

AMIGOS

AMIGOS FOR CHILDREN FOUNDATION

**So that there's no sick child
who's lonely!**



WE BELIEVE THAT FRIENDSHIP CAN DO WONDERS

Our goal is to break the children out of the monotonous and lonely hospital environment **with regular visits, playful language learning and the formation of friendships**, and help them feel valued, understood and accepted.



IN 2024 WE ARE PRESENT IN

6 CITIES

18 HOSPITAL UNITS

ON THE WAY TO OUR GOAL

In addition to developing language skills, **our university volunteers, the Amigos, try to help and motivate the children in their recovery with board games, skill development, as well as arts and crafts**, while trying to provide them and their family members with the necessary mental and spiritual support. We will write about how we try to achieve this on the following pages.



PLAY FOR HEALING

The focus of our hospital sessions is **playful language learning, which is supported by our workbooks, board games and the knowledge of our volunteers.** In some cases, we also sneak **in-depth, conversational games** into the hospitals, so we can connect with the children at a deeper level, adapted to their current life situation, condition and age.

IN 2023

11376

CHILDREN REACHED ALTOGETHER

1187

CHILDREN VISITED IN PERSON

1208

HOSPITAL VISITS





PLAYING TO HEAL

We are not yet able to be with the children in person at every hospital in Hungary, so we try to support those who are still waiting for us outside the 5 Amigo cities in different ways. **In 2023, we were able to work with a total of 11,376 children or gift them our educational toys or support them in other ways:**

We distributed a total of **7,542 LEGO sets** to sick children at **Christmas and Children's Day**

Gifts distributed on **Children's Day at Bethesda Hospital**

We accompanied **15 children** to the **UEFA Europa League Final**

Santa's Day play for children in several hospitals

We were able to give the second edition of the **adventure box** to **1500 children** in **18 hospitals**

We also gave gifts to our **hospital contacts** on **Semmelweis Day and Christmas**







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24-JUL ARRIVAL
UNITED KINGDOM
LONDON

WE TEACH WITH OUR SELF-DEVELOPED TOOLS

WE DEVELOPED 10 NEW ENGAGING LANGUAGE BOOKLETS AND SOME NEW GAMES, AS WELL AS PUBLISHED OUR FIRST BOOK:

- As part of KALANDboZZ (Adventure Box), our engaging and creative **booklet for preschoolers, the World Traveler Treasure Map was born**, and we further developed the **World Traveler Card Games** as well.
- As a continuation of the educational workbooks published in 2022, we published **Mission Book II.**, our publication, in which Amigo-superheroes Aladár and Abigél continue their travel in the fantasy world.
- **Our book, A Worldwide Discovery I. was published**, which was written by our volunteers for children.
- Our **Let's go on an adventure together in Italy workbooks** made it into the hospitals
- We have created **our new speed card game, Pair Parade.**
- In collaboration with UEFA, we created our soccer-themed workbook **On the same field with the greats!**





AMIGOS A GYEREKEKÉRT
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 KALANDobozz!
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KEDVES KALANDOLÓ!

A Kalandobozz! advent-kalendáriumot "Tegnap megkezdtem..." címmel készítettük. A kalendáriumot használva minden nap egy új feladattal találkozhat a gyerekekkel. A feladatok célja, hogy a gyerekek a feladatok megoldásával a környezetükért tudjanak felelősséget vállalni. A feladatok megoldásával a gyerekek a környezetükért tudjanak felelősséget vállalni.

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ADVENTURE BOX

We have improved the 2022 KALANdobOZZ (Adventure box), in which **we combine everything that makes Amigo sessions exciting and useful**. We do this so that as many sick children recovering in hospitals as possible have a treasure chest at the ready, which **helps reduce fear and loneliness even in hospitals where the Amigo volunteers cannot be there in person**.

1500 CHILDREN WERE GIVEN THE ADVENTURE BOX IN

18 MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

Click on the picture to see what the **ADVENTURE BOX** for elementary school students hides!



Click on the picture to see what the **ADVENTURE BOX** for kindergarteners hides!



PAIR PARADE

We developed **Párparádé (Pair Parade)** to make days spent in the hospital more cheerful, just like our world travelling workbooks, **the purpose of this game is to break children out of the hospital environment for a while and to take them mentally to different parts of the world.** In the meantime, the children can also get to know many sights, famous symbols, food, and animals, **all of this spiced up with a bit of language learning.**



The rules of the game made for Pair Parade also serve as a **dictionary for the symbols on the cards**, with the help of which the players can learn and practice the names of the figures **in both English and German.**

WE PUBLISHED OUR FIRST BOOK

In 2023, our book titled ***A Worldwide Discovery I*** was published, written by our volunteers for the children. **The book presents 8 countries, its aim is to show the joy of playful language learning outside the walls of the hospital.** Amongst others, you can find chapters on gastronomy, popculture and slang as part of language learning.



You can order the **Amigos**
Book here!

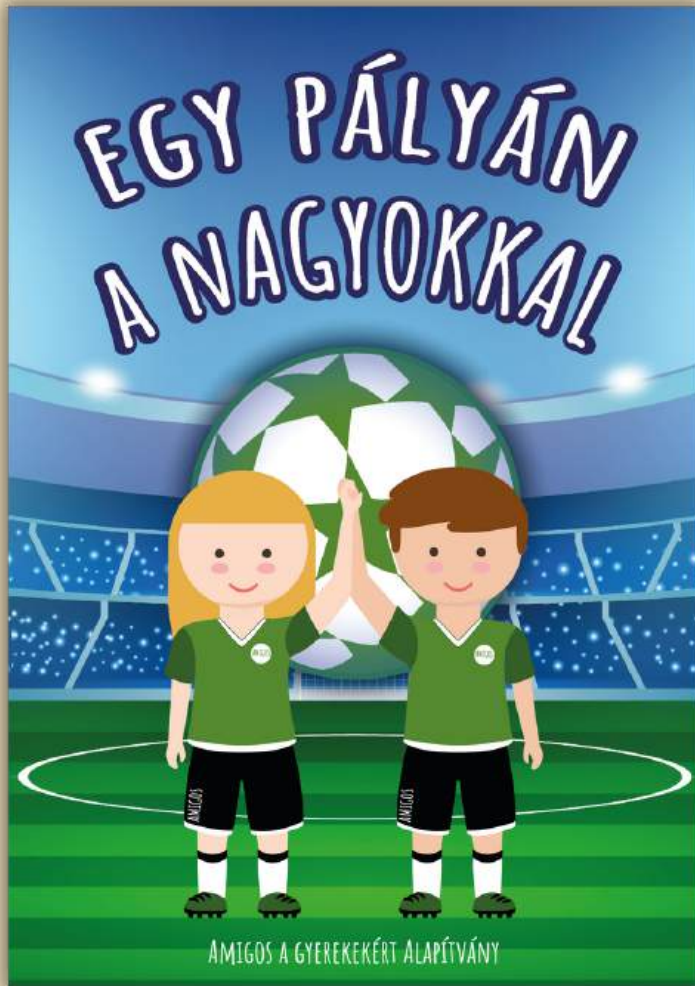
LET'S GO ON AN ADVENTURE TOGETHER IN ITALY



Our first book *A Worldwide Discovery I - A Language Guide for Adventurers* presents a total of 8 countries. **From the chapters of the book, we have compiled separate workbooks that present the language, culture, sights, art and gastronomy of each country,** so that the puzzles and tasks collected in the book can reach the children in the hospital as well. **The first stop of this joint world adventure was fabulous Italy.**

IN ADDITION TO SPREADING KNOWLEDGE, SKILL DEVELOPMENT IS ALSO A MAIN GOAL, WHILE THE TASKS ALSO IMPROVE MEMORY, LOGICAL THINKING, AND CREATIVE CREATION.

ON A FIELD WITH THE GREATS



The booklet "*On a field with the greats*" developed by the Amigos was completed in 2023, thanks to the support of the **UEFA Foundation for Children**, among other things. In this soccer-themed workbook, **children can become the manager of their own soccer team, while also learning different words related to the sport in English.**

[Read more about it on the Amigos Blog](#)



WE WORK FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



In 2015, the **UN** adopted the **sustainable development agenda** to be implemented until 2030. Its **17 goals** set the course for solving the most pressing problems threatening humanity and the planet. **In accordance with these goals, Amigos provides support in the following points.**

Sick children in a hospital can often feel lonely or isolated. With our presence, we help them break away from the hospital environment and be in company, thus supporting their mental and emotional well-being.



Sick children often fall behind in their studies because of their treatment. By incorporating learning into the session in addition to playing, we help them develop the same skills as their healthy peers.

OUR IMPACT IN 2023

7500+

Children were gifted
LEGO sets



1500

ADVENTURE BOXes
for sick children



55

Hospitals in total where
Amigos was present



2000+

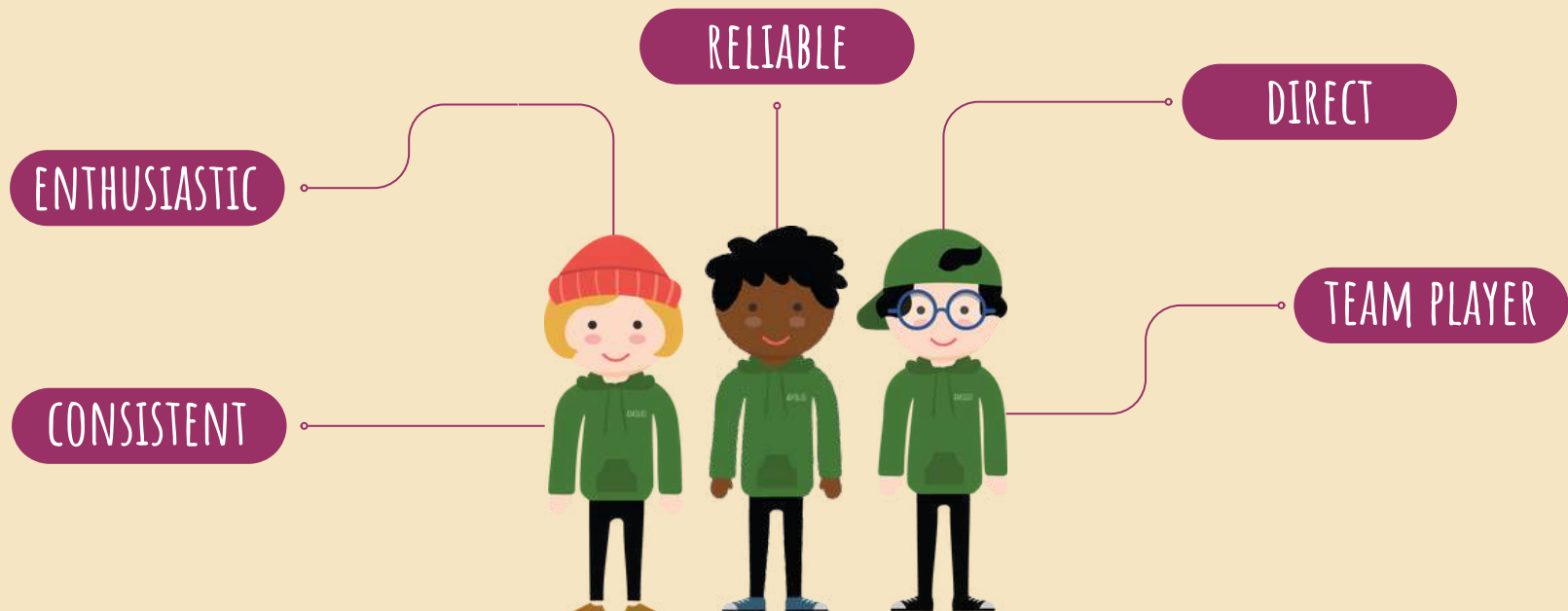
Hours spent playing and
making friends in hospitals



WE THINK IN COMMUNITY

Our organization cannot function without volunteers. For a balanced and predictable operation, it is important to know that **Amigo volunteers stay with us for an average of 2 years, in which the retaining power of the community plays a big role.** We try to maintain and develop this every year by organizing programs related to our hospital occupations and other more informal programs. The **monthly intervention** takes place in the form of hospital meetings, but we also organize several **team building programs, as well as events to help our volunteers improve.**

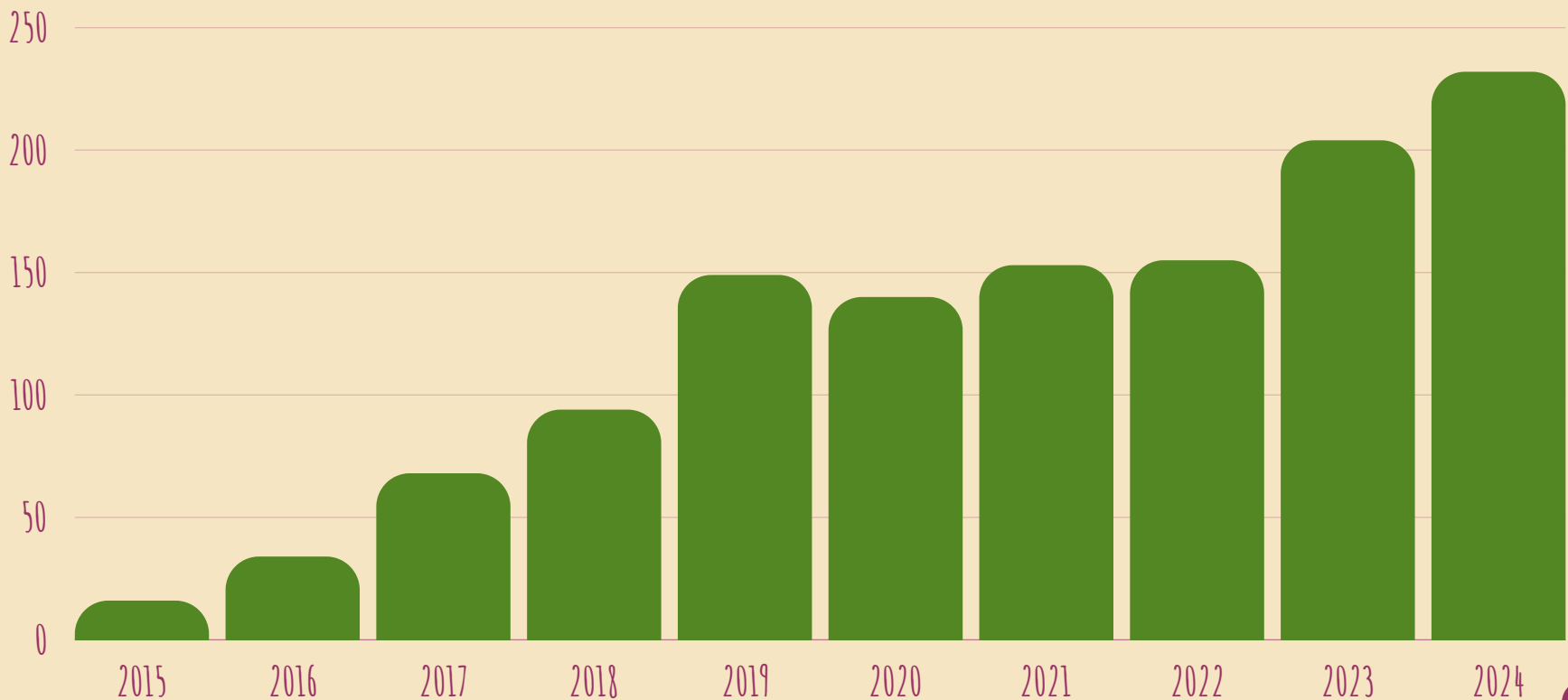
IN TOTAL, **236** AMIGO VOLUNTEERED WITH US IN 2023



MORE AND MORE PEOPLE FOR THE CHILDREN

The foundation of our organization are the volunteers, we cannot function without them.

All our volunteers are university students, whose agenda and living situation may change every semester, so **we hold admissions every semester accordingly.** From an organizational point of view, we consider the call to social responsibility among university students to be important, since volunteering is a very important activity in the lives of young adults.



WE BUILT AND PROFESSIONALLY DEVELOPED THE COMMUNITY

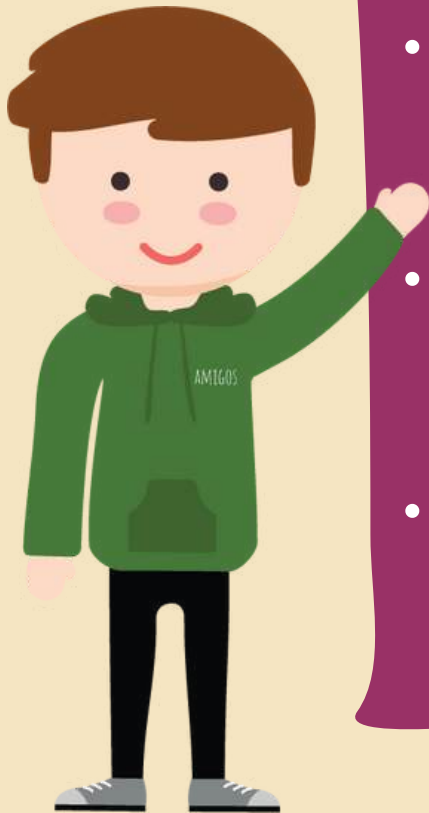
Based on the hospital's agreements and in accordance with our customs, after admission, volunteers can only go to the hospitals after they have attended the full-day **Amigo School**. Here we show them the course of the sessions, what kind of situation children can be in in hospitals, and talk about child protection, Amigo values, developmental psychology, internal communication and the background of the organization.



AMIGOS ACADEMY

Several times every six months, we hold further training for the Amigos during the Amigos Academy, the essence of which is that our volunteers are as prepared as possible during the hospital sessions. **A total of 6 such occasions were held in 2023, for example:**

- **Dorka Tanács, the leader of the Happiness team, gave a lecture on the positive effects of language learning and the use of the Italian workbook**
- **Fanni Kovács, a psychologist, gave a lecture on how a helping professional in the helping profession can do their job and keep boundaries**
- **Veronika Bakter, teacher, shared her experience of working with children with special educational needs**



PROFESSIONAL CAMP

Our most important professional event is our **Training Camp**, which is traditionally organized **annually at the end of summer**. Here, in addition to training sessions held by professionals, we also participate in team building programs conducted by volunteers. **In 2023, the main theme was built around trust**, so during the **3-day camp**, the **Amigos** could participate in intensive workshops:

Sára Forgács-Fábián, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Amigos, spoke about the background events in the organization in the name of transparency

Two psychologists from Mindset Psychology, **Kynthia Matyi-Bokolosz** and **Gergő Gacs**, held a practical session on storytelling and stress management



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Vivien Kelemen and **Helga Fejes-Tóth**, psychologists, and **Zsófia Sőreg** and **Borbála Geiling**, master's degree psychology students, held a playful session on trust

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Amigos employees told us about the book published by the foundation and the workbooks prepared for it, so that we can better integrate them into hospital sessions

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8 ORSZÁG
~ 180 AMIGO

- 1) GYEREK
"világot lát"
motiváció
tudás
- 2) AMIGO
tudja
- 3) VILÁG
♥



INTERVISIONS

The hospital meeting is one of the most important events in the life of the hospital team. At these monthly events, the Amigos tell each other about the positive and negative incidents that happened at the hospital and share their experiences. These meetings are led by the hospital managers in each Amigo city, who then discuss the more difficult cases that require more attention with the Amigo responsible for Children's Happiness.

IN 2023, WE ORGANIZED A TOTAL OF **155** EVENTS RELATED TO HOSPITAL OPERATIONS

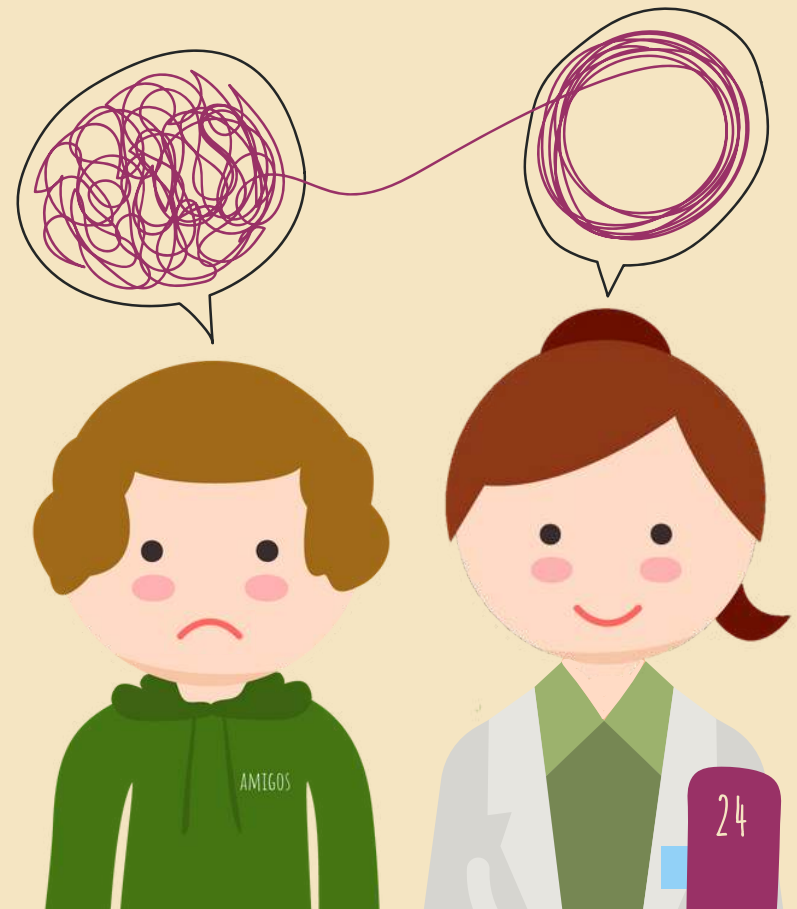


WE PROVIDE A RETAINING NET

Psychologists support Amigos' mission and volunteers by providing them with the **opportunity to have supportive conversations when they are facing difficult hospital experiences or challenges in the community.** Grief therapists help them when they lose a child. This professional safety net helps volunteers cope with difficulties and supports them to effectively continue their work in the Amigos community.

Since August 2023, **Mindset psychologists** have also been helping Amigos to maintain their **mental health.** In addition to the fact that volunteers can turn to them with their difficulties, **lectures and workshops on psychological topics** are also held for them.

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PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL CAMP

In order to ensure the mental health of the volunteers, we organized our **Psychoeducational Camp** again in **2023**, during which **the Amigo volunteers** could work on psychological topics in smaller groups with the help of four psychologist coordinators.



AMIGOS IS A COMMUNITY

As in the past years, in 2023, **we continue to build the community in addition to the professional training of the volunteers, while also paying attention to the mental well-being of the Amigos, since they are the key figures of the organization.** The cohesive community plays a decisive role in the fact that our volunteers stay active with us for an average of 2 years, which we consider a great achievement. In addition to going to the hospital, they also participate in background teams supporting the organization, organize events, manage our social media platforms or plan and implement fundraising campaigns. **We are very proud of them!**



WE BUILD OUR TEAM TOGETHER

We organize team building events regularly in order to build trust between the volunteers, as this is essential for the good atmosphere of the hospital sessions, as well as for them to dare to share difficult experiences with each other.

IN 2023, WE ORGANIZED A TOTAL OF **110** COMMUNITY EVENTS

III. AmiGOES (Pécs)



One Amigo evening in each city per month



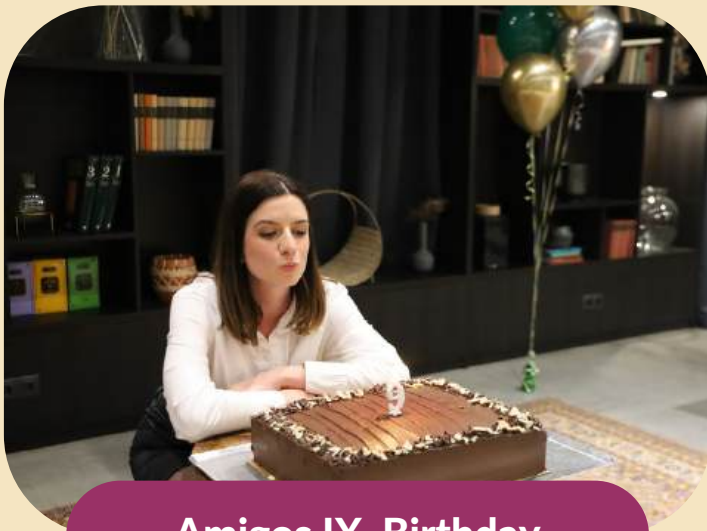
A multi-day joint holiday at Lake Balaton



Sports month and canoe trip



Vocational camp



Amigos IX. Birthday



Christmas crafts

WHO WAS ONCE AN AMIGO...

The Alumni Club was launched in 2022. The Alumni Club is a system that maintains the relationships, friendships and the environment where it was good to be an Amigo during the university years. **As part of the Alumni Talks, we organized interesting discussions, selected from the topics suggested by the members. The following programs took place in 2023:**

- **Dr. Ádám Márky**, medical director of the Longevity Project, one of the pioneers of domestic corporate mindfulness education, talked about how we can be truly well in a welfare society.
- **Péter Müller**, the head of the Special Effects company, shared his foreign and domestic company development experiences.
- **Dr. Sándor Kling** worked as a structural analyst for Red Bull Racing previously, in 2018, he founded Kling Technology Kft. In his presentation, he talked about the world of Formula 1 and family businesses.



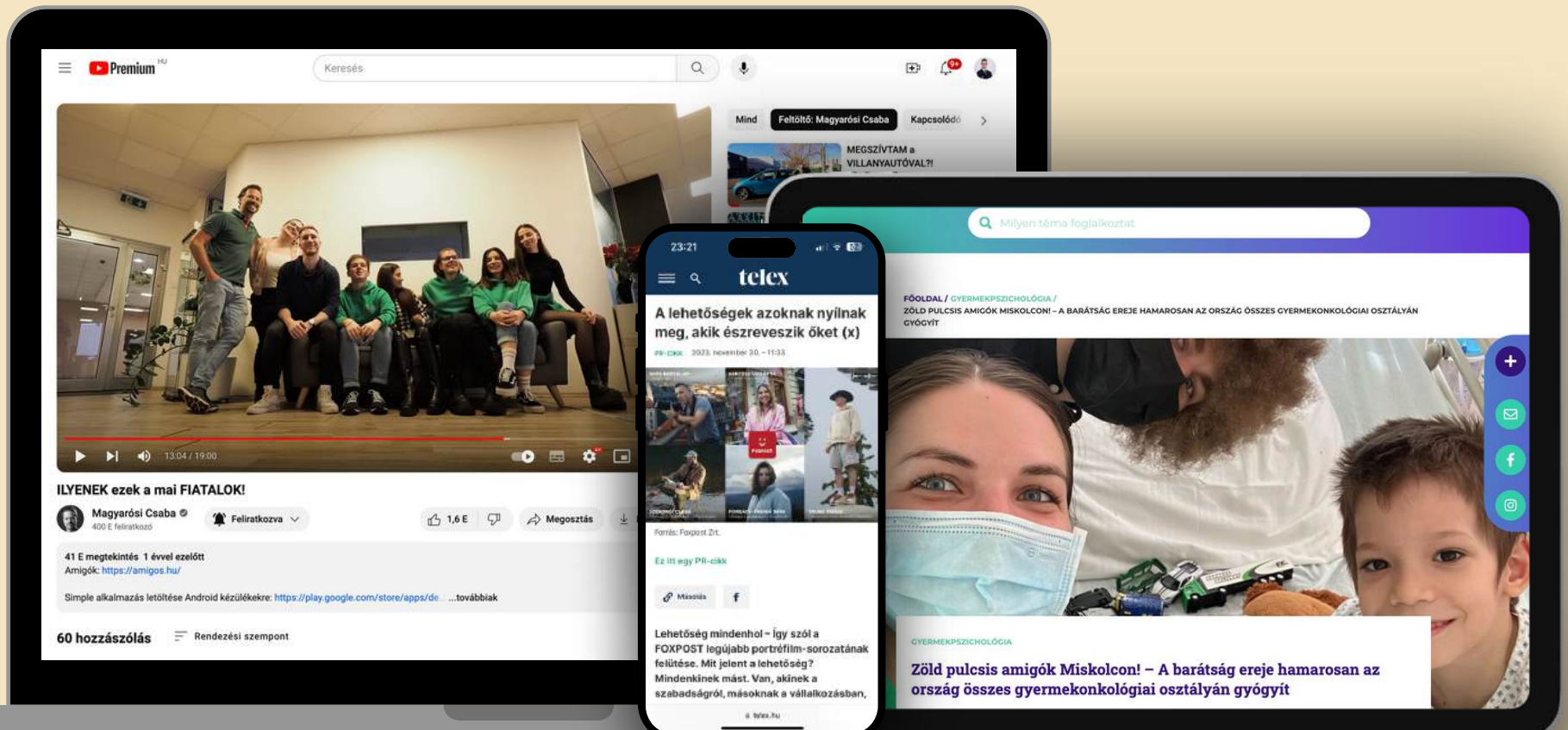
At the beginning of the summer, **the members of the Alumni Board prepared a terrace party at the Appy**, at the end of the summer **they organized an Alumni canoe camp**, and in several meetings they brainstormed about and **developed the system of the Alumni Club**.

There are also some Alumni Club members who supported us with their professional knowledge or got involved by putting together gift packages, thus helping us surprise the children on Children's Day and Christmas.



WHERE YOU COULD MEET US

In 2023, we had more than 90 media appearances. In January, Csaba Magyarósi visited us in the office and accompanied us to the hospital. Several articles and radio talks were published, amongst others about the Amigos book, our collaboration with the UEFA Foundation and Foxpost, as well as the Children's Day and Christmas Build to Give campaigns. Media outlets such as Telex, Index, WMN, Mindset Psychology, ATV, Klubrádió and Kossuth Rádió helped us to present our activities.





In 2023, we were also present at many festivals, freshman camps, university and national events as an expatriate organization to tell stories about the Amigos, to recruit volunteers, for example:

- Szegedi Ifjúsági Napok
- Campus
- BrainBar
- Kolorádó
- BBM - Charity Fest
- Educatio

Two Amigos from Szombathely also took part in the Csodaszarvas Camp, where they provided camp experiences to children from the oncology.

The logo for MVM ZENERGIA, consisting of the letters 'MVM' in a stylized, yellow, blocky font.

At the MVM ZENERGIA concert, the proceeds from ticket sales were donated to charity. We received the most votes in the public vote, so we received HUF 6,570,000 in donations.

OUR AWARDS



In 2023, Amigos received the Pro Voluntarius Award, which honors organizations that perform outstanding volunteering.

The Edison100 organizations work with children beyond school and impart different competencies using innovative methods. Amigos became a member of these 100 organizations again.



We are a foundation accredited by the Organization of Ethical Fundraisers, which is why transparency is very important to us.



OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEES

In 2023, we also held the annual strategic retreat of the board of trustees, where the team laid out the strategy for the next 3 years. **We believe it is important to take a closer look at where we are and where we are going, to have a precise target designation that the entire organization can identify with, and to be able to organize everyday life accordingly.**

SÁRA FORGÁCS-FÁBIÁN

BALÁZS FEHÉR

KAMILLA RÁCZ

MARTA VESZELSZKI

JÓZSEF FABIAN



SENIOR AMIGOS

The Senior Amigos are **the special people who help the mission of Amigos and our daily work with their advice and expertise during regular meetings.** Among them are consultants with expertise in economics and management, an economist, an entrepreneur, an oncologist and a university lecturer.

In 2023, Dr. Gábor Benyó, Ágnes Mészáros, Krisztina Korényi, Péter Bajnógel and Tibor Tóth helped our organization with their suggestions and advice. The development of Amigos is also thanks to the devoted advice and safety net of Senior Amigos.



EMPLOYEE TEAM

In 2023, it was a big milestone in the organization that **Amigos' professional leader (i.e. Head of Happiness), Dorottya Tanács Matiszlovics, arrived at the head of the happiness team.**

IN 2023, THEY WERE PART OF THE AMIGOS-TEAM AS EMPLOYEES



Bulla Zsófia
Danóczy Blanka
Eszterhai Anna
Forgács-Fábián Sára
Harazin Regina
Kalácska Dominika
Mikó Anna
Pálfi Panna
Raposa Renáta
Schmidt Gergő
Tanácsné Matiszlovics Dorottya
Eszter Végh



HOSPITAL ADOPTION

We have launched our hospital adoption project, during which **one hospital unit can be adopted, during which our operating costs for the given hospital are covered**, in proportion to the activity carried out in that hospital. **Last year, 3 such corporate partnerships were established:**



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SOUTH-PEST CENTRAL HOSPITAL -
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HOSPITAL ADOPTION

THE ROLE OF COMPANIES ACTIVE IN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS TO REACH LOCAL CHILDREN.

ALBERT SÁROSPATAKI,
FOUNDER AND CEO OF
BILLINGO



We are grateful for all contributions, but **the biggest help comes from the partners who join our hospital adoption program, since they embrace the operation of the given unit for a specific period of time.**

The program started in 2023 with 16 hospital units (Budapest, Szeged, Szombathely, Debrecen and Pécs), but **will continue in 2024 with the help of adopters such as Albert Sárospataki and Billingo.**



[Watch our hospital adoption video with Albert](#)

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OUR TOTAL REVENUES: HUF 211.3 MILLION

The amounts presented here show the grants already received by the Foundation in the calendar year 2023, i.e. the total of monetary, material and service donations, as well as the costs paid during the year. Therefore, all of these may partially differ from the numbers in the report prepared according to accounting principles.

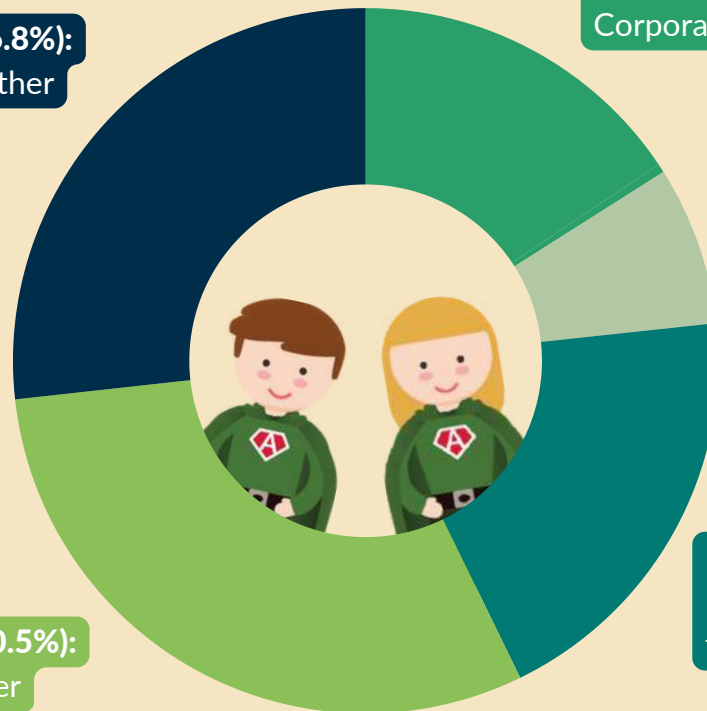
Donations in kind and services (26.8%):
Craft tools, board games, advice, other material and service offerings.

Corporate subsidies for free use (15.7%):
Corporate support to cover unspecified costs.

Interest income (7.4%):
Interest income from deposit contracts.

Private donations (19.6%):
Individual donors (regular/one-time), grants from individuals, including the 1% campaign.

Restricted use company grants (30.5%):
Company support provided to cover specified costs or support obtained through a tender.



OUR EXPENSES IN TOTAL: HUF 149.2 MILLION

Operating wages (28.9%):

The annual salary and contribution costs of our employees responsible for operation, administration, donation organization and communication, as well as management).

Voluntary community (7.1%):

Camps, admissions, gifts, trainings, other programs and tools for the Amigos, aimed at building, maintaining and developing the community. This also includes expenses belonging to non-Amigo volunteers (office volunteers, packing assistants, consulting volunteers, etc.).

Operation (11.6%):

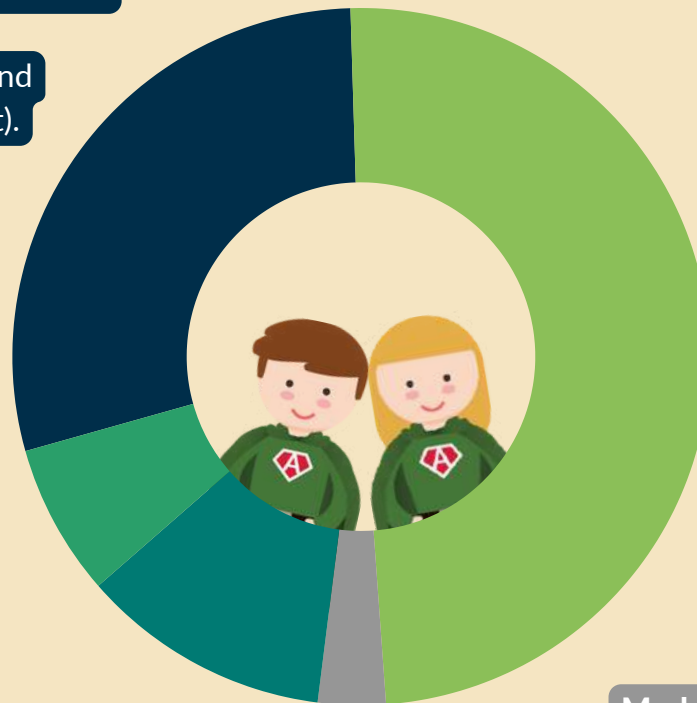
Postage, logistics, bookkeeping, VAT, telephone bill, bank charges, website costs, tangible assets, office costs, other operating costs.

Helping children (49.3%):

Toys, session supplies, hospital boxes, contact cards, volunteers' name cards, therapist costs that arose in connection with our main activity, our other projects, such as KALANDobOZZ, donating LEGO sets, Amigos Book. This also includes the salary costs of the staff organizing the main activity.

Marketing and communication (3.1%):

Online and offline ads, publications, merchandise.



Our basic principle is that if we promise, we are there. In order to operate sustainably and predictably, we have a conservative reserve strategy so that we can be by the children's side even in a difficult economic situation.



FINAL THOUGHTS

We are proud that in 2023 a total of 236 Amigos visited and supported the children nationwide in 16 hospital units in 5 cities. By 2024, we have set ourselves the goal of launching Amigos in Miskolc as well, thereby reaching every pediatric oncology center in Hungary, because

THE MISSION OF AMIGOS IS THAT ONE DAY THERE WILL BE AN AMIGO BY THE SIDE OF EVERY SICK CHILD!

In 2023, we successfully moved closer to this goal by preparing to start in Miskolc.



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Become our regular supporter and let's work together for the children!

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO WAS BY OUR SIDE IN 2023, STAY WITH
US IN OUR 10TH BIRTHDAY YEAR, 2024!