



**AMIGOS**  
OF COSTA RICA

**2021 Annual Report**

# Rethinking the new normal



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

David Gutierrez, Board President

Emily Arnold, Executive Director

# 2021 VISUAL SUMMARY

## Mission:

Amigos of Costa Rica contributes to the well-being of Costa Rica by connecting donors' values and resources with vetted non-profit solutions.



**OVER \$5MM RECEIVED  
BENEFITTING COSTA  
RICAN NONPROFITS**

## Vision:

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

## 89 COSTA RICAN NONPROFITS SUPPORTED

Amigos of Costa Rica Affiliate Organizations are approved annually to raise funds with Amigos of Costa Rica

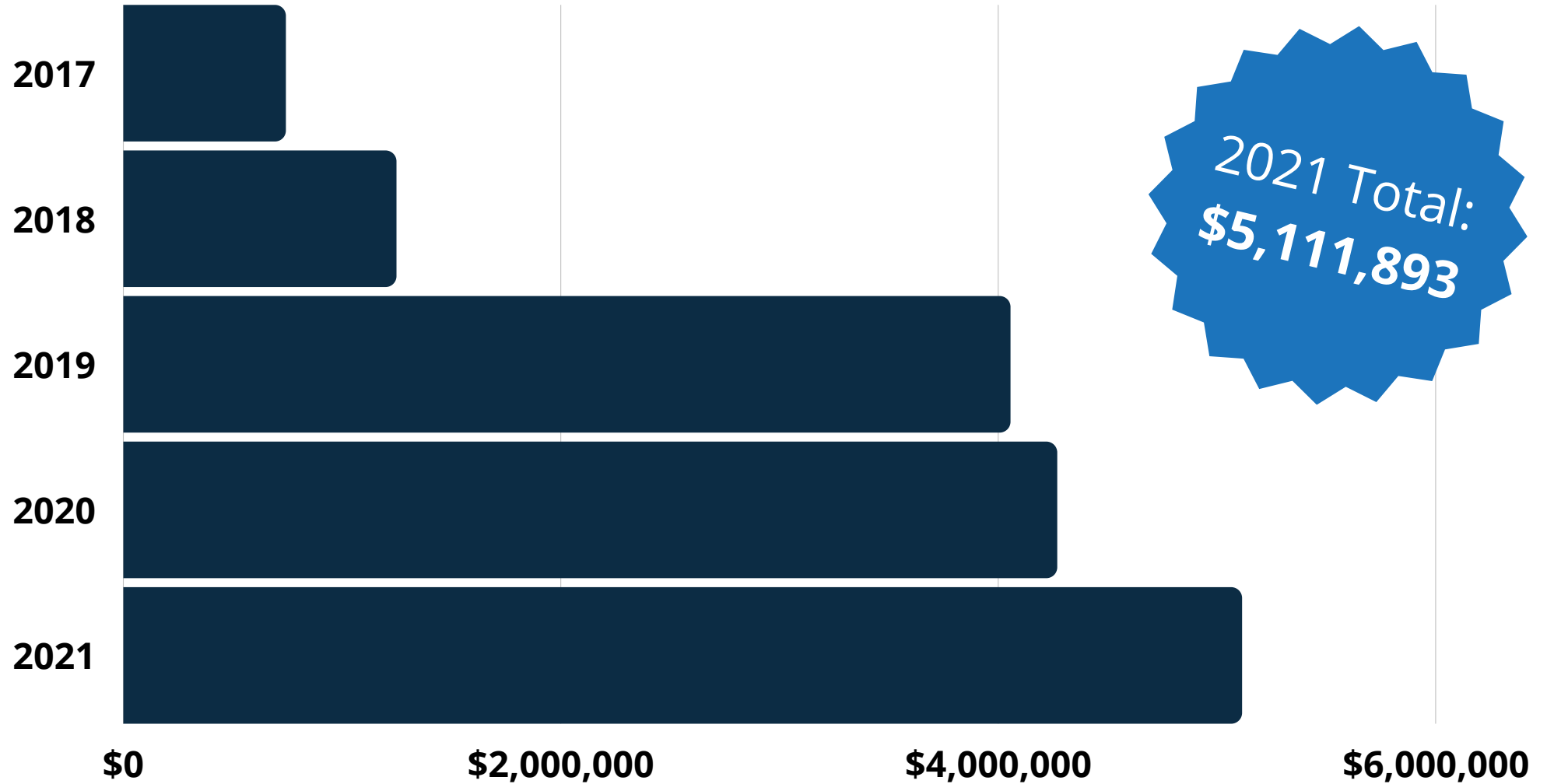


**MORE THAN 10,000 DONATIONS  
WERE RECEIVED**

Number of donations doubled from 2020 to 2021



# Growth of Amigos of Costa Rica



# Impact

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**



**PLANTED 20,942 TREES**



**OUTPLANTED 1,400  
CORAL SAMPLES**



**RELEASED 59,000  
TURTLES**



**PROTECTED 250  
HECTARES OF FOREST**



**SUPPORTED 50  
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS**



**DONATED 15,123 BOOKS**



**1,343 YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINED IN EMPOWERMENT,  
LIFE SKILLS OR ENGLISH**



**856 TONS OF TRASH RECYCLED OR COMPOSTED**



**JOB + INCOME PROVIDED FOR 277 PEOPLE**



**EDUCATED 9,006 PEOPLE ABOUT CONSERVATION**



**103 PEOPLE RESCUED BY LIFEGUARDS (PREVENTION)**



**92 OUTSTANDING YOUTH RECEIVED SCHOLARSHIPS  
TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION**



# 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**

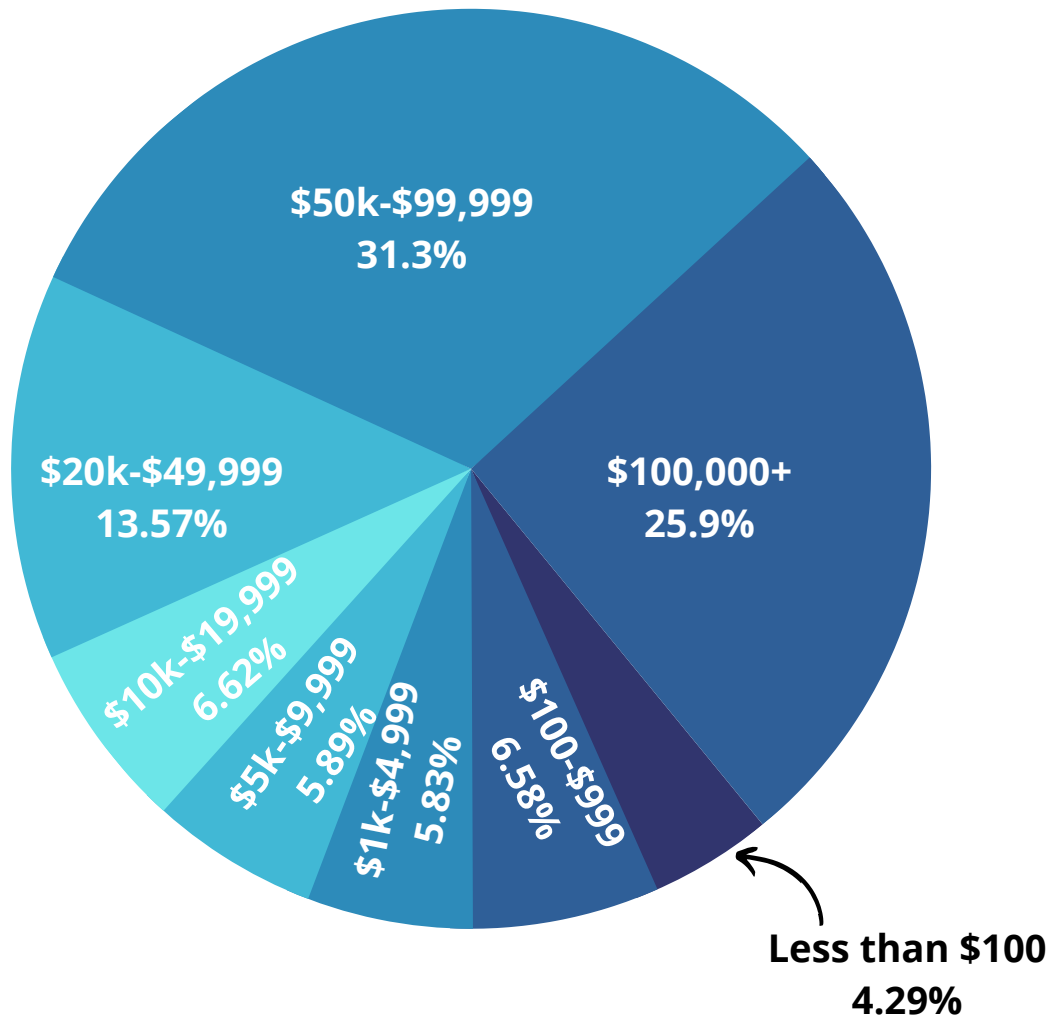
“ Having a simple, direct and central place for our donors to go and provide donations has been pivotal for us... I'm not sure how we would do any of this without Amigos. We just do not have the resources in house to even start sourcing these platforms or software tools. ”

**-NOSARA SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION**

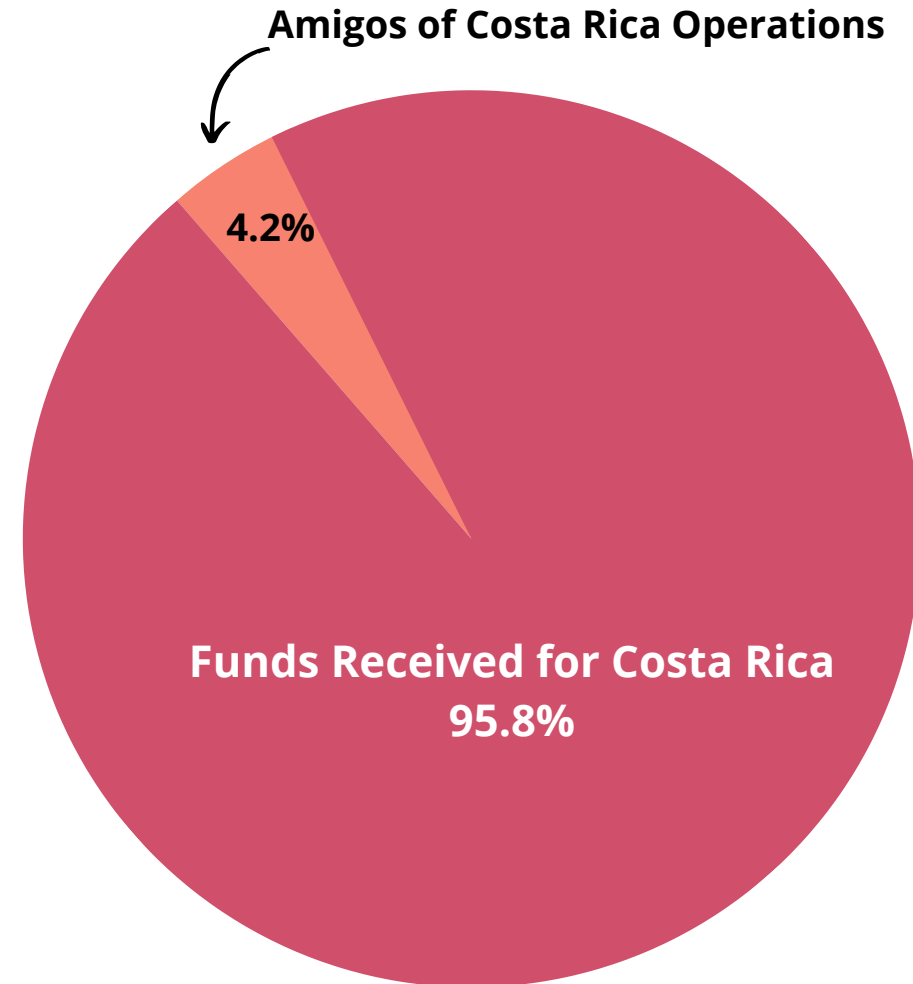
# Financials



## Size of Donations Received, & % of Revenue



## Expenses



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.





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