

# Phyllis McOmber and Jackie Woolsey: Sharing a vision for Lanai

**V**ision! How do you take a vision, a dream, and turn it into reality? Years ago, two Lanai women wanted to create a health center for our community and spent countless hours envisioning what they could do. The words, "no can" were never considered. They wrote grant applications, lobbied legislators and Lanai's major landowner, and gathered up like-minded people to share their dream.

They hired a steadfast captain to steer a course through what at times must have seem insurmountable obstacles. Finally, instead of "no can", the words became "can."

The two ladies were Phyllis McOmber and Jackie Woolsey; the captain of their ship is Diana Shaw. This month's issue of *Lanai Today* marks the groundbreaking ceremony of Lanai Community Health Center's new facility.

Congratulations go to Diana Shaw, LCHC Executive Director and her staff for their perseverance over the years, and all of LCHC board members, both past and present. Mahalo to the late Senator Daniel Inouye for his unwavering support, and to Lanai Councilmember Riki Hokama for his advocacy of LCHC.

When the doors of the new LCHC open, we know Phyllis McOmber will be there in spirit, standing besides Jackie Woolsey, to welcome Lanai's residents into the results of their vision!



Jackie and Phyllis open the Lauhala Place temporary facility.



Phyllis with board members at a meeting in 2009.



Diana visited with Senator Inouye at a national conference in 2009.

## LANAI COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER – CONSTRUCTION PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Pardon the noise! The Lanai Community Health Center has begun construction for its new facility. Please use caution along Gay and Houston Streets at Sixth. Visit our website for updates on our construction progress. We look forward to servicing the community from our new healthcare facility.

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