

#### ADVOCATING FOR ALL ANIMALS

#### **MISSION**

TO INSPIRE RESPECT AND COMPASSION FOR ALL ANIMALS, ADVOCATE FOR THEIR INTERESTS AND WELFARE, AND INSTILL IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT ALL LIVING BEINGS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE TREATED HUMANELY.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IN REVIEW

2023

#### **Dear Friends**,

Thank you for being part of the Ohlone Humane Society family. This year has come with some challenges as we navigate life after pandemic. Significant financial hardship within our community has meant full shelters, fewer adoptions, and a growing population of unwanted, at-risk animals. But thanks to your support and incredible love of animals, we think we are well positioned to meet those challenges.

I can't say enough to recognize the efforts of our dedicated volunteers, who donated over 15,000 hours to ensure animals and the humans who love them in our community all receive the compassion, respect, and love they deserve. Together, with our community donors, we make it happen. On behalf of everyone at OHS, including the animals in our care, thank you for your steadfast support.



### WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER & GARDENS

THE OHS WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER RESCUES, REHABILITATE, AND RELEASES INJURED OR SICK WILDLIFE BACK TO THEIR NATIVE HABITAT. OUR VOLUNTEER STAFF WORKS ENDLESS HOURS TAKING CARE OF THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE. WE WORK WITH LOCAL BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS AND LOCAL VOLUNTEERS ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO MAINTAIN OUR FACILITY. WE EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON HOW TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH URBAN WILDLIFE.



300 ATTENDEES AT WRC OPEN HOUSE

1,000 WRC VOLUNTEER SERVICE

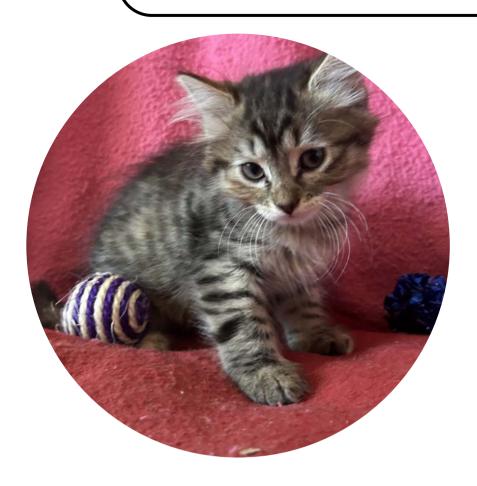
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LOCAL WILD ANIMALS
GIVEN CARE

In healthier times,, the OHS Wildlife Rehabilitation Center treated over 800 sick or injured animals. Last year, we continued to face the dangers of Avian Flu and were unable to treat as many.

However, with the generous donation of funds, designs, materials and labor by community scouts and adult volunteers, our new intake building allowed us to keep the center safely open all year. We also had community youth volunteers build us new countertops, a new deluxe water pond, move our outbuildings around, improve our garden area with paths and planters, refresh indoor paint, and create a beautiful wall mural in our avian enclosures.

This year we plan on fundraising for a complete retrofitting of our outdoor enclosures which will provide much needed improvements and additional safety for our resident animals. This is a massive undertaking for our little center, and community support will be vital and welcome.

## KITTEN FOSTERING & ADOPTION



OHS OFFERS ASSIST WITH SPAY
OR NEUTER BEFORE COMMUNITY
CAREGIVERS FIND ABANDONED
KITTENS A HOME.
WE EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY
TO CARE FOR MAMA AND
KITTENS WHERE THEY ARE
FOUND IF NOT IN DANGER.

**2,271**FOSTER VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS

53
FOSTER FAMILIES,
MEDICAL &
ADMINISTRATIVE
VOLUNTEERS

**128** 

KITTENS RESCUED, GIVEN
MEDICAL CARE,
SPAYED/NEUTERED,
VACCINATED,
MICROCHIPPED AND
ADOPTED TO
FOREVER HOMES

In 2023, the community kitten population soared, and shelters and rescues nationwide reported more abandoned cats and kittens, OHS struggled to save kittens with skin infections, life-threatening illnesses and birth defects, but continues to take in kittens that otherwise would end up in the shelter or not survive in the community.

Our fosters are trained in orphan kitten care and specialize in the care of abandoned, sick and injured kittens who are 8 weeks old or younger.

Thanks to your support, OHS responded to every request by fostering, offering advice, or partnering with other local rescues. OHS is proud to have devoted volunteers who open their lives to foster and coordinate medical care for our community kittens.

# SPAY-NEUTER, TRAP.NEUTER.RETURN & SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

OHS provides assistance to our low income pet owners in Fremont, Union City and Newark who are otherwise unable to fix their family pets or provide basic or urgent medical care. Your support funds our spay-neuter and special assistance vouchers to help cover the costs, reduce the numbers of homeless animals, and helps keep families together.

For example, the Special Assistance program played a critical role for Blue, 6-year old female Siberian Husky, who came to us severely ill and diagnosed with infectious canine parvovirus. Fortunately, her owner sought help in time, but without the care we were able to provide for her, Blue would have died. Today Blue is happy and healthy!

In addition to low income assistance for pet owners, OHS offers an active community cat spay-neuter program. OHS supports Trap.Neuter.Return (TNR), the humane method of cat population control. This year, OHS increased its team of volunteers who dedicate their time to help with trapping, housing, and returning community cats to their original locations. The only limitations this year have been unavailability of veterinary appointments.

SPAY-NEUTER REDUCES THE NUMBER OF UNWANTED PUPPIES, KITTENS AND SMALL ANIMALS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE END UP IN SHELTERS OR ON THE STREETS.

LOW COST SPAY-NEUTER HELPS OUR UNHOUSED PET FAMILIES RECEIVE PET FOOD AND MEDICAL CARE.



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LOW INCOME COMPANION PET OWNERS SERVED WITH SPAY-NEUTER VOUCHERS 19

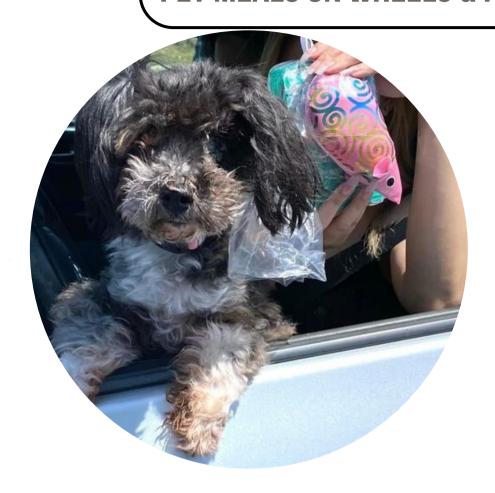
COMPANION ANIMALS OF EXTREMELY LOW INCOME FAMILIES RECEIVED VETERINARY CARE 1,247

TOTAL COMMUNITY
AND COMPANION
ANIMALS SPAYED OR
NEUTERED WITH
OHS VOUCHERS

**678** 

COMMUNITY CATS TRAPPED, SPAYED OR NEUTERED AND RETURNED BY THE OHS TRAPPING TEAM 6

#### PET MEALS ON WHEELS & PET PANTRY



PMOW RECEIVES AND DISTRIBUTES PET FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO HOMELESS, HOMEBOUND SENIORS, AND LOW INCOME FAMILIES THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.

2,453
VOLUNTEER HOURS OF SERVICE

7,405

TRICITY RESIDENTS IN NEED RECEIVED PET FOOD AND SUPPLIES

19,439

POUNDS OF PET FOOD DISTRIBUTED

It was another action filled year for the PMOW program and we couldn't have gone in only a few years from providing 3,000 lbs to this year's almost 18,000 lbs of total pet food packed without a devout love for pets and incredible volunteers, including:

- Reliable sorters and packers
- Coordinators of deliveries to our distribution partners
- Parent and family teams of grandparents with grandkids, moms and their young adults, husbands and wives, aunts and nieces
- Key business supporters like Pet Food Express and their event to 'Fill the Food Bank' that made all the difference when community donation levels dropped unexpectedly.
- Partners like TCV Food Bank + Mobile Pantry that help us store occasional large donations and pick up and redirect to us as needed.

- Lam Research and Vector Laboratories that continue to support our efforts as an organization in both dollars and employee time
- Community service groups and rotary clubs that take the time to listen and support our cause.

OHS is beyond grateful to all our volunteers to be able to help our community pets and their people and be a part of such a pet loving community! We have plans to expand our pantry packing days and provide more youth service events in 2024.

## **PET THERAPY**

PET THERAPY ENABLES PEOPLE TO INTERACT WITH AND RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM COMPANION ANIMALS WHICH HAS PROVEN HEALTH BENEFITS, STUDIES SHOW THESE ANIMAL-ASSISTED INTERACTIONS CAN HAVE POSITIVE **EFFECTS ON BOTH EMOTIONAL AND** PHYSICAL WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.



**PEOPLE SERVED WITH PET** THERAPY VISITS

**221** 

**FACILITY VISITS** 

**270** 

**VOLUNTEER HOURS OF SERVICE** 

Our Pet Therapy program had a good year in 2023. We added 5 new teams and an additional handler, so that our special Newfie can bring even more tail-wagging joy to our community! We divided our service into special events and ongoing therapy efforts.

Special events for emotional support:

Irvington High School

Mission High School

Ohlone College

Viant Medical Company

- Niles dog show Chalk in the Park, OHS Wildlife Rehabilitation Center Open
- **Newark Unified School District Science Day** at the Park
- Newark Senior Center
- Masonic Home and Live Well Senior Center health fairs
- Read-to-a-Dog program at the Fremont Main Library and Centerville Library.

We added several new facilities for ongoing therapy and continuing therapy at:

- Fremont Hospital
- Kaiser Hospital
- Windsor Acute care facility
- Masonic Home
- Carlton Senior living
- J-Sei senior home
- Sisters of the Holy Family retirement home
- On Lok Senior Care.

We also are appreciative of our three teams who serve with the WOOF program at Washington hospital, visiting patients undergoing chemotherapy, pre- and post- op surgery patients, general care patients, and even new moms and their babies!

We served over 3,000 people in 2023! We hope to add some more teams so we can serve even more in 2024!

# HUMANE EDUCATION/YOUTH & FAMILY



HUMANE EDUCATION ENCOURAGES
STUDENTS OF ALL AGES TO EMBRACE THE
CONCEPT THAT ANIMALS ARE LIVING,
SENTIENT BEINGS WHO NEED OUR LOVE
AND CARE. EACH NATIVE ANIMAL HAS A
ROLE IN OUR BIOSPHERE.
OUR NEW YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAM IS
DESIGNED TO HELP STUDENTS AND YOUTH
CLUBS GAIN COMMUNITY SERVICE
EXPERIENCE IN ANIMAL WELFARE.

2,828
STUDENTS
RECEIVING OHS
SPONSORED KIND
NEWS MAGAZINE

3,600

TRANSLATED OHS EDUCATIONAL BOOKLETS DONATED TO DUAL IMMERSION LANGUAGE CLASSROOM STUDENTS

**2,820** 

OHS-sponsored Kind News magazine classroom subscriptions that continue to be popular with our K-6 teachers. In addition, this year, Humane Education created, published, translated, and distributed our dog and cat booklets on pet care in English, Spanish and Mandarin languages.with the help of grant funding from William & Charlotte Parks Foundation and Maddie's Fund, We also produced booklets on wildlife and the environmental impact on habitats.

OHS Humane Education was proud to participate in Science in the Park with Newark Unified School District and also supplied over 600 educational packets to our public libraries last year for Earth Day and our Read to a Dog Pet Therapy program. We have more plans to help bring education in animal welfare to you and our community in 2024 and we thank our wonderful supporters, volunteer translators, and educators.





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GRAB 'N GO WORKSHEETS &
GOODIES PACKETS
DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL
LIBRARIES

#### **EVENTS & PHILANTHROPY**

OHS WAS EXCITED TO RETURN FROM VIRTUAL
TO ONSITE EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY IN
2023. THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS, STAFF,
INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE DONORS,
GRANTORS, CITIES OF FREMONT & NEWARK,
OUR AFFILIATES, CLUBS & ALL WHO SUPPORTED
OHS THIS YEAR!

16,617
PEOPLE SERVED BY OHS VOLUNTEERS

15,363
VOLUNTEER HOURS



OHS is operated and run by volunteers with the exception of two part-time employees who are available when needed to provide round-the-clock care to rehabilitating injured and sick wildlife. Among the programs and services that OHS offered last year to improve the lives of animals, OHS was represented onsite in the community at multiple facilities through Pet Therapy, resident's homes and companies through Trap.Neuter.Return, numerous homeless support groups through Pet Meals on Wheels, and through fundraising events at Niles Dog Show, Joe's Corner Howl-o-ween, Chalk in the Park, and Lam Holiday Boutique.

Our volunteers represent the diverse population of Fremont, Newark and Union City to serve the homeless, both animal and human, instruct in animal care, and support pet families struggling to stay together by providing pet supplies and financial assistance for necessary veterinary procedures.

## FINANCIALS 2023

#### **REVENUES**

DONATIONS & MEMBERSHIP	\$233,821
GRANTS	\$43,500
MATCHING EMPLOYER DONATIONS	\$34,147
OTHER (IN-KIND, SALES)	4404.000
MAUI FIRE FUND	<b>AF 40F</b>
INTEREST	\$2021
TOTAL	\$420,744

#### **OPERATING EXPENSES**

ANIMAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS

ADMINISTRATION

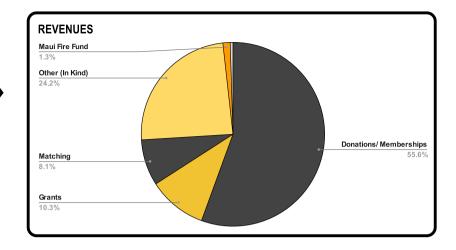
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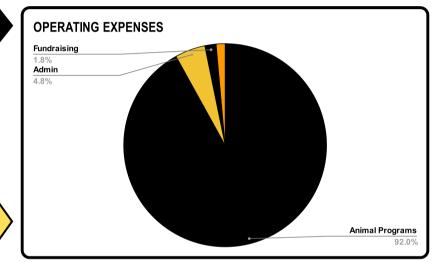
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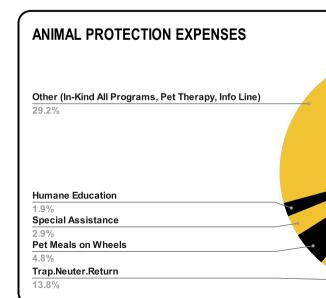
TOTAL

#### **ANIMAL PROTECTION EXPENSES**

WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER	\$.112,065
FOSTER KITTEN & ADOPTION	\$37,043
SPAY/NEUTER	\$17,173
TRAP.NEUTER.RETURN	\$48,344
PET MEALS ON WHEELS	\$16,971
SPECIAL ASSISTANCE	\$10,012
HUMANE EDUCATION	\$6,663
OTHER (PET THERAPY, IN-KIND)	\$102,485
TOTAL	\$350.756







Wildlife Rehabilitation Center 31.9%

Foster Kitten 10.6%

Spay/Neuter

4.9%

