

Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank

NEWSLETTER
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Wishing You Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!

Dear Friends,

As another year closes, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for all your support. The Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank would not be able to carry out its mission of collecting life-saving umbilical cord blood without the generous donations from our donor families, doctors, nurses, hospitals and community support. It's been quite a year for us with so many wonderful things to be grateful for that we can't possibly name them all, but here are a few of the highlights. Please celebrate the amazing achievements with us as you read this newsletter!

Big and Banked Winners for 2015!

As you may know, every year we hold a Pump Up the Volume, "Big & Banked" contest to see who can collect the largest banked cord blood unit. The winner of the year-end 2015 contest was Dr. Christopher Crellin and team who collected a whopping 296 gram unit! Please join us in congratulating him as well as our other top collectors!

1st Place: 295 grams
Dr. Christopher Crellin, Dr. Lauren Raby,
Mary Weisgram, RN & Rosalyn Tadina, RN
Tripler Army Medical Center

2nd Place: 262 grams
Dr. Simon Chang, Michelle Gaboya, RN
& Joanne Okita, RN
Kapiolani Medical Center

3rd Place: 249 grams
Dr. Angel Willey, Maile Chong, RN,
Anna Liza Corpus-Snyder, RN, & Aimee
Llantero, RN
Queen's Medical Center

4th Place: 218 grams
Dr. Jaime Johnson, Joan Conway, RN &
Tammie Paul, RN
Maui Memorial Medical Center

5th Place: 213 grams
Bonnie Hinz, CNM, Karen Mori,
RN & Krystle Lee, RN
Kaiser Permanente

6th Place: 210 grams
Dr. Alison Moore, Joan Thompson,
RN & Laura Deming, RN
Castle Medical Center

HCBB Reaches 200th Transplant!

It's been an exciting year of transplants at HCBB and the journey to our #200 has been an amazing one. First off, our transplant rate in 2016 increased by 25% over the last year which is phenomenal, but more so as this has allowed us to reach our 200th transplant in record time. While it took 14 years to get to our 100th transplant, we were

able to hit our 200th in just 4 short years! Amazing as that is, the story gets even better... we learned that our 199th and 200th transplants were donated by the same family! The cord blood units were from siblings born 6 years apart and both collected by Dr. Eesha Bhattacharyya at Queen's Medical Center. If that wasn't enough, miraculously, they were trans-

planted into the same recipient! It has certainly been a special year for transplants and we are thankful to all donors, doctors, nurses and staff for making the amazing happen!

Baby Expo May 2016

On May 15th and 16th, HCBB held a booth at the Baby Expo. We had a great turnout at the Blaisdell Center and were able to share the benefits of donating cord blood with hundreds of expecting parents. A big thank you to Dr. Simon Chang and Sara Beppu, Mrs. Hawai'i Petite 2015/L&D RN, and Melanie Nakatani for coming out to help spread the word!



HCBB Umbilical Cord Blood Seminar Series

In May and June, HCBB piloted a new seminar series with a group of our doctors and nurses. Dr. Randal Wada provided updates to our collectors on the latest in umbilical cord blood collection over dinner at the O'ahu Country Club. The meetings prompted engaging dialogue and heartfelt experiences were shared. We look forward to continuing this successful series in 2017.

Thank you to our HCBB Donors!

Our mission to save lives would not be possible without the support within our community. We'd like to especially thank the following donors:

Friends of Hawai'i Charities - On May 26, 2016 the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank was honored with a grant by the Friends of Hawai'i Charities to help support our program. Above and beyond that generous gift, a donation of matched funds raised by the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank was also received. The Friends of Hawai'i Charities - the event host of the Sony Open in Hawai'i - was formed for the purpose of

raising funds for Hawai'i charities. Through their charity partnership with The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc., they have been able to distribute \$16 million over the years to programs like ours.

Hawaiian Electric Inc. - On September 9, 2016, the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank was presented with a generous donation of \$5,000 from the Aloha United Way on

behalf of the HEI Charitable Foundation. We would like to send a special thank you to Hawaiian Electric for helping with our life-saving cord blood program and to the Aloha United Way for their much needed support of local non-profit organizations.

First Hawaiian Bank Foundation - On November 10, 2016, the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank received a generous grant

from the First Hawaiian Bank Foundation for \$10,000! The donated funds will go towards supporting crucial testing for transplant donors and recipients locally. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the First Hawaiian Bank Foundation for their support and contribution to the improvement of Hawai'i's transplant patients.

Aloha United Way – In 2016, HCBB was chosen to be an Aloha United Way Partner Agency! What this means, is that you can now donate your AUW contributions directly to the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank. Just select Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank, #80560 when you donate through Aloha United Way! We are excited to partner with AUW and are grateful for their support.

And last but not least...We would not be able to give the gift of life without our little heroes! Here are just a few of our adorable donor babies!



We realize there are many important charities out there to support and are especially grateful that you chose the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank. We could not do this without your support. Wishing you all a healthy and prosperous 2017!

Mahalo and Aloha,
Your friends at the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank