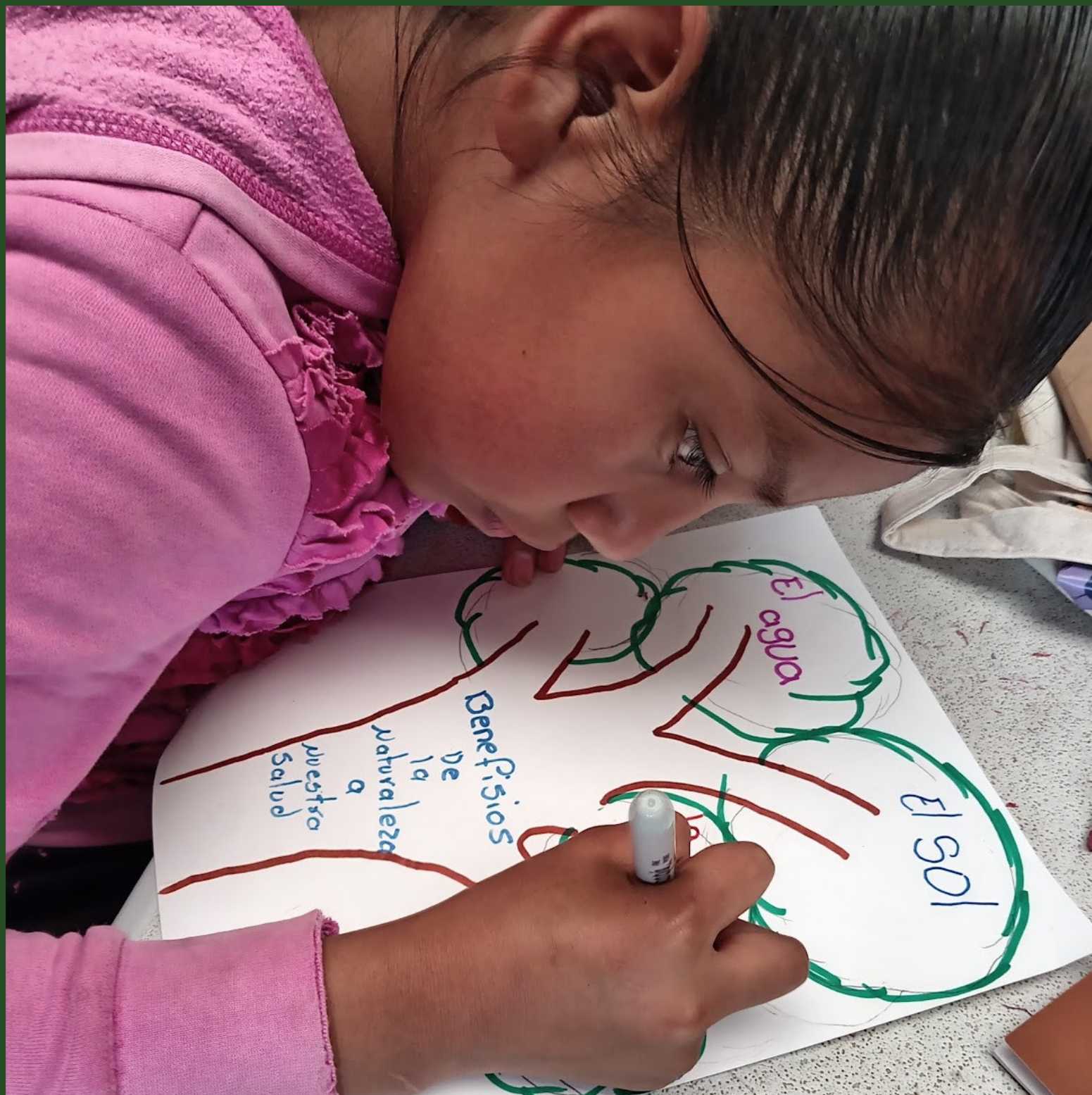




Annual Report 2025

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Message from our president

The work we do at Asociación Juntos Podemos is strengthened every day thanks to local and international cooperation initiatives and a team committed to each of their roles.

We believe that the development of the El Hato community is possible with concrete actions and structured programs that offer opportunities to improve the living conditions of the children and families we serve.

We are deeply grateful to the helping hands that have trusted in our mission to contribute to improving the environment and the future of the community: Kenoli, VCG, Thrive Philanthropy, Las manos de Christine, and Chances for Children.

This past year has brought several challenges and profound changes. Our executive director, David Santa Catalina, completed his tenure leading AJP's projects. We express our recognition and appreciation for all the improvements David made to the facilities at El Huerto La Esperanza and the Literacy Center and their various programs, as well as for his dedication and hard work over the past few years. We wish him every success in his future endeavors.

We always strive for substantial improvements in every initiative we offer to the community. We work hard to ensure that every action has a positive impact.

Thank you to everyone who has made it possible to move forward in building a stronger community with programs that provide tools for a better future, for believing in us and for entrusting us with the resources we need to fulfill our mission.

Sónya Waldthausen
President, Asociación Juntos Podemos

Who are we?

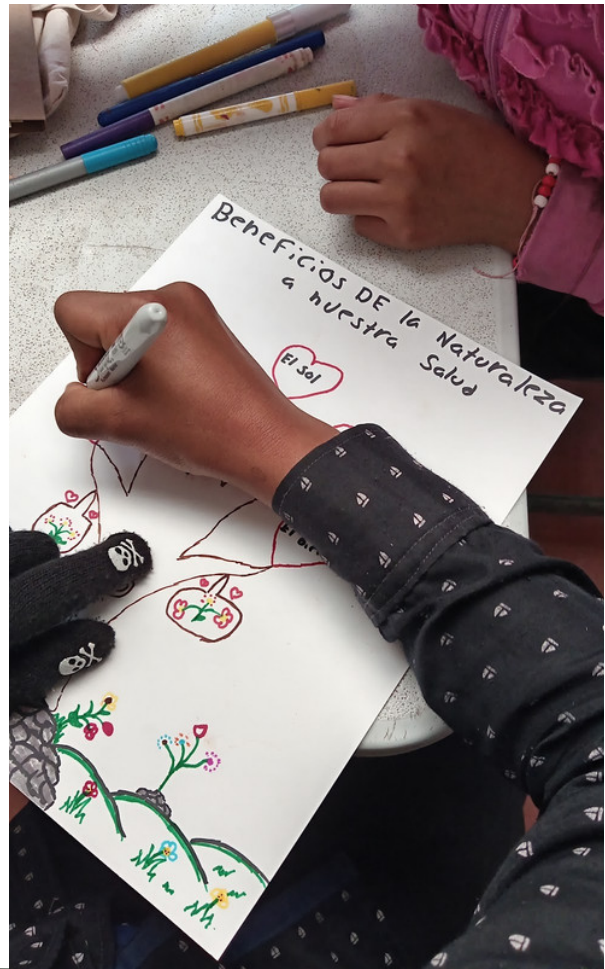
Asociación Juntos Podemos focuses its efforts on two main programs that it manages and coordinates through various projects with a comprehensive educational model. Both programs are designed to generate immediate and sustainable impact.



7 years transforming lives

Mission

We are dedicated to fostering thriving communities through integrated programs supporting education, environmental stewardship, and food sovereignty.



Vision

That all Guatemalans have access to a quality education and a nutritious, culturally consistent and environmentally sustainable diet.

Goals



To implement an integrated working model of education and food sovereignty through projects that support sustainable nutrition and access to education quality.



To strengthen families by promoting tools with positive social and environmental impact.



Scope of Asociación Juntos Podemos in the community of El Hato

346

Direct beneficiaries

854

Indirect beneficiaries



Literacy Center



What do we do?

The El Hato Literacy Center offers a variety of free literacy services to the El Hato community, including:

Tutoring before and after school hours for students.



A library with computers, internet access and a good collection of books.



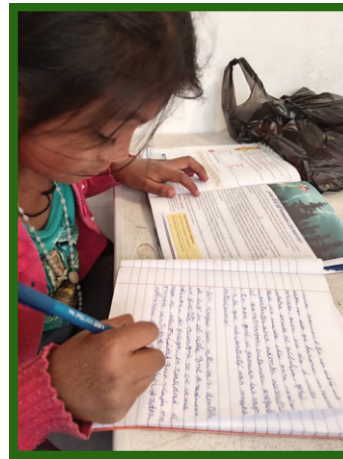
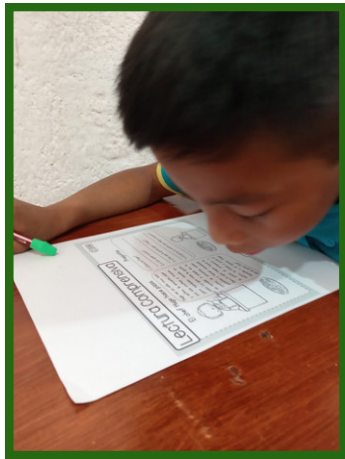
A vacation camp to keep children active between school years.



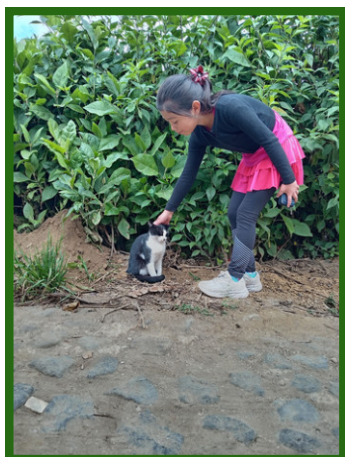
This program comprehensively addresses the community's educational challenges.

Relevant Activities

1. Our team supports the children enrolled in our programs by reinforcing school content, helping them understand their homework, improving reading comprehension, and developing technological skills.



2. We reinforce values such as empathy, emotional expression, and critical thinking through our humane education curriculum.



3. Our library provides the entire community free access to books, technology and educational materials. We strengthen intergenerational literacy and support mothers and fathers in reaching the education goals they have for their children.



4. At the end of the 2025 school year, we organized a six-week vacation camp that combined gardening activities, plant-based cooking classes, art, games, and reflection time. This time, we also hiked to a local spring; it was a wonderful experience.



5. The year 2025 was the first time we were able to bring together the mothers participating in the mentoring program to celebrate Mother's Day with the children. There were contests, raffles, and a lively and joyful atmosphere. This event was made possible thanks to the donations.



6. The students had the opportunity to exchange experiences with students from the AIS school in Antigua.



2025 by the numbers

34	Beneficiaries of the tutoring program, with 100% advancing to the next grade	730	Number of snacks shared with children during Friday Humane Education sessions
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209	Tutoring sessions	650.5	Tutoring hours
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20	Sessions in the vacation camp	33	children and participating in the vacation camp
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191	Meals served in vacation camp	39	Sessions of the Humane Education program
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191	Number of hours of spent with children in the promotion of values		
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Garden of Hope



What do we do?

The Garden of Hope promotes food security, nutrition education, and community strengthening through practical and participatory programs.



Relevant Activities

1. Each week, mothers from the community participated in hands-on cooking classes where they learned to prepare healthy, plant-based, and culturally appropriate recipes using produce from the community garden.



2. Each month, the participating moms prepared at least four nutritious meals for their homes.
3. Throughout the year, in the cooking classes, we addressed key topics such as: nutrition, family economics, principles of plant-based eating, and environmental sustainability.

4. Our monthly Community Days were open gatherings that strengthened ties between families through the preparation and tasting of plant-based foods, educational activities, and participatory dynamics



5. We offered five nutrition workshops in surrounding communities to promote healthy eating habits and environmental awareness. A tasting was included.



2025 by the numbers

20	Women who received cooking classes throughout the year	43	Sessions offered throughout the year on the preparation of nutritious recipes
107	Food baskets delivered to families	1,860	Meals served to program participants
5	Workshops offered throughout to nearby communities	41.5	Hours spent with the community and their families during Community Days
12	Community days	68	Adults involved in the programs
47	Adult participants in the Community Days	234	Child participants in the Community Days
112	Volunteers with Garden of Hope activities	409.5	Hours donated
498	Number of beneficiaries of the Garden of Hope	620	People who benefited from these contributions

Sharing Experiences

Volunteer support in tutoring: Steve Batchelor

Steve, a retired senior citizen living in San Juan del Obispo, volunteered in the tutoring program for three months. He arrived on Wednesdays and Fridays for two hours and worked with the younger children, practicing the alphabet. We are so grateful for his contribution!

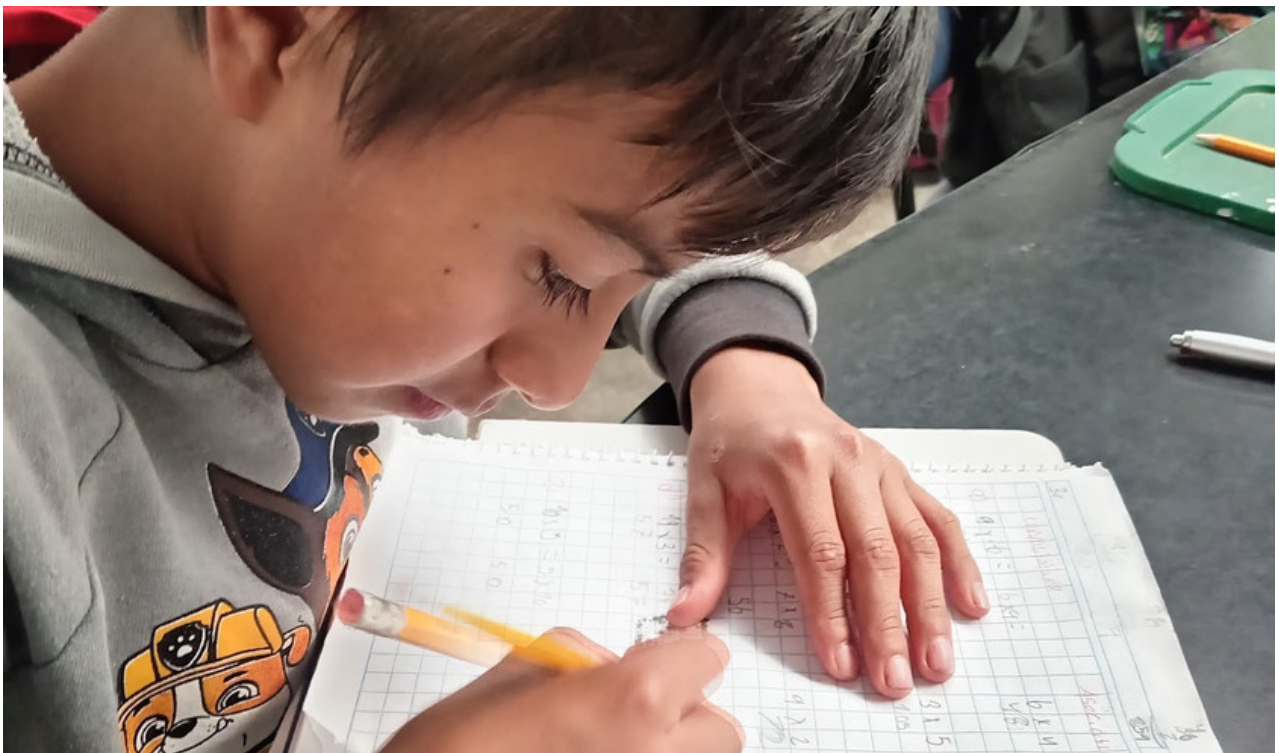


A story of love and effort

Adrián is an 11-year-old fifth-grade student who came to the tutoring center for help. Adrián's mother Catalina sought support for her son because his teacher told her he needed extra help; otherwise, he might fail the school year.

Catalina arrived at the Literacy Center very worried in the middle of the school year and asked if there was an opening because she wanted her son to finish the school year without problems. She did not have the ability to help him at home, so she asked for support with certain subjects.

Catalina decided to enroll her son and sent him to the Literacy Center every afternoon, as he attended the community's public school in the mornings.



One of Adrián's favorite activities is cooking; he helps prepare the snacks, participates in community days, and also enjoys soccer.



In order for Adrián to participate, Catalina had to give up another program where her son received free lunch. This means that every day she comes to drop off his food at school. They eat together by the side of the road since they live 30 minutes from the Literacy Center. Doing it this way allows them to take advantage of the Center's hours, and she waits for him while he finishes his schoolwork.

Adrián showed a significant improvement in his academic performance, which allowed him to overcome the difficulties he had faced. . With the dedication of Adrián, Catalina and our team, Adrián advanced to the next grade! Catalina is a very loving and dedicated mother who has attended to her son's needs.

She was willing to take on the new challenge of bringing him lunch every day and providing him with the necessary support. We share this story as a testament to how the combined efforts and resources can make a difference in a child's life.

Completed projects



1

Design and creation of the school garden at the local public school EORM José Ignacio Ortiz Vides



2

Registration and monitoring of 20 family gardens located in the immediate vicinity of the village



3

COMMUNITY GARDEN CARED FOR BY VOLUNTEER FAMILIES



Other relevant activities

1. Library of documented seeds in the Garden of Hope.
2. Relocation of Literacy Center to new site.
3. Improved Garden of Hope sanitation, electrical power supply, connectivity, and perimeter security.
4. Sharing space with the SERniña organization, allowing us to strengthen initiatives in the El Hato community.
5. Being members of the network of organization El Directorio, giving us the opportunity to participate in a national platform that connects and strengthens civil society initiatives.
6. Participated in the Kenoli regional forum, providing us with access to new capabilities in areas such as environmental impact, agroecology, and irrigation techniques.
7. Appointment of the new executive director

New executive director

We are very happy to announce the appointment of Annabella Oliveros as executive director of Asociación Juntos Podemos.

As a Guatemalan, Annabella cares deeply about her country's prosperity. She has an extensive and distinguished career in educational leadership, community service, and programmatic development. Her experience includes significant work with communities experiencing poverty, contributing meaningfully to inclusive and equitable educational initiatives.

We are confident that Annabella's professional expertise, leadership, and commitment will significantly strengthen our organization and further advance our mission of fostering thriving communities through integrated programs supporting education, environmental stewardship, and food sovereignty.

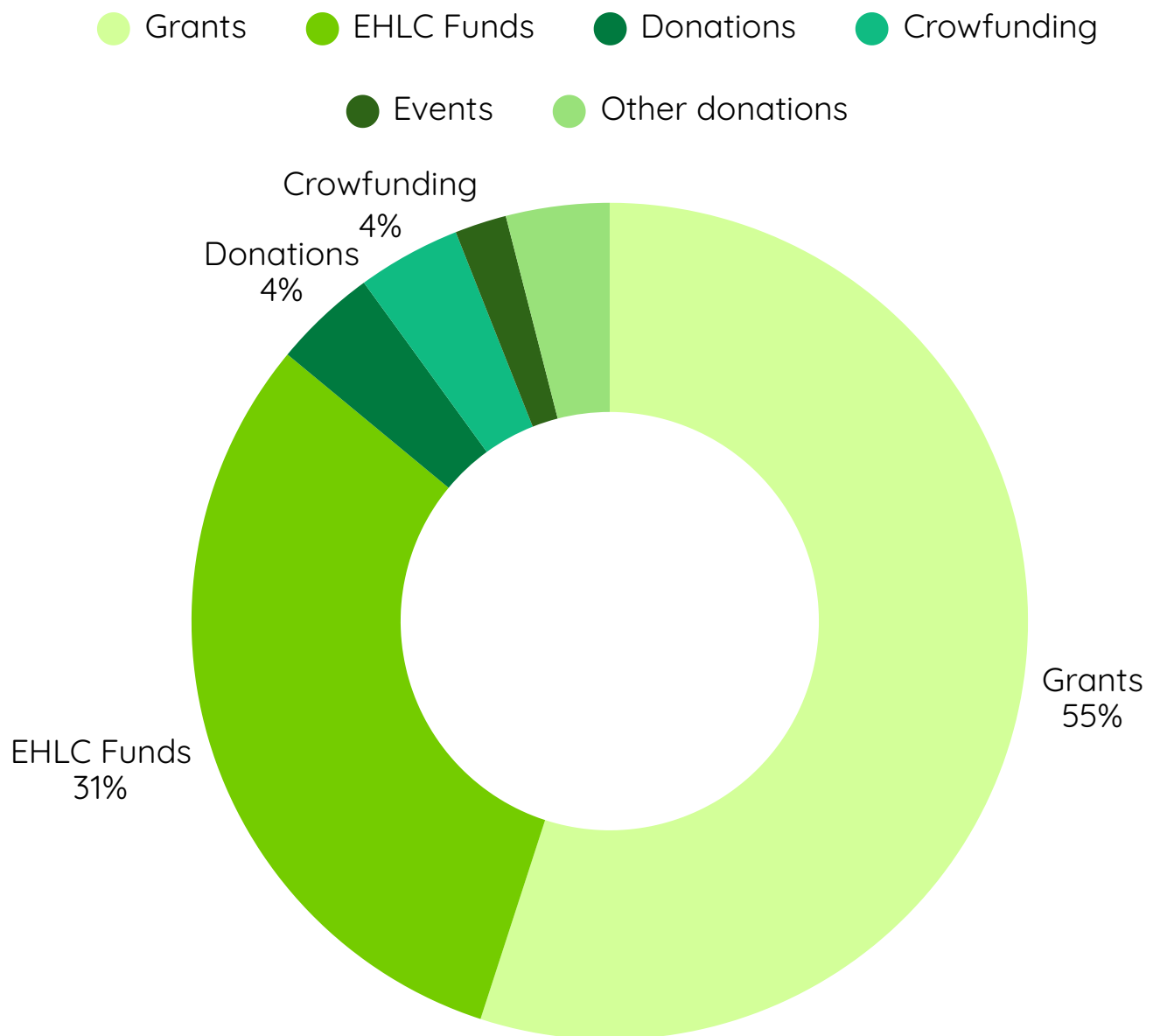
Welcome Annabella!



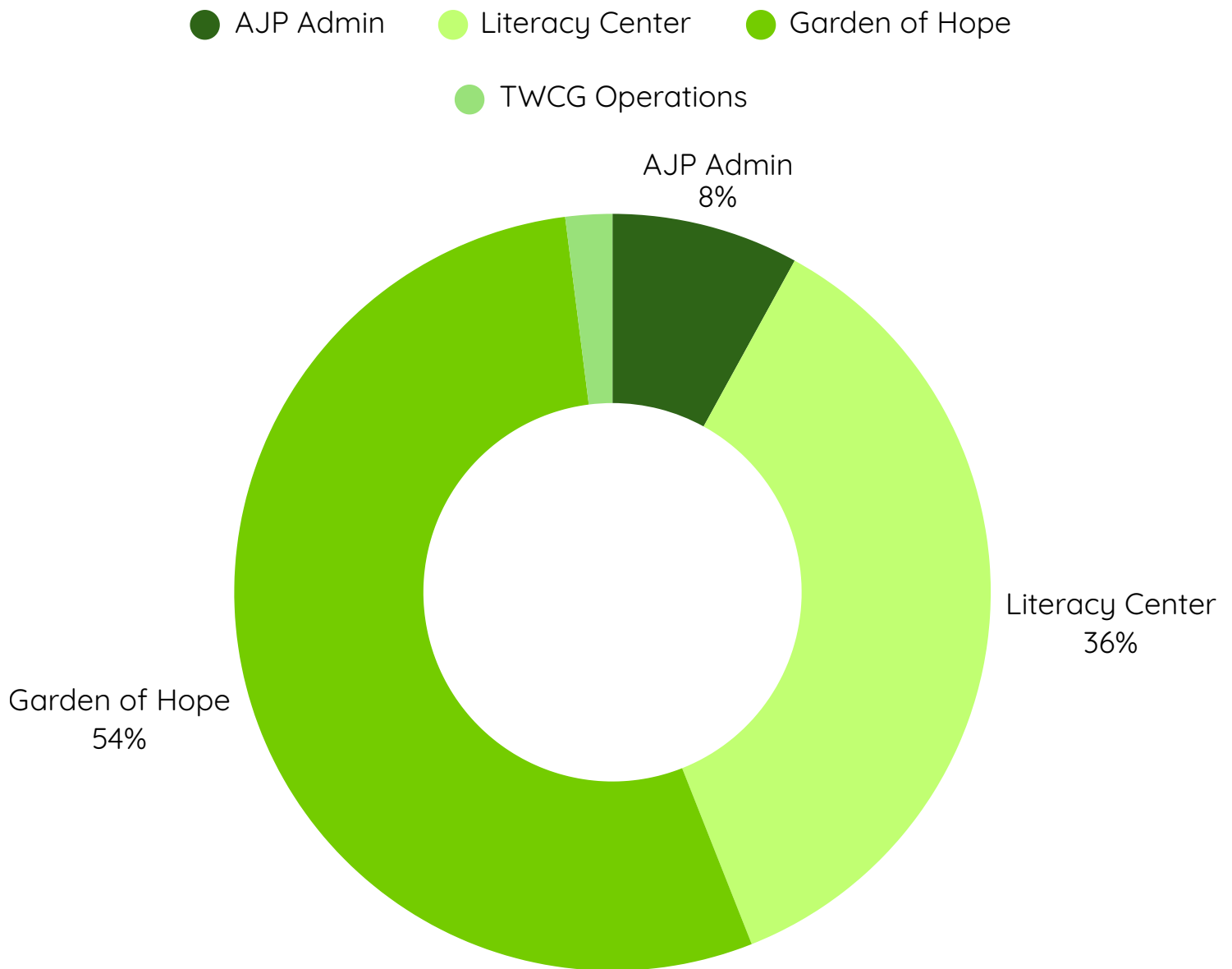
Financial information

Revenue: \$63,723.80

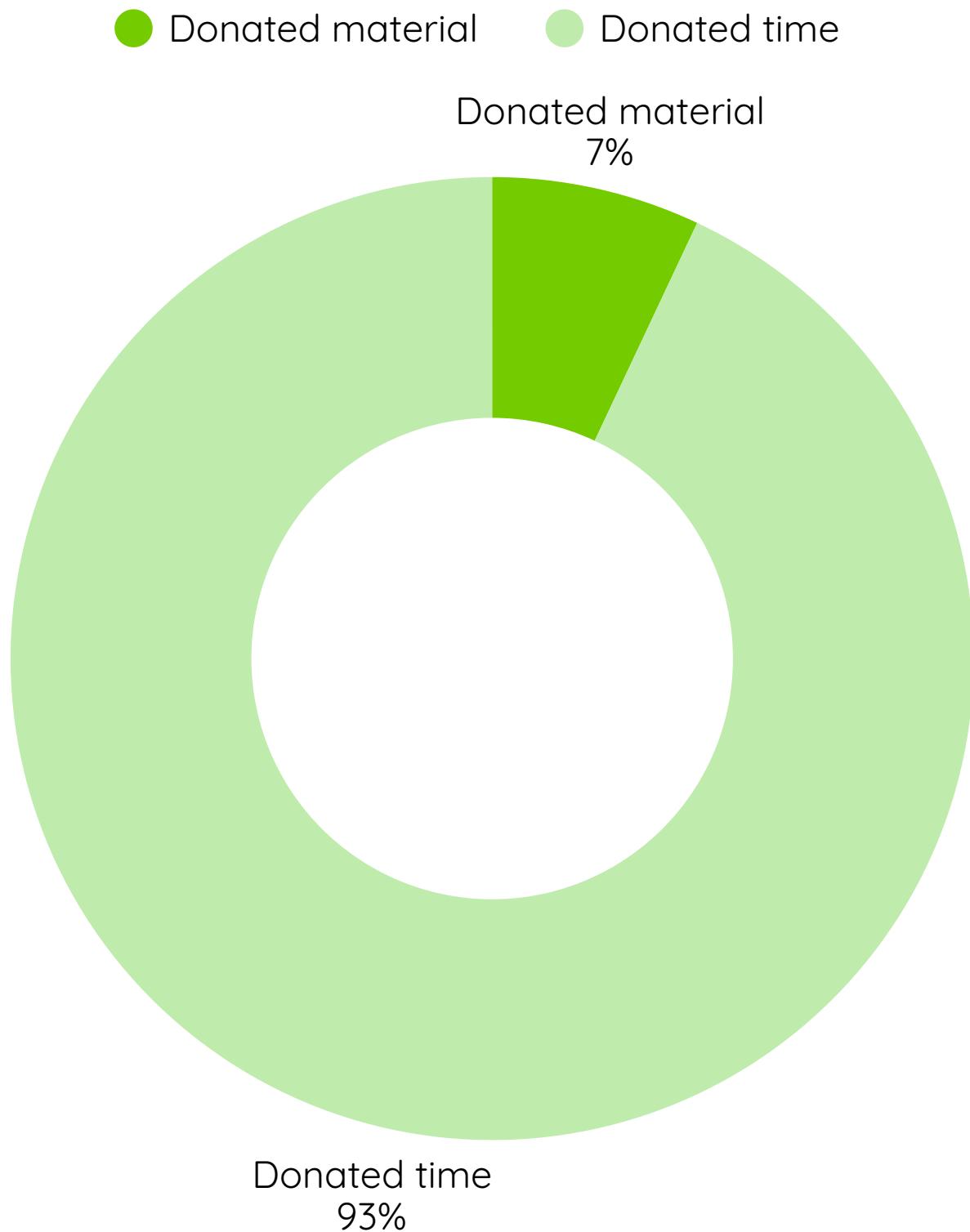
Source of funds



Expenses: \$61,569.87



In-Kind Contributions: \$61,569.87



Investment per child

The amount of money needed to support each child through the Literacy Center programs during a full year.

\$ 65.00 per month



Donors

Several dedicated families support us with their personal contributions, making a real difference. They make monthly donations because they trust that their contribution supports education, nutrition, and the community.

- Partners and investors

Our partners provide support year after year through their financial resources, in-kind donations, and strategic alliances. They trust in the implementation of each program because they expect a significant social impact. We thank each and every one of them for their continued support and availability.



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