



# PRIME NEWS

**Happy and Blessed Easter!**

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Aloha and welcome back our newsletter, *Prime News*. Hope to keep up and be able to revive Prime News. We will keep you posted about what's new and upcoming...and share what's happening inside and outside our home. You are welcome to contribute and share your literary talent as well.

This Sunday, we celebrate Easter. Check out our office....Ella, Prime Care's self-appointed decorator, has the office decorated with a "Happy Easter" sign and colorful eggs. Easter, a Christian holiday, will be celebrated all over the world in various settings. We hope you will be able to enjoy the holiday with your ohana.

Prime Care's ohana continues to grow— see pictures below.



Happy birthday, Jennifer!

## Meet Jennifer, UHSON Student

UH Nursing Student, Jennifer, is getting her home healthcare experience at Prime Care, learning about case management and sharpening some clinical skills. Ask her about wound vac's and she will be able to tell you how proficient she is at identifying wounds and performing wound vac's. Thanks, Nolan, Jennifer's preceptor, who has been taking Jennifer to home visits! Taking a break from home visits, we had a Taco Bell lunch and celebrated Jennifer's birthday. Prime Care and UHSON have partnered to include upper level student nurses and RN to BSN nurses to get home health experience at Prime Care. Nolan was one of them. Now, he shares his time precepting UH students, along with Cindy, Lenora and Jim S. Mahalo to all!



## Welcome Back, Matt and Stacey

Prime Care welcomes back Matt, full time fireman and "on call" physical therapist. Matt worked full time at Prime Care before he decided to change careers to be a fireman. No matter how he looks with the shaven hair cut..the fireman clothing, he remembers OASIS "just like riding a bike... you never forget!"

No stranger to Prime Care, Stacey joined our ohana as "on call therapist" Stacey worked "on call" many years ago before working at St. Francis Home Care.

## Important Announcements

- 1) Physical Therapy Licensure — Beginning December 2016 renewal, each licensed Physical Therapist shall be required to obtain at least thirty units of approved continuing competency units (CCUs) in each 2 year license renewal. The CCU's must be taken during the two years prior (January 1, 2015-December 31, 2016) [http://hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl/boards/physical\\_therapy/statute\\_rules](http://hawaii.gov/dcca/pvl/boards/physical_therapy/statute_rules)
- 2) RN Licensure—Legislature may mandate CEU's . Hearing in progress. Stay tuned.
- 3) Relay for Life— save the date for July 18th at Magic Island— contact Cindy
- 4) Community Event on Saturday May 9th— Hanauma Bay Nature Preserve Clean Up— contact Emma
- 5) Caregivers' Bill— Targets hospital's discharge planning but may affect home healthcare. The Healthcare Association opposed the bill because of liability issues. AARP was strongly pushing for this bill but is dead in this year's legislation
- 6) Home Healthcare Star Rating is being posted publicly. In two years, CMS will pay home healthcare agencies for performance— called value-based purchasing. Clinicians' timely and accurate answers on OASIS and patients' responses on the surveys will be key to value-based purchasing.