NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

SPRING 2022 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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

Welina!

As the Resource Center enters our 20th year of serving Kohala, we take time to reflect on all that we've been able to accomplish together. Founded on a shared vision by community leaders, and sustained through support from community members, the Center has brought to life many dreams and helped to build a solid foundation for ongoing community projects.

Our team, led by a dedicated volunteer Board of Directors, and a dynamic staff of three Co-Directors, remains rooted in our commitment to working alongside our eighty sponsored projects to reach their goals. Together, we hold a vision for a vibrant and thriving community enriched by its people.

We want to mahalo you for all that you do and acknowledge that we are where we are today, because of YOU!

When the Center's operations are supported, we are able to focus on the core of our mission, increasing the success and sustainability of grassroots community projects that improve quality of life and impact nearly every member of our community. In 2021, we were able to fundraise and distribute over \$380,000 directly to community led projects that support keiki, kupuna, art, culture, environmental stewardship, and much more.

Please join us in continuing to elevate these meaningful projects, and turn the page for more information on how your support helped to make a difference in 2021!

Me ka ha'aha'a.

'Ekela Kahuanui Michelle Kawai Leslie Nugent



NKCRC's Board of Directors and Staff at our 2021 Golf Tournament



Jensel Merice Jose and Sydnie Marquez, NKCRC's newest Youth Directors



GENEROSITY CHALLENGE

We recently received a generous donation of \$12,500 from a community member and we'd like to challenge you to help us double it with a recurring financial contribution to keep the work of the Center alive. If this Generosity Challenge resonates with you, please go online to start your recurring donation today. Recurring donations of \$10 or more per month to the Center's operations will receive this limited edition Kohala hat as a mahalo!



HEALTH AS PRIORITY- KOHALA



NORTH KOHALA ARCHERY



NORTH KOHALA NATIONAL GUARD ALUMNI



PROTECT POLOLŪ



AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP

2021 NEW PROJECTS

We were pleased to welcome four community projects in 2021.

HEALTH AS PRIORITY- KOHALA

Has a mission to improve the health outcomes for Kohala families by expanding medical professional career training, introducing mobile services, and serving as a health resource.

NORTH KOHALA ARCHERY

Provides a safe and encouraging place for youth in our community to be a part of and learn the skill and form of archery.

NORTH KOHALA NATIONAL GUARD ALUMNI

Recognizes the many veterans who served our nation honorably, and maintains and stewards community monuments dedicated to the veterans.

PROTECT POLOLŪ

A community effort led by residents and lineal descendants to care for Pololū Valley and the surrounding natural and cultural resources. Learn more and take the virtual tour at *protectpololu.com*

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

To view a full list of current projects, please visit our website.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GROUP

Working to find solutions for increased housing for the community. To participate in their community feedback survey, please visit *homesforkohala.org*.

BOND LIBRARY RESTORATION

Plans are set in motion for the restoration of the beloved historic Bond Library building in Kapa'au to begin in 2022.

FEED KOHALA/NKELG

In partnership with the Sacred Heart Food Basket, Feed Kohala provides produce and protein for the food distribution every third Thursday of the month.

GIVE AND GROW DISCOVERY SCHOOL

Serves students weekly in an outdoor learning environment where they focus on cultivating food in their giving garden to share with community.

HO'OLA HONEY BEE RELOCATION

In 2021, Hoʻōla relocated 24 honey bee colonies from homes, businesses, and public places in North Hawaiʻi. Look out for new educational materials in 2022.

KES DISCOVERY GARDEN

Creates connections for students to intergrate hands on learning in the garden for a more well rounded child and a healthy school community.

KOHALA ARTISTS' COOPERATIVE

The co-op gallery has remained open during the pandemic and features the art of its current 36 members. Look for opportunities to participate in classes in the near future.

KOHALA CARES

Dedicated volunteers from Kohala Cares provide bags of groceries to community members each Wednesday at 4:30 at the Kohala Village Hub.

KOHALA COQUI COALITION

Completing two years of funding in partnership with the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture and the County of Hawai'i, the coalition continues eradication, but relies heavily on community participation to keep infestations of coqui at a minimum.

KOHALA RIDE WILD CLUB

Participants learn horsemanship skills and perpetuare paniolo culture through an active Pony Club, Rodeo Club and 4-H chapter.

KOHALA REUNION

Kohala 'Āina Ha 'aheo, Kohala Land of the Proud, is the theme for the 5th Kohala Reunion scheduled for July 2-4, 2022 at Kamehameha Park.

KOHALA UNUPA'A

In addition to ongoing ocean monitoring activities, Dreamstarter Clyson Marquez and fellow Kohala Unupa'a youth installed a native plant nursery during the 2021 Mauka to Makai Summer Camp.

NĀ KŪPUNA O KOHALA

A resilient hui that just wants to dance, Nā Kūpuna o Kohala have been implementing covid safe protocols to continue practicing hula.

NORTH KOHALA GOLF PARK

Located inside Kamehameha Park, the 9-hole golf park is open to the public for safe, physically distanced play and celebrates the installation of a new Disc Golf Course.



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KES DISCOVERY GARDEN

2021 NEW DIRECTORS

We were excited to welcome new voices and perspectives to our board in 2021.



KYNAN KAWAI

Talent and Culture Manager, Fairmont Orchid

Born and raised in Kohala, Kynan graduated from Kamehameha Schools Kea'au in 2013 and went on to earn a B.S. from Northern Arizona University's School of Hotel & Restaurant Management. In 2018, he started his career at a luxury resort on the Kohala coast. COVID19's impact on the hospitality industry enabled him to transition and to assist with the development and implementation of food assistance programs throughout North Kohala where he became familiar with NKCRC and the good works of this grassroots organization.



ROSS PAGAT

Community School Manager, Partners in Development

Ross was born in Canada and raised in Kohala. His parents Gilbert Pagat and Dena Soares contributed and served in the Kohala community in education and health fields. Ross is following in their footsteps as a Community School Manager for Partners in Development Foundation. He assists Kohala Elementary, Middle and High School families who need resources and services. With the COVID-19 pandemic he was able to help make connections with different community partners to assist with food distributions, internet access, appliances, trauma, drug and alcohol recovery and child care services.



NATHAN TRUMP

General Manager, Island Harvest

Born and raised in Kohala, Nathan Trump graduated from Kohala High School in 2010 before attending Wheaton College where he received a degree in International Relations. Nathan is the General Manager for Island Harvest, a Kohala-based farming company focused on macadamia production. Nathan returned home to Kohala in 2015 and currently serves as the President of the Hawaii Macadamia Nut Association.





JENSEL MERICE JOSEFreshman, Kohala High School

Jensel is a freshman attending Kohala High School. She was born in the Philippines and came to Hawai'i when she was three years old. She is bilingual, speaking English and Tagalog. She loves to play the piano and spend time at the beach.



SYDNIE KAMALEI MARQUEZ

Freshman, Kohala High School

Sydnie is the daughter of Kepono Marquez and Sarah Uehara. Born and raised here in Kohala, she is currently a freshman at Kohala High School and participates in extracurricular activities and sports. She has a strong passion for the environment and the ocean, and most importantly, loves this town and the people that live here.

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KA LĀLĀ ULU

The branches grow because of the trunk. Ka Lālā Ulu, NKCRC's new Planned Giving program, is a mechanism for donors to leave a lasting legacy. A planned gift, arranged in the present and allocated in the future allows donors who are aligned with our history and values to support our long term sustainability. Individuals can give through a variety of modalities, which in turn supports Kohala and its people. Contact us to learn more.

SPRING WORKSHOP SER IES

Our workshop series is designed to help organizers plan and sustain successful community projects. This spring we're offering a five-part series including Project Planning, Building Budgets, Finding Funders, Writing Successful Proposals, and a Master Proposal Review. Workshops are free to organizers of sponsored projects and will be held during the month of May at the Center. For more information or to register for classes, please call or email us.

Mahalo to our Individual, Business and Foundation Donors in 2021.

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A heart as big as a house. Said of a person who is kind, gracious, and hospitable. 'Ōlelo No'eau (869) Pukui, Mary Kawena, 'Ōlelo No'eau Hawaiian Proverbs and Poetical Sayings, Bishop Museum Press 2004

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