Golden Ager Association of Hawai‘i 檀香山金齡輔助會
P.O. Box 27964, Honolulu, HI 96827; Room 210A, Chinese Cultural Plaza, 100 N. Beretania, Honolulu, HI 96817 Telephone (808) 531-2572 (business), Tuesdays 8:30 am–1:00 pm

Mission: To assist senior citizens, particularly those within the Chinese community.

History: The Association is a non-profit, community service organization, formed in July, 1984. It is staffed by volunteers and supported by charitable contributions from individuals and private organizations.

Activities The problems facing the elderly are well known. Physical as well as psychological challenges are common, and often are complicated by social and financial difficulties. In addition, senior citizens who are also recent immigrants face added difficulties in having to adjust to a new culture and language—especially when the new culture seems to contrast with a native society that appears to place greater emphasis on honoring elders.

The Association attempts to be sensitive to these special needs. It offers individual counseling that ranges from periodic telephone chats to more involved employment assistance. Bilingual staff members serve as a link to specialized government and private welfare agencies, making referrals and helping to fill out applications for such services as food stamps, medical insurance, and legal aid. The Association also provides medical services, including testing for blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterals, as well as counseling on herbal nutrition.

Once a year, the Association holds a banquet for members to meet with others of their background and age group.
Membership: The Association services upwards of 2,000 members over 55 years of age, who each pay $5 in annual dues.

Association presidents

1984–94 Jeffy Cheng
1996–02 Norman Choy

Sources: UCS centennial book, association publications, correspondence with Mary Wu