

# PET PROJECT

Pets & People Together Forever

## ANNUAL REPORT 2025

### WHO HELPED US

#### Foundations:

- Adam R. Scripps Foundation
- The Batchelor Foundation
- The Jim Moran Foundation
- Eugene Ewan Mori Foundation Inc
- The Warten Foundation
- Community Foundation of Broward
- Leslie L. Alexander Foundation
- BCEFA (Broadway Cares Equity Fights Aids)
- Gray Muzzle
- Greater Good Charities
- Our Fund Foundation
- Norman & Henry Obermaier Charitable Trust

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2025

In accordance with our mission statement, we

**Provide food and supplies for 2,106 pets in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties, ensuring their continued health and happiness.**

**Deliver pet food and supplies to over 370 households, ensuring that no pet goes without.**

**We saved 63 vulnerable pets, including 50 Senior Paws and Long Term shelter residents, as well as 17 Senior Claws, via our Senior Paws program.**

**Cover emergency medical care for 66 pets who faced serious health challenges, providing peace of mind to pet parents in need.**

**Distribute 120 tons of pet food and supplies to our clients, so they never have to worry about feeding their pets.**

**Provide wellness care to our clients' pets, including heartworm testing, medication, annual and rabies vaccines, and flea & tick prevention.**

**Referral to reduced-cost veterinary care, making it possible for pets to stay healthy without financial burden.**

**Serve as Florida's ambassador for Greater Good Charities, distributing 40 semi-truckloads of pet food and supplies to rescue groups and shelters throughout the state..**

## Executive Director Letter

Dear Friends of The Pet Project,

As I look back on this past year, I am filled with a deep sense of gratitude—for your compassion, your generosity, and your belief that every pet deserves to stay in the home where they are loved. Because of you, The Pet Project has continued to serve as a lifeline for thousands of pets and the people who depend on them.

This year we provided care for more than 2,000 pets, ensuring that seniors, people with disabilities, and those facing personal or medical challenges never have to choose between caring for themselves and caring for their animals. Our monthly pet food and wellness support programs continued to grow, and our home-delivery teams made sure our home bound clients received the supplies they needed without ever having to leave their homes.

Our Senior Paws Program had another incredible year, helping dozens of senior dogs find a second chance at life, love, and comfort. Through our partnership with Broward County Animal Care & Adoption, senior dogs and long-term shelter residents were not only adopted—they became part of our extended family. These adoptions aren't just placements, they are promises. Every Senior Paws dog receives lifelong food, supplies, wellness care, and veterinary assistance through our program.

We also deepened our impact statewide as the Florida Ambassador for Greater Good Charities, distributing several semi-truck loads of pet supplies, food, and wellness products to fellow nonprofits across Florida. This shared effort strengthens the entire animal welfare community, and we are proud to play a leading role in that work.

Behind the scenes, we have also been planning one of the most important expansions in our history: the Mobile Wellness Van. Thanks to generous donors and dedicated supporters, we are preparing to launch a fully equipped unit that will bring basic veterinary care, wellness checks, vaccines, and heart worm testing directly to our home bound clients and into underserved communities. For many of our clients, access to veterinary care is not a convenience, it's a barrier. The Mobile Wellness Van will change that. We look forward to unveiling "Pet Project's Mobile Wellness Van" in early 2026, with a full schedule of community clinics planned for the year ahead.

As we continue to grow, we remain focused on long-term sustainability. In 2025 we grew in many ways including developing new partnerships and adding new supportive donors.

This year's accomplishments were made possible because of you, our donors, volunteers, partners, and friends. You are the heart of The Pet Project. Every adoption, every delivery, every bag of food, every senior rescued, every life saved happened because you cared.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in our mission, and helping us keep families together. Together, we are making a difference—one pet, one person, and one act of kindness at a time.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Sue Martino

Executive Director | The Pet Project

## Pet Project Operations

### South Florida's Largest Pet Retention Organization



***Keeping Pets in Their Homes. Keeping Families Whole.***

The Pet Project continued to operate as one of the largest pet retention organizations in South Florida, serving more than 2,000 pets this year through a combination of food support, supplies, wellness care, and emergency veterinary assistance.

### Monthly Food Bank

For hundreds of clients, our food bank ensures their pets receive consistent nutrition without jeopardizing their own financial stability.

### Home Deliveries

Through partnerships with the Miami Aging Alliance and Broward County outreach teams, we delivered supplies directly to the homes of seniors who are homebound or unable to travel.

### Wellness, Spay/Neuter & Emergency Medical Support

From routine vaccinations to life-saving treatments, we provided medical assistance to dozens of pets whose owners simply could not afford urgent care. Our emergency medical program continues to be a critical lifeline.

### Greater Good Charities – Florida Ambassador

This year alone, we received and distributed several semi-truck loads of pet food, beds, and supplies to partner rescues across the state, expanding our impact far beyond our immediate client base.

Through these combined efforts, The Pet Project kept families together, reduced shelter surrenders, and strengthened the human-animal bond throughout Florida.

## Pet Legacy Program

**"What Happens to My Pets If Something Happens to Me?"**

### Planning for Tomorrow, Protecting Pets for Life

This year, The Pet Project expanded its long-term planning services through the Pet Legacy Program, offering peace of mind to seniors and pet owners worried about their pet's future care. The program operates like a pet trust, providing a formal agreement between the pet owner and The Pet Project to ensure that if the owner enters long-term care, can no longer provide for their pet, or pass away, their pet will immediately enter our program.

Each enrolled pet is guaranteed:

- Pickup and placement when needed
- A safe and loving home, as close to yours
- Lifetime food, supplies, wellness care, and medical support

A legally documented plan that honors the owner's wishes.



With guidance from incoming board member Michael Sizemore, who brings experience from assisted-living and senior services, and Rex Vacca who was director for the Neptune society, the Pet Legacy Program is becoming a cornerstone of our long-term sustainability strategy. It gives seniors comfort, families security, and pets a future filled with stability and love.

For more information about the Pet Legacy Program or to enroll your pet, please contact

**Michael Camardello (954) 649-6605**

Secure your pet's future with The Pet Legacy Program.

## Senior Paws & Long-Term Residents

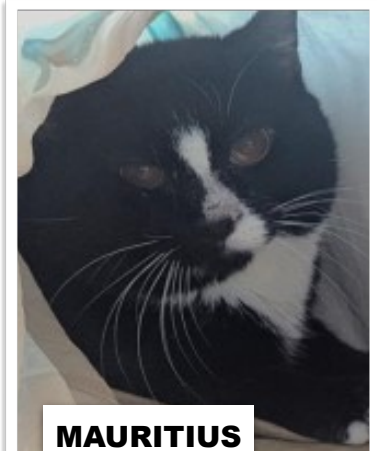
**Creating Second Chances for Senior Pets Who Need Us Most**



This year, The Pet Project continued to lead one of the most compassionate and impactful senior-pet initiatives in South Florida. Through our Senior Paws, Senior Claws, and Unforgotten Paws (Long-Term Residents) programs, we ensured that aging and overlooked shelter pets were not forgotten.

In partnership with Broward County Animal Care & Adoption, we provided full-lifetime support for adopted senior dogs, senior cats, and dogs who had spent more than 100 days at the shelter. Each pet who entered these programs became a permanent part of The Pet Project family—receiving ongoing food, supplies, wellness care, and veterinary assistance for life.

Over the past two years, the Senior Paws program alone has helped 50 senior dogs each year find loving homes, proving that age is no barrier to love. This year, we expanded our reach to include both senior cats through Senior Claws, and dogs who had waited too long for a chance at happiness through our Long-Term Residents initiative.

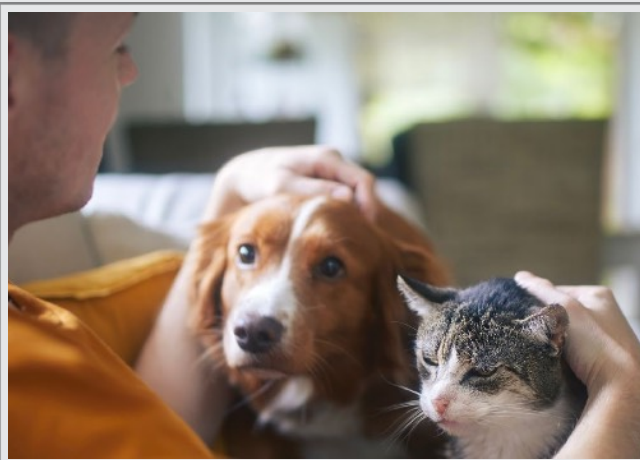


These programs do more than place pets in new homes—they remove the financial barriers that often prevent families from adopting seniors. Each adoption comes with the promise that The Pet Project will stand beside the pet and their new family for the rest of that pet's life.

Together, these efforts provide dignity, comfort, and safety for some of the most vulnerable animals in our community.



## Legacy of Love Bequeath Program



At The Pet Project for Pets, our mission to Keep Pets & People Together Forever extends beyond the present moment. The Legacy of Love Bequeath Program offers supporters a meaningful way to continue that mission by including The Pet Project in their will, trust, or estate plans.

Legacy gifts provide long-term support for the programs that serve low-income seniors and vulnerable pet owners, ensuring access to food, wellness care, medical assistance, and innovative initiatives such as the Mobile Wellness Van. These gifts help create stability and allow The Pet Project to plan responsibly for the future.

A Legacy of Love gift reflects compassion, foresight, and a belief that no pet should lose their home due to hardship or circumstance. Whether through a bequest, trust, beneficiary designation, or other planned giving vehicle, each commitment strengthens the foundation of our work.

While the impact of these gifts may be realized in the future, the promise they represent supports our mission today — helping ensure that pets and the people who love them will continue to be cared for, supported, and protected for generations to come.

## How You Can Help Support The Pet Project

As we close out another impactful year, we invite you to join us in continuing our mission of keeping pets and their families together. Here are the ways you can make a difference:



### 1. General Operational Support

Help us provide for the over 2,000 pets currently in our program. Your support ensures they receive food, supplies, wellness care, and the love they need to thrive.

### 2. Pet Legacy Program

Plan for your pet's future. This program ensures your beloved companion is cared for in the event something happens to you.

### 3. Bequeath Program

Leave a lasting legacy. By including The Pet Project in your will or trust, you can secure a brighter future for pets in need.

### 4. Gift Program

There are many ways to give!

- Monetary Donations: Provide direct financial support to fund our programs.
- In-Kind Donations: Contribute pet food, supplies, or other items to meet the needs of our pets and their families.

- Volunteer Opportunities: Give your time by helping at events, delivering supplies, or supporting our thrift store.

To learn more or make a contribution, visit our website at [www.thepetprojectfl.org](http://www.thepetprojectfl.org) or contact us directly:

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Thank you for being a vital part of our Pet Project family. Your generosity and compassion keep pets and their people together—and for that, we are forever grateful.

## Specific Pet Project Program highlights

### 1. Increased Access for Homebound Seniors

We expanded our pet food and supply delivery routes to reach more homebound seniors monthly in partnership with the Miami Aging Alliance. Added two new delivery volunteers dedicated to seniors unable to leave their homes. Reduced missed deliveries by over 40%, ensuring consistent support.



### 2. Improved Emergency Support for Seniors in Crisis

We strengthened our temporary care program for seniors who are hospitalized or in rehab. Provided 22 emergency foster placements to keep pets safe while seniors recovered. Average foster stay: 5–12 days. 0 pets surrendered to shelters during an owner's hospitalization.

### 3. Enhanced Wellness Care for Senior-Owned Pets

Thanks to your support, we increased the number of pets receiving needed medical and wellness help. 200+ wellness and veterinary services were provided, including vaccines,

infections treatment, senior bloodwork, pain management, and mobility support. Increased access to flea/tick prevention, helping reduce emergency cases by 30%.

### 4. Streamlined Food Distribution for Seniors on Fixed Incomes

The program provided monthly stability for seniors who often sacrifice their own food or medication to care for their pets. Distributed more than 120 tons of pet food this year. Ensured all seniors received consistent monthly supplies to keep their pets healthy

### 5. Strengthened Cross-Agency Collaboration

Partnerships boosted both reach and efficiency: Miami Aging Alliance: expanded delivery network and shared senior referrals. John Knox Village Partnership brings together senior services and pet retention. Local human service agencies: coordinated support for seniors in crisis situations.

### 6. Significant Reduction in Shelter Intake Among Seniors

Because of this program:

Over 2,000 pets remained in their homes, avoiding surrender.

Due to our Senior Paws program 50 + dogs were adopted from the local shelter this year which validates the program success and impact on shelter overcrowding

### 7. Emotional & Mental Health Support for Seniors

Seniors repeatedly shared that keeping their pet has:

Reduced loneliness and isolation. Improved daily structure and purpose. Enhanced mental health during recovery from illness or grief.

*One participant said:*

*"My pet gives me a reason to get up each day. Without your help, I would have lost that."*



**This is why we do what we do!!!**

**Happy Holidays and the best in 2026 from Pet Project**

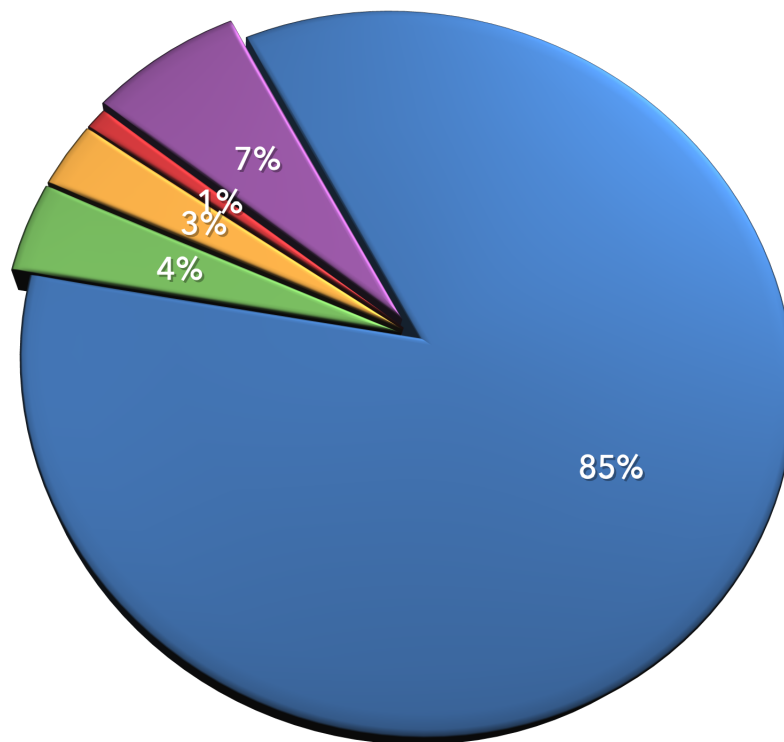
## 2025 Financials

### \$1,053,243 thru October 2025

● Client Services \$844,572	● Veterinarian Care \$75,839	● Transportation \$35,000
● Development \$9,000	● Administration \$82,832	

**Client Services analytics:**

(Pet Project \$511,572 / Miami Pet Project \$90,000 / Greater Good Program Rescue bank \$243,000)



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