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ANNUAL REPORT

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Aloha and *Welcome* to our Annual Report,

It has been a remarkable year for us at the Center, full of positive changes. In December we received a Grant-in-Aid from the State of Hawaii for \$79,000 to assist NKCRC in improving our technical expertise to support project needs as well as securing a permanent position for our new Associate Director, Megan Solís. Megan joined our team in July and has brought her great skills in writing and editing as well as her love of Kohala. We extend our gratitude to our State Representative, Cindy Evans, for her guidance and advocacy in obtaining this grant and recognizing the good work we are doing in North Kohala.

After seven years of committed leadership, our President Chris Helmuth has stepped down to a Director position and handed the reins to Maile Lincoln as our new President. We want to acknowledge and thank Chris for his steady vision and hard work most especially in designing and implementing the Kohala Welcome Center. Gino Amar, a founding Director, is our new Vice President. Both he and Maile are “born and raised” here and bring their well-known love of Kohala and a rich history of community leadership. As always, we thank all our Directors for their commitment to NKCRC, furthering our mission to increase the number of successful community improvement projects.

Currently we sponsor 83 projects. This year we saw the completion of the Kohala Mountain Farm Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze project, which will now become its own independent farm. This project is a great example of how NKCRC helps visionary organizers get started, build on their dreams and succeed. In keeping with the strong agricultural momentum here in North Kohala, we will honor multiple agricultural projects at our 2nd Annual Recognition Evening at Puakea Ranch on April 12th. We will be hosting many fine restaurants featuring the great food of Kohala, so please join us for an evening of excellent food, fun and musical guest, Kapena!

Thank you for your support and belief in us. We are working hard to strengthen efforts in North Kohala for our keiki, elders and all residents. We are inspired and humbled to be entering our second decade of serving North Kohala.

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Kohala Loves Agriculture!

Of our 83 current projects, 16 are farms or groups that work to promote agriculture in North Kohala and help the community attain its goal of producing 50% of our own food by 2018. Here are some of our most active agriculture projects that help “Keep Kohala, Kohala.”



HIP Agriculture is a farm and educational site promoting permaculture.



Hawi Farmers Market provides a central place for the community to buy local food.



Kohala Food Forum partnered with the Hawi Farmers Market to accept EBT (SNAP) benefits at the market.



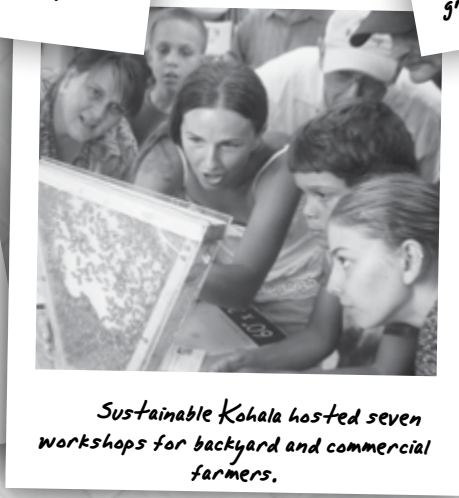
'Ohua O Na Kia'i Na Na Keiki O Ka 'Aina is restoring a lo'i and bringing the community together to support the land.



Risley Farms provides fresh, locally grown produce at the farmers market.



Sage Farms is a family farm providing fresh produce at the market and its honor stand.



Sustainable Kohala hosted seven workshops for backyard and commercial farmers.



Ulu Mau Puanui is revitalizing the rain-fed Kohala Field System.

These sponsored projects also support agriculture by educating our youth, exploring growing techniques, and making fresh local produce accessible to the community: Full Circle Cooperative, Honopueo Ag Water Line Coop, KHS Aquaculture, Kohala Agricultural School Program, Kohala Community Ag Development, Nutritional Farming for Hawaii, Regenerative Organic Agriculture and Pro-biotic Practices Hawaii, and Taro Dreams. Together with other Kohala farms and ranches, agriculture continues to flourish in beautiful Kohala.

For more information about these and other wonderful projects, see our list of Current Projects on the next page or at www.northkohala.org.

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**COMPLETED PROJECTS
IN 2013**

**Kohala Mountain Farm Pumpkin
Patch and Corn Maze**



Experiential Learning Abroad



Hula Halau O Kukui Aloha O Kohala



Kamehameha Day Committee



Lavaroots Performing Arts



Kohala School Agricultural Program



Kohala Country Fair



Kohala Senior Citizens Club



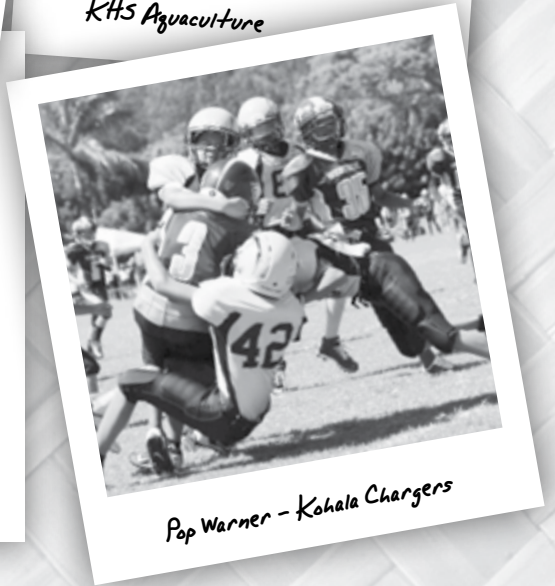
KHS Aquaculture



North Kohala Community Learning Center - World Peace Game



Kohala Unupā'a - Strong Foundation



Pop Warner - Kohala Chargers

Don't Miss NKCRC's 2nd Annual Recognition Evening at Historic Puakea Ranch Saturday, April 12th, 5-9 p.m.

Featuring "A Taste of Kohala" with fine food from wonderful restaurants including Sushi Rock/Trio, the Fish House, Merriman's, Kohala Coffee Mill and many more. With a lively Live Auction and Project Achievement Awards.
Music provided by Kapena from 7:30-9 pm!

Tickets available at the Resource Center, limited seating available. Call 889-5523

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Spring Schedule for Our Next Training Series:

Our workshops are designed to help organizers plan successful community projects, find funding, and write proposals. Planning workshops are offered on an "as needed" individual basis. *These workshops are free to organizers of projects that have been accepted for fiscal sponsorship. Participants without our sponsorship may attend on a fee basis.* Classes are held at our office on Akoni Pule Highway in Hawi. Please call the Center for more information or to register, 889-5523.

Tentative dates based on need of project organizers.

Finding Funders Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

Writing Successful Proposals Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

Proposal Critique To be determined by class