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GMHA Recognizes National Social Work Month and World Social Work Day

(Tamuning, Guam; March 23, 2026) — The Guam Memorial Hospital Authority (GMHA) proudly recognizes March as National Social Work Month and celebrates World Social Work Day, honoring the dedication, compassion, and advocacy of social workers who support patients and families across the island.

Social workers serve as key members of the healthcare team, helping patients navigate complex medical and social challenges. At GMHA, social workers assist with care coordination, crisis intervention, discharge planning, and connecting patients with critical community resources.

Jannica Quintanilla, Social Services Administrator at GMHA, highlighted the important role social workers play in improving patient outcomes and supporting families throughout their healthcare journey.

“Social Work Month is an opportunity to recognize the advocacy and often invisible work that ensures quality patient outcomes at Guam Memorial Hospital Authority. Our social workers manage the complex intersections of medical care and social needs while addressing social determinants of health such as housing instability, food insecurity, and transportation barriers.”

GMHA Interim Hospital Administrator and CEO Dr. Joleen M. Aguon emphasized the importance of social workers as part of the hospital’s patient-centered care team.

“Social workers are essential advocates for our patients and families. Their work helps ensure that care extends beyond the hospital walls by connecting individuals with resources and support during some of life’s most challenging moments. Their compassion and dedication strengthen the care we provide to our community every day.”

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero also recognized the important contributions of social workers across Guam’s healthcare system.

“Social workers are vital to the strength of our healthcare system and our island community. Their commitment to advocacy and service ensures that individuals and families facing difficult circumstances have the guidance and support they need.”





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Lt. Governor Josh Tenorio echoed this appreciation for the profession.

“The work of social workers often happens behind the scenes, but its impact is felt across our entire community. We thank the dedicated professionals at GMHA who uplift others through service, advocacy, and compassion.”

The 2026 theme for National Social Work Month is “Social Workers: Uplift. Defend. Transform.”, highlighting the profession’s commitment to advocacy, community support, and positive change.

GMHA extends its sincere appreciation to its Social Work team for their continued dedication and service to the people of Guam.

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