

AMIGOS

AMIGOS FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

# Public Activity Report

2024



# WE BELIEVE THAT FRIENDSHIP CAN HEAL

## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to help hospitalized children - and indirectly their families - through friendship, language learning, playing games and creative activities during their time spent in the hospital.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is that one day there will be an Amigo by the side of every single hospitalised child – so that no child feels lonely.






# TOGETHER FOR THE CHILDREN IN 2024 TOO

On the following pages, you can read about how, year after year, we are able to provide friendly support, joyful playing and language learning opportunities on the path to recovery to the children across the country who need it the most.



OUR  
HOSPITAL  
SESSIONS



OUR LANGUAGE  
LEARNING  
MATERIALS



OUR IN-  
HOUSE  
DEVELOPED  
GAMES



OUR  
HOSPITAL  
GIFTS



OUR  
VOLUNTEER  
COMMUNITY



OUR  
OPERATION

# ALREADY IN 6 CITIES WITH CHILDREN

One of our biggest dreams came true in 2024. After Budapest, Szeged, Debrecen, Szombathely and Pécs, **the sixth Amigo city, Miskolc**, was established, so now we can **be by the side of children in all cities in the country with a pediatric oncology center.**

IN 2024:

6

CITIES

20

HOSPITAL UNITS

SZOMBATHELY

BUDAPEST

MISKOLC

DEBRECEN

PÉCS

SZEGED





MISKOLC



# HOW DOES AN AMIGO SESSION LOOK LIKE?

During our hospital visits, our main goal is to help children forget about the hospital environment they are in, their illness and enjoy themselves, so that they can recover at a quicker pace. And what is a better way to achieve this than **through playing**. We can easily incorporate **language learning** into the games, primarily with the help of **our in-house developed card games and workbooks**, as it is also our goal to help the development of children, adapting to their age and current life situation.

DURING 2024

WE REACHED A TOTAL OF **20.210** CHILDREN

WE HELD **2047** IN-PERSON SESSIONS

DURING **1740** HOSPITAL VISITS









## IN ADDITION TO OUR HOSPITAL SESSIONS

Although we are not yet able to hold in-person sessions in every pediatric hospital in the country, we do everything **we can to help those children too who are not in one of our 6 Amigo cities**. As a result of all our efforts, in 2024 **we brought joy to and cheered up more than 20,000 children** with our visits, gifts or through other type of support.

We delivered the third edition of our Adventure Box - KALANDobOZZ to 2,000 sick children in 24 hospitals

We facilitated 'Santa Claus Day' programs and activities in several hospital wards.

We distributed 11,779 LEGO sets to hospitalised and disadvantaged children

We helped children in oncology departments and in camps







# HOSPITAL WARDS

In addition to oncology departments, our volunteers also hold sessions in many other hospital departments, including **orthopedics, neurology, rehabilitation, psychiatric, surgical, pediatric cardiology, burn and internal medicine departments**, to name but a few.



In 2024, we expanded with a total of **4** new hospital teams, so in total **20** Amigo teams visited children across the country at the same time.





# WITH THE CHILDREN DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

In 2024, the Amigos held several **afternoon sessions for children in the hospital during holidays**. In the spring semester, we made the children's days more joyful on the occasion of Easter and Children's Day, and in the fall semester, we brought the magic of festivities inside the hospital walls with **Santa Claus Day and Christmas sessions**. We held interactive programs in a total of four hospital wards, including the Kecskemét hospital. And it goes without saying that playful language learning also played an important part.



# IN-HOUSE DEVELOPED MATERIALS SUPPORTING PLAYFUL LEARNING

In 2024, we prepared a total of **13 different in-house developed and edited workbooks and 4 different card games**, which aim to spread knowledge as well as develop skills, while also improving the memory, logical thinking and creativity.

In addition to using them in hospital sessions, we also **donated our workbooks to 37 institutions** in Hungary, where the Amigos are not present personally - so that children can also explore the world while learning playfully through stories and games in the booklets.

This year, we introduced two new workbooks supplementing our hospital boxes: *“Let’s explore the United Kingdom together”* and *“Let’s explore the Portugal together”* activity booklets.



# WE HELP WITH OUR IN-HOUSE DEVELOPED LANGUAGE LEARNING TOOLS

Our hospital sessions are supported by our **dedicated hospital boxes** filled with **engaging tools and games**. They offer logic-, memory- and skill-building games for all ages. Moreover, our in-house developed 13 workbooks and 4 card games also contribute to the language learning experience.

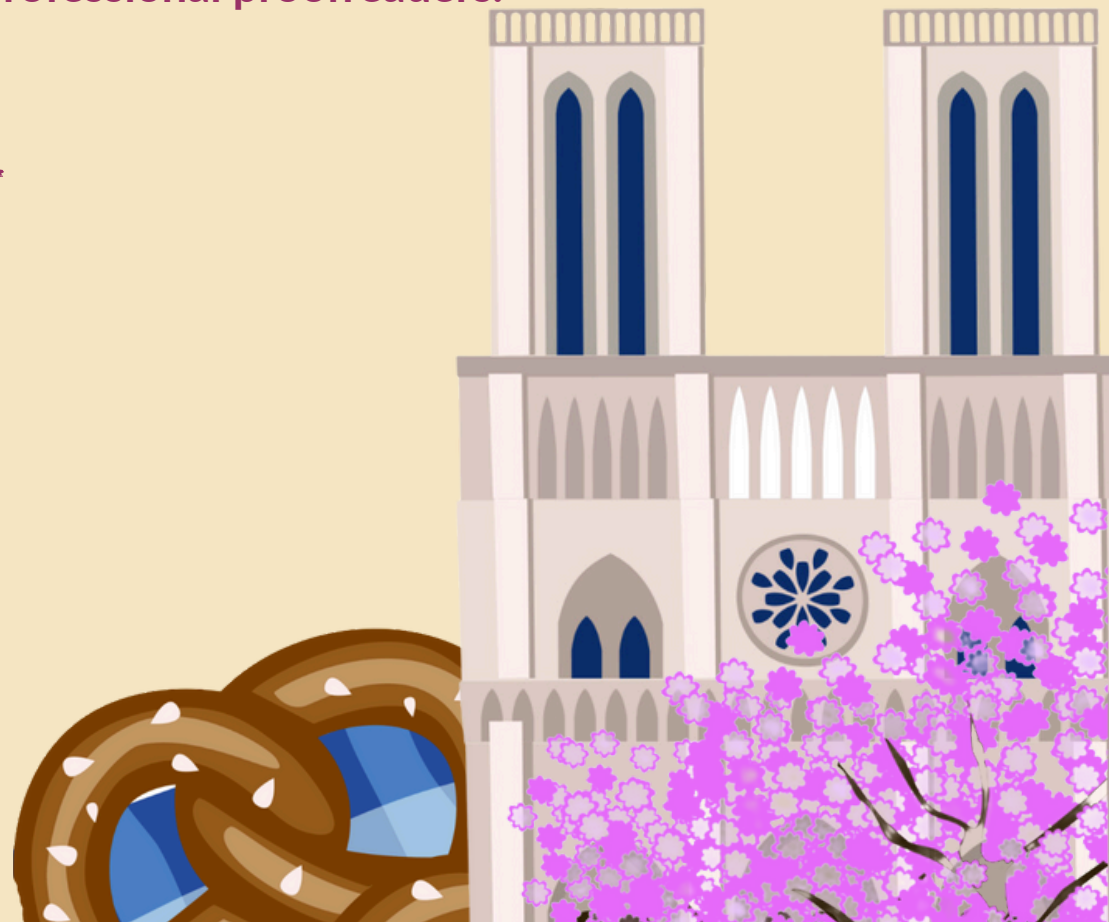




# WE HAVE PUBLISHED OUR SECOND BOOK

The **second part of our book, 'Let's explore the world', has been published**, which offers children the opportunity to learn about **the culture, language and gastronomy of 9 more countries** - bringing the experience of playful language learning and Amigo sessions to kids outside the hospital walls as well. Similarly to the first one, this book **was also written by the Amigo volunteers themselves, with the support of professional proofreaders.**

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EGY VILÁGRASZÓLÓ  
FELFEDEZÉS

NYELVI KALAUZ KALANDOROKNAK

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# BRINGING THE AMIGO EXPERIENCE TO MORE CHILDREN

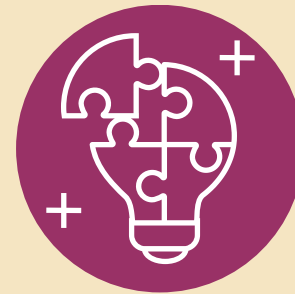
Even though we are not yet able to be present personally in all pediatric hospitals in Hungary, **we would like to help children who are hospitalized in a city outside of the reach of Amigos.**

The purpose of the donated toys and games is to give these children **a glimpse into the experience of Amigo** activities and to bring joy to those who are spending the holidays in the hospital.

In 2024, we distributed more than **11 000** LEGO sets in hospitals on Children's Day and Christmas, covering nearly **80%** of the hospitalized children in Hungary. During the gift-giving, we also involved other NGOs within the Appy Nonprofit community in the project, so we were able to make a total of **11 779** children happier.

# ADVENTURE BOX 2024

We managed to implement the **Adventure Box - KALANDobOZZ** project this year as well, also with the aim of bringing the **Amigo experience** to as many children in hospitals as possible. That's why we have gathered everything that makes **in-person Amigo sessions so magical** in this special box: **fun, skill-development and gamified-learning**.



WE HANDED OUT ADVENTURE BOXES TO **2000** CHILDREN  
IN **24** HOSPITALS IN HUNGARY



We created two versions of the Adventure Box - KALANDobOZZ this year, one for kindergarteners and another for school-aged children. We adapted the content to the needs of each age group.

The children's mood improved significantly as a result of the experience provided by the box.

## KINDERGARTEN ADVENTURE BOX



## SCHOOL ADVENTURE BOX



# WE WORK FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

In 2015, the **UN** adopted the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. Its 17 goals set the course for addressing the most pressing issues humanity and the planet faces.



In line with these goals, Amigos provides support in the following areas:

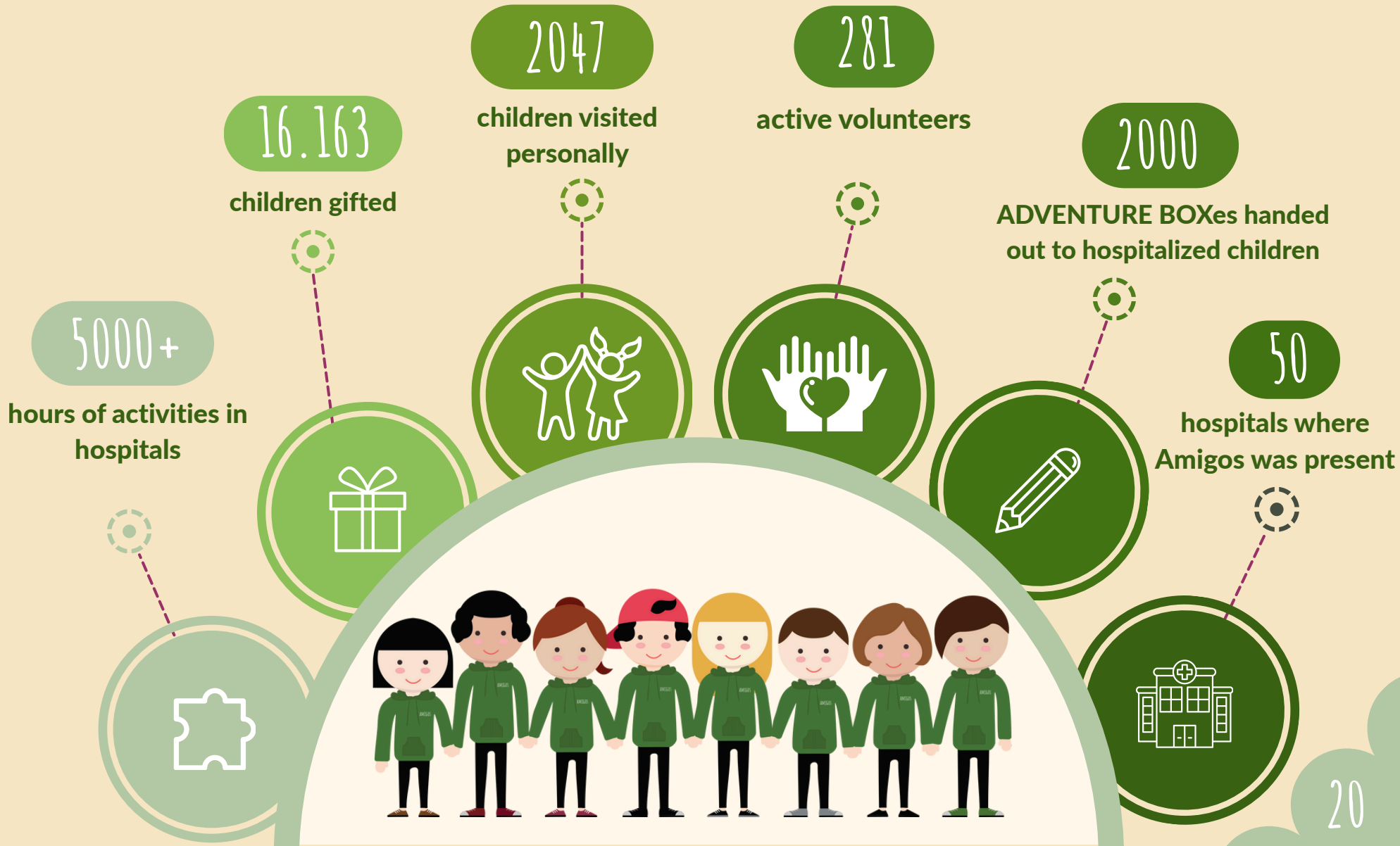


Sick children treated in hospital can often feel lonely or isolated. Our presence helps them escape the hospital environment and have company, supporting their mental and emotional well-being.

Sick children often fall behind in their studies due to their hospital treatment. By incorporating learning into our sessions alongside playing, we help them develop the same skills as their healthy peers.



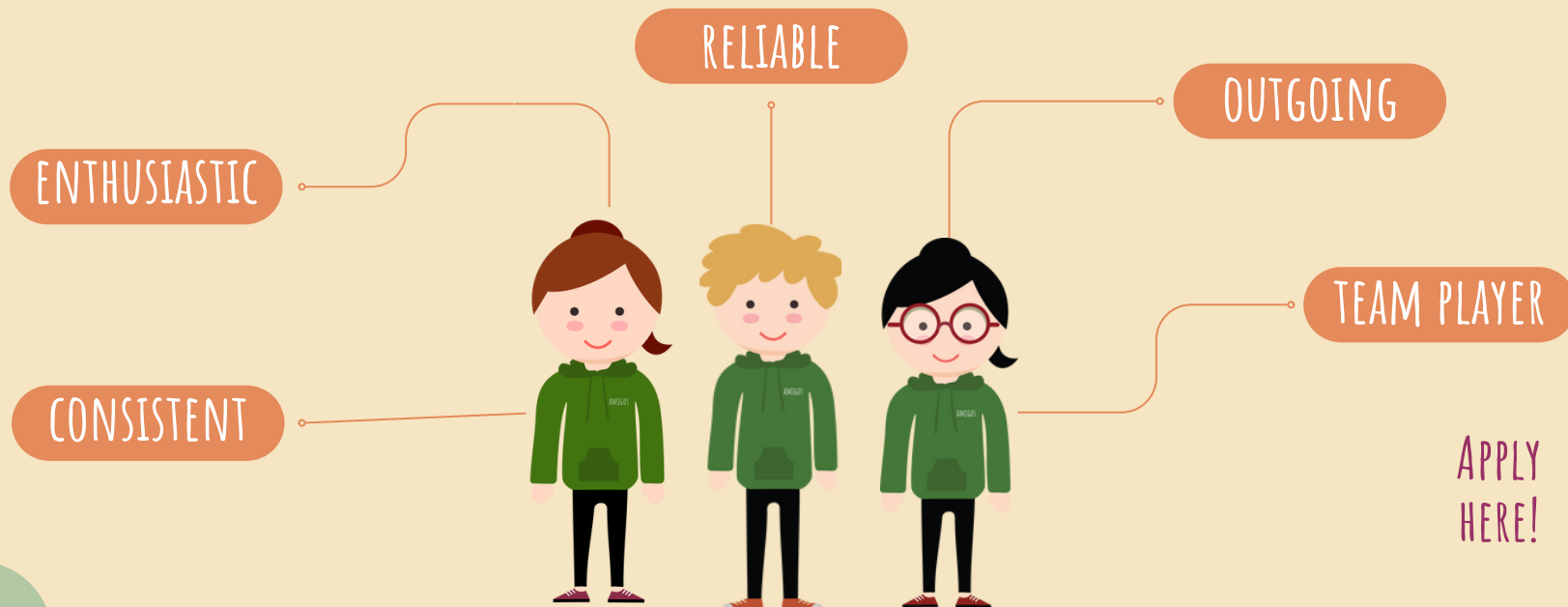
# OUR IMPACT IN 2024



# OUR VALUE LIES IN OUR AMIGO VOLUNTEERS

The foundation of our organization is build up by our university student volunteers, the Amigos, who visit the children in hospitals. Without them, we would not be able to function. Therefore, for a balanced operation, it is important to take into account that **an Amigo stays with us for an average of 2 years**, thanks to the retaining power of the community, so we have to take care of recruiting new volunteers every year. We **recruit volunteers once a semester**, adapted to university schedule and students' often changing free-time. In the recruitment process we all work together to select the most suitable candidates for our teams and community.

## WHAT CHARACTERIZES AN AMIGO VOLUNTEER?



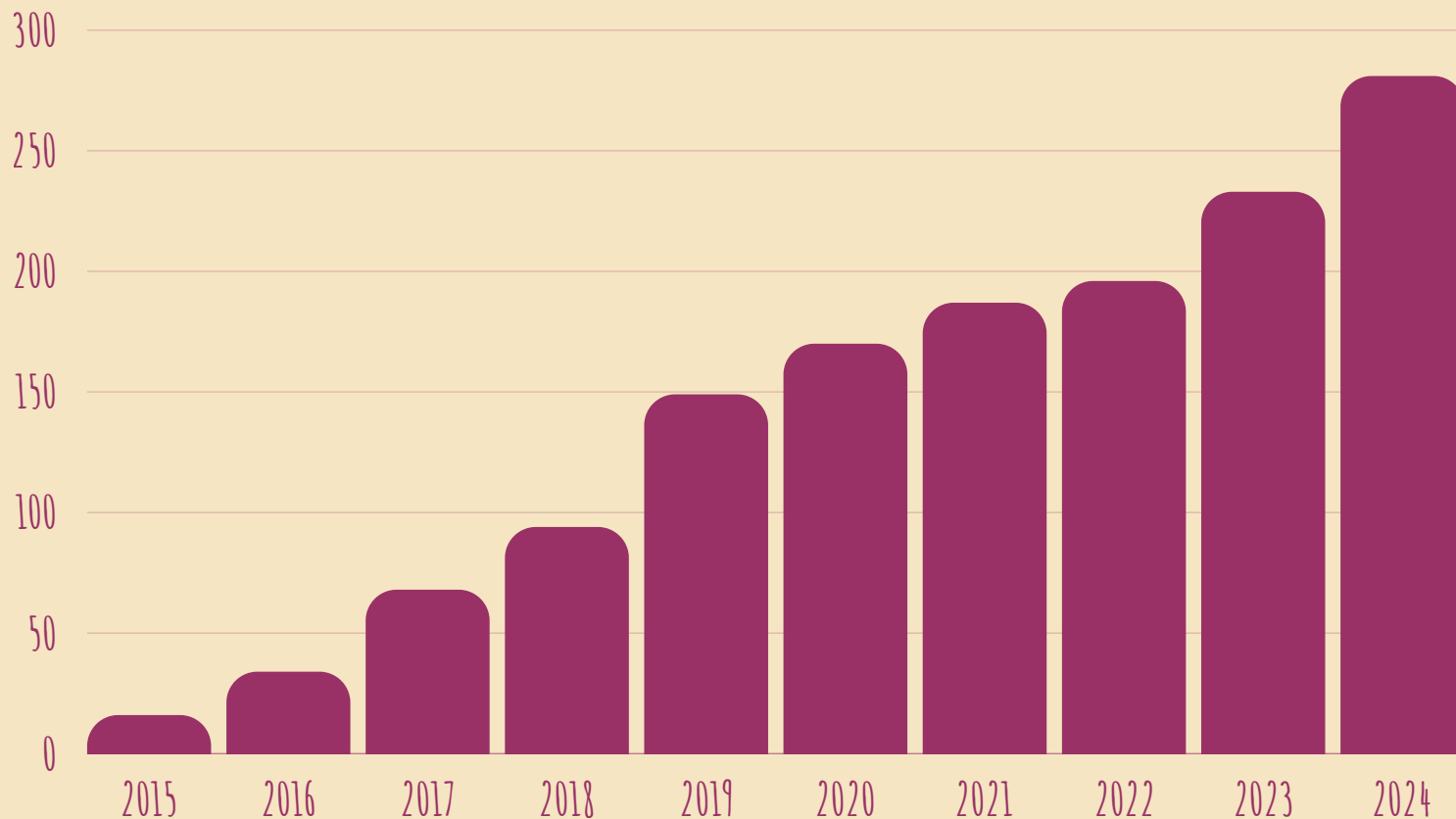
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# OUR COMMUNITY IS GROWING YEAR BY YEAR

In addition to helping children, we also find it very important to **encourage social responsibility among young people**, so taking into account the capacity of hospitals and sustaining our **solid community**, we try to provide as many applicants as possible with the opportunity to volunteer with us.

A TOTAL OF **281** AMIGOS VOLUNTEERED WITH US IN 2024





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Before starting the hospital sessions, **every Amigo needs to attend a full-day training, the so called 'Amigo School'**, where our experienced volunteers prepare the new joiners for the hospital sessions and to the **situations they may face with children in hospitals** and teach them how to respond to them correctly. Apart from this, **child protection, Amigo values, developmental psychology, internal communication and the background of the organization** are also discussed. And, of course, team building cannot be left out during the day either.



# AMIGOS ACADEMY

We organize **Amigos Academy occasions several times within a semester**, which are additional **training opportunities for Amigo volunteers**. Their goal is to prepare our volunteers as much as possible to the hospital sessions, therefore, we always choose topics of actual relevance. These sessions are **usually facilitated by our former volunteers or invited professionals**. In 2024, we organized the following lectures, among others:

-Virág Bölec -  
Alumni Amigo and project manager gave a presentation on the basics of project management and how volunteers can utilise such skill and knowledge in their work in the foundation's supporting teams.

-Éva Fényszárosi-  
Alumni Amigo, an applied health psychologist and Grief Processing Method® Specialist, gave a lecture on grief and its appearance in children's lives, as well as on how we can communicate with children about grief and death.

-Matyi-Bokolosz Kynthia-  
A psychologist from Mindset Psychology shared her knowledge about assertive communication and its application when it comes to communicating with parents of the children in the hospitals.

# TRAINING AND PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL CAMP

Our key community-building event is our **Training Camp**, organised annually at the end of the summer. Here, in addition to team-building programs, invited experts provide training for volunteers on a wide variety of topics.



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**Organizational transparency** is an important principle for us, which is why Sára Forgács-Fábián, Founder and Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Amigos for Children Foundation, held a workshop on the initial phase and development of Amigos as an organisation. The Amigos have always been at the center of the organisation, as without them achieving the mission would not be possible. Transparency is essential, therefore the volunteers need to be made aware of the issues affecting the organization.

In order for the Amigo volunteers to be **mentally prepared both in their private lives and during hospital sessions**, we also organized our annual psychoeducational camp. This year, the professional and psychoeducational camps were held simultaneously, where the volunteers, with professional support from Mindset Psychology, worked on topics such as self-acceptance and relaxation.

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# HOSPITAL TEAM MEETINGS

The **hospital team meeting** is one of the key events in the life of a hospital team. These monthly recurring events serve as an opportunity to **share experiences related to hospital sessions and community**. This is a secure space to share **any positive and negative** experience with peer Amigo volunteers. These meetings are facilitated by the hospital coordinators in each Amigo city, who then discusses the more difficult cases that require more attention with the Amigo responsible for Children's Happiness.

Hospital meetings often take place in a café or even in nature in the form of a picnic. These gatherings always involve informal/catch-up conversations and community building games after the experience sharing part.



# FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE AMIGOS

Our volunteers may encounter **difficult situations during their hospital sessions**, so we provide them with a **psychological safety net** in the form of **3 sessions of supportive conversations**, where they can receive professional guidance about challenges in the hospital or any issues within the community.



This professional safety net has been provided by the experts at **Mindset Psychology** since 2023. They help our volunteers overcome difficulties and support them in effectively continuing their work in the Amigos community.

In addition, lectures on psychological topics and workshops focused on self-discovery are held by them for volunteers.

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# WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

In order to build trust and friendship among our volunteers, we put great emphasis on **community building** in 2024 as well, as this is essential for teamwork, fun and joyful hospital sessions and for Amigo volunteers to be able to rely on each other and dare to share even the more difficult experiences with each other.

**It is essential that we are not only the children's, but also each other's friends.**



One 'Amigo Night' per month  
in every city



Joint end-of-year celebration  
and vacation at Lake Balaton



IV. AmiGOES (Szombathely)

IN 2024, WE ORGANIZED A TOTAL OF **110** COMMUNITY EVENTS.



Sports Month



Professional and psychoeducational camp



Christmas dinner together





# WE TURNED 10 YEARS OLD!

This year we reached a significant milestone: on **October 19th** we celebrated **Amigos' 10th birthday together**, and this evening will remain unforgettable for us forever!

**More than 270 of us celebrated together** on this special day: our Alumni and active Amigo volunteers, Amigo leaders, our board of trustees, supervisory board, Senior Amigos, hospital contacts, corporate partners and supporters – **all of whom played a huge role in helping children recovering in the hospital for 10 years now.**



# THE EVENING WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR INCREDIBLE DONORS

The host of the evening was Gábor Gundel Takács, who, among other responsibilities, introduced the Amigo band, which had been formed for the evening.

Ötkert | 4BRO, who provided the wonderful venue.

Hearty Vegan Cakes impressed us with four divinely delicious, all-natural cakes.

Egy Csipet Torta delivered not one, but two amazing cakes, including a magnificent, three-tiered wonder!

Corn&Joy | Bonabo and Mogyi helped maintain our energy levels with their irresistible snacks.

Artizán delivered freshly baked bread, which, with the toppings from Caffé Gian Mario, made our sandwiches simply unforgettable.

Nestlé delighted us with the Balaton slices, which were a real crowd favorite!

Hester's Life made sure everyone took home something special.

Our wonderful photographers captured every unforgettable moment: the BME SPOT team, Dávid Balla and Attila Hódossy.

Special thanks to the Ünnepek Áruháza for the balloons, which added cheer to the evening, and to Nikolett Forray, who made everything possible!

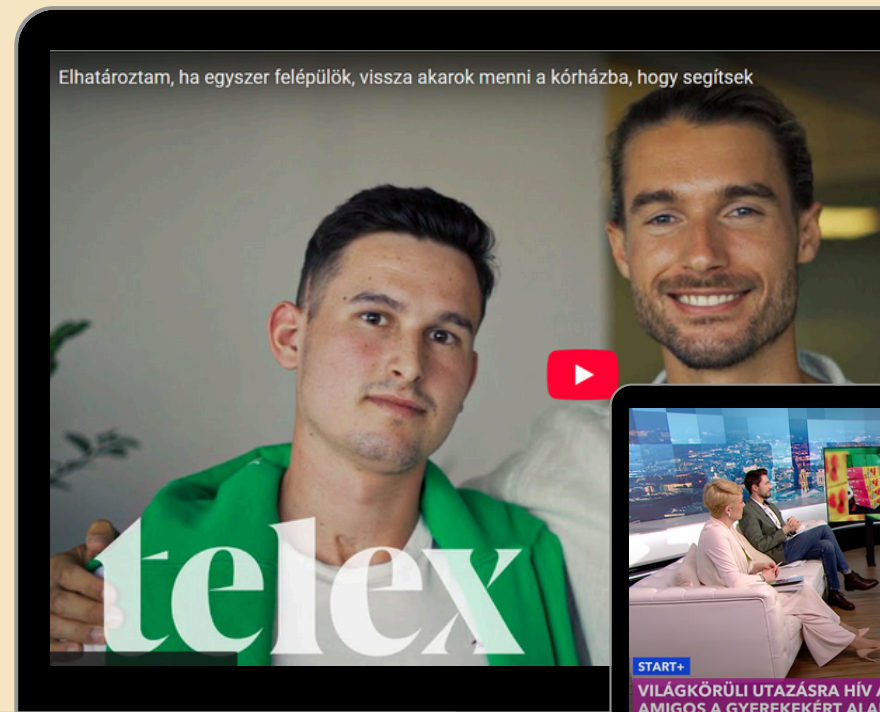
Vibe Selfie captured the magical evening with a unique photo booth.

# WHERE YOU COULD HAVE MET US

In 2024, we had **numerous media appearances nation-wide**.  
We shared stories on more than **60 occasions** about how we brought smiles to children's faces.  
A few highlights:



You can find more media appearances on our website.





# AMIGOS

## A GYEREKEKÉRT

In 2024, we were present at **many festivals, university and national events** to talk about Amigos, our hospital activities and recruit volunteers.

A few highlights:

Future Health Development Conference  
Simmelweis Children's Day  
Tour de Bókay  
LEGO Play Day  
Colorado Festival  
EFOTT 2024  
MCC Festival  
Corvinus Mental Week  
Gen Z Fest  
17th National Congress of Pediatric Nurses

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# OUR TEAM OF EMPLOYEES

IN 2024, THEY WORKED AS MEMBERS OF THE AMIGO-RESPONSIBLE TEAM:

Anna Eszterhai

Mikó Anna

Harazin Regina

Balla Dávid

Tanácsné Matiszlovics Dorottya

Raposa Renáta

Gócza Borbála

Bulla Zsófia

Takács Nóra

Hortobágyi Dóra

Forgács-Fábián Sára

Osztényi Dóra

Fórián Virág Panna

Veszelszki Márta

Gergely Lábszky



## OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The basis of our **reliable and predictable operation** is **long-term planning**. In 2024, the members of our board of trustees played an important role in this process. Each year, we develop our **three year strategic plan** together with them during our summer retreat where we can reflect on where we currently stand and where we want to go next. This shared work allows us to **define clear goals that guide the entire organisation**, so we can plan our **daily activities with mission-driven clarity**.

SÁRA FORGÁCS-FÁBIÁN

BALÁZS FEHÉR

KAMILLA RÁCZ

MÁRTA VESZELSZKI

JÓZSEF FÁBIÁN





## OUR AWARDS



On World Volunteer Day, we participated in the awards ceremony organised by the Family Friendly Hungary Center. Although we did not win the public vote, our nomination still brought meaningful support as the Foundation received a 1,000,000 forint contribution for its work.

We received first place in the Youth category of the 2024 Health Awareness Award for our “Amigos in the Hospital” program. The award honours organisations that play an exceptional role in strengthening health awareness and understanding.

Edison100 organisations support children beyond the classroom and help them build key competencies through innovative approaches. Amigos was selected as one of these 100 organisations again this year.

As a foundation accredited by the Organization of Ethical Fundraisers, we place great emphasis on transparency.







# HOSPITAL TEAM ADOPTION PROGRAMME

This year, we continued our hospital adoption programme, during which Amigo sessions from a hospital unit can be adopted, thereby **covering all of our operating costs for the given hospital**.

In 2024, **6** of such corporate collaborations were established:

BETHESDA CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL



APPENINN HOLDING

WOLT

**Wolt**

SZEGED DEPARTMENT OF  
INTERNAL MEDICINE

BETHESDA CHILDREN'S  
HOSPITAL ILKA STREET  
DEPARTMENT



ALBERT SÁROSIAKI

UNIVERSITY OF DEBRECEN  
CLINICAL CENTER  
PEDIATRICS CLINIC



SPECIAL EFFECTS



INDOTEK GROUP



SZENT LÁSZLÓ HOSPITAL  
DÉMÉTER HOUSE

TUXERA

**TUXERA**

MARKUSOVSKY UNIVERSITY  
TEACHING HOSPITAL



# ALBERT SÁROSPATAKI



SPECIAL EFFECTS

# OUR SUPPORTERS IN 2024

## OUR STRATEGIC PARTNERS

## OUR KEY SUPPORTERS

Mindset  
psychology

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LEGO Group

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# OUR SUPPORTERS IN 2024



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Hungary  
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JCDecaux

IMMERGAS



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VEGAN CAKES

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TORTA

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for children

TUXERA

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SPECIAL EFFECTS  
PEOPLE · TECHNOLOGY · SOLUTION

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Wedding Photography

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Manufactured for Creative People

# OUR SUPPORTERS IN 2024

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Országos  
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The Power of IoT

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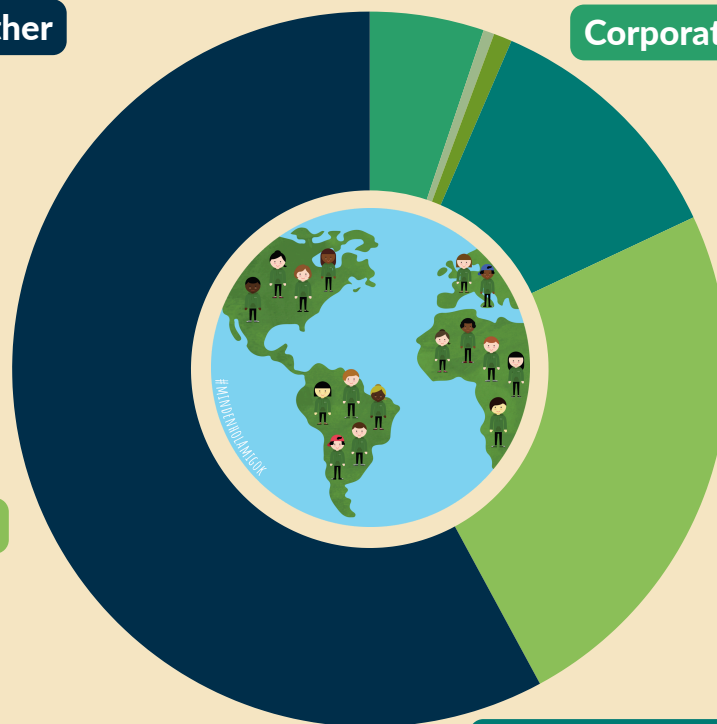
The full list of our sponsors can  
be found on our website.



# OUR TOTAL REVENUE: HUF 326.8 MILLION

The following pages present the resources the Foundation received in the 2024 calendar year including financial and material donations, services and other contributions as well as the expenses paid during the year. These figures may differ in part from those in the report prepared according to accounting principles due to accruals, for example.

**Donations in kind and services (57.9%):**  
Craft tools, board games, advice and other material and service offerings.



**Free-use corporate grants (5.2%):**  
Corporate support provided to cover unspecified costs.

**Other income (0.5%):** sales of logoed products

**Interest income (0.8%):**  
Interest income from fixed-term deposits.

**Restricted-use corporate subsidies (24.1%):**  
Corporate support provided to cover specific costs or support obtained through a tender.

**Private donations (11.5%):**  
Individual donors (regular/one-time), private donations, including the 1% campaign.



# OUR TOTAL EXPENSES: 261.8 MILLION HUF

## Operating wages (13.7%):

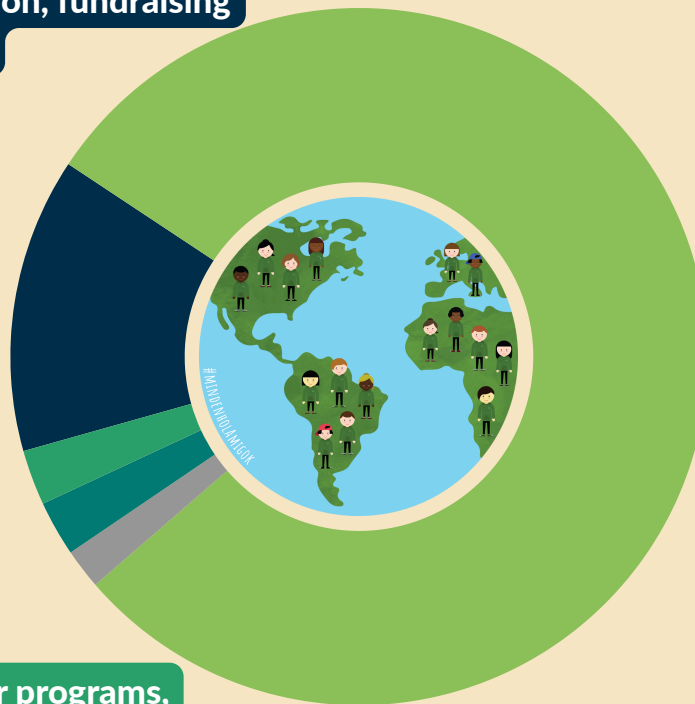
Annual salary and contribution costs of our employees responsible for operations, administration, fundraising and communication, and management.

## Operation (2.6%):

Postage, logistics, accounting, VAT, telephone bill, bank charges, website costs, tangible assets, office costs, other operating costs.

## Voluntary community (2.6%):

Camps, admissions, gifts, training, other programs, tools organized for Amigos, which aim to build, maintain and develop the community. This also includes expenses related to non-Amigo volunteers (office volunteers, packing helpers, advisory volunteers, etc.).



## Helping children (79.2%):

(direct costs of our mission) Games, supplies for classes, hospital boxes, contact cards, volunteer name cards, therapist costs that arose in connection with our main activity, our other projects, such as KALANDobOZZ, donation of LEGO sets, Amigos Book. This also includes the salary costs of the staff organizing the main activity.

## Marketing and communication (1.9%):

Online and offline advertisements, publications, merchandise.

*Our core principle is that when we make a promise, we keep it. To maintain sustainable and predictable operations, we follow a conservative reserve strategy so we can continue to support children even in more challenging economic conditions.*

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

We are very grateful and proud that in 2024, **a total of 281 Amigos visited and supported children in 6 cities and 20 hospital units across the country.** On our 10th anniversary, a big dream came true: Amigos sessions were launched in Miskolc, thus arriving in every city with a pediatric oncology center in Hungary.

*In 2025, besides continuous growth, we continue to work on reliable and predictable operation and sessions, because*

OUR MISSION IS TO ONE DAY HAVE AN AMIGO BY THE SIDE OF EVERY HOSPITALIZED CHILD!



# LET'S SUPPORT CHILDREN'S HAPPINESS TOGETHER



Become our recurring donor so that we can continue being by the side of the children next year too!



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WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO WAS WITH US IN 2024, STAY  
WITH US IN 2025 AS WELL!