

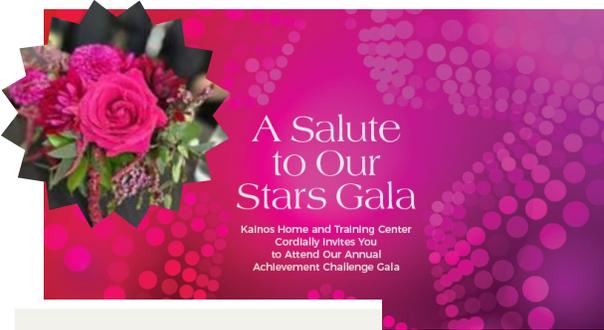


# Kainos Klarion

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

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## Kainos Celebrates Success at the 2025 Salute to Our Stars Gala



On October 4th, Kainos proudly hosted its annual Salute to the Stars Gala, welcoming more than 350 guests for an evening of celebration, recognition, and community spirit. The event marked the culmination of our summer-long mentorship program, highlighting the remarkable achievements of our clients who exemplify dedication, volunteerism, and personal growth.

This year, we were honored to recognize Jim Philbrick as our Citizen of the Year. Jim received a proclamation from the City of Redwood City, presented by Mayor Elmer Martinez Saballos and Councilwoman Diane Howard, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the community.

We were also proud to celebrate our clients' accomplishments with many Special Recognition Awards as well as honor our Shining Stars Award recipients: Faalaa Achica, Suzette Courson, Patty Eason, Daniel Grubb, Doug Kannenberg, Scot Steinbaugh, Heather Wachter, Brian Walker, and Riley Wolf.

Of course, the evening wouldn't be complete without acknowledging our incredible Mentors, who dedicated their summer to supporting our clients—whether through karaoke nights, delicious meals and ice cream, games, or heartfelt encouragement. Your energy and compassion inspire us all, and Kainos is deeply grateful for your commitment. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this special night of recognition and joy.

We look forward to celebrating again next year—mark your calendars for September 26, 2026, at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City—as we continue honoring the many wonderful people who make Kainos shine!



**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

At Kainos, we believe that every adult with intellectual and developmental disabilities deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, contribute, and live with dignity. Every day, we see the extraordinary potential within our clients, potential that flourishes when surrounded by the right supports. And while our staff and volunteers form the heartbeat of our mission, there is another essential ingredient that sustains everything we do: **partnerships**.

Partnership is more than collaboration. It is a shared commitment to possibility. It is the understanding that when people and organizations come together with aligned values, the impact becomes larger than any one effort alone. When employers open their doors to supported employment, they do more than offer a job; they help build confidence, independence, and a sense of belonging. When nonprofits offer volunteer opportunities, they help fuel innovation, synergy and a sense of self-worth, and when volunteers invest in our programs, the difference they make is quickly self-evident.

At the heart of every relationship is a simple truth: people flourish when they are seen, valued, and supported. Kainos and our clients are made stronger by every business that offers an opportunity, every neighbor who extends a hand, every volunteer who crosses our threshold.

Partnerships have expanded significantly since the pandemic and I credit so many members of our team for these ties. Particularly Bridget Chamberlain, Beth Goddard, J'enelle Wiley, Ashley Stilleson and Emma Hmelar. Across residential programs, special events, employment and day programs, these incredible staff have and continue to bring new and innovative partnerships to Kainos and our clients.

~Andy

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## Welcome to our Newest Resident



### Alexander Burrs-President

Alexander moved into our La Vista home in October and is quickly making friends and having fun. Here he is pictured with his mother, Marie President. We are so happy you are here Alexander!

## Welcome to our Newest Staff



**Marvin Malig**  
Direct Care Professional  
Triplex Home



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~ Presented by Liza Bizzarro and Diane Howard ~

**Thank you, shoppers, for coming out to support Kainos at the Somebody Else's Closet Sale!**

So many fabulous dresses, pants, shoes, and purses found new homes — and best of all, every dollar raised supports Kainos programs for our clients. We can't wait to see you at our next big Closet Sale in **2027!**



Our **2025 Mentor Program** has come to an end and we have the best memories of our games, karaoke and parties and friendships. Email us if you want to be on our mentor mailing list for 2026!

[volunteer@kainosusa.org](mailto:volunteer@kainosusa.org)



**THANK YOU**  
*volunteers*





# THANK YOU!

The following is a list of donations gratefully received between  
**July 22, 2025 through November 14, 2025**

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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KAINOS FASHION SHOW

# Garden of Dreams

## Kainos Celebrates Success at Garden of Dreams ... Fashion Show



Held on **October 21st** at the **Allied Arts Guild in Menlo Park**, the *Garden of Dreams Fashion Show* was just that — a dream! The weather was perfect, the gardens were in full bloom, and our client models lit up the runway with joy and confidence.

This special day would not have been possible without the generosity of our incredible underwriters: **Sally Morton**, the **Sail it Forward Foundation**, **Barbara Regello**, the **Frisch Family**, **Christine Hatton**, **Sally Vitello**, **Sue Smith**, **Tara Fowler**, **Bob Haeusslein**, the **Uccelli Foundation**, **Jill Latham**, the **Kaiser Foundation**, **Recology**, the **Easterbrook Family**, the **Schreiber Family**, the **Draper Family**, and the **Grubb Family** — along with all of the generous supporters who raised their paddles during *Fund-a-Need!* Your support was truly phenomenal.

Our **Kainos community** added a heartfelt touch to the day by crafting the guest favors — **handmade note cards**, **decoupage wildflower vases**, and **lavender sachets** filled with blooms from our own garden.

The *Kainos Fashion Show* is one of our largest and most beloved fundraisers, and this year's event was nothing short of magical. With tremendous generosity the event raised over \$80,000!

We can't wait to see you again in 2026 for another unforgettable celebration!

A message from our volunteers and friends Kaitlyn and Gianna - ✨  
"Garden of Dreams 🌸🌿  
A stunning celebration of style, community, and inclusion at the Kainos Fashion Show! 🌈

We are so lucky to have Kainos in our lives an organization that empowers adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live full, connected, and joyful lives. ❤️  
Being part of this incredible community is something we're endlessly grateful for."



A beautiful tribute from our friend Aimee Swanson - "Joy. My ❤️ was filled with joy as a guest at Kainos' annual Garden Fashion Show. What a gorgeous location for an heartwarming event hosted by beautiful people inside and out. I loved seeing many incredible friends I have crossed paths with on my volunteer journey and meeting so many new friends too. My heart is full of joy and love. This is what life and living is all about!  
  
The models outfits were primarily from Nordstrom and Madewell. They picked their own outfits and get to keep them!"



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# Greg Tracey



September 7, 1949 -  
 September 19, 2025



On Friday September 19th, Greg Tracey who was one of the original Kainos clients, passed away from Pancreatic cancer.

He participated in our day and social programs in the 1970's. He moved into the La Vista when it opened in 1980. From there he moved into the Triplex when it opened in 1983. For a period of time he lived with friends at our Sanchez House. He spent his final days at the Redwood House with caring staff, his step-Mom Lorraine and step sister Linda and his long-time sweetheart Margaret, at his side.

Both Lorraine and Linda worked with Dorothy in Kainos' early days. Greg had a great working career working at The Whistle Stop, Notre Dame High School, Boardwalk Volkswagen, and Eric's Deli. He also worked at Kainos' recycling bin before curbside recycling existed.

One of the kindest and sweetest men that you'd be lucky enough to meet, Greg loved the Giants, fishing, fixing things and telling stories. He was loved by many and will be missed by all at Kainos.

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**Gala - A Salute to our Stars**  
 September 26, 2026  
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 April 27, 2026  
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 March 6, 2026  
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