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Mana Wahine Review



We took a change and switched it up for Mana Wahine this year. This year, we decided no formal meeting space, let's make the program more intimate and cozier. We ended up getting a large suite that had a huge living room and outdoor space with a full kitchen and held our program there. This change seemed to be a hit with our community members and sponsoring industry partners alike! We were able to relax a little more as we were in a less formal setting with couches, loungers, etc, and also were able to have some home-made breakfast on one of the mornings.

Our wahine met up on September 20th at Luana Waikiki, where we had our 'meeting space' and overnight accommodations. Everyone seemed to love the function of the space! We had Dr. Amber Federizo come and speak with our wahine on Aging. Luckily, there are so much more of us in the aging population group within the community, but that comes with it's own lists of obstacles and challenges.

This year, 6 of our participants were also mother/daughter duos! With this in mind, we played the "Newlywed Game" to see how well we know the other person, with all our mother/daughter duos partnering up. Ironically, the pair who got the most same answers were not a mother/daughter duo, but one of our industry sponsor partners! Throughout that first day, we also had a multitude of crafts available to do during sessions including making your own bookmark, DIY resin trays, cup personalization, keychain making, and more!

As the afternoon rolled around, we hit Kalakaua and went to check out the Aloha Festival that happened to be going on that same day. There were many vendors, music stages, and food available for us to choose from. This was a nice outing for us to get out of the hotel room after a full day of programming and stretch our legs.

On Sunday, we had breakfast made at the hotel room and then were joined by Dr. Des Medeiros and Kimberley Gallant, a social worker and therapist who handles behavioral health at the women's Punana Ola clinic. There were such good conversation throughout all the sessions and weekend in general, that a lot of our sessions would go overtime due to great questions and conversations, which was amazing because we really wanted to create a space and program that felt loose and gave space and time to fostering curiosity and continued conversations. Overall, it was a great weekend and we can't wait to do it again in 2027!

Mahalo to our program sponsors Otapharma, InfuCare, and PharmaFusion, as well as to all the other speakers and presenters who took the time to be with us! We could not have this program happen without all your love and support!

Golf Tournament Fundraiser Recap



Golf this year already started off on a wild ride before we even got to the course. Following the storms in March, pretty much all of the courses carts got destroyed. The course scrambled to get new carts ordered, but the problem being that their arrival dates were supposed to be the week our initial Golf Tournament date. As it got closer to the weekend, we made the call to postpone the tournament just in case the carts were delayed (due to the other incoming storms). With the new golf date being September 28th, I was worried we may not have enough player with cancellations, etc. We ended up having 100 golfers, which is Hokuli`a's max player count. This was the most participants we have had since I have been around for the program so it felt very fulfilling.



Registration and check in began at 8:30am, and shotgun start at 10am. Mahalo to Starbucks and Costco for providing morning coffee and pastries for everyone to get full off of before they hit the course. Once the golfers took off, we began prepping for silent auction and lunch. A big mahalo to our silent auction donors, which included Hokuli`a, Fairmont Orchid, Lele's Bakery and Restaurant, Ua Hawai`i, Heavenly Hawaiian Coffee, Koa Wood Ranch, Kona Country Club, Halekulani, Olukai, Queen Kapi`olani Hotel, A&W Designs, and Malia Storm Collection.

A huge mahalo also to Teshimas who provided lunch for everyone that day, despite being closed over the weekend prior to due to storm precautions. They scrambled to get us enough food to feel everyone, even through cancelled deliveries, and on top of that, generously gifted us about half of the food we ordered! The staff there are great people!

This event is always such a good turnout and highly anticipated one each year. We already have a mailing list going for next year's walk!

YETI

YETI 2027 will be held on February 18-21st in Oregon. This opportunity is open to teens who are 16-20 years old. This annual program is an amazing opportunity for our local teens to travel outside the state and meet other teens affected with bleeding disorders. Here, you will learn to become leaders within your communities and learn skills to bring back to our local chapter!

The last day to **submit our application** for our teen is December 1st so please submit your interest here BY NOVEMBER 20th and we will have a deciding committee pick the participant by November 27th. Please note that priority will be given to teens who have never attended the program before, as we are trying to give as many kids in our community the opportunity to participate.

Please note that this program is parent free. This year, two HTC staffers will be traveling with the teen, but will not be able to be with the teen during the whole program as teens and adults have separate programming and sleep in separate spaces. Please make sure that before filling out the interest form, you have a talk with your teen make sure they will be ok with possibly being put out of their comfort zone and there being times where they might be with a group where they don't know anyone. We want to make sure this is an enjoyable program for our teens.

Learn more about YETI here!

NBDF Community Survey



What are your thoughts on the issues facing the bleeding disorders community? What would help you and your family the most? We are asking community members to fill out a survey so we can understand what we can do to better serve you. The survey is anonymous, unless you choose to share your contact information.

The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. We are thankful for you taking the time to share your thoughts with us. We rely on the experiences of the bleeding disorders community to guide us today and into the future. Thank you!

Take the survey here!

JNC Gettin' in the Game

In 2027, CSL Behring's Gettin' In The Game Program will run from April 30th to May 2nd in Henderson, NV. This annual program allows kids from the bleeding disorders community to come together over a couple of days and learn a sport of their choice. If you are not familiar with their program, please check out their website for more information **here.**

In the past, if you were interested in participating in this program, we would have you answer a couple of questions on why you want to go to the program, etc. For this coming year, we are doing it a little different. No essay, but we are doing a 'free entry sweepstakes' where all interested participants can have a chance to be pulled as the lucky participant. No purchase necessary. We will only be pulling from new names this year. If there are no participants who have not attended before, then we will pull from names of repeat attendees.

One we get more details on age cutoffs and registration deadlines, we will send a Survey Monkey out for you to enter your name in if you are interested. As the deadline approaches, we will then pull a name and have our lucky participant. Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!



Community Corner



With so much love and happiness, Josiah and I are excited to announce the arrival of our beautiful baby girl, Essence Kahiwahiwa Hueu, born on Wednesday, October 14, 2026.

Our hearts are overflowing with love as we welcome our little girl into the world. Becoming parents is such a special and life-changing experience, and we are so grateful to begin this new chapter of our lives together as a family of three.

Love,
Jojo, Serenidee, and Essence

BDC Call for Consumer Track

Do you have a topic you want the bleeding disorders community to know more about? Share it at NBDF's Bleeding Disorders Conference! There is so much experience and talent in the community, and we want to add yours. Learn how you can create and lead a session at our conference at National Harbor, Maryland, August 12-14, 2027.

Learn More and Apply Now! Deadline to apply is November 20!