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Stephanie Liu-Antonio Joins Hawaii Dental Service Foundation as Program Administrator

HONOLULU —Hawaii Dental Service Foundation, the state's only charitable foundation solely dedicated to supporting oral health programs, has named Stephanie Liu-Antonio a program administrator, a newly created position to keep pace with the foundation's expanded efforts to support communities statewide.

She reports to Shere Saneishi-Kim, director of the Hawaii Dental Service Foundation, and will work with Dr. Gavin Uchida, a pediatric dentist, who serves as a program administrator that focuses on the clinical aspects of oral health.

Liu-Antonio has extensive experience developing community education programs, working with those in underserved communities, and collaborating with dentists statewide. She has been with Hawaii Dental Service over the past 20 years, serving in key roles, including professional relations representative and, most recently, as business development consultant.

Prior to joining Hawaii Dental Service in 2001, Liu-Antonio had been responsible for developing and launching various health initiatives with The Queen's Health Systems and Kalihi-Palama Health Center.

"I'm looking forward to using all the experiences I've gained over the years and returning back to what I love most — helping communities gain access to quality health information and quality care," Liu-Antonio said. "After serving on the commercial insurance side of Hawaii Dental Service, I'm glad to now have the opportunity to serve the community in a new way. Helping communities develop oral health programs and providing the resources to bring them to fruition will be personally and professionally fulfilling to me."

"Steph is a huge asset and a welcome addition to our Hawaii Dental Service Foundation team," said Saneishi-Kim. "Her background and experiences are ideal and will help us take the foundation to a new, exciting level."

Liu-Antonio is an Aiea resident and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in family resources from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

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About the Hawaii Dental Service Foundation

The Hawaii Dental Service Foundation was established in 1986 by Hawaii Dental Service to improve oral health in Hawaii. The Foundation's oral health initiatives include programs such as Seal Away Decay, Dentist by One and Kupuna Smiles. In 2018, the Foundation established the Hawaii Dental Service Community Scholarship Program to support Hawaii students pursuing careers in dentistry or dental hygiene. The Foundation also gives grants to local non-profit organizations for programs and projects that provide oral health education, prevent oral disease, and increase access to dental care for underserved populations. www.HDSFoundation.gives