

TWO MEN. ONE MISSION.

Don Anderson, former CEO of YMCA of Honolulu, and Nan Shin, founder of Nan, Inc., met on a YMCA service project in Leyte, Philippines—building homes for families who lost everything in a devastating mudslide. That trip ignited a partnership that would transform thousands of lives across Asia and Hawai'i.



Don Anderson and Nan Shin

SERVICE THAT SPANNED CONTINENTS.

For more than twenty years, Don and Nan worked shoulder-to-shoulder in the Philippines, Cambodia, and Myanmar—building shelters, classrooms, and health centers. Nan's humble generosity made these journeys possible, shaping not only communities abroad but every volunteer who joined their mission.



Three new classrooms were built on Cebu Island, Philippines.



Don building classrooms and a teacher's dorm in Angkor Krau, Cambodia. Nan donated \$100,000 towards this project.



Nan building homes for mudslide victims in South Leyte, Philippines, joined by Rotarians Dave Shanahan and Willie Gacutan.

A GLOBAL MOVEMENT.

YMCA staff, Honolulu Rotary Club members, college students, and Nan, Inc. employees returned home transformed—seeing the world, and themselves, through a wider, more compassionate lens. They discovered that the YMCA is more than a place or program, but a global movement grounded in service, humanity, and shared purpose.



Honolulu Rotary Club, YMCA staff, and college students, building school classrooms in Sibonga, Cebu, Philippines.



YMCA students and UH Engineer students supporting a school building project in Palawan, Philippines.



Nan with Nan, Inc. volunteers in Southern Leyte, Philippines building a new school.

FROM HONOLULU TO THE WORLD.

Beginning in 1910, YMCA Honolulu served as the headquarters for training American YMCA international secretaries who helped establish and support YMCAs in Asia, Eastern Europe, and Oceania — including Poland, the Czech Republic, Russia, Japan, India, China, Jerusalem, and New Zealand. Continuing this legacy, Don built global partnerships, raised funds, organized annual service trips to international communities in need, and gave young people the chance to see the world far beyond Hawai'i's shores.



1931: YMCA of Honolulu hosted the Pan Pacific International Conference leading to the creation of the Institute of Pacific Relations known today as the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council.



1991: \$1.5 million campaign to build a hospital and school in Yunnan, one of China's poorest provinces. Left to right: Don Anderson, Professor Joseph Zheng, David Haig, Yan Rong Ke, and Li Ya Ping.



San Carlos, Negros Island, Philippines—constructing an agricultural processing and training center shown on the hilltop.

CARING FOR HAWAI'I.

Nan's giving didn't stop overseas. Here in Hawai'i, he and Nan, Inc employees have quietly championed service—restoring Paepae o He'eia, cleaning the Mokapu canal, supporting the Hawai'i Foodbank, strengthening healthcare from Wai'anae to Kapi'olani, and investing in future generations through Special Olympics and local soccer programs.



Dr. Thomas Kosasa and Nan at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children in support of the hospital's expansion.



Nan, Inc. employees working at the Hawai'i Foodbank.



Nan, Inc. employees clearing Paepae o He'eia.

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS.

On a service trip to Negros, in the Phillipines, Nan carried handmade bricks up a long path. With each step, he was transported back to his childhood. The boy who once lived in a home with dirt floors was reminded of the hardship that shaped his compassion. He understood the weight of those bricks—and the truth behind them: that lifting others is the greatest work a person can do.



Nan carrying bricks to the construction site of a new agricultural center in San Carlos, Negros Island, Philippines.



Nan with children at a rural school near Barili, Cebu Island, Philippines, where improvements were underway.



Nan with daughter Sherry. Each of Nan's daughters, Sherry, Mary, and Chloe volunteered on Philippines Service Trips.

LEADERSHIP WITH HEART.

Don has a rare gift—bringing people together with authenticity and purpose. He mentored countless young leaders, shaped global partnerships, and inspired service across oceans. Through every challenge and triumph, Don and Nan built a friendship grounded in humility, gratitude, and a shared calling to serve.



Young YMCA staff with Don at the Honolulu airport in 1998, departing for a school improvement project in Tabogon, Cebu Island, Philippines.



Don Anderson at the Manila YMCA Centennial Celebration, recognized as one of the 100 most influential figures in Philippine YMCA history.



Don Anderson in an orphanage for street children in Manila, Philippines where YMCA volunteers made improvements.

A LEGACY THAT LIVES ON.

Nan is giving \$1 million to support the reimagining of the Nuʻuanu YMCA. In recognition of Don Anderson's legacy of service, the gym will be named in his honor and serve to nurture generations to come—helping young people grow, families thrive, and communities connect. It will stand as a testament to their friendship, their shared purpose, and the enduring heart of the YMCA in Hawai'i.



Nan Inc

**MAHALO NUI LOA
TO NAN SHIN AND
DON ANDERSON FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY AND
DECADES OF SERVICE.**

