Aloha.

2015 was a year of “firsts” for NKCRC. We are pleased to have inaugurated our Youth Director program, bringing aboard three high school students as full members of our Board of Directors: Malcolm Davis, Kumulani Kaai and Jessica Tenorio. There are two major benefits in this program: the youth directors get incredible real world experience on a nonprofit Board, and the Center gains the insights and viewpoints of an important segment of the population we serve (about one-third of our projects serve youth and another 40% serve both youth and adults).

In addition to our youth directors, we welcomed Vicky Kometani to our Board. We are also pleased to announce that Chris Brown was elected as the new Vice President of our Board. We are grateful and fortunate to have a Board full of capable and dedicated volunteers who care so much about our community. We thank all our Directors for their commitment to NKCRC, furthering our mission to increase the number of successful community improvement projects in North Kohala.

NKCRC also had record-breaking donations and grants for projects in 2015: over $475,000 directly supporting the community projects that benefit the people of Kohala. We couldn’t achieve these results without YOU, our donors, friends and foundations, who make it possible for the Center to keep working for the community.

Your donations made it possible for

• Kohala Radio to begin broadcasting on the airwaves and online;
• 350 Kohala Elementary School students to receive yoga lessons in the classroom and 450 Kohala youth to access after school sports with KCAA;
• Friends old and new to gather for the North Kohala Community Reunion; and
• Many more diverse efforts that reach across the community-please see our current list of projects inside this report

Currently we sponsor 88 projects including three new youth-based programs: Camp Mana, Kohala Ride Wild Club and Kohala 4-H Horse Club. These projects are run by local young people who are providing safe, character-building programs for Kohala’s keiki.

Just when I think we must have reached the apex of projects in our small community, someone walks in with a fresh idea for how to serve Kohala. As we enter 2016, I am excited to see who might be next: maybe it will be YOU! Juanita, Megan and I look forward to another great year of supporting these remarkable efforts.

Mahalo Nui,

Christine
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Of the $714,000 raised in 2015, 66.5% was given directly to projects, and 28.2% was used for the administrative support, training, proposal assistance, and financial reporting NKCRC provides its project organizers.

Of the 94 projects we sponsored in 2015, this chart shows their areas of focus and demonstrates the diversity of the work we support. Many of these projects fall under multiple areas of focus.

This chart shows what age groups the projects served. The “mixed” category serves all ages.
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Tentative dates based on need of organizers.

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Proposal Critique .................................................. To be determined by class

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Volunteer Spotlight:
Tommy and Cindi Tinker

Tommy and Cindi Tinker are steadfast volunteers and friends of the Center. With us since the opening of the Welcome Center, Cindi dependably volunteers as a guide two days each week, and Tommy is a frequent “last minute” fill-in guide when we need him. Cindi also pitches in when needed to fold shirts, stuff envelopes, or just lend a hand. Long-time residents of Kohala, Tommy and Cindi enjoy meeting folks from around the world and sharing stories about Kohala. We are so grateful for all they do for the Center.

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Mark your calendars for NKCRC’s 2016 Event at Puakea Ranch on May 7!
Join us for a wonderful evening with delicious food, incredible music, and good friends! Check our website, northkohala.org, and stay tuned to KNKR for more details.