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**Local Leaders & Organizations Honored with 2024 Ho'omenemene (Compassion) Awards**

August 21, 2024 – Honolulu, HI – Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i (SCCH), a nonprofit mental health counseling center, announced their Honorees of the 2024 Ho'omenemene (Compassion) Awards. Two individuals and three organizations will be recognized for embodying SCCH's mission of promoting hope and healing to Hawai'i's communities: Dr. Stephen Kemble, Rev. Aldean "Al" Miles, Bank of Hawai'i, The Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice, and Spill the Tea Café.

Honorees will be celebrated at Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Fundraising Dinner on Saturday, October 12, 2024. The event will feature an awards program, entertainment, and silent auction. Proceeds will support SCCH's Client Assistance Fund, which subsidizes counseling for those who are uninsured, underinsured, elderly, and low-income; and mental health programs. Tickets, sponsorships, and silent auction information are available at <https://bit.ly/scch2024>.

SCCH Ho'omenemene Awards will honor:

**Dr. Stephen B. Kemble**, a licensed psychiatrist and past president of both the Hawaii Psychiatric Medical Association and the Hawaii Medical Association. Dr. Kemble has a longstanding interest in health care reform and serves on the board of Physicians for a National Health Program.

**Rev. Aldean "Al" Miles**, an ordained minister and chaplain with Pacific Health Ministry, who has served as the lead chaplain at The Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu for 31 years. In addition to providing compassion and hope for patients, families and medical staff, Rev. Miles is the author of several books and a highly-regarded expert on domestic abuse intervention and prevention.

**Bank of Hawai'i**, a commercial bank that prioritizes community service and employee volunteerism, focuses on strengthening low and moderate-income communities.

**Hawai'i Friends of Restorative Justice**, a nonprofit organization that designs and researches innovative pilot projects in school, corrections and community settings. They provide evidence-based education and training to help individuals and organizations live cooperatively and peacefully.

**Spill the Tea Café**, an inclusive mental health clinic focused on adolescents, offers individual and group therapy, mentorship, care coordination, psychoeducation, and support for families and caregivers.

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**About the Ho'omenemene Awards**

The biennial Ho'omenemene (Compassion) Awards recognize individuals and organizations whose enduring work promotes hope and healing to Hawai'i's diverse communities.

**About Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i**

Founded in 1989, Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides professional and accessible mental health counseling for individuals, families, and communities in Hawai'i, regardless of ability to pay. The organization also participates in community outreach and events to provide mental health education, strengthen resilience, and help reduce the stigma of mental illness. For more information, call (808) 545-2740 or visit [www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org](http://www.samaritancounselingcenterhawaii.org).

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