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Art Ushijima Named Grassroots Champion

The American Hospital Association (AHA), in partnership with the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), honors Art Ushijima, FACHE, President of The Queen's Health Systems as Hawaii's 2014 Grassroots Champion.



As a 2014 Grassroots Champion, Art is being recognized for exceptional leadership in generating grassroots and community activity in support of a hospital's mission. The American Hospital Association *Grassroots Champion Award* was created to recognize those hospital leaders who most effectively educate elected officials on how major issues affect the hospital's vital role in the community, who have done an exemplary job in broadening the base of community support for the hospital and who are tireless advocates for hospitals and their patients.

"Art is dedicated to making Hawaii's voice heard on the national political scene, so that the unique needs of Hawaii's hospitals can be understood during the crafting of legislation and policy," said George Greene, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. "He works tirelessly within Hawaii to educate local legislators about the ways in which potential legislation will impact patients and healthcare delivery

in the state."

"We depend upon strong local voices to help tell the story of hospitals as cornerstones of the communities they serve," said Rich Umbdenstock, AHA president and CEO. "This award is a small token of our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of these individuals to improving health and health care in America."

About the HAH

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii's 130 member organizations include all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, most long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, durable medical equipment suppliers and

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home infusion/pharmacies, as well as other healthcare organizations throughout the continuum including case management, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy.

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