

THE LIFE OF KAI: COMPASSION
CONNECTIONS INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

2025





foster kindness together.
The Life of Kai

WHERE WE ARE NOW

Executive Summary

2025 marked our fourth year as a small grassroots nonprofit, and with it came clarity. Life of Kai continued to grow steadily while settling into a sustainable rhythm for running our organization and delivering our programs. With experience has come focus — allowing us to work more efficiently, strengthen what works, and let go of what does not.

Throughout the year, we continued to innovate, expand our community outreach, and build meaningful partnerships. While our core programs remained intact, several were reconsolidated to improve efficiency and impact. This refinement allowed us to better align our efforts with our mission: keeping people and their pets together through education, access to support, and compassionate community connections.

As we look ahead, Life of Kai enters its next phase grounded in experience, guided by data and community feedback, and committed to delivering thoughtful, effective programs that support both animals and the people who care for them.





PROGRAMS

Community Connections through Kai Kind Lending Library (Education-based programs)

- The Kai Kind Lending Library experienced remarkable growth in 2025, doubling its 2024 visitation and closing the year with over 10,000 community visits.
- Life of Kai launched a second lending library dedicated to children, expanding access to age-appropriate books focused on empathy, compassion, and humane education. During the year, 75 adult titles and 30 children's books were loaned to the community.
- The library also continued to serve as a gathering space, hosting regular community events that strengthened local engagement and visibility.





PROGRAMS

Humanity Connections: "Kind is Cool" **(Education-Based Programs)**

- In 2025, Kind is Cool evolved through strategic partnerships and program consolidation. New collaborations with Community Cat Project and Cat Tales led to the launch of Kitty Summer Camp, introducing children to humane education through the lens of community cats.
- Life of Kai also participated in a Red Rover interview, expanding national visibility for the program.
- To support broader access, the Kai Kind Stories YouTube channel was launched, featuring narrated humane education videos created using Synthesia.
- As part of a move toward greater efficiency, Kind is Cool was consolidated with the newly formed Empathy Kids Library, streamlining children's programming under a single, cohesive education initiative.





PROGRAMS

Rescues Connections - Bridges (Community Outreach Programs.)

- In 2025, Life of Kai maintained its partnership with HART and expanded services to include separation anxiety behavior support.
- The Street Pets Initiative continued to provide essential supplies to unhoused individuals with pets throughout Yolo County.
- 1. While collaboration with DPAW continued locally, Life of Kai concluded its work with Street Dog Coalition to focus resources closer to home. New outreach efforts included the launch of a Socks and Gloves Drive to provide warmth during the cold season.
- Life of Kai contributed \$1,500 toward five spay and neuter surgeries for a local rescue, funded through a Givebutter campaign and organizational support.






PROGRAMS

Community Connections: The Compassionate Dog Coach (education and community-based support)

The Compassionate Dog Coach program remained a cornerstone of Life of Kai's commitment to accessible behavior support.

- In 2025, Life of Kai continued its participation in Shelter Animals Count to track services provided to the community. Over the course of the year, 333 behavior and support services were delivered to dogs and 40 to cats, including five veterinary services for dogs and one for a cat.
- Only 10 private clients accounted for approximately 10% of total services, underscoring the organization's continued emphasis on pro bono support, which represented 90% of all cases.





Relinquished by his family,
Quinn found his forever home
after being fostered by Unidos
for 3 months.

PROGRAMS

Community Connections through Nuzzle: An Online Foster Registry (Community- based initiative)

In 2025, Life of Kai continued to explore the logistics and realities of foster support through the Nuzzle initiative. A team fostering pilot study was conducted with six volunteer fosters working together to support a shelter dog. While adoption was successful, the pilot highlighted the coordination challenges inherent in group fostering models. As a result, Life of Kai is pausing plans for a formal foster registry while continuing to explore alternative ways to support foster caregivers through education, resources, and community connection.





PROGRAMS

Community Connections through Kitty Kat Corner: A community cat welfare and education program

Kitty Kat Corner launched in 2025 as Life of Kai's newest program, expanding its humane education mission to include community cats.

- The program was inspired by the rescue of a local community cat, now Life of Kai's feline mascot, BK.
- Kitty Kat Corner serves as the foundation for teaching children about community cat welfare and responsible coexistence, and it directly informed the design and curriculum of the Kitty Summer Camp.
- This new program reflects Life of Kai's continued commitment to evolving alongside community needs.





WEBSITE & VISIBILITY

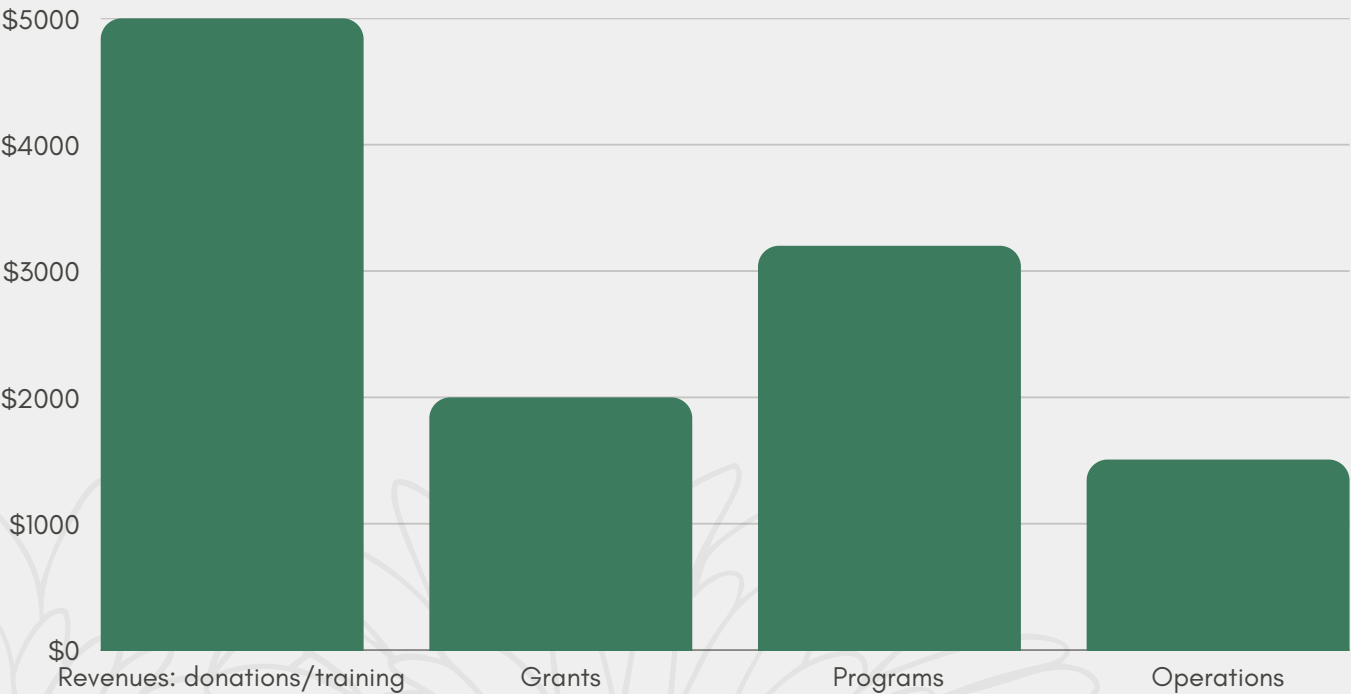
- In 2025, the website recorded 2,614 visits, representing a 44% increase from 2024. Since the organization's launch, the website has received nearly 7,000 visits, showing consistent year-over-year growth as Life of Kai's programs and outreach have expanded.
- Life of Kai launched an online "KIND" store in 2025, offering mission-aligned merchandise.

1 GRANTS & FUNDING

- In 2025, Following an invitation to apply, Life of Kai was awarded the Binky Foundation Next Steps grant, supporting continued organizational growth and program development.
- Additional grant funding from The Pollination Project was directed toward the creation of a narrated video library for the Kind is Cool program, expanding access to humane education through digital storytelling.

VOLUNTEERS

- Since the addition of volunteer application to the website in 2024, more than 20 students have expressed interest in supporting Life of Kai, reflecting the advantages of operating in a college town.
- In 2025, Life of Kai also collaborated with Monterey State University, working with eight students on program and content development, including one paid intern funded through a Pollination Project grant.



FINANCES

In 2025, Life of Kai’s income and expenses reached a stable operating baseline, closely mirroring the financial patterns observed in 2024 even though our grants funding was reduced, the donations have increased. Our finance profile reflects a maturing organization with programs operating at a sustainable scale rather than reactive year-to-year fluctuation. Program expenses accounted for approximately 68% of total expenses, a proportion that has remained steady over the past three years, underscoring Life of Kai’s continued commitment to mission-forward operations while maintaining responsible administrative and operational support.



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

In 2026, Life of Kai will continue to focus on community-centered education and outreach while building on programs established over the past several years. Planned initiatives include the relaunch of Coyote Awareness programming in March 2026, expanded collaboration with Community Cat Project to support local TNR efforts, and continued community events hosted through the Kai Kind Lending Library. Life of Kai also plans to maintain its partnership with Monterey State University, engaging students in social-emotional learning-aligned projects and program support.

Alongside these confirmed efforts, Life of Kai will continue to develop and refine educational resources that strengthen the human-animal bond. Exploratory goals for 2026 include additional workshops and webinars, practical behavior resources for pets of the unhoused, expanded original content for the Kai Kind Stories YouTube channel, and potential collaborations with community arts organizations, libraries, and after-school programs to promote narrated humane education content. These initiatives will be pursued as capacity and funding allow.

