

Annual Report



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Our Mission

It is the mission of the Gulf Coast Humane Society to provide shelter and care for homeless animals through adoption, fostering, community partnerships, education and affordable spay-neuter and vaccine services.

Learn More

To learn more about Gulf Coast Humane Society and our life-saving programs, or to keep with the latest we're doing in the Coastal Bend, visit our website at gchsc.org.

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Business Hours

Monday - Saturday
11AM - 6PM

Sunday
12 - 5PM

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Dear Friends of GCHS,

As 2024 comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on an incredible year at Gulf Coast Humane Society. Thanks to your unwavering support, we've been able to provide lifesaving care, find loving homes for countless animals, and strengthen the programs that make our community a better place for pets and people alike.

This year, we celebrated the success of events like Pawfest, which brought our community together and raised vital funds to continue our mission. We also expanded our education programs, inspiring young animal advocates through camps and hands-on learning opportunities. Our partnerships with local schools and foster families helped us reach even more animals, ensuring that no pet in need was left behind.

As we step into 2025, we're especially excited to celebrate Gulf Coast Humane Society's 80th anniversary—a milestone that reflects eight decades of compassion, dedication, and community support. Whether you adopted, fostered, donated, volunteered, or helped spread the word, you've played a crucial role in this journey. Because of you, countless animals have found second chances, brighter futures, and the love they deserve.

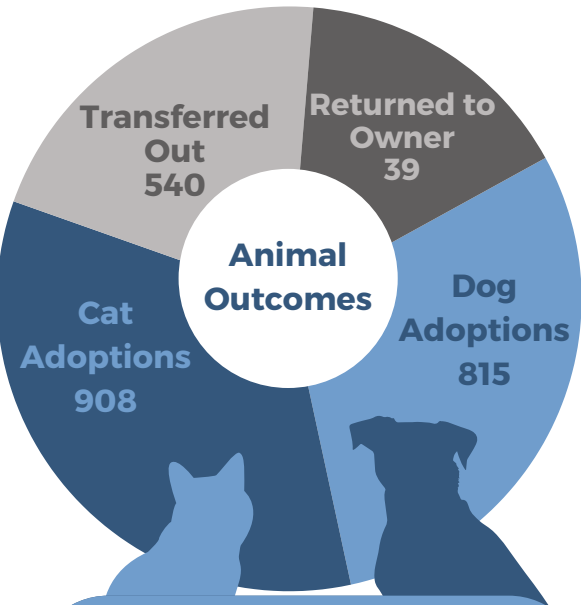
On behalf of our board, staff, and the animals who have found hope because of you, thank you. Your compassion and generosity are the heart of everything we do. Here's to an even brighter 2025 as we honor our past and continue building a future where every pet has a loving home!

Sincerely,

Kendra Williams, President,
GCHS Board of Directors



2024 Impact Numbers



Animal Outcomes

Intakes

- 512 Owner Surrenders
- 356 Strays
- 1433 Transfer Ins
- 20 Born in Care
- 70 Returns

2,371 Total

Live Release Rate

97.54%

Volunteer

- 294 Active Volunteers
- 180 active foster parents
- 449 animals fostered
- 5737.5 volunteer hours

Education

- 463 Campers
- 5564 Education Students

Outreach

- 2000+ Public Vaccines Administered
- 1536 Spay & Neuter Vouchers

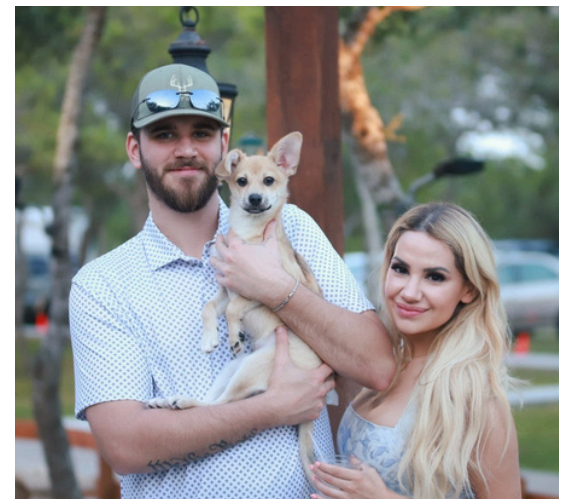
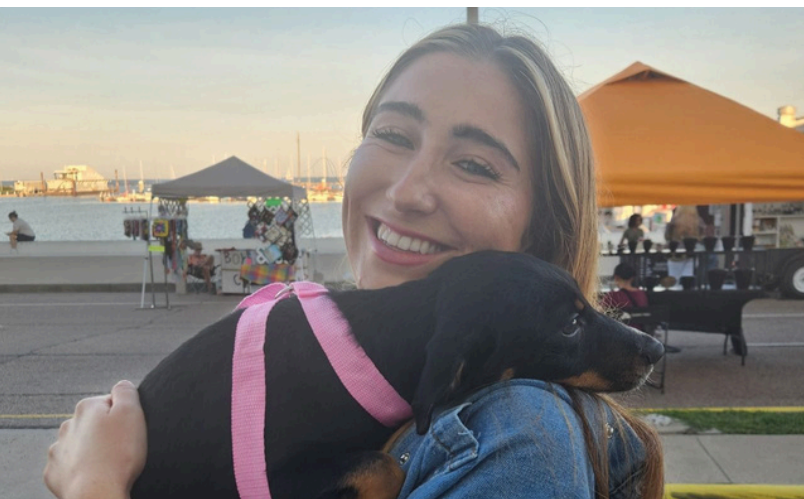
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Adoption Events

On January 15th, 2025, Gulf Coast Humane Society proudly celebrated 80 years of serving the Coastal Bend community! Since 1945, we've been a safe haven for animals in need, providing shelter, medical care, and second chances. This milestone is a testament to the unwavering support of our adopters, fosters, volunteers, and donors who have helped make our mission possible.

Shelter Collab

At Gulf Coast Humane Society, our partnership with Best Friends Animal Society through the Shelter Collaboration Program has been transformative. Together, we worked alongside Portland Animal Care Services and Nueces County Animal Services, empowering them to achieve a 90% live release rate—a testament to the power of collaboration and community-driven solutions. By sharing resources, expertise, and unwavering dedication, we've seen firsthand the incredible impact these efforts have on animals and the communities they serve. This success story inspires us to continue this vital work in 2025, extending our support to more municipal shelters, sharing proven strategies, and helping them save more lives than ever before. The future of animal welfare is brighter when we work together!





Trixie's Transformation

When Trixie first arrived at Gulf Coast Humane Society, her condition was devastating. She was completely matted, hairless, and her skin was raw and bleeding from constant scratching. It was clear she had suffered neglect for a long time, and she was in urgent need of medical care and kindness. When we saw her at Corpus Christi Animal Care Services, we knew we couldn't leave her behind—we tagged her for rescue and brought her into our care. Despite her pain, there was a light in her—a quiet resilience that told us she wasn't ready to give up. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide the treatment, comfort, and love she so desperately needed, giving her a second chance at life.

With each passing day, Trixie's transformation became more remarkable. Her skin began to heal, the painful redness and irritation started to fade, and soft new fur started growing in. Even more incredible was the change in her spirit—Trixie was learning to trust again. No longer fearful and withdrawn, she began to embrace the love and care surrounding her. Your support gave her not just physical healing, but a renewed sense of safety and hope. And because of you, Trixie's journey didn't stop there.

After months of recovery, Trixie was transported to a rescue partner in Binghamton, NY, where she found the forever family she had always deserved. Now known as Trixie Louise, she is thriving in her new home, showered with love every day. She adores her new brother, loves snuggling on laps, and has truly found her happily ever after. Her family says they can't imagine life without her.



Camp Happy Tails



The Humane Education Program at Gulf Coast Humane Society experienced an incredible year in 2024, achieving milestones that reflect how much the program has grown in just two years.

What started as just an idea has now evolved into a cornerstone of our outreach efforts, engaging over 127 groups and over 6,000 students this year alone. This rapid growth highlights the importance of humane education in shaping a more compassionate community and shows how deeply the program resonates with young learners and their families.

A major highlight of the year was Camp Happy Tails, which welcomed more than 450 campers. This dynamic program provides children with hands-on opportunities to learn about empathy, animal welfare, and the responsibilities of pet ownership in a fun, interactive setting.

In addition to the success of Camp Happy Tails, we expanded our programming into new coastal communities, broadening our reach and bringing humane education to areas previously underserved.

This expansion reflects both the increasing demand for our services and our team's dedication to creating a more compassionate future.

As we plan for 2025, we're focused on continuing this upward trajectory—reaching more students, building new partnerships, and making an even greater impact. The journey so far has been extraordinary, and with the support of our community, we're ready to achieve even greater successes in the years to come.

Upcoming Camp Dates:

Mar. 10th - 14th

Jun. 9th - 13th

Jun. 23rd - 27th

Jul. 14th - 18th

Jul. 28th - Aug. 1st

Dec. 27th - 30th



Food Pantry

In 2024, Gulf Coast Humane Society made significant strides in supporting pet owners throughout the Coastal Bend with the expansion of our Pet Food Pantry, a success made possible through our strategic partnership with Greater Goods Charities and the Coastal Bend Food Bank. This collaboration has enabled us to extend our reach and provide essential resources to a greater number of families, ensuring that pets remain in their homes even in times of financial hardship.

In the past, our efforts were limited to smaller-scale pet food drives held at Gulf Coast Humane Society, which restricted the number of families we could assist. **However, with the invaluable support of Greater Goods Charities and the Coastal Bend Food Bank, we were able to distribute over 140,000 pounds of pet food in 2024,** significantly increasing our impact across the region.

This expanded partnership has allowed us to address a critical need, providing families with the resources they require to care for their pets and preventing the unfortunate surrender of animals due to financial constraints. By alleviating this burden, we have not only helped preserve the bond between pets and their owners but have also contributed to reducing the number of animals entering shelters.

Thanks to the collective efforts of our partners, volunteers, and donors, we have been able to broaden our scope and serve a larger geographical area. We are deeply grateful for the continued support that has made this expansion possible and look forward to further advancing our mission in the years to come. Together, we are ensuring that no pet goes hungry and that all families have the resources they need to care for their beloved companions.



Fur a Good Paws

Join Gulf Coast Humane Society on April 26th for "Fur a Good Paws: The Great Catsby", an unforgettable evening filled with exciting performers, casino gambling, and best dressed contest all while raising crucial funds to support the most vulnerable animals in the Coastal Bend. Meet adorable adoptable pets and even name a GCHS resident! Purchase your tickets today by visiting www.gchsc.org/fgp



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Catrina Wilson
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Jo Archer
Elizabeth Barnes
Shauna Beard
Jeanne Bergren
Jimmy Bonham
Amy Bornemeier
David "Burt" Burton
Brandi Bush
Ruth Camp
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Moses Colunga
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Our community's support powers our lifesaving work! We're grateful for sponsors of all sizes, from businesses to organizations, who contribute in so many ways. Thank you to our dedicated partners for standing with us to give animals a voice and a second chance!



Hardaway's Home

Hardaway's journey is nothing short of extraordinary. He was found alone on the streets, scared, suffering, and completely blind, with no one to care for him. Despite his pain, he had the will to keep going, and when he arrived at our shelter, we knew we had to do everything we could to help him.

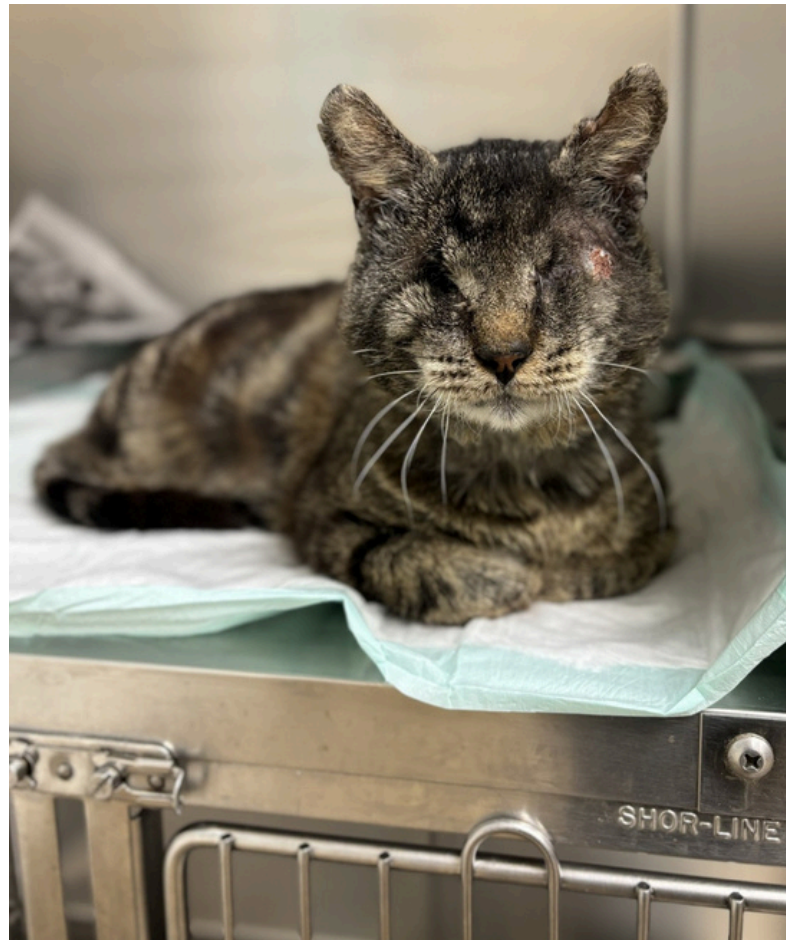
After undergoing a double eye enucleation to relieve his pain, Hardaway faced another challenge—being diagnosed with both Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus. These diagnoses can make it harder for cats to find homes, but through it all, Hardaway never stopped purring, never stopped hoping, and never gave up on the possibility of a family who would love him just as he was.

For over two months, Hardaway healed in our care, winning over the hearts of everyone he met with his affectionate nature and unshakable trust. He didn't need to see to know when someone was near—he would greet every visitor with the sweetest head boops, curling up into their laps, eager for love. His spirit shined so brightly that it was impossible not to fall in love with him.



Then, everything changed. Hardaway's story was shared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, reaching far beyond the walls of our shelter. A family in Dallas read about his journey and knew, without a doubt, that he was meant to be theirs. They made the long drive, eager to meet the cat who had already captured their hearts from miles away. The moment they met him in person, it was clear—Hardaway had found his home.

Now, Hardaway will never have to wonder what it feels like to be safe, warm, and truly loved. He has a family who adores him, a place where he belongs, and a future filled with gentle hands, cozy naps, and endless affection. His world may be dark, but his life is now brighter than ever.



2024 Top Volunteers

Judith Alspaugh
Maelynn Barnholt
Shauna Beard
Kayci Beverly
Ava Botello
Mary Brewster
Trinity Callaway
Analise Caveness
Nevaeh Coronado
Lydia Flores
Stephanie Flores
Ryan Gonzales
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Cindy Morrison
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Liam Salazar
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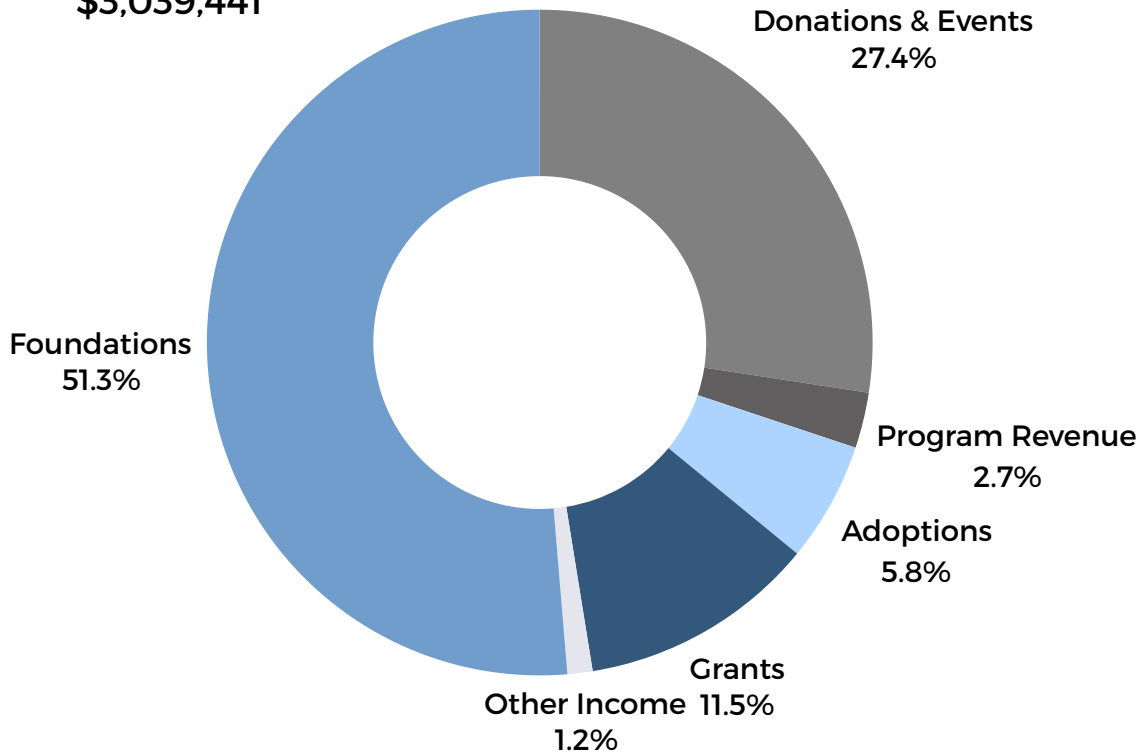




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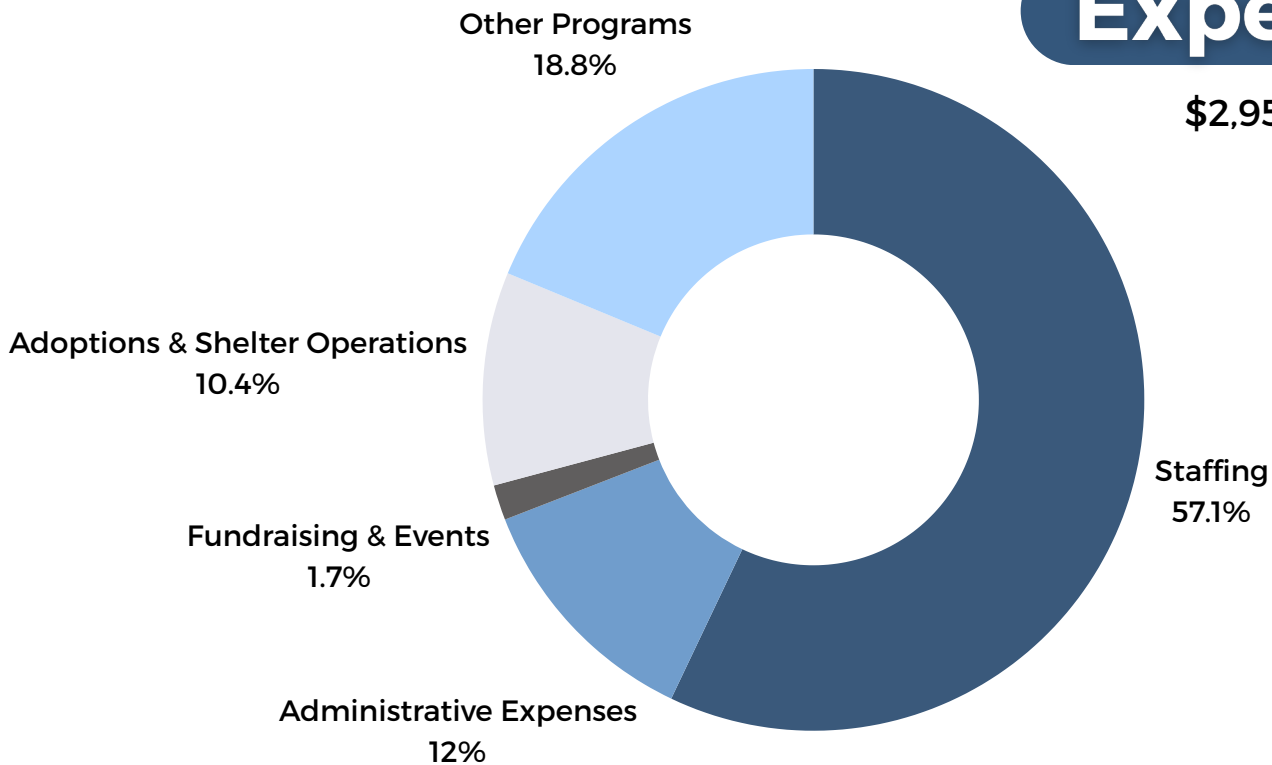
Revenue

\$3,039,441



Expenses

\$2,954,010





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