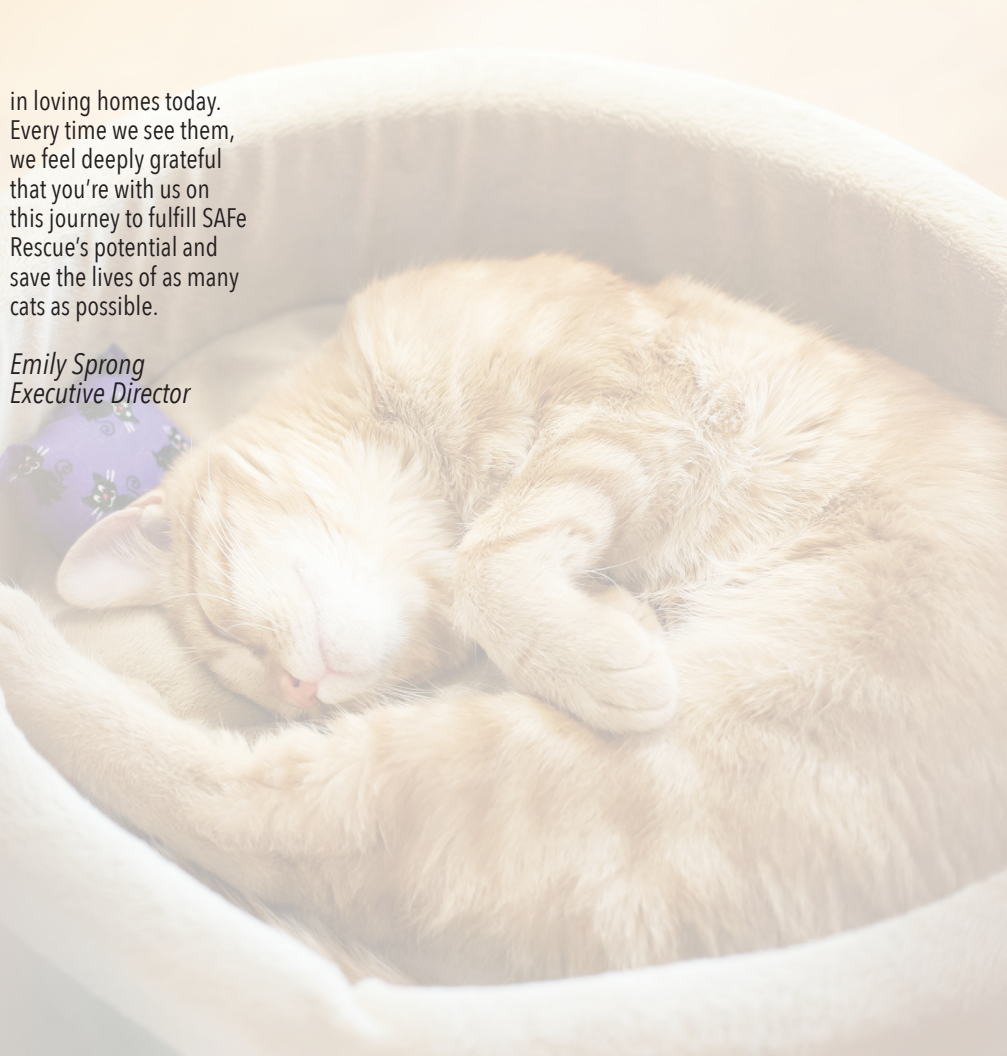


*Our home is their home...until they're in your home!*



in loving homes today. Every time we see them, we feel deeply grateful that you're with us on this journey to fulfill SAFe Rescue's potential and save the lives of as many cats as possible.

*Emily Sprong  
Executive Director*

best friends. Partnerships with local businesses and organizations amplify the rescue's impact and build a compassionate community.

The next step in growing even mightier still is to strengthen connections in the local community and continue expanding our base of cat-loving supporters. And we'd love to hear from you! If you have any ideas about who we should reach out to and which partners we should invite to help champion our cause, please don't hesitate to let us know.

It's hard to visualize a number like 1,685—but as you browse through this Annual Report, please know that for every furry face you see, there are hundreds more like it who are safe

As we celebrate a new milestone—1,685 adoptions in 2017—more than ever, we're also celebrating the role YOU play in the rescue's work. When we think about such a heartwarming number of animals saved and realize how much SAFe Rescue's impact is growing, we know that you are the force behind it. For a "small but mighty" grassroots organization like ours, your participation makes all the difference!

The number of cats we're able to care for grows as supporters like you generously fund their shelter and medical treatment. Intake of homeless cats increases as volunteers stay longer and give more hours. Adoptions multiply as word spreads and local families come here to find their new

## WARM FUZZY TALE: Luna

Luna spent her first three years misunderstood by the humans around her. She developed anxiety after a traumatic experience and was surrendered to a local animal shelter.

Confused, anxious, and sensitive to noise, Luna found her surroundings frightening. She expressed herself in the only way she knew how, lashing out at caregivers.

After the clock began to tick on how much time Luna might have left, a behaviorist evaluated her and saw past her tough exterior. The behaviorist recommended Luna take anti-anxiety meds and stay in a quiet, calm area.

That's when Luna came to the rescue: with special noise-reducing enclosures and hidey-cubbies for

deserved and took her home anyway.

We are so happy to report that Luna is now doing fantastically well! She adjusted quickly and has not exhibited any aggression in her new home. Luna's trauma is behind her, and she will spend the rest of her days surrounded by love.

Luna's transformation is a reminder of how caring people like you can change the future of even the most heartbroken and difficult kitties. With your support, kindness can always win in the end!

When Luna's fosters went on vacation, they brought her back to the rescue for a week—and that turned out to be a stroke of happy destiny!

A family visited the Adoption Center and wanted to meet her. Anxious Luna refused to let them pet her. But these understanding adopters offered to give her all the love she





SAVE THE DATE

*COMING SOON!*

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018**

**GiveBIG**

On GiveBIG, you'll have a chance to grow your gift and help more homeless kitties! This local giving day is the second largest event of the year for the kitties. They're crossing their paws for much-needed support. 2017 was an amazing GiveBIG, and together we can build on that success. Let's make GiveBIG 2018 the best one ever for homeless kitties!





**Saturday September 29, 2018**

**Nine Lives Gala**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a MEOWSQUERADE BALL! You'll enjoy a spacious new venue at Shoreline Community College, and audience favorite Pat Cashman will be back to keep us all entertained. Tickets go on sale this spring. Stay tuned, and see you at the most life-saving night of the year!

FINANCIALS: 1/1/17-12/31/17

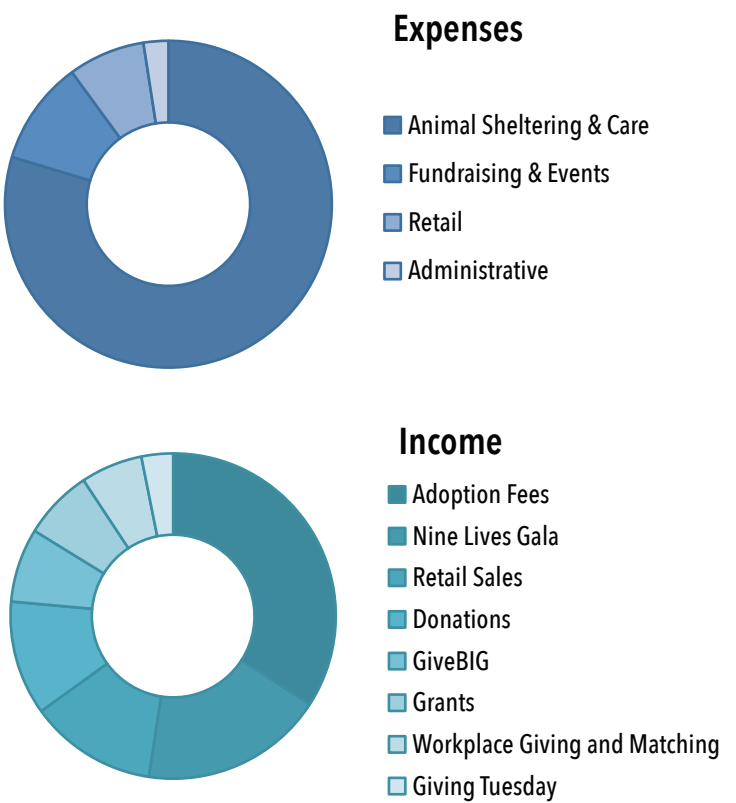
Your caring and generosity are the reason we are able to carry out our mission to save cats. As you can see, adoption fees cover only a fraction of what it costs to operate the rescue and care for the felines. But thanks to your support, we have been able to continue and greatly expand our work, helping kitties from near and far.

**EXPENSES**

Animal Sheltering & Care	\$380,543.80	80%
Fundraising & Events	\$49,116.11	10%
Retail	\$36,282.67	8%
Administrative	\$11,699.79	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$477,642.37</b>	

**INCOME**

Adoption Fees	\$173,145.00	33%
Nine Lives Gala	\$92,305.74	18%
Retail Sales	\$64,253.21	12%
Donations	\$58,422.73	11%
GiveBIG	\$37,203.24	7%
Grants*	\$35,222.00	7%
Workplace Giving and Matching	\$31,162.52	6%
Giving Tuesday	\$15,913.61	3%
Donated Stocks and Securities	\$11,847.40	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$519,134.20</b>	

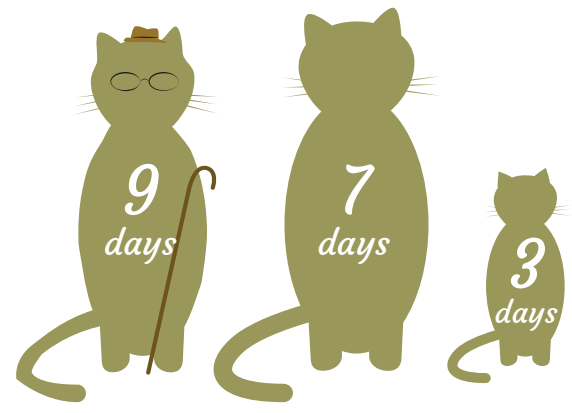
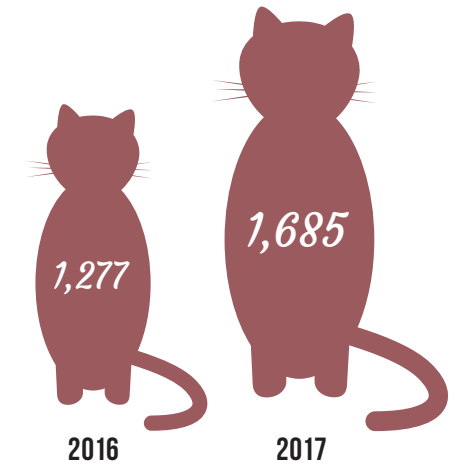


\* Thank you to the ASPCA, PetSmart Charities, and GreaterGood.org

COUNTING PAWS: the year in numbers

ADOPTIONS

We found homes for 1,685 cats and kittens. That's 408 more lives saved than in 2016, thanks to your support!



LENGTH OF STAY

We also saw our Length of Stay fall yet again in 2017. Once felines were ready to find a home, they didn't have to wait long! After they were listed as available, it only took kittens, adults, and seniors a few days on average.



Gwendolyn...home at last!



Handsome Raja

LONGEST DISTANCE



The farthest kitty we rescued was Gwendolyn from Kabul, Afghanistan. She traveled 6,725 miles to SAFe Rescue. Blind kittens Leon & Gianni were close runners up. They came all the way from a Greek island 6,371 miles away!



Leon, Gianni & new family

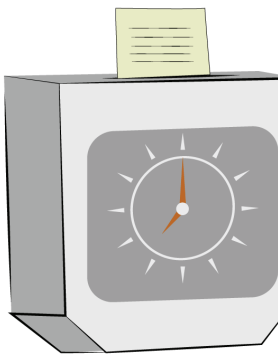
SHORTEST DISTANCE

The closest kitty we rescued came through our door in his dad's arms. Raja's person couldn't care for him any longer after he lost his housing and had to move out of state, so he brought Raja to us for help.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

In 2017, volunteers generously gave 9,924 hours of their time to help the kitties. That's the equivalent of almost 5 full-time employees... **Meow-wow!**

At the peak of busy season, an a-MEOW-zing 100 active volunteers took weekly shifts. Our wonderful volunteers are so dedicated that 30% even come to work at the rescue more than once a week!



To all our incredible volunteers—thank you!!