

AESTHETICA



**Laser Surgery Center
Cosmetic and Plastic Surgery
Cosmetics and Skin Care**

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About

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Community Services, Inc.

AESTHETICA Community Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit, tax exempt corporation which was founded in 1996 by **Gregory G. Caputy, MD, PhD** and **Joy A. Bliss, RN, BN, MSc, PhD**. The corporation arose out of the community programs which Dr. Caputy began in his practice of plastic and laser surgery two years previously. The corporation was founded purely out of a need to be able to accept donations for the services were being provided free of charge to the community. These will be outlined in detail below.

The first program is the **Rainbow Child** program in which one child per year, or, for the duration of a given treatment regimen, is treated free of charge. The only restrictions are that the child must be in need and must have a congenital or acquired deformity which is amenable to treatment by standard and proven plastic or laser surgery methods. No new treatments or protocols will be used in the

treatment of these children and they are in no way to be considered experimental subjects. The first child in the program was Andy who was born with a very large Port-wine stain (a vascular or blood vessel deformity of the face) which was very disfiguring. Twenty treatments of the entire area affected were performed with Andy under general anesthesia each time. The treatments were with a laser which coagulates the blood vessels in stages. By the completion of the treatments, Andy's condition was improved greatly and he was able to lead a more normal life. Provisions are currently attempting to be made for him to continue treatments after his move to the mainland.

The second program which is sponsored through **AESTHETICA** Community Services is the **X-Tattoo Program**. This is a program, again initiated by Dr. Caputy as the Hawaii chapter of a national program of the same name which is based in Phoenix, AZ. The program takes in all ex-gang members who are attempting to reintegrate into society but are having difficulty doing so due to disfiguring and, often, very obvious gang tattoos. Laser tattoo removal treatments are performed for these individuals completely free of charge. The treatments vary for the types of tattoos but, on the average, most homemade tattoos can be removed in from 6 to 10 sessions and most professional tattoos in from 8 to 12 sessions. All colors can be removed with the exception of green at the present time. This color requires a special type of laser for which funding is currently lacking. The laser presently being used by Dr. Caputy is at the forefront of technology and he is currently completing the FDA approval process of it. It greatly reduces the risks of scarring as well as

allows for more comfortable treatment with less risk of infection than any other currently available laser. Dr. Caputy currently has over three hundred youths enrolled in this tattoo removal program.

The third program which is sponsored through **AESTHETICA** Community Services, Inc. is an, as yet, unnamed program in which victims of domestic violence are treated, again, free of charge. The treatments vary from acute caring for the victims from a plastic surgical perspective through to major reconstructive surgery for repair of injuries or scarring long after the acute episode. There have also been a number of instances where tattoos were performed against the victim's wishes and these have been removed through the program.

Within two years of practice, Dr. Caputy was given the honor of carrying the **Olympic Torch** for community services provided through our not-for-profit corporation **AESTHETICA** Community Services, Inc. Dr. Caputy has also been honored with a Hana Hou Award through KITV in Honolulu for the X-tattoo and other community programs. **AESTHETICA** is a member in good standing of the Better Business Bureau. Dr. Caputy was inducted into **America's Who's Who** in 1997.

Dr. Caputy's professional credentials include the following: He has a BSC degree in Biochemistry, a PhD degree in microbiology and an MD degree. He was trained in general surgery at the Mayo Clinic and plastic surgery at Dalhousie University. He subsequently performed three years of additional training in aesthetic/cosmetic plastic surgery and laser surgery. He is board eligible

by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada in plastic surgery (the Canadian equivalent of the American Board), he is an associate fellow of the International Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, an associate fellow with the American College of Surgeons and a fellow of the International College of Surgeons, He is a candidate member of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons and the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgeons. He is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Texas, California, and Hawaii. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association, Hawaii Medical Association, Alberta Medical Association, and the Mayo Clinic, University of Calgary and Dalhousie University Alumni Associations. He is an active member of the Wound Healing Society and the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Examiners and have testified as an expert in the field of cosmetic plastic surgery, surgical infections and wound healing. He routinely teaches other physicians techniques of laser surgery for such organizations as Medical Alliance Corporation, Coherent Laser Corporation and Laserscope Corporation. Dr Caputy publishes regularly in the most prestigious, peer reviewed journals of his fields of expertise.

Dr. Caputy's consultation, time and expertise are provided free of charge for each of the programs outlined above. Any funds donated to **AESTHETICA** Community Services, Inc. are used purely for the maintenance of the very expensive laser equipment, the purchase of

materials used for treatments, the purchase of necessary equipment or outside services or the organization of treatments. The not-for-profit corporation accepts donations from all private and public individuals or companies. All donations are tax deductible.

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