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Kendall County Fair Association Inc. Assisting the Agricultural Community in the Texas Hill Country for over 100 years!



KCFA: Growing with the ever increasing demands of the population of this rural community, enhancing our programs, maintaining our facilities as we continue to provide agricultural and youth development programs for Kendall County and the greater Hill Country area.

KCFA saw its beginnings as the citizens of Boerne gathered together in 1905 to share agricultural information, recipes, and news of events. In 1913, it was organized into the Kendall County Fair Association and was awarded its nonprofit corporation charter from the State of Texas. The Kendall County Fair Association has sustained its mission as a nonprofit organization for over 95 years and has become a Hill Country tradition and a historic icon of our rural heritage.

The **mission** of the Kendall County Fair Association Inc., as a nonprofit Corporation, is to encourage and promote agricultural, horticultural and livestock education and related industrial interests of the citizens of Kendall and surrounding Counties. The Kendall County Fair Association **envisions** Kendall and surrounding counties as a vibrant rural community where the agricultural industry is encouraged, agricultural education is promoted and where the industries of agriculture, horticulture and live stock management are flourishing, both now and into the future.

Now a federally designated 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, KCFA has four parts to its mission:

- to promote agricultural education, leadership and agricultural entrepreneurship,
- to encourage and recognize the achievement of youth in agricultural, horticultural and livestock management as they also encourage youth academic achievement and leadership experiences,
- to promote the involvement of women in business, nutrition and home based businesses and



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- to encouraging agricultural, horticultural and livestock related industries toward positive rural economic development within the whole of the Hill Country community.

A study by the Washington State Department of Agriculture in 2005 found that fair associations like KCFA promote agriculture, create jobs, support rural economic development and local commerce and provide opportunities for youth and adult education.

The activities sponsored by KCFA play a vital roll in fundraising for many other nonprofits, civic and charitable organizations within the Hill Country area. The help bring our community together, support our rural life and teach others about agriculture and where our food comes from. KCFA alone brings thousands of dollars in community services and tourism to Kendall and surrounding counties as it also provides an avenue for rural economic advancement and maintained our rural heritage both now and into the next 100 years.



The Kendall County Fair, as our organizations largest fundraiser, has become an integral part of the community, drawing thousands of patrons to Kendall County each year and providing them with the great flavor of “down home country fun, good times and good friends”.

The KCFA land, studded with tall oak trees, is beautifully maintained and is rented by public and private organizations along with three buildings, an arena and pavilion. The facilities, as part of the KCFA mission, are utilized for the Kendall County Fair, the KCFA Live Stock Show, various agricultural shows, education events and youth organizations, civic groups, other nonprofits and by the general public. KCFA currently provides facilities at low or now cost to the Boerne Boys & Girls Club, Club Scouts of America, Boerne Public Library and many other charitable and civic organizations.



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The Kendall County Fair Association is governed and totally run by a 21 member Board of Directors. It is a membership organization with over 400 members who come together to seek new leadership among its membership each January at their annual meeting.

The Board of Directors is assisted in their mission by the **Women's Auxiliary of the Kendall County Fair Association Inc.** The group of civic minded women provides fundraiser assistance, assists in the maintenance of the buildings and grounds and promotes women in business and entrepreneurship through their Annual Handcrafted Oma's Christmas Art & Crafts Fair each year.



The KCFA Agricultural Programs currently include:

- ◆ Sponsorship of the KCFA Annual Labor Day Livestock Show (held during the Kendall County Fair on Labor Day Weekend),
- ◆ Support for the Kendall County Junior Livestock Association and for the Kendall County 4-H Horse Club,
- ◆ Sponsorship of livestock projects such as steer, heifers, market lamb, goat & pig projects, and other livestock.
- ◆ Promote youth agricultural education through youth participation in agricultural projects and through their demonstration of their success by showing their project at a livestock show.
- ◆ Promote youth leadership, responsibility and empowerment as youth participate in agricultural projects
- ◆ To develop and fund new programs to serve the youth community within the greater Hill Country area as the need becomes necessary,
- ◆ Livestock Project Sponsorships for underprivileged or at-risk youth, and those with physical, mental, social or emotional challenges that generally would not be able to raise and show their own animal.
- ◆ The venue and the largest sponsor our Agricultural Awareness Field Days for students from the Boerne and Comfort Independent School Districts.
- ◆ Provide scholarships and awards for youth who demonstrate an interest and excel in agricultural projects that will enhance their higher education goals.



KCFA has been providing these program services for over 100 years as a fully volunteer organization but now your help is needed.



The Kendall County Fair is our major fundraiser and the purpose of the fair is two fold. One is to help fund all the programs mentioned above for a whole year and the other is to be able to demonstrate the accomplishments of youth and adults alike through their agricultural heritage projects in the Exhibit Hall and to acknowledge the achievements of youth as they show their animals in the KCFA Annual Labor Day Stock Show. Both of these activities demonstrate a dimension of our programs to the public during the Fair and both have been a long standing tradition for the Kendall County Community.

Like any other nonprofit, KCFA, has had our costs skyrocket in the areas of overhead and program expenses and therefore they need your help.

In the long run the fundraising capabilities of KCFA bring a massive benefit to the community as they provide a large influx of tourist dollars during each Fair and then also provide over \$300,000 in benefits to local organizations in the form of donations, scholarships, facilities and in-kind gifts from all our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

But that is not enough

In order to grow with the ever increasing demands of the population of this rural community and enhance our programs, maintain our facilities and continue to provide for our community and youth,

KCFA needs your help.

Please DONATE toward our mission. Your contribution will help KCFA maintain its

- **Youth Agricultural Program**
- **Provide Youth Scholarships**
- **Provide Community and Youth Agricultural Education Opportunities**
- **Maintain and upgrade our facilities for Community use.**

Come out and join KCFA in our effort to maintain and enhance our mission. Come out and help us. Become a member of KCFA, assist as a volunteer for next years fair or for any of our other fundraisers so that you can help us give back three fold to the community.

That is what the Kendall County Fair Association is all about.

YOU can help our rural community remain vibrant as we also maintain our agricultural heritage for the future of our state and nation!

Your donations are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely Yours

KCFA Board of Directors

PS: Please consider donating now! Your prompt donation will help us implement our programs well into the future. Thank you so very much!

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