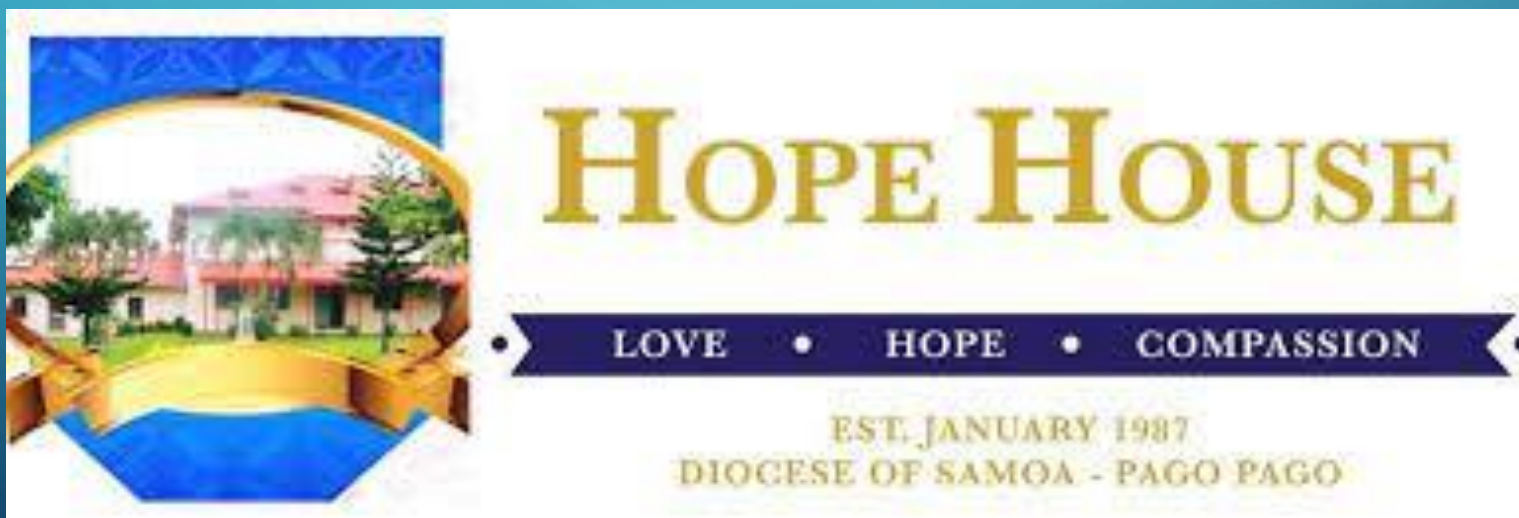




# AMERICAN SAMOA OFFICE OF PROTECTION & ADVOCACY



## HOPE HOUSE FIRE SAFETY PROJECT, 2022



# BACKGROUND OF HOPE HOUSE:

- Built 1987
- Only assisted living care home built by the Catholic Diocese of Samoa in Tutuila, Pago Pago
- Provides care to elderly and children with disabilities – all denominations
- 15 residents, Caregivers and Administrative staff
- Maintenance officer
- Closely connected are a Day Care and Montessori School, other (next slide)
- Over 100 people in total each day
- Recently applied last year to be Medicaid Provider



# HOPE HOUSE – RESIDENTS:



Hope House by the Diocese of Pago Pago

Residents consist of

- individuals with disabilities
- elderly residents
- younger persons with disabilities

The residents use wheelchairs, specialized wheelchairs, walkers and other devices

There are approximately 15 residents at Hope House





# HOPE HOUSE PART OF FATUOAIGA COMPOUND – AERIAL

- Fatuoaiga Catholic Cathedral
- Hope House
  - Mens Wing
  - Womens Wing
  - Chapel
- Montessori School
- Day Care Center
- Apartments
- Quarantine Quarters  
(Separate Building)









# TOUR OF HOPE HOUSE (CONTINUE)

- Hope House Maintenance Manager gave partners a tour
- Fire Chief attended and reviewed his report and indicators to be addressed
- Stressed importance of Fire Safety Prevention and Drills



# OUTDATED ALARM AND FIRE SYSTEM

- Hard wired smoke detectors that all lead into one panel system
- Same with wired alarm system
- All not working, ineffective
- Battery Operated Detectors
- Fire Extinguishers (Yes)





# FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- New Sprinkler system
- New Fire Alarm system
- Emergency Power Supply
- Emergency Exit Signs w/Lights
- Emergency Lights within Staircase
- More Fire Hydrants on Compound
- Postings of Emergency Evac Plan
- Other defects





# COLLABORATION

- Legal Issues
- Funding Sources
- Disability Awareness Month
  - Theme: Change for Rights, Inclusion, Language
- Fire Drill
- More Smoke Detectors & Fire Extinguishers (Chemical) to add to existing



# AMERICAN SAMOA SHUTDOWN

**Hope House is Closed** ...

**Help stop the spread of Covid-19.**

Vaccinate. Mask up. Social Distance.



**Code Red Extended** ...



READY FOR COVID. BUT LET'S BE READY FOR FIRE!