



# Kainos Klarion

*Helping adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities live their best lives.*

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## A Salute to Our Stars Gala

A Salute to Our Stars Gala was a night to remember! Held at the Grand Bay Hotel in Redwood Shores on Saturday October 26th. Kainos welcomed 325 guests to honor our Stars, those we serve here at Kainos.



After a sweet invocation from our 2023 Citizen of the Year, **Eyra Alonzo**, we recognized **Rudy Aguilar, Hector Carlos, Mary Dempsey, Nicole Dokonal, Allison Easterbrook, Sharon Erickson, Greg Fogelstrom, Jayne Glascock, Jesse Junglas, Kristin Kilty, Larry Knox, Sione Mafileo, Pam Naftzger, Jabri Perkins, Diane Phillips, Bridget Ruff, Susan Regan, Alex Schneider, Stacy Schreiber, Grant Stevens, Chauncey Tannyhill, Greg Tracey, Brian Walker** and **David Widdra** with our **Special Recognition Award** for their continued efforts to make a difference in their community and their constant hard work to live out their dreams.

## GALA

2024

A Salute to Our Stars



Andy Frisch had the honor of saluting our **Shining Star Awards** to the top achievers in each of the Kainos programs. These folks included **Kayla Belick, Dominique Davalos, Lukas Draper, Tony Duncan, Patty Eason, Pablo Puerto, Jordan Vasquez** and **Simone Wright**. Their achievements throughout the year were indeed shining and enveloped the spirit of Kainos.

Our highest honor, **Citizen of the Year**, went to **John Wallen**. John who has been a resident of Kainos for 4 decades, a man who has contributed to his community and an individual that has made the differences in not only his life but those he is surrounded by. John has faced health challenges this year and continues to stay positive, joyful and determined!



Kainos is tremendously grateful to our clients, our community mentors, families and friends that joined us for the joyful celebration of our awesome clients!

### Our Mission

The mission of Kainos Home & Training Center is to enable adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities maximize their potential while becoming active, contributing members of our community.



# Director's Note

by Andy Frisch

On October 26th, Kainos held our 39th Achievement Challenge Gala. It was a joyous evening filled with celebration. John Wallen was named our citizen of the year. His award was presented to him by former Mayor Ian Bain (pictured to the right with his wife Robbie Moffat). This was made extra special since Ian had worked with John in the late 1980's.



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I was given the opportunity to make some remarks and as I often do, I spoke about how the real work at Kainos and the magic, is in building community. A place where one feels safe, supported and nurtured. That foundation allows us all the opportunity to take risks and to grow. Ian's role in delivering John's award was one more testament to our long and varying relationships within our greater environs and to our achievement in building a great Kainos network.

It has been with real intention and purpose, that we have worked to create that sense of community. Historically, our clients have been marginalized and their lives have been seen as unimportant. I still shudder when I recall my first experiences of working with people who were being warehoused in state institutions. Kainos was built as a horrified reaction to that. A sense of community was a key weapon, in Kainos' formation, creation and success. We have done everything, since our inception, to help clients integrate into their homes and towns and to dismantle those walls or barriers.

Our work is driven with the spirit of love and acceptance. It starts with a fundamental acceptance of each person for who they are, strengths, weaknesses, commonalities and unique characteristics. And in all of our work, our screening of employees, our training, our philosophy and our approach, love for the people we support underlies everything.

I often marvel at the enormous luck that I have had to wind up at Kainos. I feel so proud and blessed to be a part of an organization that values the love and acceptance of all. I hope that you all share in that blessing through your association with Kainos.



## Welcome to our New Kainos Staff



**Ann Bautista** is our new Assistant Manager in our Adult Beginnings (AB) Home.  
**Owen Brillantes** started in our AB Home as a Direct Care Professional in early November.



# What is Kainos Thankful For Today?

We are so thankful for our 2024 Mentors!

The Kainos Mentor Program 2024 came to an end with our Gala on October 26th.

What fun we had seeing old friends and making new ones! See you next year.

And if you're new and would like to be added to our list to contact next year please send an email to [Volunteer@KainosUSA.org](mailto:Volunteer@KainosUSA.org).



## July

*July was our Kick Off party and then we enjoyed ice cream together with our mentees at their homes.*

## August

*In August we met at two live music shows and got to eat dinner and dance together.*

## September

*Can you say Oktoberfest? We did and met at our local Redwood City Pub in the Park on a sunny Saturday. Then we got to see our friends in their homes for dinner.*



**MENTOR**  
Shout out!



"When I left the Gala everyone was busy dancing the night away ;) What a fun event! I'm so grateful to have found Kainos. It was such a wonderful experience! I'd love to come back next year if you'll have me" - **Nicole Wilson, a 2024 Mentor is on the right with her friend and mentee Robin.**



THANK YOU  
Volunteers



Our very own John Wallen, shown above, who happens to be the Kainos 2024 Citizen of the Year, is an artist! And in a wonderful connection made this year with Bobbi Baumgartner, a new mentor and old Kainos friend, we got to see some of his wonderful work from 1983! Thank you for sharing these with us after all of these years!

# THANK YOU!

The following is a list of donations gratefully received between **August 31, 2024 through October 31, 2024**

Kainos Home & Training Center is very thankful to all of its generous contributors. With your assistance, Kainos is able to continue its mission to help adults with developmental disabilities become active, contributing members of our community.



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**Janet Thomas**  
 Feb. 27, 1946 - Oct. 15, 2024



Janet was such a big part of the heart of Kainos and our community. She will be remembered for her kindred spirit, zest for life, boundless energy and her selfless humanity. She made friends everywhere she went and so many of us met and loved her at Kainos. We will miss her bright smile every day.





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Kainos Annual Golf Tournament  
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