History: The home was established in 1917, to address the problem of homelessness among former plantation workers. It is a private, non-profit, tax-exempt, charitable organization licensed by the State Department of Health and the State Department of Human Services, whose mission is to aid and assist older adults regardless of race, sex, religion, ethnicity or national origin. It provides long-term, overnight, and adult day care services in a residential setting at the mauka end of Palolo Valley. It currently has 60 beds in double rooms, but is undertaking a building project that will redevelop the entire campus.

Mission: To assist and care for the aged and deserving, and to maintain a home for them, to aid in the alleviation of human suffering and distress and to carry on works of charity, mercy, and benevolence. Healthcare goals: To assist in caring for clients; to offer respite to family care givers; to delay or prevent health decline by providing therapeutic activities; and to improve quality of life by assisting clients to return to productive activity and involvement with their peers.
Activities  The home provides 1) long term residential care (accommodations, assistance with personal needs, health oversight, and security for those unable to manage independently); 2) adult day care services (available 7 days a week; socialization, activities, meals, and health watch for those alone much of the time, or whose caregivers have other commitments); 3) adult overnight respite (accommodations and care for periods from a weekend to a month, for elders unable to travel with their families); and 4) dietary services to off-site clients (preparation and delivery of hot, nutritionally balanced meals to needy or isolated elders.  Onsite care includes individualized exercise programs, multi-cultural celebrations, weekly outings, Christian and Buddhist visitation services, and visiting groups and entertainers.

Membership: The Home is staffed by professionals including licensed nurses and certified nurses aides, and is overseen by a board of 26 directors and officers. The maximum client-to-staff ratio is 6-to-1, to ensure individual attention.

Applicants for admission to the Home may be frail, of very advanced age or have stable chronic conditions, but they may NOT be confined to bed. Admission is based on individual evaluation and consultation between the applicant, the family, the attending physician and the Home’s Director of Nursing. The Home does not accept those requiring skilled nursing level services. Monthly rates for residency range from $1,825 - $ 2,500 depending on care needs.

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1995-96  George T.Y. Lum
1997-01  Leigh-Wai Doo
2002-03  George T.Y. Lum

Sources: Palolo Chinese Home website and correspondence