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GMHA Receives Donation from Sagua Mañagu

(Tuesday, June 27, 2023; Tamuning, Guam) The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) was honored to receive a donation from Sagua Mañagu for its Maternal Child Health (MCH) department. Sagua Mañagu donated much-needed medical supplies for the department's Labor & Delivery unit, including syringes, tubing, cuffs, gauze, sutures, surgical gowns, and more. The donation is valued at \$15,755.44

"The GMHA Maternal Child Health department is very grateful to Sagua Mañagu for their generous donation. The items they have donated will help GMHA continue to provide excellent care for the newborns we are privileged to deliver and the birthing moms," said Assistant Administrator of Nursing Services Christine Tuquero, BSN, RN.

As the only civilian hospital delivering babies, GMHA is proud to welcome Guam's newborns into the world. In 2022, GMHA delivered 1,986 babies and in 2021, the total number of newborns was 2,056. On average, the hospital delivers more than 150 babies per month and in some months, the total can be even higher.

"GMHA is proud to welcome so many little ones into the world. We deliver so many babies that our supply needs fluctuate as we are the only public hospital that services the expecting, laboring moms and their newborns.," said Hospital Administrator and CEO, Lillian Perez-Posadas, MN, RN. "We order medical supplies for the Labor & Delivery unit on an ongoing basis, and the generous donation from Sagua Mañagu will be put to excellent use caring for laboring mothers and infants."

After 22 years, the Sagua Mañagu Birthing Center closed last year on Christmas Eve, making GMHA the sole public entity where expectant mothers can safely deliver their babies. GMHA is grateful to Sagua Mañagu for its service to Guam and hopes one day, the birthing facility may return. In the meantime, GMHA is dedicated to safely caring for mothers and their newborns.

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