



## **‘Ohana Health Plan Gives Hospice Hawaii \$9,000 To Help Deliver End-Of-Life And Palliative Care In Hawaii**



‘Ohana state president, Wendy Morriarty, along with ‘Ohana associates Eric Burns, Glenn Roberts and Sheryl Barr, participate in a temporary tattoo challenge during Hospice Hawaii’s 5th Annual Hot Pursuit, held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**HONOLULU, Hawaii (May 20, 2014)** — ‘Ohana Health Plan and its associates donated nearly \$9,000 to support Hospice Hawaii’s 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Hot Pursuit competition, which was created to help the organization provide quality end-of-life and palliative care to patients and their families.

Hospice Hawaii’s annual Hot Pursuit competition is a fundraiser and race that challenges teams to solve riddles and complete fun tasks while attempting to be the first to cross the finish line. Fifty ‘Ohana associates participated in the event, which was held in Honolulu in April.

Hospice Hawaii is a non-profit, Medicare- and Medicaid-certified hospice that has been providing care and support to terminally ill patients and their families since 1979. Its comprehensive, interdisciplinary program is designed to support the choices of patients, to preserve their dignity and to allow them the opportunity to live the

remainder of their lives as fully as possible in the comfort of their homes or chosen settings.

“‘Ohana is dedicated to serving our state’s most vulnerable residents, and we were honored to come together to support Hospice Hawaii, and terminally ill individuals and their families,” said Wendy Morriarty, state president of ‘Ohana Health Plan. “The majority of our donation was raised by our dedicated and passionate associates who enable us to make a difference in the lives of thousands of Hawaii residents each day.”

“Hospice Hawaii relies on the support of corporate sponsors, donors and volunteers to help it fulfill its mission to bring hope, reduce fears and impact lives,” said Ken Zeri, president and chief professional officer of Hospice Hawaii. “‘Ohana Health Plan played a tremendous role in this year’s Hot Pursuit by staffing an information booth, showing incredible team spirit and raising much needed funds for our organization through its racer participation. In fact, six of the top 10 fundraisers were from ‘Ohana Health Plan! We are truly grateful for their participation and support.”

For more information about Hospice Hawaii, please visit [www.hospicehawaii.org](http://www.hospicehawaii.org).

As of March 31, 2014, ‘Ohana serves approximately 45,000 Medicaid plan members, 10,000 Medicare Advantage plan members and 600 Medicare Prescription Drug Plan members in Hawaii.

### **About ‘Ohana Health Plan**

‘Ohana Health Plan is offered by WellCare Health Plans, Inc. WellCare provides managed care services targeted to government-sponsored health care programs, focusing on Medicaid and

Medicare. WellCare offers a variety of health plans for families, children, and the aged, blind and disabled, as well as prescription drug plans. The company serves approximately 3.5 million members nationwide as of March 31, 2014. 'Ohana has been able to take WellCare's national experience and develop an 'Ohana care model that addresses local members' health care and health coordination needs. For more information about 'Ohana, please visit the company's website at [www.ohanahealthplan.com](http://www.ohanahealthplan.com).

-END-

**Media Contact:**

Denise Malecki

813-206-2747

[denise.malecki@wellcare.com](mailto:denise.malecki@wellcare.com)