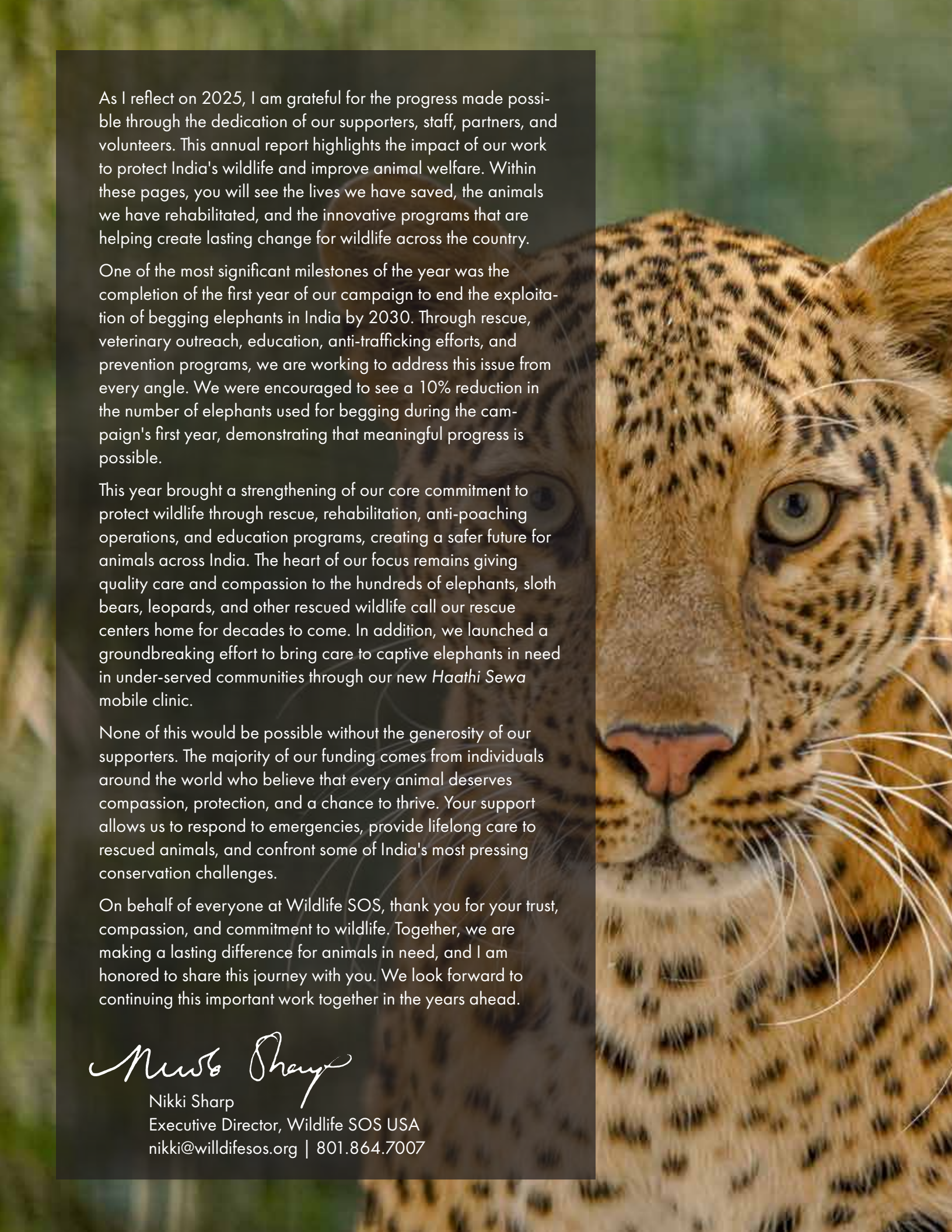


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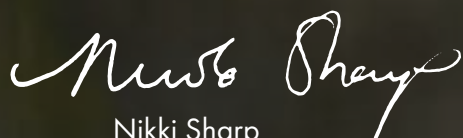
As I reflect on 2025, I am grateful for the progress made possible through the dedication of our supporters, staff, partners, and volunteers. This annual report highlights the impact of our work to protect India's wildlife and improve animal welfare. Within these pages, you will see the lives we have saved, the animals we have rehabilitated, and the innovative programs that are helping create lasting change for wildlife across the country.

One of the most significant milestones of the year was the completion of the first year of our campaign to end the exploitation of begging elephants in India by 2030. Through rescue, veterinary outreach, education, anti-trafficking efforts, and prevention programs, we are working to address this issue from every angle. We were encouraged to see a 10% reduction in the number of elephants used for begging during the campaign's first year, demonstrating that meaningful progress is possible.

This year brought a strengthening of our core commitment to protect wildlife through rescue, rehabilitation, anti-poaching operations, and education programs, creating a safer future for animals across India. The heart of our focus remains giving quality care and compassion to the hundreds of elephants, sloth bears, leopards, and other rescued wildlife call our rescue centers home for decades to come. In addition, we launched a groundbreaking effort to bring care to captive elephants in need in under-served communities through our new *Haathi Sewa* mobile clinic.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our supporters. The majority of our funding comes from individuals around the world who believe that every animal deserves compassion, protection, and a chance to thrive. Your support allows us to respond to emergencies, provide lifelong care to rescued animals, and confront some of India's most pressing conservation challenges.

On behalf of everyone at Wildlife SOS, thank you for your trust, compassion, and commitment to wildlife. Together, we are making a lasting difference for animals in need, and I am honored to share this journey with you. We look forward to continuing this important work together in the years ahead.



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WORKING THROUGHOUT INDIA



Since its launch in February 2025, *Hatthi Sewa* (Hindi for 'in service to elephants'), has brought mobile care to elephants in need in the states of Assam, Bihar, Rajasthan, Delhi, Meghalaya, Jharkhand, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Tripura, and Karnataka.

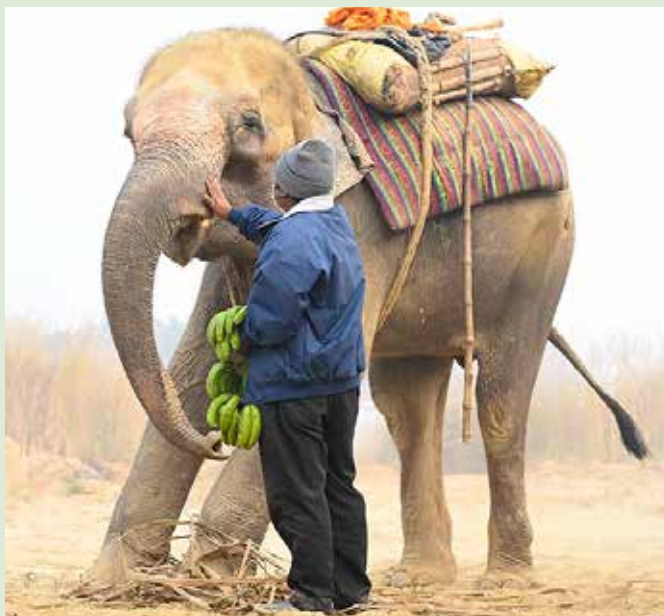


MAKING AN IMPACT IN 2025



BEGGING ELEPHANTS

In 2025, Wildlife SOS completed the first year of its campaign to end the exploitation of begging elephants across India. Key achievements included the rescue of three bull elephants in urgent need of care, the delivery of a specialized veterinary training workshop for



professionals working with captive elephants, and the launch of Haathi Sewa, an initiative dedicated to improving the welfare of captive elephants throughout the country.

As part of its long-term strategy to eliminate the use of elephants for begging by 2030, Wildlife SOS is advancing five core interventions: rescue and rehabilitation, education and awareness, anti-trafficking efforts, veterinary training, and prevention programs. Encouragingly, the first year of the campaign saw a 10% reduction in the number of captive elephants used for begging, demonstrating meaningful progress toward this ambitious goal.

TOUR FOR TUSKS 2025

In 2025, Wildlife SOS Co-founder and CEO Kartick Satyanarayan completed a successful U.S. speaking tour, highlighted by an invitation to speak at the prestigious Explorers Club in New York City. Additional events in Philadelphia, Boston, and Salt Lake City brought together hundreds of wildlife enthusiasts, supporters, and community members.



The tour strengthened connections with existing supporters, introduced new audiences to Wildlife SOS's conservation mission, and increased awareness of the urgent need to protect India's wildlife. Through these engagements, Wildlife SOS expanded its reach and inspired greater support for its ongoing conservation and animal welfare programs.

HAATHI SEWA LAUNCHES

Launched in February 2025, the Haathi Sewa Mobile Veterinary Clinic was created to improve the welfare of captive elephants across India by providing essential veterinary care directly to animals in need. During its first year, the program traveled across eight states and treated 144 elephants, delivering critical medical attention and welfare support.



Recognizing that not every captive elephant can be rescued, Haathi Sewa offers a practical and compassionate way to reduce suffering and improve quality of life. Services include foot care, nutritional guidance, parasite management, treatment of musculoskeletal and eye conditions, internal medicine support, and welfare education for elephant caregivers.

TRADITIONAL CHINESE VETERINARY MEDICINE TRAINING

Wildlife SOS hosted a specialized workshop at the Elephant Care and Conservation Facility to introduce our veterinary team to Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM). The training was led by Dr. Huisheng Xie, founder of Chi University and a globally recognized expert in integrative veterinary medicine.

Following the workshop, three Wildlife SOS staff



veterinarians completed certification in TCVM, expanding the organization's capacity to provide advanced, holistic care for elephants. The treatment approach has already shown promising results, with elephants suffering from chronic pain, colitis, and joint inflammation experiencing significant improvements in their health and well-being. TCVM will now be integrated into the comprehensive treatment protocols used by the Wildlife SOS veterinary team, further enhancing the rehabilitation and long-term care provided to elephants at our rescue centers.

ELEPHANTS RESCUED

In 2025, Wildlife SOS rescued three bull elephants suffering from severe medical and welfare challenges:



Manu, Vayu, and Hari. Each rescue presented unique obstacles and underscored the urgent need for intervention on behalf of India's captive elephants. Manu's condition was especially critical. After collapsing, his prognosis was so poor that few believed he would survive long enough to reach the Wildlife SOS Elephant Hospital Campus. Vayu endured the longest ambulance journey ever undertaken by Wildlife SOS for an elephant rescue, despite suffering from a painful broken leg. Hari's rescue was met with significant resistance, including an angry mob that attempted to prevent his removal to safety. Despite these extraordinary hardships, all three elephants have shown remarkable resilience. Today, Manu, Vayu, and Hari are thriving under the care of the Wildlife SOS veterinary and caregiving teams, demonstrating the transformative impact of timely rescue, expert medical treatment, and compassionate rehabilitation.

ELEPHANT CARE MASTER CLASS

In 2025, Wildlife SOS hosted its first-ever Elephant Care Master Class, a 10-day immersive program that welcomed volunteers to the Elephant Care and Conservation Facility to learn directly from the organization's veterinary and caregiving teams. Participants gained a deeper understanding of elephant behavior, individual personalities, medical needs, and the thoughtful, customized care plans Wildlife SOS develops for each rescued elephant. The program offered supporters a rare opportunity to experience Wildlife SOS's approach to elephant welfare

up close, while also strengthening their connection to the animals and the mission. Each participant received a specially designed manual created for the class, providing a lasting resource to support their learning.

Building on the success of this inaugural program, Wildlife SOS may explore expanded opportunities in the future to develop similar educational experiences focused on leopard and sloth bear care.

ANTI-POACHING WORK SAVES TWO SLOTH BEARS.

Wildlife SOS maintains active anti-poaching and anti-trafficking teams across India, working closely with law enforcement agencies and a network of informants to combat wildlife crime. While many of these operations take place out of public view, their impact is critical to protecting vulnerable wildlife and preventing illegal trade. In 2025, Wildlife SOS assisted in the rescue of two young sloth bear cubs that were intercepted near the Nepal border while being trafficked for use as "dancing bears." The cubs had endured severe cruelty, including pierced muzzles and damaged teeth—injuries commonly inflicted to control bears forced into this illegal practice. Although Wildlife SOS successfully helped end the use of dancing bears in India in 2009, continued vigilance remains essential to prevent the practice from re-emerging and to disrupt trafficking networks operating across the region. Following their rescue, the cubs were transferred to the Wildlife SOS Agra Bear Rescue Facility, internationally recognized for its expertise in the rehabilitation and lifetime care of rescued dancing bears. Their rescue serves as a powerful reminder that sustained enforcement, intelligence gathering, and rapid response remain vital tools in the fight against wildlife exploitation.



“As Wildlife SOS matures as an organization, legacy gifts are playing an increasingly important role in the financial strength of our initiatives. Generous supporters are leaving gifts in their wills that ensure a future for India’s wildlife.”

Nikki Sharp is the Executive Director of Wildlife SOS USA

2025 FINANCIALS

	REVENUE (IN 000'S)	PERCENTAGE
Individual Contributions	\$2,670	61%
Foundations and Grants	237	6%
Legacies	663	15%
Program Revenue	215	5%
Events and Other	272	6%
Donated Goods and Services	300	7%
TOTAL	\$4,357	100%

	EXPENSES (IN 000'S)	PERCENTAGE
Animal Rescue, Care and Conservation Programs	\$3,497	86%
General and Admin	443	11%
Fundraising	136	3%
TOTAL	\$4,076	100%



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RESCUES IN 2025

3 Elephants
 1,645 Reptiles
 1,046 Mammals
 2,250 Birds
 4,944 lives saved!

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