New Milestones, New Leadership

In 2023 Amigos of Costa Rica leveled-up in ways that will set the stage for our future growth and success. Donors supporting Costa Rican nonprofits around the country increased their annual contributions by over $2 million, reaching $6.5 million in 2023. The Amigos Board of Directors came under new leadership and was able to achieve 100% board giving for the first time in the organization's history. During this record-breaking year, the vision for Amigos of Costa Rica’s future was consolidated and the organization embraced the unmatched value it creates for both Costa Rica's funders as well as its nonprofits and their beneficiaries.

As the only US-based nonprofit focused solely on promoting international funding for Costa Rica, Amigos of Costa Rica offers uniquely customized support. Our efforts increase the capacity of Costa Rican nonprofits to engage with international donors and provide country-specific assistance to these same funders to help realize their philanthropic goals. The nonprofits we serve benefit from coaching, fundraising tools, and personal relationships with the bilingual Amigos staff located in the US and in Costa Rica. Potential funders are able to rely on Amigos to help them navigate the details of how, where, and with whom they can work to achieve the impact they desire. Amigos' Board of Directors is comprised of both US and Costa Rican citizens, and we work to elevate the Costa Ricans' voices in our decision-making.

Thank you for being a part of the Amigos of Costa Rica community and for supporting the important work of nonprofits around the country. While we believe that local leaders know best what their communities need, we also believe that we can all contribute to the important work taking place throughout Costa Rica.

Emily Arnold, Executive Director
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.

2023 VISUAL SUMMARY

$6.5MM RECEIVED FOR COSTA RICAN NONPROFITS

100 COSTA RICAN NONPROFITS SUPPORTED
Affiliate Organizations are approved annually to raise funds with Amigos of Costa Rica

NEARLY 25,000 DONATIONS RECEIVED
24,324 donations makes 2023 the third year in a row with more than 15,000 donations.
2023 was a record-setting year for Amigos of Costa Rica, as we received over $6.5 million in funding for organizations throughout Costa Rica.
Supporting Costa Rican Nonprofits

Being an affiliate of an established organization is always a benefit, as it instills more confidence with new donors.

- Deb F., AMOR Animales de Nosara

Capacity
Affiliate organizations were provided with one-on-one coaching sessions and group webinars to enhance their fundraising skills and donor stewardship, strengthening their capacity in resource mobilization.

Connection
Donors received personalized support from the only US-based philanthropic organization focused on Costa Rica, building confidence in donation decisions.

Compliance
Amigos’ policies ensured transparency and accountability, safeguarding against misuse of funds and maintaining donor trust.
Costa Rican Nonprofits Appreciate An Effective, Impactful Partnership

“Amigos has enabled us to streamline and ramp up our fundraising activities by providing a much easier way for our supporters to donate!”
- Patricia S., ASEPALECO

“Being an Amigos of Costa Rica Affiliate made it easy for our donors to give to us, and gave them an additional incentive to be eligible for a tax deduction. We also are very, very grateful for all of the time and hands-on help by Emily to get our fledgling fundraising campaign going.”
- Shannon F., Rivers and Forests Alliance
2023 was another great year of expanding the Amigos Affiliate Network. In addition to welcoming new board members, staff, and donors, we also brought aboard 19 new affiliate organizations.

These new affiliates enrich our network's diversity, with programs focused on important initiatives such as neighborhood safety, animal welfare, conservation, and community development.
“Thanks for the work you do. Just visited Costa Rica and love the beauty of the nation and its friendly people. Wanted to give back a little for such a wonderful, welcoming experience.” - Andrew R.

“Bless you for ALL you’re doing. Your love and dedication is inspiring.” - Debbie S.

“So grateful for the extraordinary work of the Amigos of Costa Rica... impacting lives, one donation at a time!” - Michale G.

“Thank you for helping the wonderful people of Costa Rica.” - Holly H.
Donors From Around the World Supported Costa Rican Communities

Amigos received donations from 48 out of 50 states in 2023. Over 75% of donations came from donors with US addresses.

From Slovakia and Australia to Norway and Uruguay, Amigos received donations from 56 countries in 2023. While Amigos of Costa Rica is able to provide tax receipts for US donors, funders from around the world enjoy the ease with which they can support Costa Rica by working with Amigos of Costa Rica.
155 Affiliate Projects contributed to at least one Sustainable Development Goal

Total Number of Affiliate Projects in 2023 by SDG

- Quality Education (#4)
- Good Health/Well-Being (#3)
- Partnership For The Goals (#17)
- Gender Equality (#5)
- Sustainable Cities & Communities (#11)
- Reduced Inequality (#10)
- Life on Land (#15)
- Climate Action (#13)
- Decent Work & Economic Growth (#8)
- Clean Water & Sanitation (#6)
- Life Below Water (#14)
- No Poverty (#1)
- Responsible Consumption/Production (#12)
- Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure (#9)
- Zero Hunger (#2)
- Peace & Justice Strong Institutions (#16)
- Affordable & Clean Energy (#7)

From bold innovation in clean energy and democracy to providing food and shelter for the most vulnerable, the projects being undertaken by Amigos of Costa Rica Affiliate Organizations truly touch each important aspect of building a sustainable future for Costa Rica.
A strong year in which revenue outpaced expenses signaled a green light for growth as Amigos of Costa Rica moved into 2024.

Amigos of Costa Rica will continue on the pathway of fiscal responsibility as we set our sights on growing our impact in 2024.
We are sincerely grateful for the efforts of our board members, staff, and volunteers.

**2023 Board Members:**

- Ann Becker
- Cathy Kading
- David Luce
- Dennis Troper
- Freddy Fachler
- Jane Sabin-Davis
- Jenny Tcharnaia
- Katherine Stanley Obando
- Michale Gabriel
- Pilar Madrigal
- Mario Mikowski
- Raquel Moya Sánchez
- Sergio Villa

**2023 Staff:**

- Emily Arnold
- Dakota Bishop

**2023 Volunteers:**

- Rich Eagles