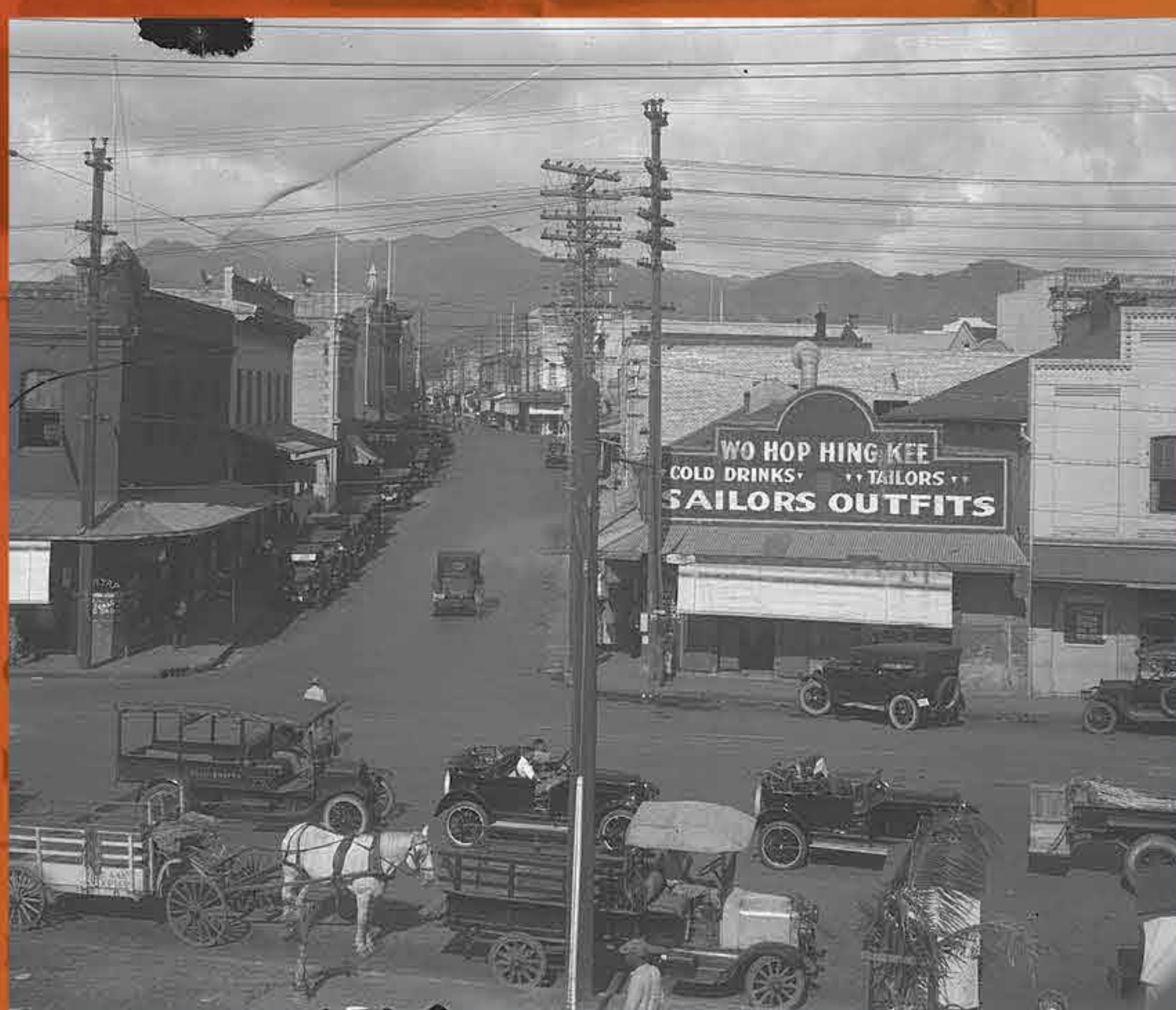


# A BOLD VISION FOR UNITY

In 1917, five YMCA leaders united separate Japanese, Chinese, Korean, and Filipino branches to form the Nuʻuanu YMCA—a groundbreaking stand for racial integration at a time of widespread segregation. Their vision: one place, open to all. A powerful legacy begins.



Founders of the Nuʻuanu YMCA — Frank C. Atherton, Dr. Iga Mori, Dr. William D. Westervelt, Dr. Singman Rhee, and Chung K. Ai. Today, Chung K. Ai's grandchildren, Steven Ai and Carol Ai May, continue his legacy through the City Mill family business and their foundation's generous support of YMCA programs for at-risk youth, with Steven also serving as a Metro Board Member.



Nuʻuanu Avenue circa 1920



Interracial YMCA staff, 1916-1917



# BUILT TO WELCOME ALL

In 1918, the Nuʻuanu YMCA was built as a gathering place for people of all ages, ethnicities, and backgrounds. It became a symbol of belonging—and a foundation for future generations to grow, play, and connect in a community that embraced them fully.



Original Nuʻuanu YMCA Building



Entrance Hall

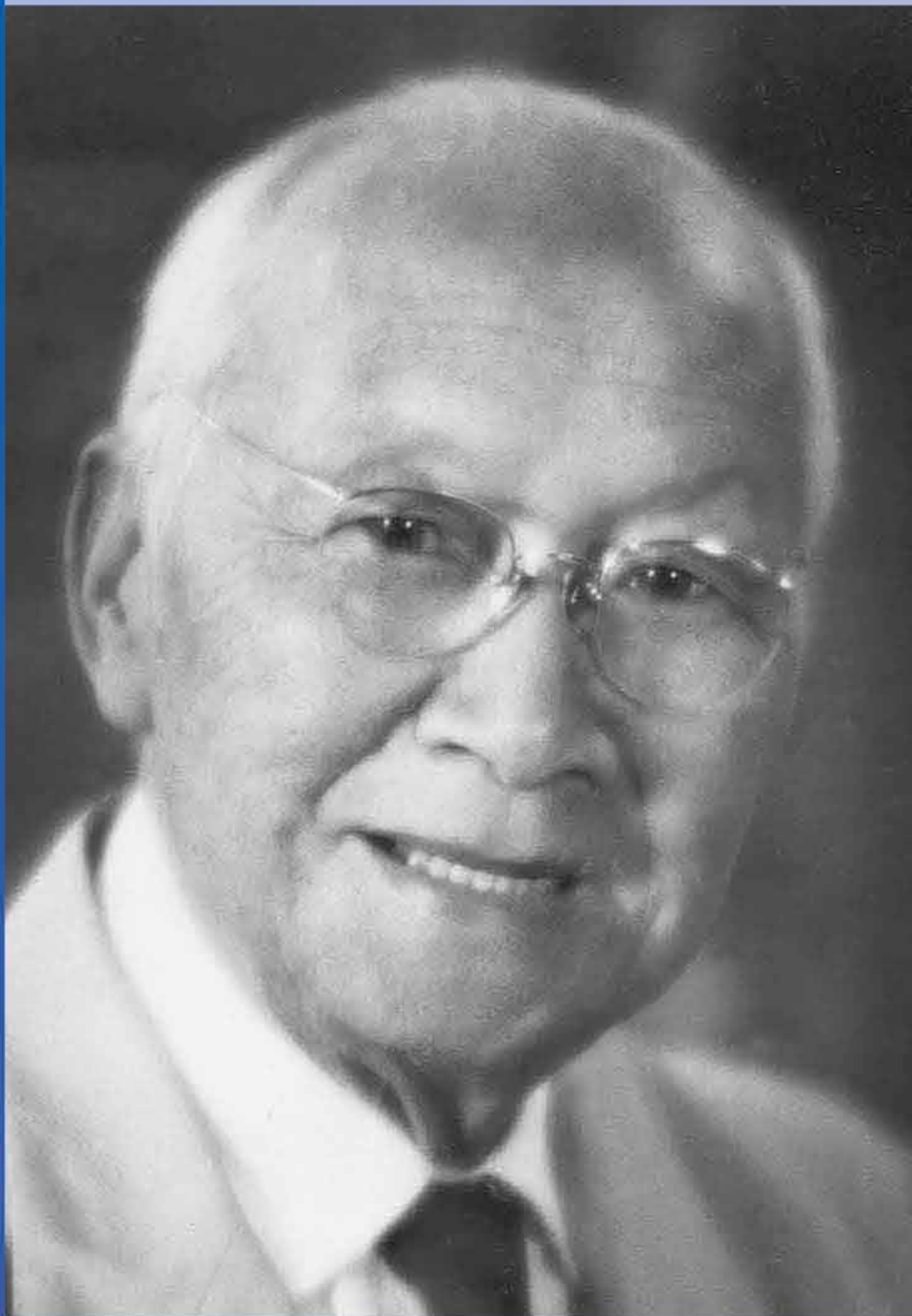


Cafeteria



# THE HEART OF A FOUNDER

Chung Kun Ai—co-founder of City Mill and a devoted community leader—helped raise the funds to build Nu‘uanu YMCA. C.K.’s love for Hawai‘i and its people lives on in every life touched by this place he helped bring to life.



Chung Kun Ai



Chung Kun Ai and his wife, Chung Shiu Shee



City Mill store circa 1952



# A LIFE OF SERVICE

C.K. Ai's legacy reached beyond the YMCA. He helped build Palolo Chinese Home and the First Chinese Church of Christ—and supported YMCA summer programs for decades. He was a champion for keiki, community, and the idea that service shapes a better world.



Signing donation checks



First Chinese Church of Christ

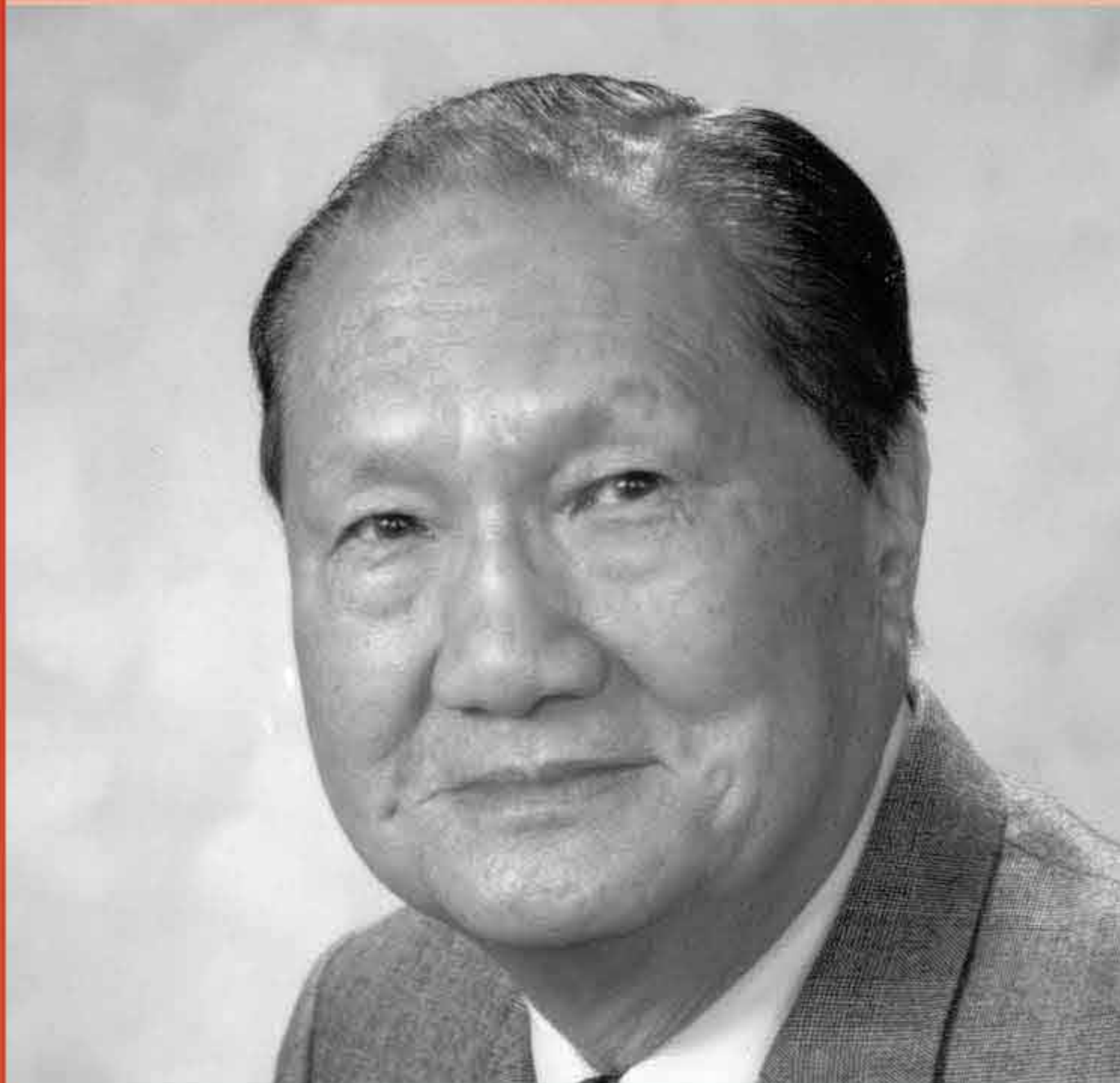


Bales of thrifted clothing to donate



# THE LEGACY CONTINUES

C.K.'s son, David Ai, carried on his father's values through the David C. Ai Charitable Trust—ensuring under-resourced families could access essential YMCA programs. His quiet generosity built bridges to opportunity, and continued the family's lifelong commitment to uplifting others.



David C.K. Ai

Dear Mr. Ai,

Once again, thank you very much for your continued support and generous scholarship funds for our Ka'ahumanu Summer Fun Program 1993. The funds allowed us to touch the lives of so many more children and leave "many lasting impressions" with them.

Enclosed you will find pictures and letters from the children you sponsored this past summer at the Ka'ahumanu Summer Fun Program. Their smiling faces and written words are just a small part of the joy they've expressed for the opportunity you've given them to make new friends, to learn and to grow.

Thank you once again for believing in our programs and the children that we serve.

Sincerely,



Dean Nishimura  
Youth Program Director

YMCA letter from 1994



David's generosity uplifted kids in need



# GENERATIONS OF IMPACT

Today, the third generation—Steven Ai and Carol Ai May—lead City Mill. Steven has served on the YMCA's Metro Board for nearly 30 years, giving back through leadership and love. Evan Ai Killips and Andrew Ai Killips—the fourth generation—are now being mentored to carry the legacy forward.



Esther Chong, C.K. Ai, David Ai



David Ai, Carol Ai May, Steven Ai



Andrew Ai Killips and Evan Ai Killips



# INVESTING IN HAWAI'I'S YOUTH

Through the David C. Ai Charitable Trust, the Ai family has supported youth summer programs that keep teens safe, engaged, and inspired. Their giving has kept doors open for kids—offering hope, structure, and opportunity when it's needed most.



Teens building strength and confidence



Healthy meals and silly moments



Learning water safety while having fun



# A GIFT FOR THE NEXT 100 YEARS

The Ai family has committed \$3 million to help fund the next chapter of the Nuʻuanu YMCA. From C.K.'s founding vision to today's transformative investment, their legacy shows how aloha across generations can shape a community for lifetimes.







**MAHALO NUI LOA  
TO THE AI FAMILY  
AND THE TRUSTEES  
OF THE DAVID C. AI  
CHARITABLE TRUST.**

