

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

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2020 ANNUAL REPORT



Our mission is to support successful community projects that benefit North Kohala.

Ke aloha nō!

In 2020 we saw Kohala rise with incredible strength and resilience in the face of unexpected changes and loss. We feel inspired by the many ways our community joined together to take care of one another.

Rooted in our mission to *support successful community projects* and met with generosity from donors, friends, and funding partners, we were able to respond to the demands of these uncertain times. We deepened our commitment to ensure that our projects had the resources they needed to navigate the many obstacles they faced.

Our projects pivoted in a variety of ways and with your support, the Center helped to raise over \$647,500 in grants and donations for sponsored projects. We thank you for recognizing and encouraging the positive work of our project organizers.

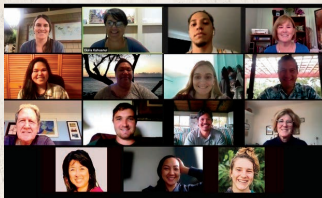
Our Board of Directors responded to the disruptive opportunities 2020 presented with courageous leadership. As Christine Richardson, our long-term and committed Executive Director stepped into retirement, the board welcomed a new Dynamic Leadership model. Our new team, 'Ekela Kahuanui, Michelle Kawai, and Leslie Nugent serve as Co-Directors of Operations with specialties in Administration, Finance, and Programs.

We welcome you to learn more about this transition and stay current with the happenings at the Resource Center by taking a look at the *Latest News* on our website at www.northkohala.org.

If you believe in the work of the Center and want to see our grassroots community efforts sustained, we invite you to join us as a contributor in 2021. It is your generous and loyal support that enables the Resource Center, and our projects, to thrive.

Me Ka Mahalo,

*'Ekela Kahuanui
Michelle Kawai
Leslie Nugent*



Mahalo to all our board members who volunteer their valuable time and move our organization forward with ALOHA.



GIVE AND GROW DISCOVERY SCHOOL



KOHALA CARES



KOHALA 'OHANA SUPPORT AND WELLNESS INITIATIVE



MALCOLM DAVIS MEMORIAL FUND



ROGUE PANDA FARMS

2020 NEW PROJECTS

We were pleased to welcome these six new community projects that were approved for fiscal sponsorship by our Board of Directors in 2020.

GIVE AND GROW DISCOVERY SCHOOL

An outdoor educational program that offers children opportunities to discover their unique gifts through nature-based practices, community service, and skill building.

KĀKO'O

A program that engages Kohala youth in hands-on skill building and hosts experiential learning opportunities for veterans.

KOHALA CARES

A weekly food drive providing supplementary food assistance to Kohala residents in need.

KOHALA 'OHANA SUPPORT AND WELLNESS INITIATIVE

A collaborative effort of community members formed to address the growing need to support families of Kohala students.

MALCOLM DAVIS MEMORIAL FUND

Created to honor the life and legacy of Malcom Davis, a former Youth Director at NKRC, with the intention of establishing a foundation in his name.

ROGUE PANDA FARMS

Strives to bridge the gap in food supply while ensuring that farmers are invested in growing food to meet the needs of our community.

2020 COMPLETED PROJECTS

We congratulate the following organizations that have obtained their own 501(c)3 non-profit status. Although they have completed their projects at NKRC, they continue their good work in our community.

HAWAII INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC AGRICULTURE – sponsored in 2008

KOHALA EQUINE EDUCATION CENTER – sponsored in 2008

KOHALA HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB – sponsored in 2004

KOKOLULU CANCER RETREAT – sponsored in 2007

ROOTS SK8 PARK – sponsored in 2007

The following projects have been completed and have joined under the umbrella of the Kohala Artists' Cooperative.

KENJI'S ROOM – sponsored in 2008

NOKO THEATRE – sponsored in 2011

PROJECT HIGHLIGHT

FEED KOHALA

Feed Kohala Initiative launched under the project, North Kohala Eat Locally Grown. In response to COVID-19, Feed Kohala provided food assistance to families and kūpuna while directly supporting local agricultural production. With support from over 40 community volunteers, 50 community donors, seven foundations, numerous businesses and many community partners Feed Kohala was able to:

- Prepare and deliver hot and frozen meals to 125 kūpuna each week for 8 months.
- Provide 350 families local produce, proteins and value-added products every other week for 15 weeks.
- Distribute fresh produce to 2,500 individuals through the Sacred Heart Food Basket.
- Provide local meat to the St Augustine's Community Meal serving over 1,200 individuals.
- Purchase from over 50 agricultural and value-added producers on Hawai'i Island.

MAHALO NUI FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

2020 NEW DIRECTOR

We were honored to welcome a new voice and perspective to our board in 2020.



DENNI KEYES
NKCRC Treasurer
Small Business Owner

Denni is a Kohala High School Class of 2003 graduate. She has actively been a part of the community through school projects and organizations, church and religious initiatives, and sports and extracurricular activities. She has an array of professional and business experience from healthcare, hospitality, title and escrow and is currently an active licensed Realtor with Hawaii Life Real Estate Brokers. Previously serving as a staff member at NKCRC, Denni brings a diverse set of skills with precise attention to detail, solution focused thinking, and a warm, friendly personality to the Board of Directors.

A HUI HOU

We are so fortunate to have had these beautiful community members as an integral part of our 'ohana for so long. Together they've accomplished so much for our little town of Kohala and we want them to know how much their work means to us.



GINO AMAR
A founding director serving on the Board since 2002, Gino helped to craft and forward the Resource Center's mission in our community. His wisdom and insight are invaluable to us and we are privileged to have him as an Honorary Director.

CHRISTINE RICHARDSON
Christine's dedicated service to NKCRC over the past 17 years has been instrumental in building the strong foundation on which the Center stands today. She poured her heart and soul into the Center's work and helped to make many dreams come true. We are deeply appreciative for her vision of a vibrant and thriving community.



KIM TAKATA
Kim joined our Board in 2009 and served as Secretary for many years. We will always appreciate her thoughtful care and active engagement with community projects. We are thankful to have her as an Honorary Director as she continues to support the center in many ways.

SPRING WORKSHOP SERIES

Our workshop series is designed to help organizers plan and sustain successful community projects. This spring we're offering a four-part series including *Project Planning*, *Building Budgets*, *Finding Funders* and *Writing Successful Proposals*.

Workshops are free to organizers of sponsored projects and will be held at the Center with masks and social distancing in place. For more information or to register for future classes, please call the Center at 889-5523.

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