

# THE CALI PROJECT

Bi-Annual Newsletter



## HAPPY JULY!

### CATCHING UP!

Time flies fast and before we know it we're already halfway through 2024! We have lots of exciting updates and stories to share with you. From fun fundraising events to taking care of business, The CALI Project is shakin' it up!

### CALI'S CURRENT VIEW

#### Moving forward with our independent lives!

Many Members of our CALI crew are working, volunteering and taking classes. We have some great success stories and would love to tell them all, however that would be a very long newsletter. Therefore We will be spot lighting CALI crew Member, **NICK!**

Nick has worked hard to get a volunteer position at the shelter. He has made a commitment to work with the adoptable cats 2 times a week. Nick is learning skills in this volunteer job that include riding the bus independently and committing to a schedule. His goal is to secure a paid position somewhere in town. We asked Nick, What is your favorite part about working at the shelter and what is the hardest part?



"My favorite part is giving the kitties treats and the hardest part is the Kittie escape artists trying to get out of their kennels"





Wonderball Prom 2024



## WONDER BALL

The CALI Crew dressed up, showed up and danced the night away at this year's Prom, **The Wonder Ball**. CALI crew member Sammy, and her friends and family put together an elegant, fun dance party with food, drinks, photo booth and a DJ.

It was a night to remember. The Community Alliance is what we are all about. Showing up and supporting all while enjoying ourselves was a win-win for everyone. In Sammy's words, **"Go CALI!"**

## SHOES TO SHARE: WALK TO CARE

**Our 1st Annual Walk-a-Thon and Shoe Drive was a fantastic success!** It brought our whole community together and raised our much needed funds for the scholarship fund.

For months our offices and conference rooms were filled with giant bags of shoes. The shoe drive not only helped us raise money, but the shoes were then sent to developing countries where it supports families by helping them set up micro businesses.

The event kicked off with participants walking from the CALI House to the famous surfer statue and back, enjoying a beautiful day under the sun. The CALI crew friends and families did an amazing job getting people to sponsor them for the walk. The event ended with a fun BBQ outdoors as well as a raffle which was a big hit!



Board Member **Colleen Novielli** said, "We need an event that brings our community together, a fundraiser that everyone can be involved in." We accomplished both goals and more, fostering community spirit and exceeding our fundraising expectations!

Thanks to Ivan and Randy for the fantastic BBQ!



The Boardwalk donated an awesome basket full of tickets and goodies!



Huge shoutout to our wonderful Board Member Colleen for donating AirPods for the raffle!



## THE WHEELCHAIR LIFT IS COMING!

Thanks to you all that supported the **2nd Annual Gala, Boots, Bottles and Bowties** plus a grant from **Omega Nu**, construction for our wheelchair lift has begun. We are still writing grants and taking donations in order to finish it off.



# Wine, Dine & SHINE

3RD ANNUAL GALA BENEFITING



*Bargetto Winery*  
*October 12, 2024*  
*5 - 9pm*

CHEF CURATED SMALL PLATES  
 WINE PAIRINGS & BEER BAR  
 LIVE MUSIC & SILENT AUCTION  
 TICKETS: \$100



## 3RD ANNUAL GALA

And now, the event you all have been waiting for...drum roll please.....

We are thrilled to announce that tickets are now available for our **3rd Annual Gala - Wine, Dine and Shine!** This is our biggest event of the year, and we can't wait to celebrate it with you.

Details will be rolled out in the coming months so stay tuned in for updates!

SCAN THE CODE  
 TO GET YOUR  
 TICKETS!



Thank you for all of your support, whether it's donating or following us online, attending our events, or participating in our activities. Your involvement and encouragement mean the world to us and help make everything we do possible.

As we enjoy the sunshine this summer, let's continue to celebrate our small wins and look forward to all exciting things ahead. We can't wait to see you at our future events! See you!

**Cissi Van Wickler, Program Director**  
**Judy Maitland-Locke, Director**  
**The Board and The CALI Crew**