In 2021, many people yearned to get "back to normal" and leave behind the challenges so many around the world faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, the needs and opportunities unveiled by this crisis stubbornly persisted. At Amigos of Costa Rica, we connected thousands of donors to Costa Rican communities so they could maintain the flow of attention and resources to ongoing problems and powerful solutions. Meeting basic needs - of families, animals, and ecosystems - was a core focus of 2021.

As more of the world started to receive their vaccines, people everywhere turned their focus to the future and what might be possible. At Amigos we also began conversations around the many possibilities for our future and we were thankful to find many strong thought partners and supporters who joined us on this imaginative journey. The Costa Rica USA Foundation for Cooperation (CRUSA) continued their generous support of Amigos of Costa Rica, and they were joined by the Troper Wojcicki Foundation and other supporters to allow us to begin a new chapter focused on growth.

We are confident that Costa Rica continues to be a community many people want to join, and we are excited to continue our collaboration with the network of Costa Rican nonprofits, global donors, and beneficiaries around Costa Rica.

Rethinking the new normal

David Gutierrez, Board President

Emily Arnold, Executive Director
Mission:
Amigos of Costa Rica contributes to the well-being of Costa Rica by connecting donors' values and resources with vetted non-profit solutions.

Vision:
Amigos of Costa Rica will be the preeminent advocate for philanthropic engagement in Costa Rica.

2021 Visual Summary:
- OVER $5MM RECEIVED BENEFITTING COSTA RICAN NONPROFITS
- 89 COSTA RICAN NONPROFITS SUPPORTED
  Amigos of Costa Rica Affiliate Organizations are approved annually to raise funds with Amigos of Costa Rica
- MORE THAN 10,000 DONATIONS WERE RECEIVED
  Number of donations doubled from 2020 to 2021
Growth of Amigos of Costa Rica

2017
2018
2019
2020
2021

$0 $2,000,000 $4,000,000 $6,000,000

2021 Total: $5,111,893
Donations received by Amigos of Costa Rica contributed to extraordinary accomplishments by organizations around Costa Rica, including those mentioned here. Amigos of Costa Rica is proud to have made it easier for donors to connect with these fantastic efforts around the country.

- **503,752** people supported with basic needs
- **2,078** animals cared for
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- **20,942** trees planted
- **1,400** coral samples outplanted
- **59,000** turtles released
- **250** hectares of forest protected
- **50** agricultural producers supported
- **15,123** books donated
- **1,343** young people trained in empowerment, life skills or English
- **856** tons of trash recycled or composted
- **277** people provided jobs and income
- **103** people rescued by lifeguards (prevention)
- **92** outstanding youth received scholarships to continue their education

**Impact**
In the Affiliates' Words:

This year, Amigos of Costa Rica took a central role in increasing Mar a Mar's fundraising and developing our capacity to raise funds online. We established new ways to raise funds such as Peer to Peer fundraising through Classy.org.

-MAR A MAR ASSOCIATION, CREATOR OF THE RURAL TOURISM INITIATIVE
EL CAMINO DE COSTA RICA

Thanks to funds from Amigos of Costa Rica, we were able to keep 100% of staff on payroll at 100% time from February 2021 onward. After having the entire staff at 50-70% time for 10 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this came as a welcome relief not only for the financial sustainability of our staff members and their families, but in terms of the work to be done.

-MONTEVERDE CONSERVATION LEAGUE

Thanks to the donations we received through Amigos in 2021, we were able to cover all payroll and social security expenses, providing our staff with the financial security they needed and also the community with the service they expected.”

-NOSARA RECICLA
In 2021, our affiliation with Amigos of Costa Rica has been a big advantage for our organization. Thanks to that, we’ve almost doubled our budget, and we are able to apply for more funding opportunities.

-MISIÓN TIBURÓN

Having a simple, direct and central place for our donors to go and provide donations has been pivotal for us... I'm not sure how we would do any of this without Amigos. We just do not have the resources in house to even start sourcing these platforms or software tools.

-NOSARA SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION
For its 2020 operations, Amigos of Costa Rica received generous financial support from the CRUSA Foundation.
Thank you Board Members and Volunteers

We are sincerely grateful for the efforts of our Board Members, volunteers, and staff.

**2021 Board Members:**

Neal Brown    David Luce
Freddy Fachler Dan Martin
Muni Figueres Flora Montealegre
Michale Gabriel Pilar Madrigal
Henry Gonzalez Jane Sabin-Davis
Will Harsh    Jenny Tcharnaia

**2021 Staff:**

Emily Arnold
Samantha Pavlovitch
Olivia Sarno

**2021 Volunteers:**

Rich Eagles
In Gratitude

As we look back on 2021 and the extraordinary impact generated for local economies and ecosystems, we're so grateful to our donors, hardworking nonprofit leaders and volunteers who make these changes possible.

A special thank you to the CRUSA Foundation and its longstanding commitment to philanthropy, which has allowed Amigos of Costa Rica to expand an ever-growing network of donors and nonprofits.