

Wholehearted Empathetic Companions United (WECU) is committed to enriching lives, by offering social support programs and services to promote independence and joy, for a vibrant, meaningful journey through life.

Impact Report

2024

A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER Dear Friends, Supporters, and Partners,

This past year has been a journey of growth and connection for WECU. Together, we have worked to empower older adults and persons with disabilities by breaking barriers to social isolation, fostering independence, and building a stronger, more inclusive community.

A GLIMPSE INTO THE PAST YEAR As a new organization, we are thrilled to have reached 300+ community members via resource fairs, presentations, community events and on social media. Our event and transit training opportunities included experiences, such as, Afternoon Tea, a visit to Filoli Historic House & Garden, Yolo Basin Foundation Bat Talk and Tour, FSUSD Adult School training from Fairfield to San Francisco, and spreading joy by distributing cards and roses with Wish of a Lifetime's Cupid's Crew. These events have also also encouraged opportunities for peer support and multigenerational companion interactions.

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

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Outreach Connections In Our Community

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Events and Transit Trainings

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Moments of Companionship In Action





FUNDS RAISED

\$ 1637.89

Financial Overview

Revenue: \$1637.89

Individual Donations: 100%

Liability:

• No-Interest, Long-Term Loan: \$5000

Expenses: \$6167.32

- Program Services: 9.06%
- Professional Services: 64.9%
- Personnel Expenses: 0%
- Office Operations: 14.2%
- Technology & Software: 1.94%
- Governance & Compliance: 9.9%

We are thankful for the support from SolTrans and San Francisco Bay Ferry, which allows us to transit train on SolTrans fixed route buses, Solano County express buses and on ferry boats from Vallejo to San Francisco. The Transit Training Program teaches participants to navigate public transportation independently and safely. The goal is to encourage life-long ridership of the participants we train.

As we look to the future, we are inspired to dream bigger. WECU has secured a contract with Solano Transportation Authority to provide training for their travel trainers, to ensure they are equipped with skills, knowledge and resources necessary to perform their role effectively. We have also been selected to serve as part of AARP's Wish of a Lifetime, Cupid's Crew, by spreading love and joy through the distribution of roses and cards for Valentine's Day 2025. We have pending grant applications, which we hope will provide the ability to continue and expand our programs in the coming year. Every bit of support we've received has helped us to continue our efforts, from supplies and a venue donated for our afternoon tea to the funds donated by the PayPal Giving Fund, we are ever grateful.

Our dream for 2025 is to expand Transit Training, Companion Support, and Community Engagement events. We aim to implement a correspondence pilot program to foster a connection between generations of Solano County community members and add volunteer opportunities at local animal rescues, such as Funky Chicken Rescue, to add a fulfilling and emotional rewarding way to give back to the community. Our ultimate goal is to reach more individuals who deserve connection, independence, belonging and zest for life!

We couldn't have done it without your generous support.

Thank you

to all our donors and volunteers.

Your generosity makes everything we do possible. Together, we are building a world where every person, regardless of age or ability, feels valued, connected and empowered.

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Yolo Basin Foundation: Bat Talk and Tour



We extend our deepest gratitude to our dedicated Board of Directors, whose leadership, vision and unwavering support have been instrumental to our success this year. Your commitment to our mission and your outside-the-box thinking have empowered us to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for your passion, expertise, time and efforts to ensure that Wholehearted Empathetic Companions United continues to grow and thrive. Together, we are building a brighter future.

We See You!