



Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank

Bringing Hope, Saving Lives, Facing Forward

Dear Friends,

As we close this year, we are reminded of the many blessings that 2018 brought us. It was a milestone year for the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank as we celebrated 20 wonderful years of saving lives through umbilical cord blood collection. It is hard to imagine that the small Cord Blood Bank that started in 1998, fast forwarded two decades, would be at 238 transplants and continuing on its life saving mission. We are extremely proud of all we've accomplished by working together, and also humbled knowing that none of this would be possible without the generosity of so many... our donor families, volunteer doctors, nurses and staff. The support from the community has been unwavering and we thank all of you for the important role you have played in our journey. We are filled with great optimism for the future and are excited to have you along with us as we face forward. Celebrate with us as we reflect on the memorable events of 2018!

HCBB Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary

On October 20, 2018 the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank held its 20th anniversary dinner at the O'ahu Country Club. In commemoration, the Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank received a Senate Proclamation in recognition of the milestone achievement by Dr. Josh Green, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i.

The evening was a joyous celebration to thank the many friends who have supported and helped HCBB become what it is today. Emceed by the gracious, Yunji de Nies, the program included entertainment by the talented Jason Arimoto, and the Waimanalo Sunset Band.

The many local guests were joined by a few who traveled from the mainland for the special event. Among them was Dr. Jana Hall, who along with Dr. Randal Wada, founded the Hawai'i

Cord Blood Bank in 1998. It was a heartwarming reunion for the doctors who began it all with their passionate vision to create a cord blood program in Hawaii 20 years ago.

Dr. Randal Wada spoke about HCBB's mission of "giving hope, saving lives and the facing forward". In his poignant presentation, he stressed the importance of cord blood collection in Hawai'i and gave insight into the future of the cord blood industry. It was wonderful night of fellowship and gratitude for the many friends past and present, who have joined us on this journey. We are truly grateful beyond words.



Dr. Randal Wada and Dr. Jana Hall

Celebrating with friends at our 20th Anniversary



Big and Banked Winners for 2017

Statistics have shown that there is a direct correlation between greater volume cord blood units, banking success, and transplant outcomes. In other words, the bigger the unit, the better chances of it getting banked, and subsequently used in transplant. That has been our motto and premise behind our annual “Pump Up the Volume” campaign where the largest cord blood unit collected and banked takes the prize. For 2017, the Big and Banked winner is Dr. Simon Chang and team who collected a cord blood unit that weighed in at 294 grams! Congratulations Dr. Chang and a great job done by all!

1st place: 294 grams
Dr. Simon Chang & Peggy Miyashiro, RN
Kapi’olani Medical Center for Women and Children

2nd place: 255 grams
Dr. John Lee, Nancy Lee, RN & Laura Greer, RN
Queen’s Medical Center

3rd place: 208 grams
Dr. Lindsey Choi, Trina Lynch Watkins, RN & Kari Soulsby, RN
Tripler Army Medical Center

4th place: 198 grams
Connie Conover, CNM & Diane Rose Bucasas, RN
Kaiser Permanente

5th place: 196 grams
Dr. Christy Takemoto, Lauren Kupihea, RN & Irene Yoshida, RN
Maui Memorial Medical Center

6th place: 189 grams
Dr. Tricia Song, Olivia Fitzwater, RN & Brenda Maronde, RN
Adventist Castle Medical Center

Double Cord Transplants

Adults and older children often require more stem cells for transplantation than what a single cord blood unit contains. In this case, two cord blood units are combined for one patient, otherwise known as a double cord transplant. From the approximately 3000 banked units we have collected in Hawaii, 238 have resulted in transplants and of those, 7 have been double cord transplants by our Hawai’i doctors. This is quite an amazing feat when you consider that there are 760,000 cord blood units available for transplant worldwide!

Double cord transplants are special when the two cord blood units come are from Hawai’i but even more miraculous when they are from sisters! Meet the Moss Family...Izabella was born in 2009 and Izalia in 2015. Both of their cord blood units were banked at birth and frozen in wait of a match. In 2016, their cord blood units were called up and transplanted to the same individual, an adult male with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Thank you to the Moss Family for their generous cord blood donation that helped to change a life!



Izabella “Izzi” Moss
Donated in 2009



Izalia “Lia” Moss
Donated in 2015



Izzi pictured on the left and Lia on the right with their sister, in the middle. All are cord blood donors.

Ethnicity: Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, German, Portuguese, English, Scottish, Dutch

Thank you to our HCBB Donors!

We are here because of our donors and would like to thank the many individuals as well as corporate and non-profit organizations who have generously supported us.

40th Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk

The 40th Annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk “A Tradition of Giving”, was held on May 19, 2018 at the Ala Moana Beach Park. The event raised record-breaking contributions for O’ahu’s charities and the Hawai’i Cord Blood Bank was included among the award recipients. We would like to thank the Hawai’i Lodging and Tourism Association/Charity Walk 2018 for their kind recognition and donation!

Aloha United Way

HCBB was chosen again to be an Aloha United Way Partner Agency! This has enabled AUW donations to be allocated directly to the Hawai’i Cord Blood Bank. We are grateful to be included in their fundraising campaign.

Friends of Hawai’i Charities

On May 23, 2018, the Hawai’i Cord Blood Bank received a generous grant of \$5,000 from the Friends of Hawai’i Charities in support of our program. HCBB also participated in their Aloha for Hawai’i Charities campaign which included a percentage match donation on all funds raised. Thank

you to the Friends of Hawai’i Charities, Inc. and to all of our donors for your charitable contributions. We are deeply touched by your continued support.

The Friends of Hawai’i Charities is the event host of the Sony Open in Hawai’i and was formed for the purpose of raising funds for Hawai’i charities. Through their partnership with The Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, Inc., they have been able to distribute \$18 million in the last twenty years to programs like ours. We are truly grateful for organizations like the Friends of Hawai’i Charities who help to make our mission of giving the gift of life a second time possible.

HMSA

December 20, 2018, the Hawai’i Cord Blood Bank received a monetary donation from HMSA. As a part of their 80th anniversary celebration HMSA chose HCBB as an organization to support for the work its done to improve the lives of their members and the health of Hawai’i.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the many individuals who have made donations in honor of our 20th Anniversary. We were touched by the outpouring of response following our celebration dinner.

For their continued support, we send a special thank you to Dr. Thomas Kosasa and Mr. Nathan Yoshizaki. The generosity from all our donors has been overwhelming and we simply can’t thank you enough.

To our Board of Directors, we value your leadership and dedication to our mission. Your time and commitment to the success of the Hawai’i Cord Blood Bank is deeply appreciated.

Happy
New
Year

HCBB Board of Directors

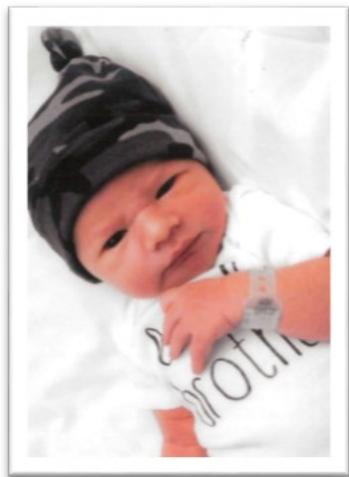
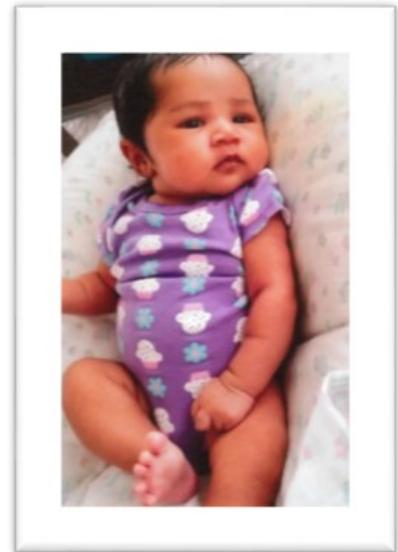
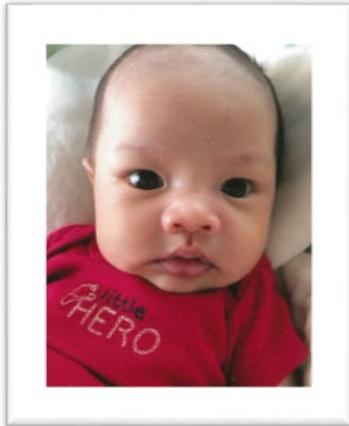
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It all begins with our little Heroes!

We are so proud and grateful for our baby donors who have brought joy in so many ways!



Thank you for being a part of these last 20 years. Because of you, we are able to continue our mission of bringing hope and saving lives. As we face forward to the embrace the future, we carry with us a sense of humility of our past and a renewed spirit for the exciting times ahead.

We wish you all a very healthy and prosperous 2019!

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



Hawai'i Cord Blood Bank staff from left: Lisa Wong-Yamamoto, Linda Watanabe, Dr. Randal Wada, Lynette Matsumoto, Allison Sears