



2022 Annual Report

Onward and Upward!

Back in 2018, Amigos of Costa Rica developed a new strategy which included the goal of supporting Costa Rican nonprofits with \$2.4 million per year. We exceeded this goal in 2019 when we received over \$4 million for nonprofit initiatives around Costa Rica. As the pandemic created waves of uncertainty over the years that followed, Amigos held steadfast and continued facilitating between \$4-\$5 million per year for Costa Rican initiatives.

In 2022, Amigos of Costa Rica's board came together to dream bigger, defining the pathway forward to increase our impact. We have set aggressive goals for our 2022-2027 strategy:

- We will facilitate \$10 million per year for Costa Rica by 2027.
- We will support Costa Rican nonprofits by providing more capacity building opportunities and sourcing new donors for their important efforts around the country.
- We will provide international donors with increased transparency around the Costa Rican nonprofits they are supporting.

We continue to be inspired by the impact of the over 125 affiliate organizations that are a part of our network making a difference in areas like animal welfare, conservation, and education. None of the impact described in this report would be possible without the support of ~10,000 donors from around the world, who put their funds in the hands of the leaders of small nonprofits around Costa Rica. Thank you all for being a part of this vibrant community that is supporting the best possible future for Costa Rica.

Emily Arnold, Executive Director





OVER \$4.5MM RECEIVED BENEFITTING COSTA RICAN NONPROFITS



100 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 RECEIVED

10,160 donations makes 2022 the second year in a row over the 10,000 total.



Mission:

Connect Global Resources to Costa Rican Organizations

Vision:

Act as the key facilitator to nurture the unique ecosystem of individuals, NGOs, and corporations who wish to engage organizations within Costa Rica focused on making a lasting impact.



Supporting Costa Rican Nonprofits

Capacity

Affiliate organizations received 1:1 coaching and group webinars to build skills in fundraising, donor stewardship, building their capacity to fundraising.

Connection

Donors benefited from guidance and connections provided by the only US-based organization focused solely on philanthropy in Costa Rica. Via the Amigos of Costa Rica website, personalized engagement, and interactions with our board, donors were able to explore the many opportunities available to them in Costa Rica and feel very confident with their choice in investment.

Compliance

As always, our annual reporting processed ensured compliance and transparency, while also building nonprofit management capacity in critical areas such as accounting and impact measurement.



Being an affiliate unlocked our ability to raise funds for our established goals. It has been a great help.

- Edwin Dobner, Costa Rican Association of Fly Fishermen (CRAFF-ACPM)

Affiliate Impact: 2022 Highlights by the Numbers



1,471 FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH BASIC NEEDS



1,128 HOUSEHOLDS COMMITED TO RECYCLING



3,019 ANIMALS CARED FOR



DONATED 16,934 BOOKS



PLANTED 5,389,529 TREES



80+ TONS OF TRASH
RECYCLED/COMPOSTED



OUTPLANTED 1,580 CORAL SAMPLES



JOBS + INCOME PROVIDED FOR 252
PEOPLE



MONITORED AND RELEASED 110,150



2,800 CLINIC PATIENTS CARED FOR

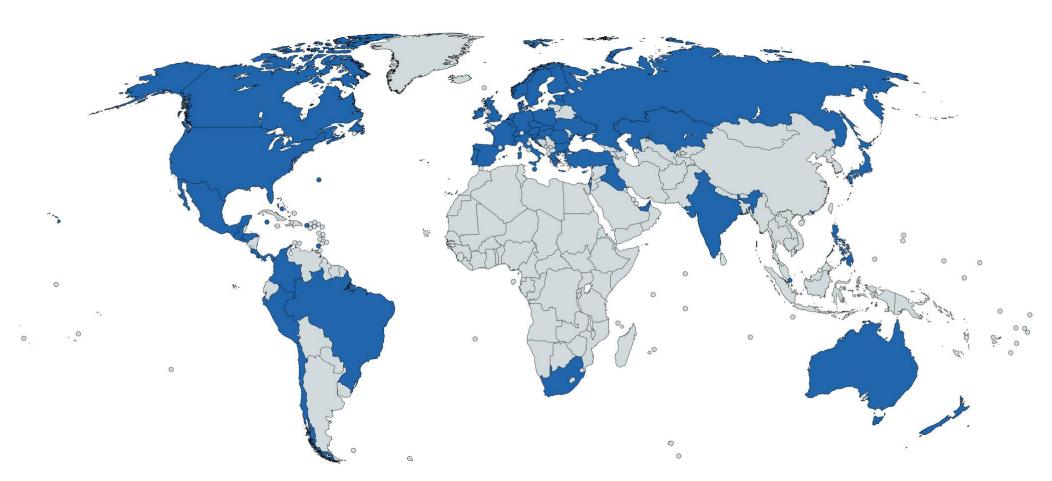


TURTLES PROTECTED 22,840 HECTARES OF FOREST



3,247 LIFEGUARD RESCUES/INTERVENTIONS

Donors from around the world support Costa Rica



From South Africa and Australia all the way to Norway and Poland, Amigos received donations from 62 countries, a 50% increase over 2021.

Amigos Empowers Donors

When a company in California wanted to implement a new scholarship program in Costa Rica, and they need help getting the funds to Costa Rica and selecting a local partner to design and manage the program, Amigos had the solutions.

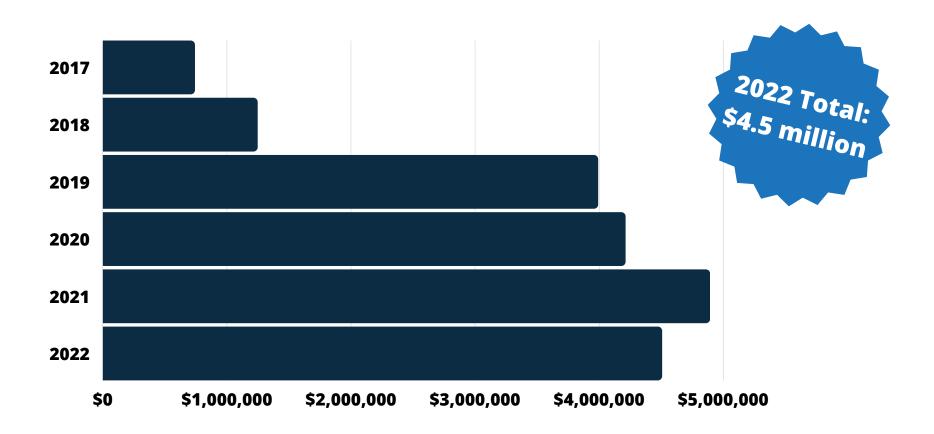


When a tourism entrepreneur from Philadelphia wanted to fund efforts addressing basic needs, safety, and education, Amigos made the connections.

When a family wanted to help the a Boruca community rebuild an important community structure, Amigos supported proper financial oversight both in the US and Costa Rica.



Sustained Funding for Initiatives around Costa Rica



In 2022, Amigos of Costa Rica received \$4.5 million in funding for Costa Rican nonprofits. The growth that we experienced prior to the pandemic was maintained through 2022.

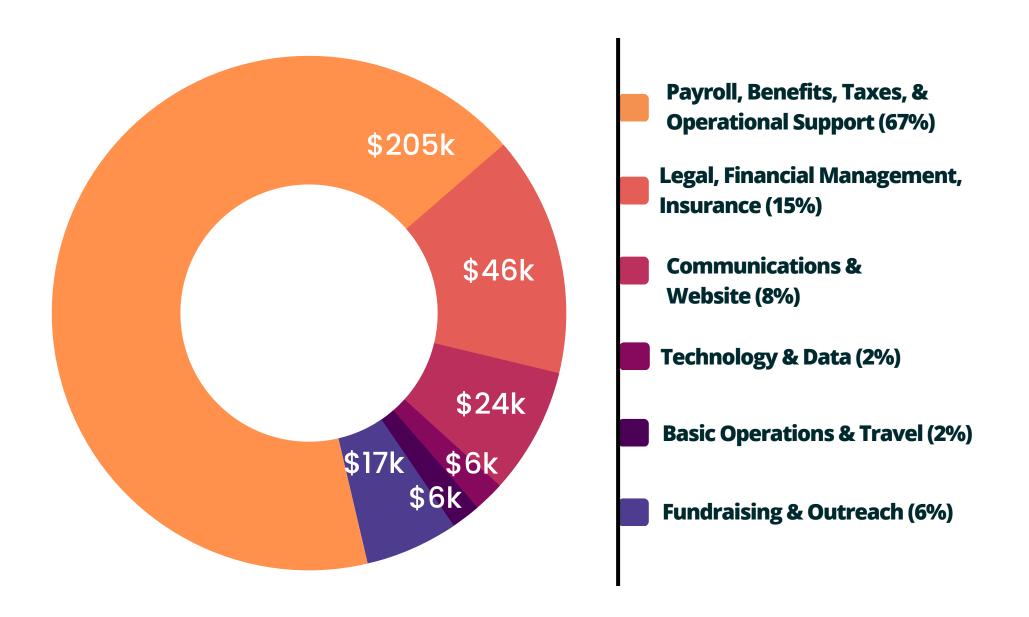
Growing the Amigos Network

Last year was a BIG year for growth at Amigos. In addition to welcoming new board members, staff, and donors, we also brought aboard **45** new affiliate organizations.

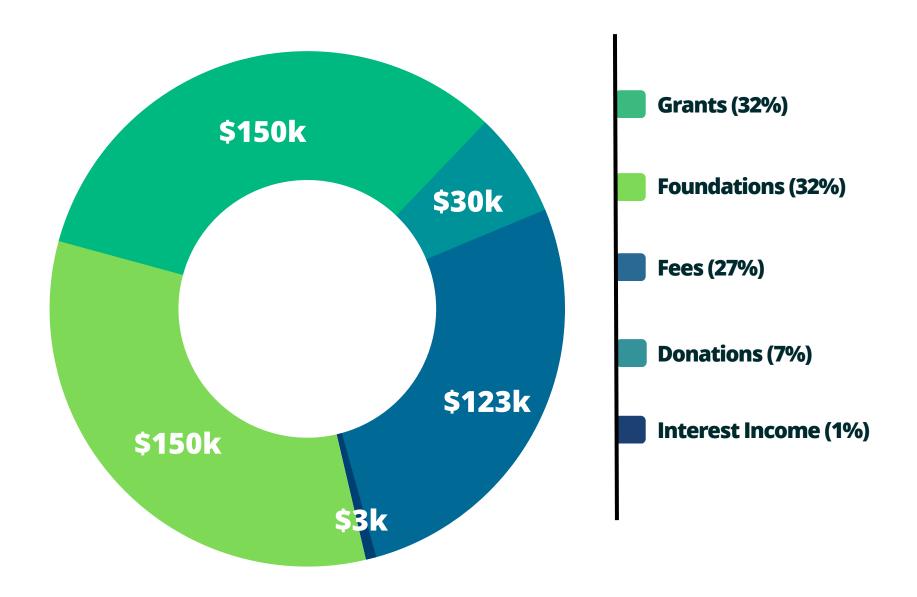
These new affiliates expand upon the diversity already present in our network, with new neighborhood safety, animal welfare, conservation, and community development programs joining our extensive community of nonprofits in Costa Rica.



2022 Expenses

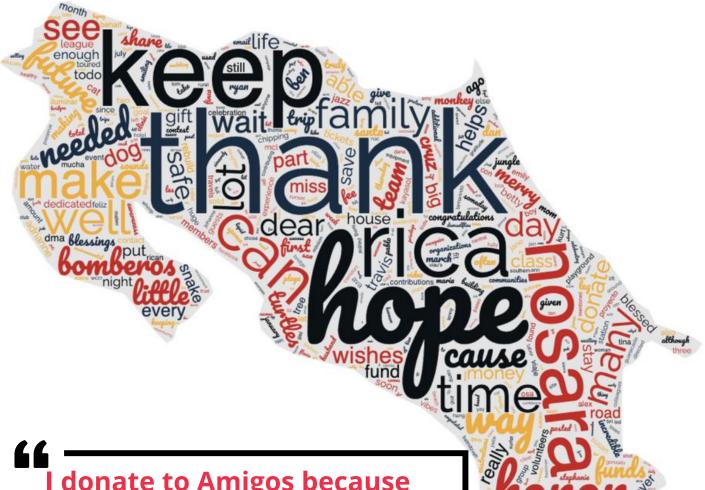


2022 Revenue



For its 2022 operations, Amigos of Costa Rica received generous financial support from the CRUSA Foundation.

An Expression of Gratitude



I donate to Amigos because they have the relationships, know-how, and capability of amplifying the funds I give for the greatest impact."-Rich E.

Thank you to the Troper Wojcicki Foundation, the CRUSA Foundation, and all of the other generous donors who supported Amigos of Costa Rica in 2022. Together, you fuel the engine that catalyzes the growth of international philanthropy in Costa Rica.

Thank you, Board Members & Volunteers

We are sincerely grateful for the efforts of our board members, staff, and volunteers.

2022 Board Members:

Ann Becker Jane Sabin-Davis

Cathy Kading Jenny Tcharnaia

David Gutierrez Katherine Stanley-Obando

David Luce Neal Brown

Dan Martin Muni Figueres

Dennis Troper Michale Gabriel

Flora Montealegre Pilar Madrigal

Freddy Fachler

2022 Staff: 2022 Volunteers:

Emily Arnold Rich Eagles

Samantha Pavlovitch

Dakota Bishop

ADDENDUM: Affiliate Organization Highlights



A Voice for the Animals

It's no secret that Costa Rica is a biodiversity hotspot, and so many of Amigos affiliates are laboring to ensure it stays that way. From rescuing primates and monitoring sea turtle hatchlings to community-wide spay/neuter programs and rehabilitating coral reefs, Amigos affiliates led a broad array of impactful efforts in 2022. **Animales de Asís Sanctuary** found forever homes for over 300 dogs, while **Raising Coral** outplanted and propagated 2,000 pieces of coral. **Nosara Animal Care** was able to spay and neuter over 500 dogs and cats, and **Turtle Love** saved approximately 110,000 baby turtle hatchlings.

Animales de Asís Sanctuary





Raising Coral

Nosara Animal Care





Turtle Love

Educating the Next Generation

Our affiliates had a tremendous impact on the education sector in Costa Rica in 2022. With access to more educational materials and resources via donations through Amigos, organizations have been able to amplify programs and reach a wider audience, including children and adults across the country.

Biblioteca David Kitson taught English classes to 200 children, and Nosara Crece trained 62 people in business, English, photography, and graphic design. Voces Nuestras were able to train 15 new indigenous teachers who in turn delivered the Wise Girls Workshop menstrual education program to 80 young women.

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Amigos of Costa Rica is a wonderful and very important partner for Soy Niña, as most of our funds are received from donors in the U.S.A. Without Amigos of Costa Rica and being able to receive taxdeductible donations in the U.S., Soy Niña may not be continuing to reaching so many milestones.

-Ana Laura Araya, Soy Niña

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Planting for the Future



Costa Rica is consistently recognized as a leader in the environmental sector, and its reforestation efforts are an enormous part of that work. Amigos affiliate organizations have gone to great lengths to ensure that the tropical rainforests and other flora continue to thrive. In 2022, Amigos affiliates planted or catalyzed the planting of a grand total of **5,389,529** trees, with **Asociación Mar a Mar, Costas Verdes, Guardians of Nature, Voces Nuestras, Monteverde Institute, Planeta Sano, Astillero Verde, Coral Conservation, Monteverde Conservation League, Stibrawpa, Monteverde Community Fund, and Healing Trees all pitching in.**

Community-Wide Action

The wellbeing of our families and our communities is at the foundation of a bright future. In 2022 the global economy continued its twists and turns, and organizations in our network were there to support families with basic needs and job training.

Increasingly, Costa Rica is seeing more refugees from both Venezuela and Nicaragua as families from these countries seek safety. As long is there is political unrest in the region, Costa Rica's nonprofit community will play an important role in supporting those who arrive in need.





1,471 FAMILIES SUPPORTED WITH BASIC LIFE NEEDS DONATIONS



732 INDIVIDUALS TRAINED ON LIFE SKILLS/EMPLOYABILITY



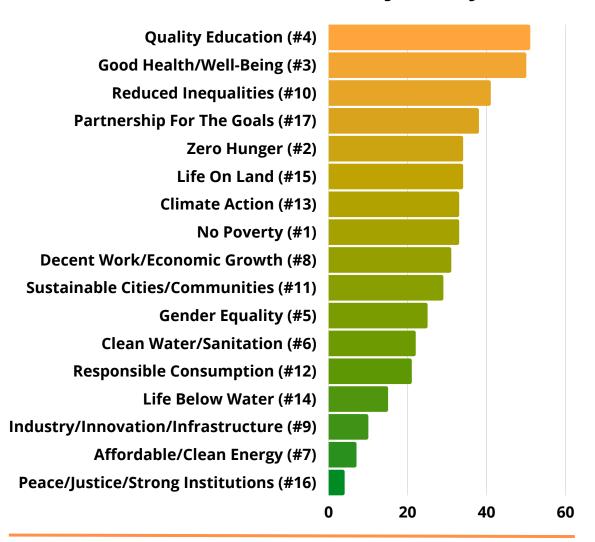
OVER 80 TONS OF TRASH RECYCLED OR COMPOSTED



MORE THAN 500 REFUGEES RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT AID

Sustainable Development Goals

Total Number of Affiliate Projects by SDG



131 Affiliate Projects contributed to at least one SDG in 2022



San Ramón Carbono Neutral's project Healing Trees catalyzed the planting of **5,364,651 trees** in a total of 65 countries as a memorial to those who died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic



At the David Kitson Library, **200 children** took part in free English classes



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