

NORTH KOHALA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

WINTER 2023
ANNUAL APPEAL



Mission: To support successful community projects that benefit North Kohala

Aloha mai,

This year has been filled with transition for many of us here in North Kohala and the Center is no exception. In 2023, NKCRC said aloha and mahalo to long time staff member Leslie Nugent as well as welcomed new staff members Kathy Matsuda (Kohala Resilience Hub Coordinator) and Annalene Williams (Projects Coordinator). Also, the Center, in partnership with Vibrant Hawai'i opened the Kohala Resilience Hub whose mission is "Sustaining a thriving North Kohala by supporting our community's ability to meet basic needs, health & wellness, and emergency preparedness."

As our year comes to a close and our community returns to the celebrations and customs that make Kohala home, we are asking for your help to support NKCRC's positive, impactful work.

Your generous donations make a significant difference to the empowerment of our 70 community projects and their project leaders.

As we close out the year, we ask you to consider making a donation to help sustain our operations. We are sincerely grateful for each and every donor who contributes to our cause and express our mahalo for your contribution. We would be delighted to share more information about our work with you, so please feel free to reach out. Information about our projects and the Center can be found on our website. Please donate today!

Me ka ha'a ha'a,

*Michelle Kawai
Ekela Kahuanui
Annalene Williams*



NEW BOARD MEMBER

Cherie Haunani Caravalho - Is a special education teacher at Kohala Elementary and the Department Chair of the Social Education Department. Cherie graduated from University of Hawai'i at Hilo with a degree in History and received a Special Education Degree and teaching license from University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. As a teacher she's observed the disconnect of our young ones from our culture and history and feel the importance of teaching them about all things Hawaiian. She is a haumāna of Hālau Kawehileimamoikawēkiuookohala.



KOHALA RESILIENCE HUB

The KOHALA RESILIENCE HUB, (KRH) is a program of the North Kohala Resource Center (NKCRC) which officially began in January 2023 in collaboration with Vibrant Hawai'i.

KRH actively collaborates with various community partners to make a positive impact in the North Kohala community focusing on supporting the community's ability to meet basic needs, health and wellness, and emergency preparedness. One of the many highlights is that during this past Summer break KRH successfully organized a food distribution program in partnership with Vibrant Hawai'i called Kaukau for Keiki. This program provided 100 Kohala keiki with two meals per day for a duration of six weeks, resulting in a remarkable 8400 meals! Other ongoing projects of KRH is mapping of the most vulnerable individuals

and areas of North Kohala to ensure the safety of everyone during emergencies and to prevent any instances of neglect or unmet needs. The Kohala Night Market, which is held every first Wednesday of the month has been relocated to the KRH Barn where it continues to thrive and serve as a vibrant community gathering where local businesses and community members are promoted and numerous social services are showcased. The Wellness and Recovery group recently merged with the North Kohala Community Development Plan's (NKCDP) Health and Wellness group which partners with BISAC, Hamakua Kohala Health, the Partner's In Development Foundation and others. KRH was also an active member with planning the AG-Vision (Taste of Kohala) event in partnership with the NKCDP Sub Agriculture committee and many, many others. PHEW WHAT A YEAR!

NEW PROJECTS 2023

KOHALA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



The KOHALA ORAL HISTORY PROJECT screened its documentary film, "This is Kohala" in July 2023 to 120 viewers at Kohala Resilience Hub, which made a huge impact. In 2024, they will partner with Kohala Unupua on an after-school oral history video project to capture more kupuna stories. www.kohalaoralhistoryproject.com

OHANA NIU



The OHANA NIU Free Fruit Sharing Market can be found at St. Augustine's Church every Wednesday from 12 to 3pm. Visitors can exchange fresh produce or take what they need. Additionally, they are proud sponsors of the World Coconut Day Celebration at Keokea Beach Park.

FRIENDS OF THE KOHALA POOL



FRIENDS OF THE KOHALA POOL: On August 12, nearly two years after the pool was shut down, the Kohala pool reopened. This effort, led by Jeff Coakley and others in the community was a labor of love as all work was preformed by a multitude of volunteers.

KOHALA COMMUNITY PLAN



This group is grounded in community generated ideas gathered in community "talk story" sessions along with data gathered by working focus groups. Ongoing documentation of goals, actions, and progress is provided by the groups and the stakeholders with which they collaborate. www.kohalacommunityplan.org



ULU VA'A



UPOLU AG-WATER PROJECT



KOHALA PERFORMING ARTS

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS 2023



BOND LIBRARY RESTORATION PROJECT

Almost there! The last time the community was updated, the project was waiting for County permits and was eager to get started. Since then, so much has been accomplished. There has been extensive carpentry work that was required for the windows, doors, walls and framing. The carpentry team continues to work very hard to rebuild and repair many areas both inside and out, always keeping it as close to original as possible. The new roof is on -a major milestone- coupled with intricate electrical upgrades that will provide beautiful interior lighting and bring the building up to code. By the end of November, the project hopes to see the exterior painting underway. During the week of Thanksgiving, the hardworking carpenters are taking a much-needed break so that the building can be tented while the interior is still exposed. The plumbing is almost completed. The landscaping plan is in the works and the 311 engraved bricks for the legacy walkway are due to be delivered in December.

KES DISCOVERY GARDEN

With generous community support KES Discovery Garden continues to grow and thrive. Daily experiential garden classes with 375 students inspire a deeper connection to the land and each other, fostering social and emotional literacy while cultivating real world skills. This year the project was able to fence in a new slope orchard where students then planted 'ulu, coconuts, sandalwood, and koa trees, as well as understory food staples of banana, papaya, kalo, sweet potato and pumpkin. To date they've planted more than 75 food trees in the last two years.



KOHALA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TENNIS

During the academic year, Coach Hermann Fernandez can be found volunteering at Kohala Elementary School every Wednesday, without fail. Following cuts to public school physical education programs, one of Coach Hermann's former students saw an opportunity to establish a formal tennis program supported by Net Generation. Founded in 2017, Kohala Elementary School Tennis Program now serves over 300 students, giving students opportunities to boost their physical fitness, build friendships, and improve their teamwork skills outside the classroom.

LIO LAPA'AU

This project is a therapeutic service providing opportunities for horseback riding and interactions with horses that support healthy lifestyles, traditional paniolo values, and increased mental and muscle wellness. Sophia Bowart (parent of a participant) shares, "Fern White has been an incredible mentor for my 11 year old daughter these past 2 years. We are all so fortunate that this master of horsemanship is willing and able to share this wisdom with us and our children. Working with Fern and her horses has provided my daughter with a much needed sanctuary for learning and a source of confidence."



KOHALA UNUPA'A

This project was recently awarded a Hawai'i B-WET grant for an educational program that provides students with Bay Watershed Educational Experiences in Hawai'i's ahupua'a. In this program, students will explore the driving question: How can we observe and connect to our natural environment through a Hawaiian cultural lens, integrate scientific tools, and learn from the teachings of our kūpuna to build community resilience and be the best stewards of our resources from mauka to makai now and into the future?

MAHALO TO OUR INDIVIDUAL DONORS FOR 2022.

He 'ōpū hālau. A house-like stomach.

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*'Ōlelo No'eau (869) Pukui, Mary Kawena, 'Ōlelo No'eau Hawaiian Proverbs and Poetical Sayings,
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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS 2023

THE NORTH KOHALA GOLF PARK,

The North Kohala Golf Park strives to provide a low cost golf course for the entire Big Island and encourage everyone and anyone to "Get Out & Play!".

In addition to the golf course we also have an 18 hole Disc Golf Course, called Kohala Winds, which has been played by many from all over the island and travelers from afar.

The course has also begun much needed upgrades and fixes to the irrigation systems, machinery and course. With their dedicated volunteers and help from the community they've been able to keep the course open 7 days a week. The hui of volunteers are thankful to all who help out and support the park through donations and by coming out to play.



RYUKYUKOKU MATSURI DAIKO KOHALA

RMD Taiko recently celebrated its 15th anniversary in March. The organization is comprised of 20 dedicated members from Kohala and seven from Waimea. This year they've showcased their talents at several notable events such as the Cherry Blossom festival, Okinawa festival in Oahu, Kauai Festival, Sunshine True Value opening, and Kohala Night Market. Additionally, they've participated in a Taiko festival at the University of Hilo's Performing Arts Center, where they collaborated with three other exceptional Taiko groups from Hawai'i Island.

HULA HALAU O MANA'OLANA O KOHALA & NA KUPUNA 'O KOHALA

In 2021 three of Kohala's hālau hula received a grant that created an opportunity for them to collaborate. The multigenerational connection amongst the women and girls promoted an opportunity for mentorship and family engagement. It was also a holistic approach to programming that considered the physical, mental, social and emotional needs of the girls and women who participated. This project culminated with multiple hō'ike shared throughout Kohala and at the volcano.



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THE NORTH KOHALA ARCHERY CLUB

(NKAC), established in 2020, has been providing a safe & encouraging space for our community to learn the skill and form of archery. In the last year, they've serviced over 100 students, including keiki, ages six years old, up to kupuna. Currently, the project has four certified USA Archery instructors.

Mark your calendars for their first 8-week session to begin January 2024.

GIVE & GROW DISCOVERY

This project is an outdoor educational space designed for children to explore their self-expression, learn life and community skills, and deepen their personal relationship with the natural world. The project hosts a popular Friday program as well as family events and Adventure Camps throughout the year. Give & Grow Discovery began as an answer to the pandemic and remains relevant today.



KOHALA RIDE WILD CLUB

Dedicated to agriculture education of youth and the welfare of animals.

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

Led by Shay Van Zandt, mentorship programs and horsemanship classes are offered free of charge for Kohala youth.

Recently the club was found offering "pony" rides and at the Kohala Country Fair.

KOHALA RADIO - KNKR 96.1FM

KNKR has been on the air for 8.5 years and has successfully maintained an advertisement-free status, thanks to generous support from the North Kohala community and the dedicated efforts of our volunteers. KNKR serves as a remarkable portrayal of the diverse community and varied perspectives found in North Kohala. A heartfelt appreciation is extended to the volunteer staff for generously offering their valuable time and for entertaining the community while expressing themselves. KNKR has introduced numerous new shows, and they are always open to welcoming more. www.knkr.org



SUNSET PROJECTS

- Hokupa'a Athletics
- Experiential Learning Abroad Project
- 'Ohana Wellness and Support Initiative
- KMS Library 21st Century Library Initiative
- Kohala 4-H Horse Club
- Kohala Artists Cooperative

- Kohala Cares
- Kohala Filipino Project
- Kohala Senior Citizen Club
- Malama o Kohala - Preserving Kohala's Cultural Resources
- North Kohala Tool Library
- Ohana Homeschool cooperative

- Wastestream Recycling

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A Great Way to Love Kohala Forever*

KA LĀLĀ ULU Rooted in our mission to support successful community projects, we build on the aspirations and visions of a vibrant and thriving community enriched by its people. To ensure this vision, our goal is to enhance our ability to respond to a sometimes quickly changing world while still providing the grassroots support that has served the community well for 20 plus years. Your support of the Center's operations through our Planned Giving endowment program will help ensure that future generations benefit from our simple and financially prudent, yet enduring, model of community support.

Planned Giving is a mechanism for donors to leave a lasting legacy; a planned gift, arranged in the present and allocated in the future. It does not require a large income or a vast estate. Donors who are aligned with the Center's history and values can support our long term sustainability through a variety of modalities, which in turn supports Kohala and its people. Contact the Center for ways in which you can make a lasting contribution.

SAVE THE DATE
7th Annual Golf Tournament
APRIL 6, 2024

