



## Molokai Community Health Center

Moloka'i Community Health Center (MCHC) is a nonprofit, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that provides comprehensive health care for residents of the Hawaiian island of Molokai, who are predominantly Native Hawaiians. The island of Molokai is the fifth largest of Hawaii's six inhabited islands and is severely distressed. More than half of the island's residents have incomes below the federal poverty line, and it has been federally designated as a Medically Underserved Area.

Poverty, language barriers, geographical isolation, lack of health insurance, and the high cost for off-island travel severely limit access to comprehensive health care on Molokai and make the services provided by MCHC important.

In July 2009, to address the need for additional space for clinical and administrative services, MCHC purchased 5.9-acres of property in Kaunakakai, formerly the Pau Hana Inn, and began to renovate and retrofit the existing structures to the requisite standards of a modern medical facility. The new facility would allow MCHC to consolidate all existing services in one convenient multi-building campus.

In 2012, construction of the new campus was approximately 85% complete, when a critical financing gap emerged that threatened to stall the project. In order to resume construction and complete the health center, Travois New Markets stepped in and provided \$1.4 million in NMTC financing.

Construction is once again underway and when completed in 2013, MCHC will offer acute care, dental services, mental health services, pediatric care, and dietician services. NMTC funding will also allow for an expansion of an on-site commercial kitchen to allow local vendors to use the space to prepare food to support food-based micro-enterprises. Additionally, the health center has generated 26 construction related jobs and 46 new, full-time jobs, and MCHC is committed to hiring from its low-income population whenever possible.

### NMTC ALLOCATEE

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### COMMUNITY PROFILE

- Kaunakakai, Moloka'i, HI
- 56.4% poverty rate
- 15% unemployment rate
- Medically Underserved Area

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Community health center
- Total Project Cost: \$7.4 million
- NMTC: \$1.4 million
- Investor: Indion Ventures
- Jobs: 26 construction, 46 new direct jobs with the average annual salary \$60K (3 x area living wage)
- 2,837 households served



Top: Formerly the Pau Hana Inn, the site will now house the Molokai Community Health Center's multi-building campus

Bottom: Molokai Community Health Center's Dental Building