From the Executive Director’s desk…

Aloha,

Welcome to our first on-line Annual Report! We are excited to report on all our achievements and changes in 2018.

We continue to serve our mission of increasing successful community projects that benefit North Kohala. Whether we are helping keiki canoe paddlers secure a transport van to practice and attend meets or expanding the Kohala Unupa’a after school and summer programs with increased opportunities and curriculum or completing the restoration of the King Kamehameha Statue, you can be sure we are providing coaching and funding to make all our projects sustainable.

Our beloved Administrative Assistant, Juanita “Gooche” Rivera retired in December after thirteen years of loyal service. We miss her and wish her the very best. We have brought Denni Keyes on as our new Executive Assistant. Denni was “born and raised” in Kohala and brings a strong background in finance and accounting. We are excited to have Denni’s talent and help in this already busy year. Leslie Nugent has grown in her valuable position as Associate Director which directly serves the needs of our constituents, the project organizers. Leslie successfully secured over $300,000 in grant funding for 23 projects in 2018- her first year on the job! We also welcomed two new Youth Directors, Kaya-lee Galan, a KHS Junior and Morgan Davis, an HPA Sophomore, and Michelle Kawai to our Board of Directors.

We are proud to report a strong year for project grants and donations at just over $460,000!! This money was directly infused into our projects to benefit our North Kohala community. NKCRC completed two projects in 2018 and sponsored six new initiatives. Please visit www.northkohala.org for a complete list of our current 85 projects. In 2019, we have strong indicators that organizers will begin the long awaited renovations on the Bond Library building. The Kohala Equine Educational Center (KEEC) will break ground on a new facility as their own new 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Congratulations!

Our list of our business and individual donors for this past year is included in this report; a big Mahalo to each and every one of you for recognizing the importance of our work in North Kohala. Please consider an annual donation to support our operations. We are deeply grateful for the generous spirit of Kohala.

Mahalo Nui,

Christine
2018 SPONSORED PROJECTS:
- Kawaihae Canoe Kohala Club Keiki Van-completed
- Kohala Filipino Club
- Kohala Tennis program
- Kohala Elementary School NEW Kindergarten Playground
- Team NSP Training – Year round basketball training
- Kohala Horticultural Therapy

NEW YOUTH DIRECTORS

Kaya-Lee Galan is a brave and ambitious junior at Kohala High School. Her zealous attitude keeps her active in the community participating in the Leo’s club, serving on the board of the student credit union, and playing three sports—cross country, basketball, and tennis. When she is not playing sports she is helping her family with chores or enjoying the outdoors. As a youth director, she is excited for the opportunity to explore new topics and information and hopes to widen and expand her knowledge of what the NKCRC really does for the community.

Morgan Davis, a sophomore at HPA, is a motivated student athlete playing on her school’s volleyball and water polo teams and serving on student council. Her considerate nature keeps her engaged volunteering at the humane society and in her free time she enjoys riding her horse and hiking. As a youth director, she hopes to positively impact the community by spreading awareness about NKCRC and to influence youth just like herself to get out in their community.

2ND ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

NKCRC’s second annual Golf Tournament promises to be great fun with fabulous prizes! Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Hapuna Golf Course. $150 per person includes greens and cart fee, range balls, lunch, and prizes! Register no later than March 12, 2019. No worries! We will pair you with others if you do not have a team. Please provide your handicap to help us with pairings.

Entry Payment Options:
- Fax (808) 889-5527
- or email entry to: Info@NorthKohala.org (DO NOT email credit card info)
- Phone (808) 889-5523 to provide your entry and payment information
- Mail entry with check to NKCRC to: PO Box 519 Hawi, HI 96719
**SPRING WORKSHOP OFFERINGS**

Since 2002, our workshops have been designed to help organizers plan successful community projects, find funding, and write proposals. This spring we’re offering **Building Budgets, Finding Funders and Writing and Critiquing Successful Proposals**. Class dates will be set based on participant response.

*The 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.*

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**STAFF**

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- Denni Keyes, Executive Assistant

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**Kohala Welcome Center**

(808) 889-5523

Open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Weekdays. Weekends may vary.

[www.northkohala.org](http://www.northkohala.org)

The Welcome Center thrives with a full complement of volunteer guides, greeting our visitors to North Kohala. Last year, over 15,000 folks passed through our doors. We are proud to offer this gateway experience to the visitors from all over the world. Through donations and mission related sales, they provide income to support the Center.
We are grateful for all our donors in 2018.

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This chart shows the number projects by category of focus and demonstrates the diversity of efforts we support. Many projects fall into more than one category but are categorized by their primary mission. Additionally, over 50% of projects directly impact our youth.

HELP NKCRC GO GREEN!
We would appreciate receiving your email address in order to save on printing and mailing costs. Just send to denni@northkohala.org and we will do the rest!!