturally and linguistically appropriate cancer services.

This online directory is comprised of a listing of network members and organizations who expressed interest in promoting their resources to the community through a listing in this guide. Each organizational listing includes the following information: contact information; cancer services; cancer/site served; language services; ethnicities served; regions covered; and fees for services. This online directory is searchable by type of service, location, and languages spoken. If you find any errors in or would like to update your entry for the APINCSN Online Cancer Resource Directory, please contact us. We are open to suggestions to improve the usability of the online directory to best meet your needs.

Visit our website to access the APINCSN Online Cancer Resources Directory at <http://www.apiahf.com/devsearch/data.asp>. If you would like to be included in the online directory in addition to becoming

Page 2 an APINCSN member, please contact Roxanna Bautista at 415-568-3304 or rbautista@apiahf.org.



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The Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Cancer Survivorship Conference:

Dispelling Myths, Reducing Disparities & Providing Hope

July 22 - 24, 2008

Sheraton Gateway Hotel, San Francisco, California

Join us for the first-ever **Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander (AA & NHPI) Cancer Survivorship Conference: *Dispelling Myths, Reducing Disparities & Providing Hope*** celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Asian & Pacific Islander National Cancer Survivors Network. This 2-1/2 day conference will honor AA & NHPI cancer survivors and families, and address unique concerns of AA & NHPI cancer survivorship communities. Plenary, training sessions and capacity-building workshops will focus on all aspects of cancer care, from outreach and education through diagnosis, treatment and survivorship from the perspective of AA & NHPI patients, families, caregivers and health professionals. The interactive format of the sessions, in addition to exhibits and meal events, is designed to facilitate participants' learning and enhance opportunities for information sharing and networking.

When: Tuesday, July 22 – Thursday, July 24, 2008

Where: Sheraton Gateway Hotel—SFO
600 Airport Boulevard
Burlingame, CA 94010
<http://www.sheratonsfo.com/>

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE:
May 15, 2008

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
July 1, 2008

Who should attend:

AA & NHPI cancer survivors, family members, caregivers and advocates; community-based organizations, health care providers and researchers with established community-collaborative relationships with AA & NHPI communities.

Registration and program information will be posted on the APIAHF website at <http://apiahf.org/programs/cdp/ncsn.htm>. Registration is limited. For further information, please e-mail CDprogram@apiahf.org or call (415) 954-9988 ext. 311.

Join us!

Sustaining Cancer Support Groups

APIAHF's CDC funded project, the AAPI Cancer Survivors Capacity Building Project (AAPI CSCB) serves the AA & NHPI cancer survivor population through the facilitation of a network of cancer support groups and coordination of resources. The AAPI CSCB Project's Cancer Support Group Mentorship Program provided community based organizations, health clinics, social service organizations, and cancer survivors/advocates with the opportunity to develop local AA & NHPI specific cancer support groups. APIAHF funded three "mentee" organizations (Guam Communications Network, Center for Pan Asian Community Services, and Herald Cancer Association – Houston) were funded in addition to two "mentor" organizations (San Francisco Chinatown Public Health Center and The Wellness Foundation). Even though, the program funding ended summer of 2007 the organizations have continued to sustain their cancer support groups.



**Guam
Communications
Network**

Guam Communications Network (GCN) has recruited and trained cancer support group facilitators in Guam. GCN played the unique role of mentoring the cancer support group facilitators in Guam, conducted support group facilitator training workshops, and convened the support groups. Through this funding, GCN was able to develop and disseminate 100 cancer survivors' resource guides for Guam cancer survivors and reached 40 Chamorro cancer survivors and held 29 cancer support groups in Guam. Following the end of APIAHF funding, GCN applied for a grant through the Lance Armstrong Foundation to expand their

Chamorro Cancer Survivors Network throughout California and into Guam. In September 2007, APIAHF and GCN staff flew to Guam to conduct grant writing trainings for the Guam mayors, community organizations, and the health department. In October 2007, GCN collaborated with the American Cancer Society Guam and Guam Cancer Control Coalition to conduct a breast cancer survivors' forum entitled "Strength to Survive" in order to raise awareness for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Forum was a huge success with over 150 people in attendance. The Chamorro breast cancer survivors from California were great and well received and the event was covered through the media. There was much discussion initiated by the attendees on services needed as well as for advocacy and holding the legislators accountable. Guam expressed a commitment to conducting this breast cancer forum annually and will be working with GCN in the future. American Cancer Society, the Guam Department of Public Health, Continental Airlines, Strides for the Cure, the Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum and the Hilton Resort & Spa all helped make this forum a success. GCN is also planning to develop programs for men's health and a survivors support group for spouses. For more information contact (562) 989-5690 or lolas@guamcomnet.org



"Strength to Survive" Forum in Guam



Cancer survivors & GCN staff at the Forum

The Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc. (CPACS) has been conducting weekly cancer support groups in Atlanta, Georgia with the Korean community. To promote their program, they have placed ads in Korean newspapers. Through this funding from APIAHF's cancer survivorship program, CPACS was able to reach nine Korean cancer survivors. In late 2007, CPACS was able to get funding from Susan G. Komen For a Cure (Komen) Atlanta Affiliate for their Korean Cancer Support group, which aims to reduce the burden of breast cancer among Korean-American women diagnosed with breast cancer with this culturally and language-appropriate support group. The main purposes of the support group are to: (a) provide immediate support during the crisis period, (b) share personal experiences of how to cope with illness and treatment, (c) share and update knowledge of current treatments, prevention, rehabilitation and coping strategies, (d) understand the Western support system available within the hospital and greater Atlanta communities and (e) support one another during survivorship. With an additional Komen Atlanta Affiliate grants, CPACS continues their Asian Breast Care (ABC) for Asian American Women program, which aims to reduce the burden of breast cancer among uninsured and underinsured Asian women by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering through culturally and language-appropriate health education and support for clinical preventive services including transportation, outreach, and translation services during medical screening and physician counseling, and follow-up referrals. More recently, CPACS was able to secure four years of funding through APIAHF's Health Through Action program and will provide health assessments, and develop targeted health education and promotion programs with a primary focus on cancer. For more information contact (770) 936-0969 at Marianne.Chung@cpacs.org.



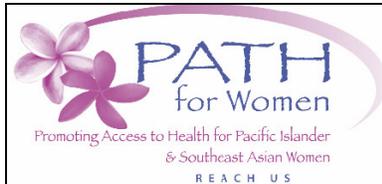
Herald Cancer Association (HCA) - Houston cancer support group is sustaining their patient support group as well as community seminars through volunteer assistance. Since September 2007, they have provided monthly support group meetings, along with one-on-one patient support activities to ten new cancer patients and their families.

On a monthly basis, HCA-Houston has expanded their community educational program for survivors, and caregivers to include musical exercise and tai-chi. HCA - Houston has also collaborated with American Cancer Society to provide a session of Look Good...Feel Better for women undergoing treatment, which teaches beauty techniques to help enhance appearance and self-image during treatment. During the Christmas holiday, cancer survivors shared their journey of fighting cancer to provide hope and encouragement at a forum. Since January 2008, HCA - Houston has brought a number of MD Anderson Place of Wellness programs, including Music Therapy and Cancer, Nutrition Update - Fighting Cancer, and Oncologic Massage Therapy, to the Chinese community. The attendance of these programs ranged from 30-65 participants.

HCA - Houston's vision is to train more volunteers to establish support groups and provide educational programs in various areas of Houston to improve the quality of life of patients and families. They are planning to have a caregiver training program as well as a Cancer Prevention Day at the end of this year. Due to funding and management support by volunteers, the continuation of the support groups has been possible. For more information contact (281) 491-2710 or WheymayShen@yahoo.com

CDC's REACH Recipients

The Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Hawaii and Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance are two of 18 recipients in the U.S. funded to establish Centers of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED). Each CEED will apply a social-ecological perspective using community-based participatory methods to influence change at individual, community, societal, cultural and environmental levels to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities for specific health priorities among vulnerable populations.



OCAPICA NAMED 1 OF 18 REGIONAL CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE: Local Community Based Organization Awarded \$ 4.2 Million to Eliminate Health Disparities in Orange County

The Orange County Asian and Pacific Islander Community Alliance (OCAPICA) is one of 40 organizations selected from 22 states to receive funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

OCAPICA was selected through a highly competitive application process that attracted nearly 200 proposals and was named one of 18 Centers of Excellence to Eliminate Disparities (CEED). OCAPICA was granted \$4.25 million in funds through CDC's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) U.S. program. The five-year funding will focus on Southern California and will be used to address breast and cervical cancer among Asians and Pacific Islanders. In particular, the program focuses on the Cambodian, Hmong, Lao, Thai, Vietnamese, Chamorro, Marshallese, Native Hawaiian, Samoan and Tongan communities. Over the five-year program, Promoting Access to Health for Pacific Islander and Southeast Asian Women (PATH for Women) will replicate evidence-based interventions throughout the state of California, the continental United States and the United States Associated territories. The program will focus on outreach and education, access to health care, in particular for breast and cervical health screenings, patient navigation, training, policy, and dissemination of best practices. OCAPICA's partners include Guam Communications Network, Families in Good Health/St. Mary Medical Center, the Samoan National Nurses Association, Pacific Islander Health Partnership, Tongan Community Service Center/Special Service for Groups, Union of Pan-Asian Communities, Cal State Fullerton and UCLA School of Public Health. The overall goal is reduce the disparities in breast and cervical cancer among Asian and Pacific Islander women.



OCAPICA is dedicated to enhancing the health, and social and economic well-being of Asians and Pacific Islanders in Orange County, California. Established in 1997, OCAPICA works to improve and expand the community's opportunities through service, education, advocacy, organizing and research. These community-driven activities seek to empower Asians and Pacific Islanders to define and control their lives and the future of their community. To learn more about OCAPICA please visit www.ocapica.org.

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Aloha! The University of Hawaii (UH), John A. Burns School of Medicine, (JABSOM) the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (DFMCH) has been a reliable partner to the Pacific Basin Medical Association (PBMA) and the Pacific Islands Health Officers Association (PIHOA) in advocating for and helping the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Island Nations (USAPIN) build their capacity for appropriate cancer prevention and care since the early 1990s. The USAPIN, with a total population of approximately 460,000 people living on small volcanic islands and coral atolls, consists of the U.S. territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), and the U.S. Freely Associated States (FSM) of Yap, Pohnpei, Kosrae, and Chuuk, as well as the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau. These populations suffer the greatest disparities in health care access and outcomes when compared to U.S. norms. For example, life expectancy in FSM is 9 to 12 years less than in the U.S. and infant mortality is 3 to 4 times higher.

Under the leadership of Dr. Neal Palafox, the DFMCH was recently awarded a cooperative agreement by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from funding provided by Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health 2010 (REACH 2010) to establish a Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Disparities (CEED). The Pacific CEED targets the USAPIN as well as the more than 100,000 Pacific Islanders who have migrated to Hawaii and the continental U.S.. The Pacific CEED is developing a comprehensive program focused on prevention, early detection and care for breast and cervical cancer that includes:

- supportive infrastructure and technical assistance to implement, evaluate and replicate culturally relevant, evidence and practice-based policies and programs,
- proactive partnerships and coalitions at the local, regional and U.S. national levels,
- human resource capacity to address multiple risk factors and social determinants, information and resource development and dissemination.

The Cancer Council of the Pacific (CCPI), established in 2002 with funding from NCI and NIH, led the way in attracting CDC funds to plan and implement Comprehensive Cancer Control (CCC) programs in every Pacific jurisdiction based on needs assessments conducted from 2004 to 2007. Each CCC contributes to the Regional Comprehensive Cancer Control program at UH and in 2007 additional CDC funds were received to develop cancer registries in the jurisdictions and for the Regional Cancer Registry.

The Comprehensive Cancer Control programs, the Pacific Cancer Registry and Pacific CEED are all working together for increased regional coordination, information and resource sharing, and evidence-based practices to reduce disparities. The overall goal of the Pacific Cancer Programs is to promote healthy nutrition, reduce tobacco consumption, increase early detection and diagnosis, and to increase the care and support for those living with cancer and their families to ultimately reduce cancer incidence and mortality in the USAPIN.

Pacific CEED will announce the availability of the first round of Legacy grants at the upcoming AA & NHPI Cancer Survivorship Conference in July 2008. The Pacific Cancer Programs seek to network with the Pacific communities on the mainland and other CEEDs and Action Communities targeting Pacific Islanders and breast and cervical cancer. Mahalo!

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Cancer Survivorship in USAPI Nations

American Samoa

The American Samoa Cancer Survivors Support Group (CSSG) first convened on June 2006, and since its inception, has maintained the regular attendance of 17 members. The development of the support group was inspired by the American Samoan Community Cancer Coalition (ASCCC), a group that is dedicated to addressing the various needs of cancer patients and survivors on American Samoa. During the first support group meetings, participants became acquainted with one another, shared their personal experiences and perspectives of cancer, and joined the Coalition's leadership in dialogue about methods to raise awareness in the community about cancer survivorship and increase support group membership. One main issue is the financial impact that a person or family may have to endure while obtaining treatment services. The CSSG began to fundraise in order to lessen the financial impact for these patients. Financial stipends are given to newly diagnosed cancer patients. The stipends can be used to help offset the cost off-island travel, medications, or for any other reason to not only help the financial aspect, but the emotional one as well. This in turn allows the patient to concentrate on healing and returning to their families.



American Samoan Community
Cancer Coalition

Through collaboration with the American Samoan Community Cancer Network (ASCCN), a prostate cancer survivor's documentary is being filmed and will be completed June 2008. It is focused on American Samoan men diagnosed with prostate cancer as a result of the screening provided by the ASCCN in its quarterly Men's Health Clinic project. The documentary will hopefully illustrate some of the cancer healthcare disparities and access barriers experienced by our survivors, offer some solutions, and provide info we can build upon to improve quality of life.

Republic of Belau (Palau)

The cancer support group in Palau began as an effort of the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program of Palau during 2006. The cancer support group stemmed from recommendations based on the island's cancer survivors, who had participated in the Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. They recognized the emerging population of survivors on the island and the need to address the paucity of services available for this community. The support group, to this date, has only had one meeting and is scheduled to meet once a month at various locations, depending on availability and cost. Eight individuals attended the first support group meeting and engaged in "talk story" and planned activities. It is anticipated that same members will continue attending the support group meetings under the current support group structure. Although the group has only convened once, it has been met with positive feedback from community members and participants. Participants feel a sense of ownership in the group and feel encouraged to participate in activities outside of group sessions, including the planning of fundraising events for their September Cancer Awareness Month and holding positions of leadership in the Coalition. Their empowerment has increased their commitment to sustaining the support group as demonstrated by their active outreach to cancer survivors, efforts to educate community members about cancer and its local effect, and camaraderie with one another.

Guam Cancer Support Group: A gathering to voice concerns and obtain solutions.

The Guam Cancer Support Group (GCSG) provides an avenue to obtain cancer information and support options on Guam; an opportunity to share survival experiences; participate in ongoing efforts of members to win the fight against cancer; and is a means to get emotional and spiritual support from those who have walked the difficult road of cancer treatment and survival. Formed in 1995, members of the GCSG include active cancer patients, cancer survivors, family members and caregivers. Through the years, the GCSG has received support from various organizations in the community. These organizations have supported the GCSG by attending meetings, listening to concerns and providing assistance. The GCSG invites anyone with an interest in cancer and fellowship to join them as members, guests or presenters at their monthly meetings, every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm at the Antonio B. Won Pat (Guam) International Airport Authority 2nd Floor Conference Room. For more information about the GCSG, please call the American Cancer Society – Guam Field Office at 671-477-9451/2.



Guam Cancer Support Group

Yap, Federated States of Micronesia

Routine health promotion and cancer screening remain major challenges for the Federated States of Micronesia. Basic primary health care is delivered in understaffed and inadequately supplied health dispensaries by health assistants who are generally under-trained for their diverse responsibilities. Because of geographic, cultural, and economic barriers, over 40% of eligible women do not have access to cervical or breast cancer screening in the state of Yap. Even on the main island, less than 5% of eligible women receive routine pap testing during their antenatal visits. Wide community stakeholder input and new partnership drove planning and implementation of this training curriculum. Multiple sources were mobilized to fund the training of six certified birth attendants and seven other female advocates over a four week period on the main island. Thirteen women conducted 100 pap smears in four weeks, which is a huge effort considering only 65 pap smears were done for the entire state in 2006. Unanticipated outcomes include six new contractors with the Department of Health Services. These women will become recognized advocates and augment the primary health care system for the outer island women. The training provided an opportunity to embrace the five building blocks of Comprehensive Cancer Control while building local capacity. The long term aim is to develop a cervical cancer screening program on the outer islands, which will form the base infrastructure for other cancer screening and health promotion programs.

HPV awareness campaigns in the islands

Due to the high incidence rate of cervical cancer among women in the U.S. Pacific Islander Jurisdictions, the cancer control staff and coalitions in the Pacific Islands are focusing on human papillomavirus (HPV) education and vaccinations.

Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia

Kosrae Comprehensive Cancer Control Program will be conducting an HPV vaccine awareness campaign to inform the community of the availability of the vaccine in fall 2008. HPV vaccine educational posters will be distributed, along with educational programs will be broadcasted on the radio.

cont. HPV Awareness Campaigns in the Islands

Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI)

In August 2007, the HPV planning committee was formulated. The HPV campaign in CMNI kicked off in September 2007. Girls at the high schools were administered the first dose in October 2007, second dose in December 2007 and third dose in April 2008. Their target is to reach 95% of the high school girls. At the beginning of April, 82% was reached. This campaign was a success due to the community was educated about cervical cancer and the HPV vaccine, funding was available from multiple sources and endorsement from multiple organizations contributed to the community trust that vaccination is beneficial.

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

The HPV awareness campaign will be spearheaded by the Pohnpei Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition. From now until September 2008, HPV educational posters will be distributed, along with educational programs will be broadcasted on the radio and within the schools and there will be discussions with parents. During the month of September, HPV vaccinations will be provided. Pohnpei is also drafting up legislation to place a tax on alcohol and tobacco, so that money generated from those taxes will be directed towards chronic diseases prevention programs.

Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia

The Chuuk Comprehensive Cancer Control staff and Cancer Coalition will be conducting an HPV vaccine awareness campaign to inform the community for the availability of the vaccine in fall 2008. The campaign will include educational programs as well as through radio announcements. To assist with the campaign two health educators and an administrative assistant will be hired. Their goal is to provide cancer awareness and education to 80% of the population in Chuuk.

Legislative Priorities

APIAHF is at the forefront of advocating for legislation and state and federal government policies that meet the health needs of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. Please contact your legislator to support these bills:

HR 1078 Comprehensive Cancer Care Improvement Act: Introduced by Representatives Lois Capps (D-CA) and Tom Davis (R-VA). This bill will improve the care for cancer patients by providing comprehensive cancer care services, including culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and establish Medicare hospice care demonstration programs. It will also establish grants for training health care providers in palliative care and symptom management for cancer patients, collecting and analyzing data related to health care provider training programs, and establishing new palliative care and symptom management programs in medically underserved communities to address issues of racial and ethnic disparities in access to cancer care.

HR 4450 Pediatric, Adolescent, and Young Adult Cancer Survivorship Research and Quality of Life Act of 2007: Introduced by Representatives Hilda Solis (D-CA) and Mary Bono (D-CA). This bill will develop programs to improve access to linguistically and culturally competent long-term follow up care for childhood cancer survivors, improving research and data collection, along with establishing grants to improve training programs for health care professionals, establish a clinic for comprehensive services including culturally and linguistically appropriate information for survivors and their families, and improvement of care for minority and medically underserved populations with an emphasis on

Capacity Building Assistance & Trainings Available

In an effort to build the skills and capacity in Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AA & NHPI) communities and programs offering cancer prevention, education, survivor support resources to AAs& NHPIs, APIAHF offers capacity building assistance (CBA) in specific cancer control related areas.

APIAHF provides CBA in the following areas:

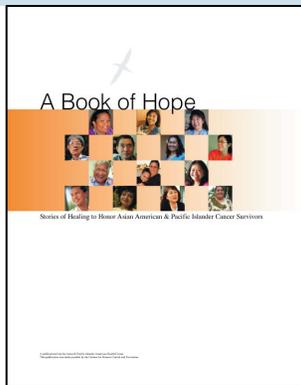
- Health information and data on AAs & NHPIs and cancer and other chronic diseases
- APIAHF developed materials and publications
- AA & NHPI language materials and resources
- Program development assistance (program planning, implementation, evaluation, grant writing, how to work with AA & NHPI communities)
- Presentation requests
- Linkages and referrals to community members and community based organizations
- Letters of support
- Collaboration on specific activities
- Training requests

Local or regional trainings in the following areas:

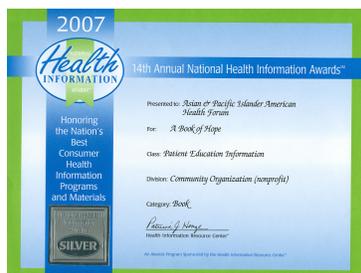
- Grant Writing
- Program Development
- Organizational Development
- Policy Advocacy
- Media Spokesperson/Media Advocacy
- Cultural Competency

APIAHF provides CBA around cancer to health departments, community based organizations (CBOs), cancer support groups, voluntary health organizations, community members, AA & NHPI serving cancer programs, health centers, and medical centers. To request a specific type of capacity building assistance, please contact Roxanna Bautista at rbautista@apiahf.org or at (415) 568-3304.

A Book of Hope Wins a Silver Award



The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum's (APIAHF's) cancer survivorship educational efforts were awarded top honors in the 14th Annual National Health Information Awards Program, sponsored by the Health Information Resource Center. This awards program recognizes high-quality consumer health information programs and materials. APIAHF's publication, *A Book of Hope: Stories of Healing to Honor Asian American and Pacific Islander Cancer Survivors*, won a Silver Award and is only one of two publications specifically targeted to Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders honored by these awards. *A Book of Hope: Stories of Healing to Honor AAPI Cancer Survivors* is primarily intended to educate a broad public audience about coping with the disease of cancer and cancer survivorship. Community voices, such as these fourteen Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander cancer survivors, are valuable in advocacy for more resources, whether that be funding and more dedicated programming. *A Book of Hope* can be used to educate consumers, community members and leaders, policy makers, health care institutions, community based organizations, and health care providers about how cancer impacts the patient and their family and what is needed to improve health care delivery and outcomes. To request a copy, please email rbautista@apiahf.org.



Calendar May–July 2008

MAY:

Women's Health Awareness Month
Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
Asian Pacific Heritage Month
May 9: APIAHF Food For Thought 2008

JUNE:

June 1: National Cancer Survivors Day
June 15 (Father's Day): Men's Health/Cancer Awareness
June 18-20: Cancer Survivorship Research Conference in Atlanta, GA

JULY:

UV Safety Month
July 22-24: AA & NHPI Cancer Survivorship Conference in San Francisco, CA
July 24-27: Lance Armstrong Foundation Livestrong Summit in Ohio

The Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum is a national advocacy organization dedicated to promoting policy, program, and research efforts to improve the health and well-being of Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AA & NHPI) communities. Founded in 1986, the Health Forum approaches activities with the philosophy of coalition-building and developing capacity within local AA & NHPI communities. We advocate on health issues of significance to AA & NHPI communities, conduct community-based capacity building assistance and training, provide health and U.S. Census data analysis and information dissemination, and convene regional and national conferences on AA & NHPI health.

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