



Kainos Klarion

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

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Kainos Annual Luncheon

FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2026

11:30 AM RECEPTION
12:15 PM LUNCH & PROGRAM

GRAND BAY HOTEL
223 TWIN DOLPHIN DRIVE
REDWOOD CITY, CA 94065



Kainos proudly held our 2026 Annual Luncheon on March 6th at the Grand Bay Hotel in Redwood City. After a heartfelt invocation from our own Emma Hmelar, we enjoyed a beautiful lunch together with friends, supporters, and staff.

Paula Uccelli and Stephanie Rolland kicked off the program by honoring two of our incredible partner organizations—Bay Area Special Olympics (BASO) and W.L. Butler. We are deeply grateful for their continued support, volunteer hours, and generous contributions to the Kainos community.

We were also thrilled to recognize three outstanding volunteers—Eileen Easterbrook, Gayle Johnson, and Nancy Olsen—for their positive energy and dedication. Between them, they have taught classes in our day program, served as mentors, and built meaningful friendships with our clients. Their impact on Kainos is truly invaluable.

Daisy Segal of Peninsula Covenant Church was presented with the Kainos Ambassador Award in recognition of her unwavering support and for consistently championing our mission within the community.



We were honored to hear from Dave and Karyl Erickson, brother and sister-in-law of our beloved Sharon Erickson, who shared a touching message about the profound impact Kainos had on Sharon's life. We are so grateful they could join us for this special occasion.

Finally, we celebrated our dedicated staff, including Liz Zirbes, Director of Day and Employment Services; Ben Arredondo, Employment Case Manager; and Direct Support Professionals Jared Oluoch and Emma Dayag. Their commitment and compassion are at the heart of everything we do.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and continues to support the Kainos 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

One of the many magical secrets of Kainos is our summer mentor program where Kainos clients, who are interested, are paired with volunteers from the community for a summer of fun. Many lasting friendships have been formed through the program and it has made a meaningful difference in the lives of both mentor and mentee.

The obvious direct benefit from the program is the fun and the friendships that are formed. Just as important is the learning and exposure to people we might not have otherwise met.

My wife, Ginny had mentored both Dan Baker and John Wallen for many years and these relationships were so valuable in both of our lives. I'd like to think they made a difference in their lives as well.

In fact, Ginny first mentored (back then we called it sponsors) in 1989, I think it was Thurman Nichols (or it could have been Carol Cartozian) and Thurman chaperoned us on an early date. I'm not saying that mentoring will lead to finding a life partner but you never know...

Now, Ginny mentors Eric Hutar and Alex Schneider and has a blast every summer at La Vista. Other mentors from Kate DiGiacomo, to Gayle Johnson and Nancy Olsen have shared the deep meaning that mentorship has had in their lives.

An additional fun fact and benefit is that a number of clients have formed connections that have led to employment in the community. For example, when Debbi Jones-Thomas was mentoring a client named Deborah Levick. Debbi helped facilitate her getting interviewed and ultimately hired by the Redwood City Police Department! Now that's a win win for everyone!



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The Kainos Summer Mentor program kicks off on June 10th and we currently have a few slots open.

If you are interested or want to introduce a new friend to Kainos, please contact Beth at volunteer@kainosusa.org.

Thanks so much, Andy

New La Vista Resident!

William Mark, our newest resident moved into the La Vista home on May 15th. Will is 24 years old and a delightful young man.

He enjoys taking walks, hot wheels, bowling, his iPad and WWE. We are so happy to welcome him to our Kainos community!



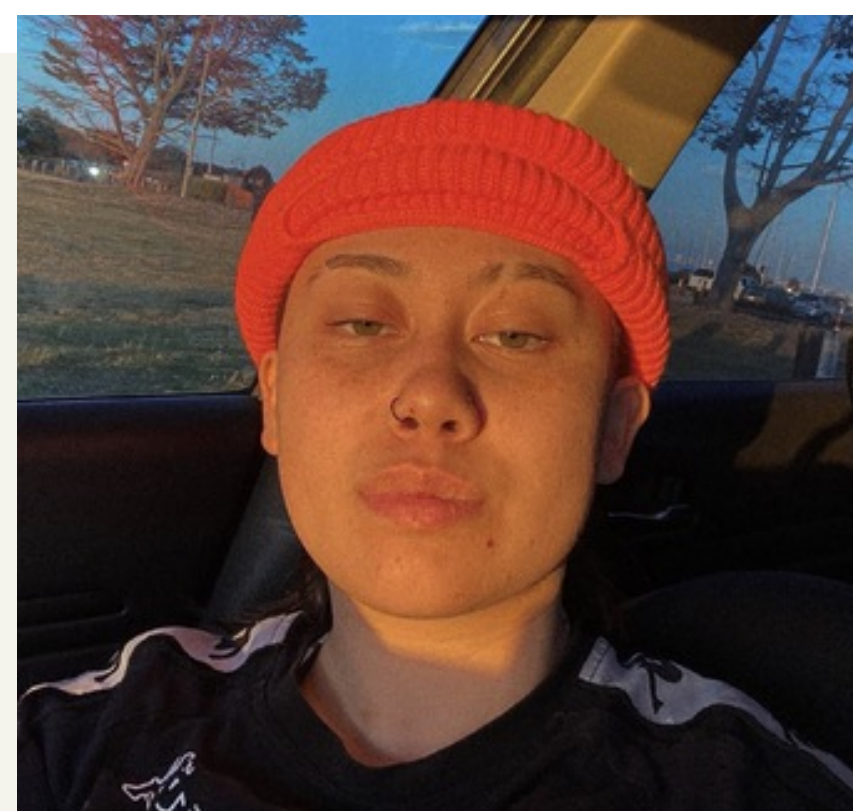
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Welcome to our Newest Staff



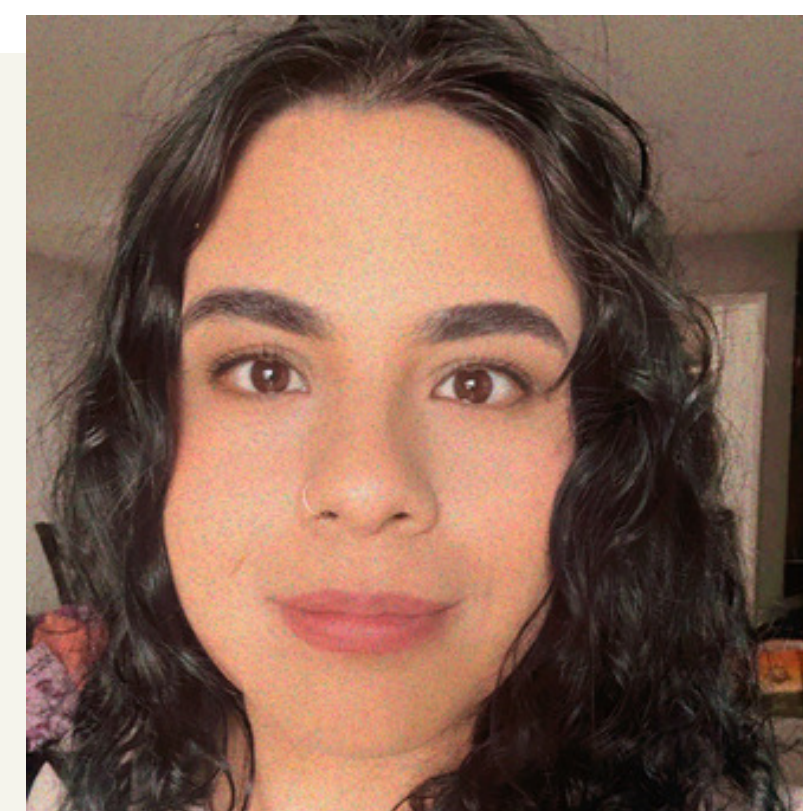
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Let's Meet Scott Hroziencik! Travel through Scott's time at Kainos...



If you want to know what it's like to live at Kainos you should talk to Scott! He moved to AB first in 2000 and was nervous at first but also excited. After living in the AB home he moved to La Vista, then Triplex, then Sanchez, then to Chantel and finally to Jefferson where he lives now with a few housemates.

He might be quiet when you first meet him but once he gets to know you he will have so many wonderful stories to share. Both stories of his life and work and also stories he writes - see below.

Scott works hard and likes to play hard too. He loves video games, mostly the sports games by EA. Currently he works at Gamble Gardens doing janitorial tasks and keeping track of supplies. Before that he did similar work at our KVS - Kainos Vocational Services - building.

When asked what he would like new residents to know about Kainos, he says that they should know that they will have 'crew jobs' and they might have to do things they don't love to do, like cooking, but everyone helps.

Scott, we are so proud of you and the wonderful life you lead here at Kainos.

"Scott's Life and Times at Kainos!"

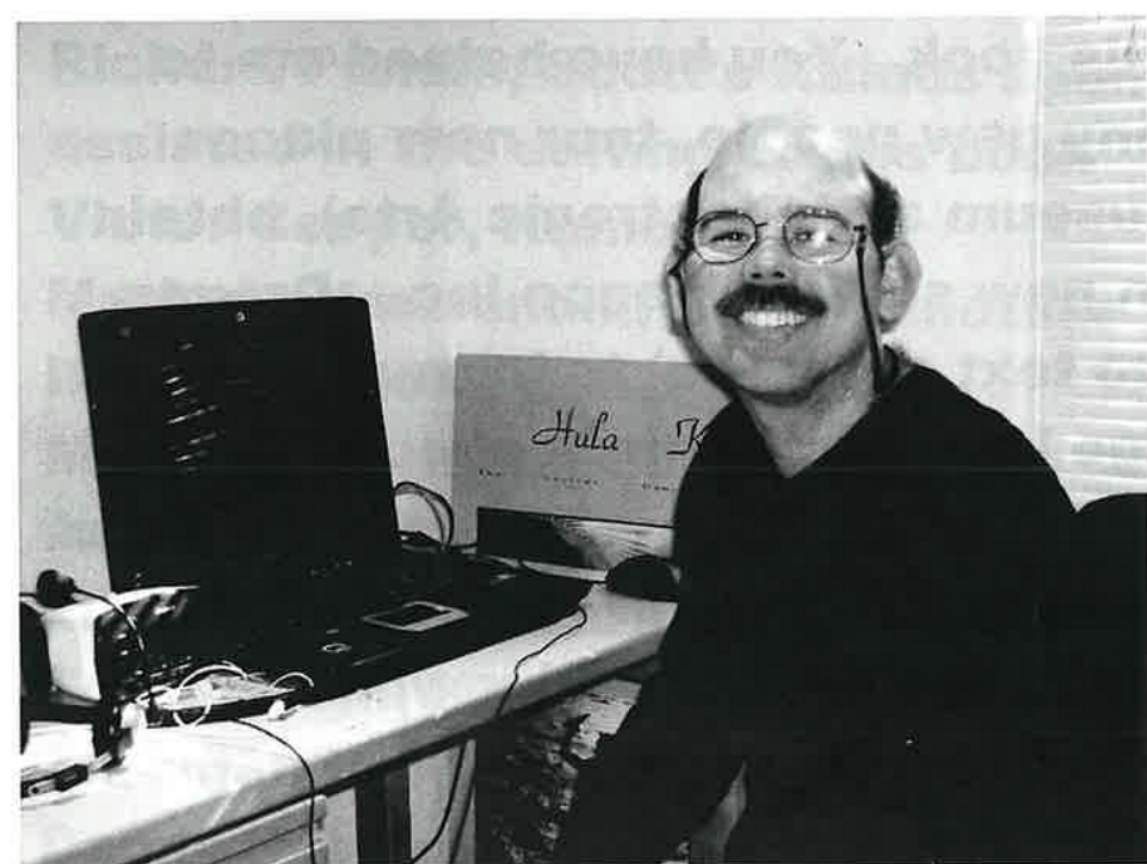
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Scott's Scary Story

Once upon a time, four people were at a lake when a monster came and scared them. The four people tried to escape from the monster but there was no escaping from the monster. There was THUNDER and a lightning storm was near the lake.

As they drove their car there was a town coming soon on the freeway exit called Ghost Town, which is somewhere in California where the monsters live.

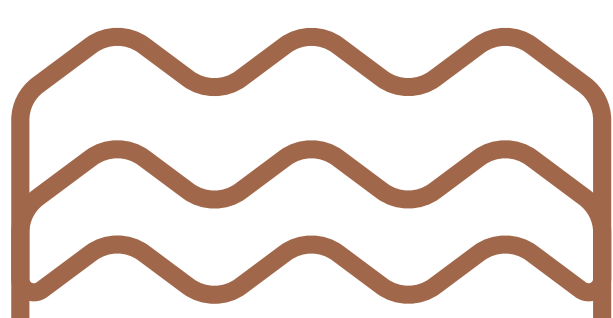
They ran up the mountain to get away from the monsters and finally found a cave which was partially covered by a big rock at the entrance. After entering the cave they put some bushes in the entryway to hide the cave from the monsters.



A sound of running water could be heard in the cave and they walked farther into the cave to find out what it was. All of a sudden they heard the sound of water crashing down on the rocks. They went to investigate the sound and came upon a waterfall. They knew that waterfalls often hide cave entrances so they tried to get behind the waterfall to escape the monsters. However, when they got around the waterfall all they saw was a huge 1,000 foot drop off into the valley below! The father said this is a great place to set the trap for the monster.

He found a large rock where they could all hide behind. He told one of the children to stand in front of the waterfall when the monster came to get them. They waited for over an hour for the monster to arrive, but arrive he did and with a terrible growl he came running for the child standing in front of the waterfall. As the monster rushed at the child, the child screamed but at the very last second the child leapt behind the rock with his parents. The monster wasn't as quick and he went into the waterfall and over the cliff and fell the 1,000 feet to his death. The family was soooo happy that they shouted for joy!

Before they left to return home a stranger gave them an envelope and inside he found \$10,000. He asked why they were given this amount of money. They told him it was a reward for killing the huge monster that had been terrifying all the townspeople for years. They family thanked the townspeople and drove home with their reward. They would use the reward to pay for the children's schooling. *The End!*





Kainos Golf Tournament April 27, 2026

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Kainos extends our sincere thanks to our presenting sponsor, DivcoWest, for helping make this year's Golf Tournament at Stanford Golf Course such a tremendous success.

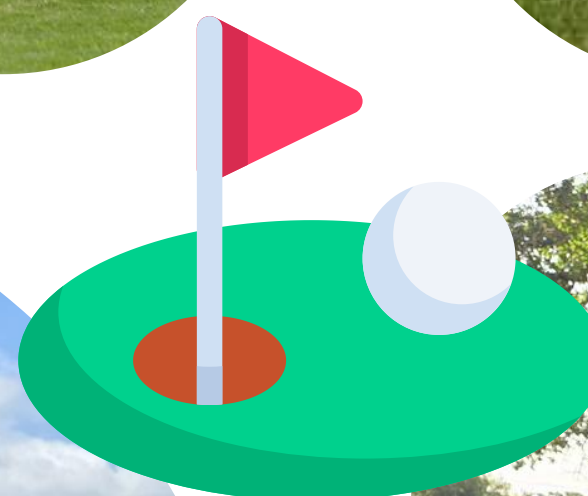
All of our golfers enjoyed a wonderful day filled with great food and drinks, generously sponsored by La Honda Winery, Legacy Risk & Insurance Services, and the Pete and Paula Uccelli Foundation.



Sally Vitello

We would also like to recognize and thank our valued sponsors: Alliant Insurance Services, Boardwalk Auto Mall, County Consumer Plumbing Service & Repair, Stanford Federal Credit Union, Sally Vitello, Jeff's Twin Oaks Garage, Jim Breen State Farm Insurance, and Monterra Credit Union.

Thank you to everyone who supported this special day—we are truly grateful. We're already looking forward to seeing you again next year!



THANK YOU!

The following is a list of donations gratefully received between
February 19, 2026 and May 18, 2026

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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Spring Has Sprung in the Garden!

Spring is here, and the garden is buzzing with life!

We've had so much fun getting the garden ready for planting our veggies and flowers. Our clients have been learning all about soil preparation, companion planting, and crop rotation along the way.

Everyone is enjoying getting their hands in the dirt, spending time with friends, and creating fun crafts together each week. It's been wonderful to watch the garden — and our friendships — continue to grow!

A special thank you to all the staff who help make gardening days possible every week.

– Farmer Heather



Farmer Heather
Washington and Kainos
Clients

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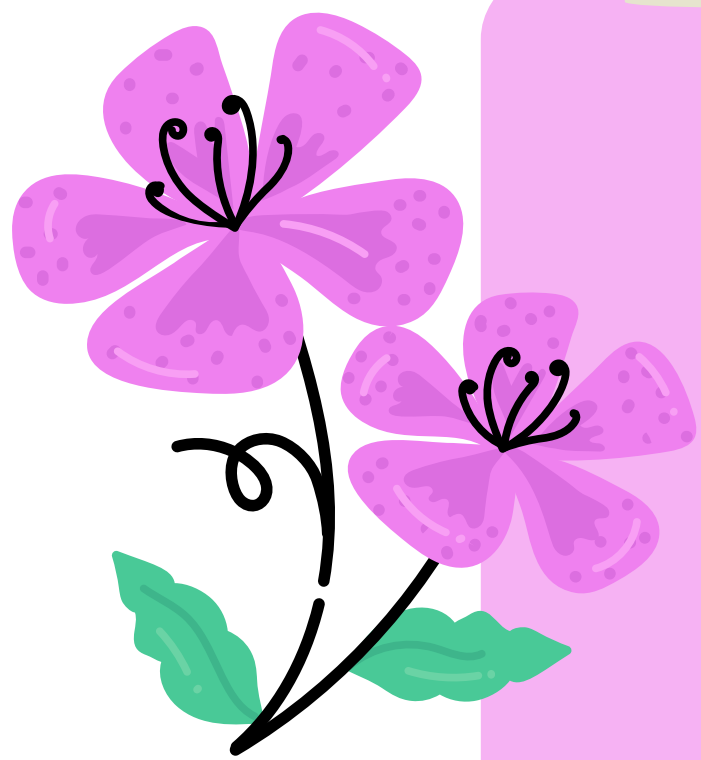
**In our last Klarion issue we made a few mistakes.
 Our sincere apologies for this error.
 Please see corrected tribute gifts below:**

Carol Toomey

in loving memory of Tom LaGrave, Sr.

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 in honor of Sue Uccelli's Birthday
 in honor of Eric Hutar
 in honor of Janay LaGrave
 in honor of Kainos Clients and Staff
 in honor of Janay LaGrave



GGRC Legislative Breakfast was held at The Janet Pomeroy Center in SF. Andy was asked to MC the event.

The morning brought together advocates, families, fellow providers, self-advocates, caregivers, and elected officials for an important conversation about protecting and strengthening support systems for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities across California.





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