END OF YEAR REPORT
School Year 2021-2022
Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that supports environmental education in the schools and communities of Hawai‘i.

Our mission is to provide the community with experiences that will enhance their appreciation for and understanding of the environment so they will be lifelong stewards of the earth.

KHF creates long-lasting behavior change around sustainability by engaging students, educators, families, and communities in hands-on environmental stewardship.
We provide inspiration, resources, experiences and connections that:

- Empower Viable Waste Reduction Practices & Systems
- Promote Local & Healthy Food Awareness, Production & Consumption
- Foster ‘Āina- & Place-Based Respect, Understanding, and Practice
Our Programs

‘ÂINA In Schools
‘ÂINA In Schools is a farm to school initiative that connects children to their local land, waters, and food to grow a healthier Hawai‘i.

3Rs School Program
The 3Rs School Program empowers students to engage & educate their school community about the 3Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle.

Plastic Free Hawai‘i
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KHF Project Grants
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KHF Field Trip Grants
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Kōkua Learning Farm
Kōkua Learning Farm is an educational and agricultural destination, encouraging learners of all ages to actively support their local food system.

Kōkua General Store
Kōkua General Store is a bulk, refill, and low-waste lifestyle product store. This space provides the community the tools needed to reduce waste in their lives.

Kōkua Vintage
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20 O‘ahu Elementary Schools
We work directly with 20 schools to implement ʻĀINA lessons and offer program initiatives to their students. Additionally, we offer trainings and share resources with hundreds more schools and educator throughout the islands.

12 ʻĀINA Lead Teachers
ʻĀINA Lead Teachers are paid school staff who deliver ʻĀINA lessons to multiple grade levels at their school! This was a huge shift from previous years and has not only allowed farm to school education to continue during the pandemic but has strengthened ʻĀINA education for all students. We are so excited to see schools investing in these positions!

74 Classroom Teachers at 8 Schools
These teachers utilize ʻĀINA curriculum and materials to provide ʻĀINA lessons directly to their students.

2 Schools with Volunteers Supporting ʻĀINA Lessons
Two schools used volunteers to support their ʻĀINA Lead Teachers. We can’t wait to see more volunteers support their ʻĀINA Lead Teachers in the future!

4,125 Students Received Garden Lessons
Garden-based learning creates the school garden into a learning laboratory where all subjects are explored.

1,557 Students Received Nutrition Lessons
Nutrition lessons empower students to try new foods and make healthy choices that will last a lifetime.

872 Students Received Compost Lessons
Compost lessons transform waste into a valuable resource through aerobic composting, vermicomposting, and bokashi composting.
Participants at 4 'ĀINA Educator Trainings

Educators gathered on the the Kōkua Learning Farm to get hands-on training in using the 'ĀINA curricula! Teachers worked in and observed the farm's 'ĀINA demonstration gardens to prepare for leading lessons with their students and caring for their school gardens.

Garden Clubs

Garden Clubs are a fun and educational way to engage students with the natural world! They provide great lesson extension opportunities and a way to involve students in regular garden maintenance and care. KHF provides stipends for 7 Garden Club Advisors who lead weekly garden clubs with students on campus. Activities include caring for the gardens, propagating plants, garden crafts, and more.
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Students Reached
9 ɹ̱ɪ̱ɑ̱ṉa̱ Chefs guided students in creating ‘ono snacks with local ingredients at 7 ɹ̱ɪ̱ɑ̱ṉa̱ Schools.
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Mahalo to our ɹ̱ɪ̱ɑ̱ṉa̱ Chefs:
Haley Miyaoka from Ahiki Acres, Willie Barrera from Iwa Eats, Chris Fujimoto from Sumida Farm, Kai Cowell from Kaiulani Spices, Gabriel Huang and Emily Yount from Full Circle Wellness Hi, Susan Prior and Willy Barrera, Jr from The Country Eatery, and Tiffanie Masutani from KCC Culinary Academy of the Pacific.
The 3Rs School Program empowers students to engage and educate their school community about the 3Rs—reduce, reuse, recycle.

$3,959 in HI-5 Redemptions for Schools

23,000 Pounds of Waste Collected

1,658 Households Dropped off Donations

240 Student Volunteers

236 Gallons of Used Cooking Oil Collected for Biodiesel

134 Staff & Teachers Volunteers

194,575 Pounds of eWaste Collected

Mahalo to our 3Rs School Recycling Drive Partners: Schnitzer Steel, T & N Computer Recycling, Hawaiian Hope, Pacific Biodiesel, Goodwill Hawai‘i, and Habitat for Humanity Honolulu ReStore.
School Presentations on Waste Reduction

Students Reached!

Gallons of Combined Volume Collected at School Waste Audit

Kaiser High School conducted a School Waste Audit and based on audit results, student leaders created a plan to reduce school lunch waste on campus!
Plastic Free Hawai‘i seeks to minimize single-use plastics by educating and empowering schools, businesses & community members across Hawai‘i.

296 Students at 4 Schools received Plastic Free Hawai‘i Presentations
Presentation topics included solutions to plastic pollution, hands-on resin code identification activities and more!

337 Students from 12 Schools Participated in the PFH School Mural Contest
Wai‘anae Elementary School won this year’s contest and received a water refill station!

6,194 Plastic Free Hawai‘i Reusables Distributed
Plastic Free Reusables are sold at 11 Plastic Free Retail Partners, the Kōkua General Store, and given away as donations to students and community members to provide tools for a low-waste lifestyle.
Plastic Free Hawai‘i School Mural Art Show

We received 15 amazing submissions for our 2022 Plastic Free Hawai‘i School Mural Contest. 14 of the murals from 11 schools were on display at our Plastic Free Hawai‘i School Mural Art Show at our Hale‘iwa home! Plastic Free Hawai‘i Community Partners Kuleana Coral and Sustainable Coastlines Hawai‘i were also at the event, educating community members on solutions to plastic pollution and ocean health. All participating students received prizes from Upcycle Hawai‘i and PFH sporks and reusable tote bags to help them continue their journey to minimize single-use plastics. Mahalo to the 337 students who participated in this year’s contest!
Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation Field Trip Grants give schools the financial assistance needed to bring students to outdoor sites where they can experience hands-on learning about Hawai‘i’s environment.

2,275 Students Experienced Outdoor Sites

Field Trips to 23 Sites
Destinations include Keiki & Plow, Nā Mea Küpono, Sweet Land Farms, Camp Palehua, Alekoko Fishpond, Papahana Kuaola, and more!

$33,000 Awarded to Cover Field Trip Fees
Kōkua Hawaiʻi Foundation Project Grants support teachers and students from Hawaiʻi schools in advancing their environmental education goals and pursuing innovative stewardship projects in and out of the classroom.

6,303 Students Participated!

29 Schools Received Project Grants
Project topics included school and native Hawaiian gardens, outdoor classrooms, nutrition education, and watershed restoration.

$21,000 Awarded to Fund Innovative Stewardship Projects
A program of Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation and Kupu, Hawai‘i Youth Sustainability Challenge is an initiative to empower Hawai‘i youth to create solutions to conservation and sustainability challenges in their schools and communities.

**Student Participants**
In grades 9-12 on O‘ahu and Hawai‘i Island.

**Student Projects**
Projects included investigating renewable energy sources, innovating new technologies, reducing waste & more!

**Project Hours**
Projects hours totaled over the course of the 21-22 school year!
The Kōkua Learning Farm is an educational and agricultural destination, encouraging learners of all ages to actively support their local food system.
Developed a Soil & Water Conservation Plan
- Groundwater, rain, and stormwater runoff observed across seasons, in consultation with scientists, neighbors, and kupuna
- Approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Board

Growing & Learning Zones
- 23 Varieties of kalo and lots of different veggies grown with volunteers and high school interns
- 6 Rows of citrus trees planted with multistory canopy and cover crops including lime, papaya and more
- 32 Educators participated in ʻĀINA In Schools Educator Trainings in the ʻĀINA demonstration gardens

Restoring Wetlands
- 1,062 Native plants planted in the constructed native wetlands including ʻakulikuli and more
- 5 Native bird and insect species returned to habitat: Aukuʻu, ʻalae ʻula, aeʻo, koloa, pinao
FARM WORKDAYS
Volunteer with us on the Kōkua Learning Farm at a Community or Partner Workday. Learn more and register at kokuahawaiifoundation.org/haleiwa

MONTHLY COMMUNITY WORKDAYS
Our Monthly Community Workdays happen on the first Saturday of each month!

PARTNER WORKDAYS
Mahalo to our partners including: Chef Hui, Patagonia, ALTRES, Aoki Group, Asia Pacific International School, Hānai Hives, HUB Coworking, Kupu, Mad Bene, Mālama Loko Ea Foundation, MA’O, Maya's Tapas & Wine, Monkeypod Kitchen, NatuRe & Zetton Restaurant Group, Group, Pilina Education Alliance: Paths to Purpose, Pixar, RIM Architects, Subpod, Surfbreak HNL, Sustainable Coastlines Hawai‘i, Treehouse Coworking, Team Serve, Under My Umbrella, Veterans United, Waipahu High School, and WATG.

972 FARM VOLUNTEERS
34
The Kōkua Learning Farm Youth Internship Program provides on-farm training to build skills and knowledge around agroecology, crop cultivation, fruit and vegetable production, soil health maintenance, and culinary explorations.

**37 YOUTH INTERNS**
In grades 7 through 12 from Kahuku to Wahiawā

**3 YOUTH INTERNSHIP COHORTS**
Fall, Spring & Summer!
FARM FIELD TRIPS!

We welcomed the first field trip groups to the Kōkua Learning Farm this year! We are so excited to host more keiki on the farm and connect with more youth.

HAUʻULA ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

80
from grades K-5 were part of our first official field trip to the farm! They explored kalo varieties, colors & scents in the garden, native plants, and more.

MĀLAMA LOKO EA FOUNDATION YOUTH

12
from the Nā Pili Wai program visited the farm and harvested bok choi and green onions for their culminating ʻOhana Day.
From October to December 2021, the Kōkua Learning FarmRAISER successfully raised over $100,000 in funds to develop different areas of the farm. Mahalo to all of our FarmRAISER supporters! See a full list on our website: kokuahawaiifoundation.org/kokualearningfarmraiser
Our Hale‘iwa site has been growing rapidly! We have moved into our new offices, expanded the plant nursery, lo‘i areas and added a washing station and cold storage for produce grown at Kōkua Learning Farm, created hand-painted signage for the storefronts, and even upgraded the property’s septic system.

Mahalo to all who have donated In-kind goods & services in support of our growing Hale‘iwa site:

An updated list can be found at kokuahawaiifoundation.org/haleiwa/partners.
40+ Local Makers
Supporting over 40 local small businesses creating low-waste lifestyle products!


20+ Bulk Products
On Earth Day 2022, we launched our bulk bar featuring over 20 different bath, body and cleaning products in bulk!

918 Customers
Over 900 customers have purchased reusables or bulk products to help reduce waste in their lives.
Kōkua Vintage offers a curated collection of second-hand clothing, records, books, housewares, artwork and more; promoting second-hand over new.

13 Partners
We partner with 13 local vintage consignors:
Back in the Day Hawai‘i, Flying Pig, Hungry Ear Records Green Gypsy, Katie Pere, Kōkua Vintage, Mai Tais & Rainbows, Mu‘umu‘u Library, Recycled Surf- Mark Cunningham, Rex the Surfdog, Show Pony, Stacey G, Vintage for the Peoples

Mu‘umu‘u Swap
In partnership with The Mu‘umu‘u Library and De-Stash Hawai‘i, we successfully had a Mu‘umu‘u Swap in celebration of Lei Day!

475 Items
Over 400 second-hand items have been purchased in the Kōkua General Store!
1,009
Kōkua Hawaiʻi Foundation Paid Members

60,000
Total Social Media Followers

28,421
Total Newsletter Subscribers
Mahalo to everyone who participated in our programs this year! We continue to learn and grow with each community member and partner. From students to store supporters to educators to Kōkua Learning Farm volunteers and everyone in-between, we are honored to have your support.
MAHALO

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