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FIH/ARMG HOLIDAY PARTY

Our Holiday event this year was held at the Halekulani Hotel on December 1st. Many of our staff gathered to make this night a memorable one with delicious food, good company, cocktails, a raffle, and a photo booth. This annual gathering is to thank every employee for their hard work, dedication, and for providing excellent patient care. We hope your holiday season and festivities will be filled with fun, laughter, and love.



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ASRM

Drs. Frattarelli and Karmon, Tricia our PA-C, and Embryologist Yvonne travelled to Denver, CO on October 6th, for the ASRM annual meeting. The American Society for Reproductive Medicine is a multidisciplinary organization dedicated to the advancement of the science and practice of reproductive medicine. It provides a forum for lay public, researchers, physicians and affiliated health workers through education, publication, and meetings.



FIH AT HNL PRIDE FESTIVAL

The month of June is known as Pride Month, it's a time when the world's LGBTQ communities come together and celebrate the freedom to be themselves. The month of June was chosen to pay homage to the Stonewall riots of June 1969, which started the gay rights movement. On October 20th, some of our FIH staff volunteered at the 2018 Honolulu Pride Festival. Thousands gathered at this event to show their pride and support the LGBTQ community. It was such an amazing event to be a part of! The Fertility Institute of Hawaii offers treatment options to same-sex couples here locally, as well as internationally.



DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

FIH offers our newsletter in an electronic format. Don't worry, you can still pick up a paper copy at the front reception area when you come to visit us, but you can now sign up to receive our newsletter as an e-mail delivered right to your inbox. This allows you to save an electronic copy to refer back to, and it helps the environment as well.

Please visit our website at www.ivfcenterhawaii.com, scroll down to Latest News and Events, and click on the icon to sign up.



RESOLVE PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

Resolve is pleased to offer a new peer support group in Honolulu, HI. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the conference rooms next to the dining area/cafeteria at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children. The upcoming dates include:

- February 7th Conference Room C
- March 7th Conference Room C
- April 4th Conference Room C

For more information, please email your questions or comments to Vanessa, the group leader, at: Resolvehawaii@outlook.com.



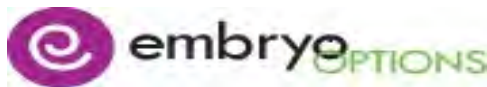
DONATING EMBRYOS

When couples go through in vitro fertilization and have decided that their family is complete, they sometimes have remaining embryos that are cryopreserved (frozen) in storage. Couples have a choice of:

- Donating for the purpose of embryo adoption.
- Donating for the purpose of quality assurance/research.
- Discarding in accordance with our policies.

Here at the Fertility Institute of Hawaii, we are one of only a few centers in the country to offer embryo adoption and donation. Donating embryos allows another family going through infertility to fulfill their dreams of becoming parents.

To find out how you can donate your unused embryos, talk to your IVF coordinator or email us at fih@armghawaii.com.



OPTIONS FOR YOUR FROZEN EMBRYOS



FIH is one of only a few IVF centers in the U.S. that is currently using Embryo Options for fertility patients. Those who wish to cryopreserve unused eggs, sperm and/or embryos for potential use in assisted reproductive treatment (ART) procedures are given access to a secure online portal. With Embryo Options, patients are able to make auto-payments for stor-

age, research disposition options and resources when the timing is appropriate, and have access to download complete informed consents or any other necessary paperwork.

To get more information about embryo options or if you have questions, talk to your IVF coordinator.

BABY OF THE MONTH

We are currently looking for individuals to participate in our Baby of the Month Photography Storytelling Project, in partnership with Rita Coury Photography, Inc. If you've had a successful cycle with us and are interested in this unique photo opportunity, please let us know. By sharing your inspirational stories, you provide hope and determination to many that are on the journey to building a

family. To find out more about this beautiful project, contact our Marketing Manager Robyn at 808-380-8237 or by email robyn@armghawaii.com

To see current "Baby of the Month" photos, please visit our website, at www.ivfcenterhawaii.com.



Our December Babies of the Month
Omani & O'Shea



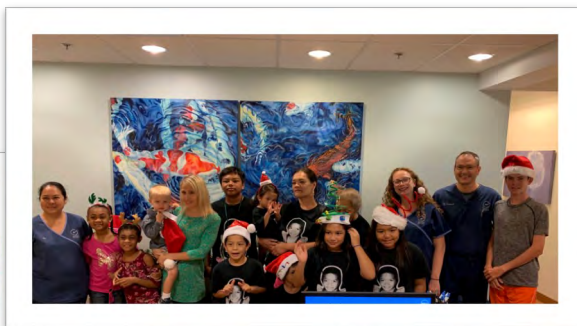
THE GIFT OF GIVING

In lieu of our traditional white elephant gift exchange that we have done for several years, our combined efforts this year made the holiday season a little brighter for those in need. In December, we “adopted” a local family with six children, whose story of struggle truly touched our hearts. This year, we were able to arrange to meet the family in-person, which has never been done before. Truly this was the greatest gift that any of us could have asked for. We did not know each other before we met, but when they left, it truly felt like an extended family. While working with Helping Hands Hawaii’s Adopt A Family Program, our employees were able to contribute to the community to ring in the new year with a happier holiday season for those who needed some extra love and compassion at this current time. In re-

turn, those families put a smile on our faces when we received personalized cards that expressed their sincere gratitude and something that will never be forgotten.

In addition, we also did a diaper drive to benefit the Family Promise of Hawaii organization, which aids hundreds of homeless families with children each year and helps them transition to sustainable independence.

“Nothing else in all life is such a maker of joy and cheer as the privilege of doing good.” — James Russell Miller



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ACOG HAWAII SECTION

Our FIH team, including Dr. Frattarelli, Senior Embryologist Jamie, as well as our Clinical Liaison Teri, attended the 31st Annual Hawai'i Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians & Gynecologists. The meeting was held from November 10th-12th at The Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort & Spa in Poipu. It was a great opportunity for FIH to educate the local OB/GYNs on novel therapies, like the INVOcell device. We also discussed our participation in a national

research study that will offer eligible patients a free IVF cycle.

