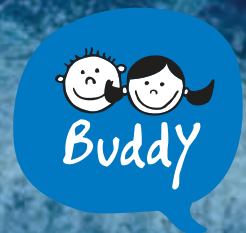


Annual Report 2025



VOLUNTEER ONCE A WEEK - FRIENDSHIP FOR LIFE



Dear BUDDY friends

It looks like it works...

I am reading Alenka and Kika's story.
"Relationships are lived."
"To be there... not to leave."

Honestly, it is very hard for me to add even one word to what Alenka and Kika said.

Time together is love. Love is life.

This is BUDDY.
Time.
Voluntary, regular, individual and long-term.
Patient, safe and kind.

A smile in the heart.
Sometimes a walk in the park, other times just ordinary hanging out. Sometimes difficult
life challenges, other times joy over a new part-time job. Anything at all.

Together on the road through life. The darkness is slowly fading; we are walking in the light.

To hear and see a child who has never experienced what it is like to be truly seen, not judged, to be accepted...
just as they are.

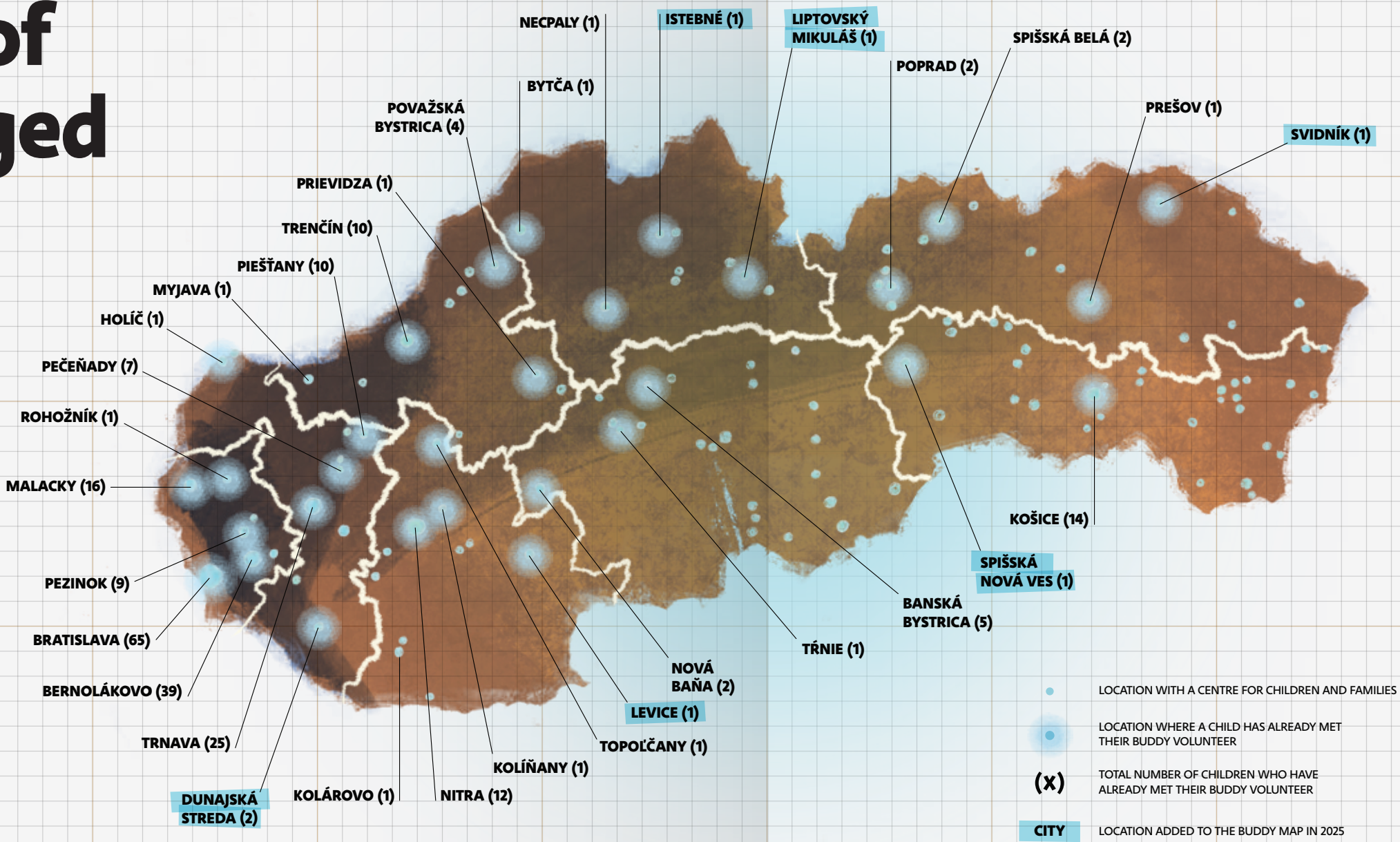
Thanks to the whole BUDDY team, almost every other week we have managed to create one new relationship.
One like Alenka and Kika's. Thank you. For your trust, for your time, for your gifts, which we transform into
(extra)ordinary relationships for life. For us adults, this teaches humility. For children, it allows them to
experience love, to freely develop their potential and live their dream of life.

Thanks to you, friends, for 20 years we have been able to become a little more sensitive and attentive.
Thank you for fulfilling dreams we did not even know we had.

With warm regards,


Laci Kossár,
founder

Map of Changed Lives



240
children
HAVE ALREADY MET
THEIR BUDDY VOLUNTEER

128
pairs
UNDER ACTIVE CARE OF
THE PROGRAM IN 2025

24
children
BROUGHT UNDER THE CARE OF
THE PROGRAM IN 2025

35
centres
ALREADY WORK WITH
THE BUDDY PROGRAM

1000
children
STILL WAITING FOR
THEIR BUDDY VOLUNTEER

Interest in BUDDY volunteering

1066

volunteer applications

339

serious candidates

24

matched volunteers

11

volunteers waiting to be matched*

68%
WESTERN SLOVAKIA

15%
CENTRAL SLOVAKIA

17%
EASTERN SLOVAKIA

62%
WESTERN SLOVAKIA

73%
WESTERN SLOVAKIA

18%
CENTRAL SLOVAKIA

17%
EASTERN SLOVAKIA

21%
CENTRAL SLOVAKIA

9%
EASTERN SLOVAKIA



*Why have these new BUDDY volunteers not yet been matched?

- A new BUDDY volunteer has passed the selection process and is waiting to be matched with a suitable child from their area.
- A delay on the part of a newly-found volunteer (for family or personal reasons).

We asked our volunteers:

Why become a BUDDY?

BECAUSE WHEN YOU GIVE, YOU LIVE ON ANOTHER LEVEL.

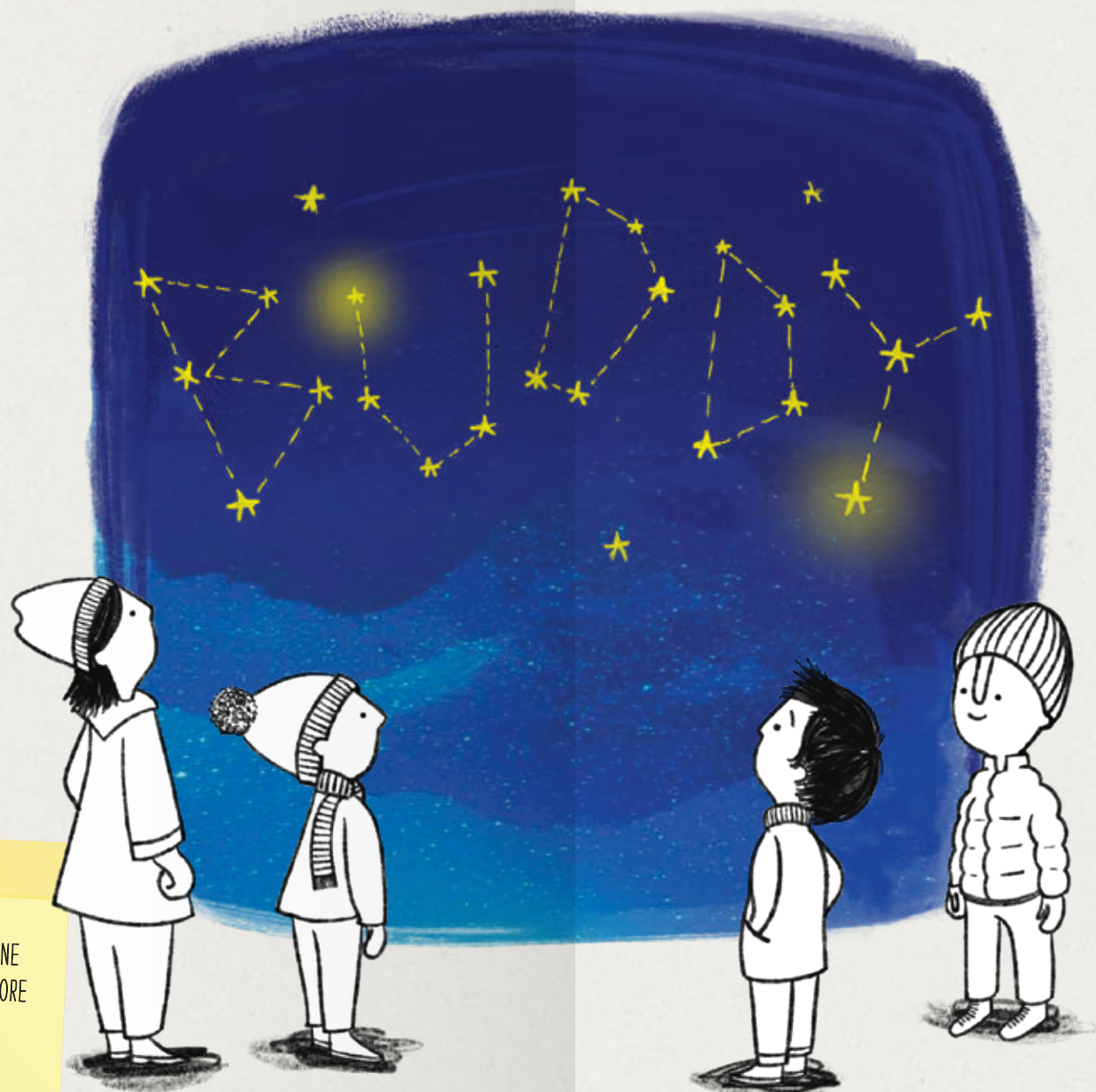
Jakub Matlák (36), Banská Bystrica
BUDDY for more than 2 years

YOU REALIZE THAT WHAT IS STANDARD FOR US IS A LUXURY FOR CHILDREN FROM CENTRES. IT IS AN AWAKENING AND, AT THE SAME TIME, A DEEPLY GENEROUS, KIND-HEARTED ACTIVITY.

Juraj Ferenczy (39), Trnava
BUDDY for more than 5 years

BECAUSE YOU CAN SPEND ONE HOUR A WEEK IN A MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL WAY THAN SCROLLING SOCIAL MEDIA.

Simona Bekečová (31), Trenčín
BUDDY for more than a year



"WHO ELSE, IF NOT YOU? WHEN, IF NOT NOW?" IT IS PREPARATION FOR PARENTHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP. IT LEADS TO UNDERSTANDING YOUR OWN EMOTIONS AND THE BASICS OF PSYCHOLOGY.

Barbora Krajčovičová (32), Trnava
BUDDY for more than 6 years

IT IS DEMANDING.
BUT IT IS WORTH IT.

Timea Hanko (30), Malacky
BUDDY for 2 years

IT IS AN EXTRA LAYER
ON TOP OF ORDINARY LIFE.

Katarína Ďurčanská (42), Malacky
BUDDY for almost 4 years

BUDDY VOLUNTEERING BREAKS DOWN PREJUDICES, OPENS NEW HORIZONS AND, OVERALL, MAKES YOU A BETTER PERSON.

Jitka Boldová (53), Považská Bystrica
BUDDY for almost 2 years

We asked the children:

What is your BUDDY relationship like?

WE ARE A WELL-MATCHED PAIR.
I FEEL BEST WITH HER OUT OF EVERYONE.
IT IS SO UNIQUE THAT I CANNOT EVEN
DESCRIBE IT EXACTLY.
Melánia (16)



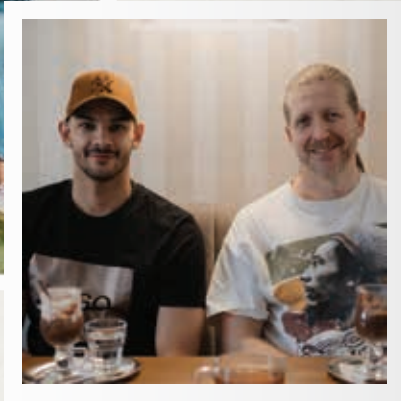
EDUCATIONAL, FUN, RELAXING.
Šimon (15)



EXCEPTIONAL.
Eliška (11)

WE TALK A LOT.
WITH HER, I FEEL THAT
I AM TRULY MYSELF.
Laura (14)

IN MY OPINION, VERY SOLID. WE ARE
AN IMPORTANT PART OF EACH OTHER'S LIVES.
I CAN NO LONGER IMAGINE BEING WITHOUT HER.
Vanda (15)

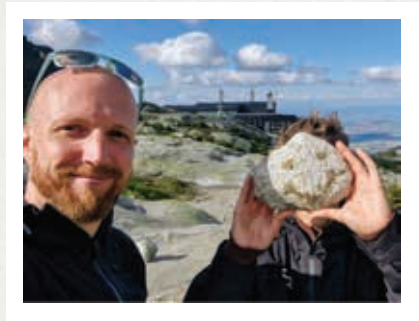


TIME WITH HIM IS IMPORTANT TO ME.
Filip (15)

OUR RELATIONSHIP IS GREAT, AMAZING!
MY BUDDY SUPPORTS ME, GIVES ME
SAFETY, LOVE, HOME, EVERYTHING.
Dominika (15)

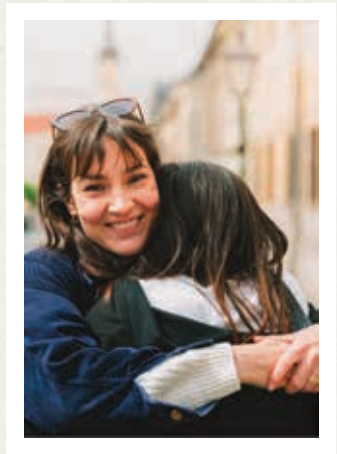
I FEEL THAT SHE HEARS ME
OUT MORE THAN OTHER ADULTS.
Katka (18)

I FEEL WITH HER AS IF
SHE WERE MY FAMILY.
Denisa (16)



WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN.
WE HAVE A LOT IN COMMON.
Katka (18)

OUR RELATIONSHIP IS EXCELLENT.
I AM NOT ASHAMED TO SAY ANYTHING,
I CAN TALK ABOUT MY PROBLEMS AND SHE SUPPORTS ME.
Silvia (17)



BUDDY volunteers about children

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What do they
need the most
help with?



SETTING BOUNDARIES
TRUST THAT SOMEONE BELIEVES IN THEM
EATING HABITS
COURAGE IN COMMUNICATING WITH STRANGERS
MANAGING SCHOOL AND ATTENDANCE
FINANCIAL LITERACY
MAKING LIFE EXPECTATIONS MORE REALISTIC
BECOMING INDEPENDENT
MEANINGFUL USE OF TIME
A SENSE OF THEIR OWN WORTH
SHARING AND REGULATING EMOTIONS
VOCABULARY
FINDING MEANING AND MOTIVATION FOR LIFE
NOT GIVING UP WHEN LIFE GETS COMPLICATED
RESPONSIBILITY



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What have they achieved
(also) thanks to you?



VALUE THEMSELVES MORE
SHARE THEIR FEELINGS AND TALK ABOUT THEIR PAST
TRUST ADULTS A LITTLE MORE
OVERCOME CONFLICTS WITH A CARER AT THE CENTRE
STOP SEEING THINGS IN BLACK AND WHITE
START DEALING WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS
MAKE PROGRESS AT SCHOOL
PERSIST IN RELATIONSHIPS
SOFTEN EXPRESSIONS OF ANGER
SET GOALS AND NOT GIVE UP
BELIEVE IN A BETTER FUTURE
UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO SAVE AND BUILD UP A RESERVE
SURVIVE
FIND COURAGE IN AN UNFAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT
NOT BE AFRAID TO SPEAK UP AND STAND UP FOR THEMSELVES

Source: Internal survey using a standardized questionnaire for volunteers Match Characteristics Questionnaire, 2025 (78 answers)

Kika grew up between a children's home and foster families who gave her a roof over her head but not always safety. Later came life on the street, uncertainty, and the feeling that she had nowhere to return to. She had no home. One day, when she was 19 years old, she knocked on our door with a plastic bag in her hand and asked for help. This conversation is about what it means when someone finally stays in a person's life. Forever.

When Someone Finally Stays

The decade-long story of Kika and Alena

Kika, when you look back at your childhood – living in a children's home from the age of just three months, several foster families, sometimes with as many as 22 children in one 'house,' and always moving from place to place – what was the hardest part of it all for you?

The moves. The fact that I never really put down roots anywhere. Everywhere, I was only there 'for a while.' And so you have this strange feeling that you don't really belong anywhere. That you are somehow between worlds.

But what I missed most was love.
Not the 'formal' kind, where someone takes care of you.
But the ordinary kind – when someone hugs you just because.



That someone loves me even when I am difficult, even when I make mistakes.
And above all, a feeling of safety.

Knowing that in the evening I have somewhere to return to and nothing will change. I did not have that.

You joined the BUDDY program at a moment when you were at rock bottom. Do you remember that moment?

I remember it. Very clearly. I was at the station. In a dysfunctional relationship and with no future.

And suddenly it all hit me.
That I did not want to live like that.
That I did not want to keep dealing with where I would sleep, who would let me stay over, whether I would have anything to eat tomorrow. And most of all – that I did not want to keep being dependent on someone.

So I packed what I had into a plastic bag and went. I simply knocked on the door of the BUDDY program, which I had heard helped people like me. And I told them I needed help.

And honestly – I did not even know what to expect.

What happened next?

They started sorting things out for me right away. No 'We'll get back to you.'
They found me a job in a fast food place* which also offered me accommodation.
And maybe even more importantly, in my new job they gave me space to make mistakes. I was used to it being: You make a mistake and it's over. Not there.
There, I could fail and they were still there. And for me, that was a completely new feeling.

When you were matched with Alenka, you were not thrilled. Why?

Because I did not have the capacity for another person. My head and my life were a mess. Work, housing, relationships. Everything was changing at once.

And then someone new comes along and wants to meet with me? I kept thinking: What for?

I felt it would be just another person who comes, listens to me, maybe feels sorry for me, gives me advice. And then disappears.

But I was grateful to the BUDDY program for how they helped me get started. So I did not want to let them down. And I met Alenka more out of a sense of duty.



Alenka, you did not give up, did you? What were your BUDDY beginnings like?

At the beginning, I took it as a natural thing. I knew trust would not come immediately. But when it takes months, and you feel that the person actually does not want to be there, you start to question it. I used to go to see her at work once a week during her breaks, so she had nowhere to escape.

After more than half a year, there was also a phase when I asked myself: Why am I doing this? Am I burdening her more by meeting her like this?

But at the same time, I felt that I could not simply 'let her go'. So I decided that I would be there. Without pressure. I would simply be there.

The breakthrough came after more than nine months, around Christmas. What happened then?

I invited Kika to our home to bake gingerbread cookies. Without expectations. She had already not shown up a few times. So, honestly, I was no longer even expecting her. And then one morning I got a message that she was sitting on a train. I remember the joy and excitement. I could not wait to see her. I said to myself: 'Ah... so it is happening after all.'

How did you experience it, Kika?

It was very precious for me to come to Alenka's home and feel that she and her husband accepted me.

Just as I was.
In their home.
In safety.
And they trusted me.
The ice finally seemed to break.



What changed after that moment?

I started to trust Alenka more. Gradually. Slowly. But I no longer saw her as someone 'from the outside'. As a 'strange auntie' who, for reasons I could not understand, kept coming to see me and taking an interest in me (laughs).

She became part of my life.
And even if I may not have said it out loud, I knew I could turn to her.

You have known each other for 12 years now. What have you been through together, Kika?

A lot has happened over that time. I finished secondary school – also thanks to Alenka and her very strong support. She helped me during a period when I wanted to give up. She was there when my children were born. When I was dealing with relationships and housing. But perhaps most of all, she gave me a new perspective on life. She taught me to enjoy the little things.

It may sound like a cliché, but for me it was something completely new. I was wired more toward thinking that everything was bad. That you just had to survive. And she showed me that you can also live, and enjoy life a little more.

Kika, have you ever thought about where you would be today if you had not knocked on the door of the BUDDY program back then?

Hmm, I do not know. Many people I grew up with ended up on the street, on drugs or in prison. And honestly – I completely understand it. Because when you carry so much pain and childhood trauma inside you, it is incredibly hard to withstand it.

I can feel it in myself too. Sometimes, when interacting with my own children, horrible memories of childhood and of bad treatment, pain and fear come back into my head. It is hard even to talk about it.



Today you are the mother of two beautiful children. What matters most to you in raising them?

That my children are not afraid.
That they feel safe at home.
That they know I love them – even when they make a mistake.

I actually had to create for myself an idea of what kind of mother I want to be. Because I had nothing to draw on. I knew more what I did not want to do. And I build from there.

Alenka, you received both the regional and national Heart in Hand award. How do you see it today?

The regional award took me by surprise. I really did not expect it. I felt that I had simply joined a program someone else had created and stayed in it long enough.

On top of that, I also rejected the award inside myself.
Because I do not feel like a volunteer.
Kika and I have a long-term relationship.
And relationships do not receive awards.
Relationships are lived.



Before the national round, I thought about it and started to understand it in another context too. The award belongs to everyone who has contributed to the BUDDY program working and developing. This year, I am the face of many volunteers who joined the program just as I did. And without Kika, without her effort to live a good and decent life, I would not be that face. So I took Kika to Prešov for the awards ceremony. Neither of us had any idea that the jury would choose me. What mattered was experiencing a beautiful evening and a trip together.

Kika, what do you think children from children's homes need most?

Someone who is there for them and who will stay with them.
That's all.

They don't have to advise them.
They don't have to rescue them.

It's enough that they come. And come again.
And don't leave.

Written by Simona Lučkaničová
Photography by Paulína Ščepková

Note: * At the time, the civic association PRO VIDA provided various forms of direct help to young people from Centres. Today, it focuses exclusively on creating and building a child's relationship with a volunteer through the Tvoj BUDDY program.

What do the Centres for Children and Families Say?

CHILDREN IN CENTRES HAVE OFTEN EXPERIENCED MANY CHANGES AND DISAPPOINTMENTS.

HAVING ONE CONSISTENT ADULT WHO SUPPORTS THEM REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES HELPS THEM BUILD TRUST IN THEMSELVES AND IN OTHERS. SHARED ACTIVITIES AND CONVERSATIONS HELP CHILDREN GAIN NEW SKILLS, DEVELOP INDEPENDENCE AND FIND THEIR WAY AROUND THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE CENTRE.

A BUDDY CAN PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF HEALTHY INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, COMMUNICATION AND PROBLEM-SOLVING. YOUR WORK HAS A REAL IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND VOLUNTEERS.

IT IS CLEAR THAT THE PROGRAM IS NOT BUILT ON JUST ACTIVITIES, BUT ABOVE ALL ON PEOPLE WHO PUT THEIR HEART, TIME AND PATIENCE INTO IT. BY VALUING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN A CHILD AND THEIR BUDDY, YOU SUPPORT SOMETHING THAT CAN BECOME A TURNING POINT IN LIFE FOR MANY CHILDREN.

I WISH YOU MUCH STRENGTH, GOOD IDEAS AND THE SAME DETERMINATION THAT YOU PUT INTO THE PROGRAM TODAY. YOUR WORK HAS MEANING – AND IT SHOWS.

PhDr. Ladislav Župčán, PhD. (Nitra Centre)

100%

of centres that work with us
recommend cooperating with
the BUDDY program to others.



Source: Annual feedback from 29 workers from 24 Centres for Children and Families, 2025.

Growing Through Friendship



have **great conversations**
with their BUDDY volunteer



feel their BUDDY volunteer
cares about them



feel **close** to their
BUDDY volunteer



feel they can **always rely**
on their BUDDY volunteer



have learned a lot
from their BUDDY volunteer



said their BUDDY volunteer
makes them happy

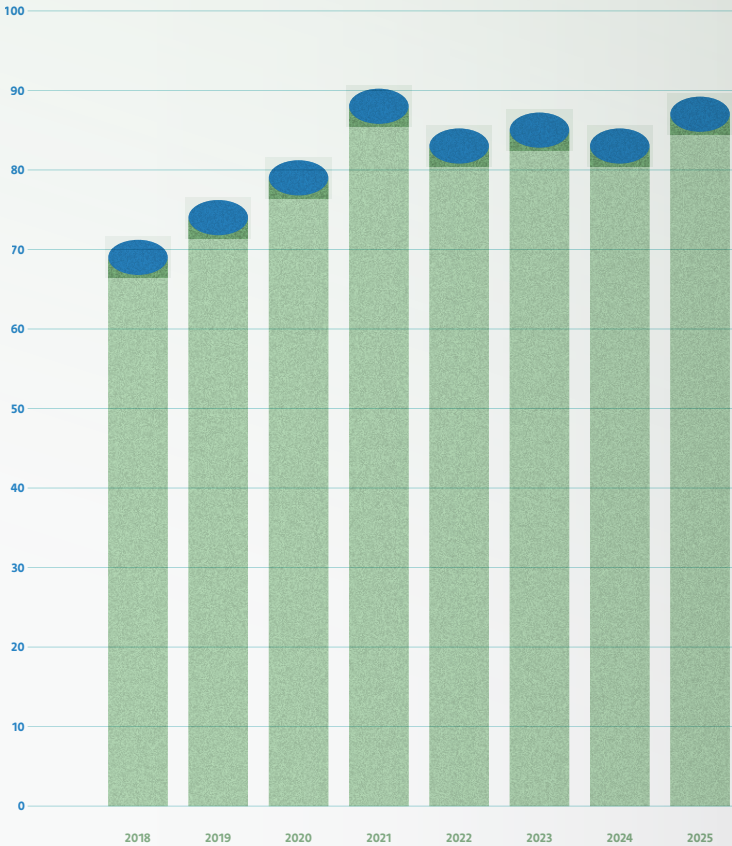
Source: Internal survey using a standardized questionnaire for children
Youth Mentoring Survey, 2025 (55 answers)

Scientific Approach:

Measuring Relationship Quality

Prescription (absence of prescription)

A score that indicates the extent to which a **child perceives their volunteer as non-lecturing and respectful of the child's own point of view**. This indicator is key because a low score would mean a higher level of prescriptiveness from the volunteer and therefore a less accepting approach, which could harm the relationship with the child. A high and growing level of this indicator means that **BUDDY relationships create space for having a positive impact on children**.



PRESCRIPTION
MEASURES THE EXTENT TO WHICH CHILDREN FEEL THAT THEIR VOLUNTEER IS NOT OVERLY PRESCRIPTIVE (LECTURING).

We monitor relationship quality in the program through standardized tools developed by Applied Research Consulting (ARC) in cooperation with the University of Pennsylvania (USA).

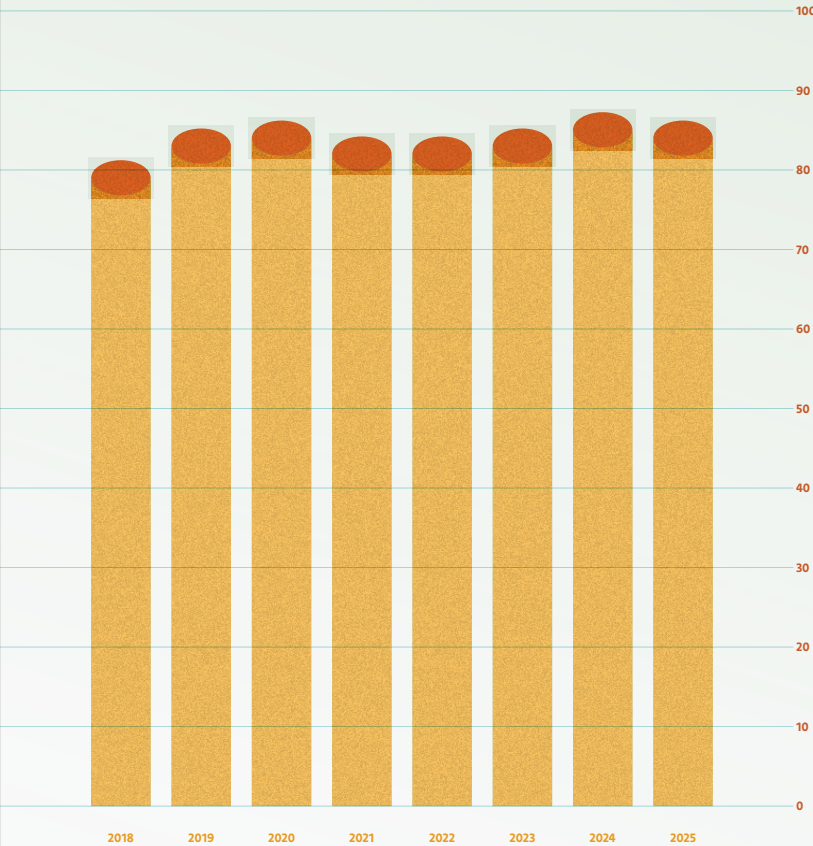
We regularly and in detail monitor relationship satisfaction from the perspective of both the child and the volunteer, as well as the benefit of the relationship from the perspective of carers at the Centres.

The data confirm that, across different aspects of relationship quality, we achieve similar or higher scores than in 2018, when the results of an independent ARC evaluation confirmed that the **BUDDY program creates and maintains strong relationships, enabling child development**.

No minimum score has been set; the goal is to maintain the level or, where possible, increase it toward 100.

Relationship Quality

A score that indicates the **child's satisfaction in the relationship** with the volunteer, and the sense of closeness they experience with them. A long-term stable score above 80 points confirms that the **BUDDY program maintains high-quality BUDDY relationships** even as it expands into new regions.

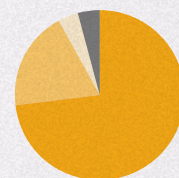


RELATIONSHIP QUALITY
MEASURES HOW HAPPY AND SATISFIED CHILDREN FEEL IN THE RELATIONSHIP AND HOW CLOSE THEY FEEL TO THEIR VOLUNTEER (COMPOSITE SCORE).

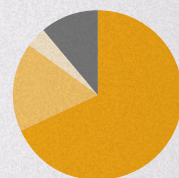
Source: Internal survey using a standardized questionnaire for children Youth Mentoring Survey, 2025 (55 answers)

Changes Children perceive

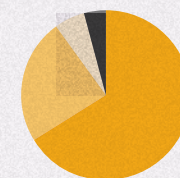
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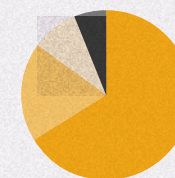
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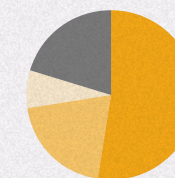
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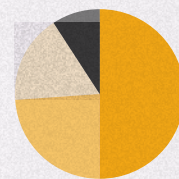
I HAVE A CHANCE
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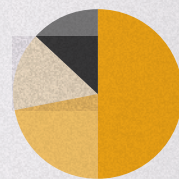
I HAVE SOMEONE
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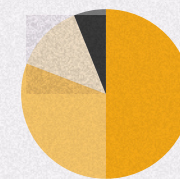
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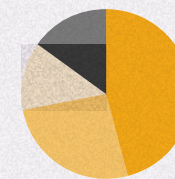
MY MENTAL HEALTH
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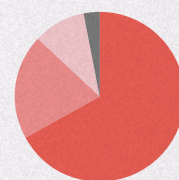
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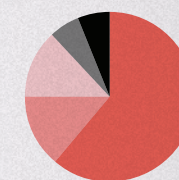
I HAVE A DIFFERENT VIEW
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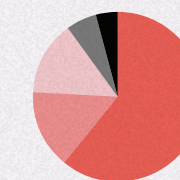
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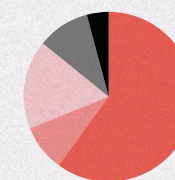
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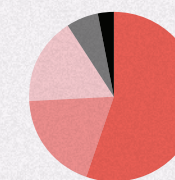
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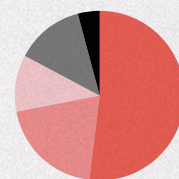
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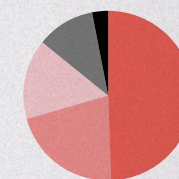
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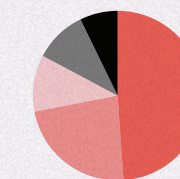
HAS MOTIVATION
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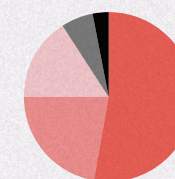
HAS WIDER SOCIAL
CIRCLES OUTSIDE
THE CENTRE



HAS HIGHER
SELF-CONFIDENCE
AND SELF-ESTEEM



HAS BETTER PRACTICAL
SKILLS AND LEARNING



IS MORE OPEN AND ABLE
TO COMMUNICATE THEIR
NEEDS



Source: Annual feedback from Centres about BUDDY pairs, 2025 (74 answers)
Internal survey using a standardized questionnaire for children – Youth Mentoring Survey, 2025 (55 answers)

BUDDY Day 2025

The BUDDY community met in a flower-filled garden below Smolenice Castle, where we enjoyed a day full of sunshine, fun and movement. We took on a sports challenge in the style of a summer Olympics, learned something new during a tour of the Včelovina grounds, and took home a memory in the form of handmade beeswax candles.

Being part of BUDDY means not being on your own – it means belonging to a group that sticks together and makes sense.



BUDDY at Kino LUMIÈRE

At a special screening of the film DJ Ahmet, we explored themes of friendship, falling in love and freedom. But also of loss, pain and helplessness.

We discussed how trauma, expectations and social norms influence young people's lives and their ability to find their own path.



At the end of 2025, we linked up with the Association of Slovak Film Clubs and, at Bratislava's Kino Lumière, discussed childhood, adolescence, trauma, and ways of coping with the loss of a loved one.

The film DJ Ahmet is close to us because of its vibrant and sensitive story about growing up, searching for oneself, and finding the courage to step beyond the boundaries set by family or society.

After the screening, there was a moderated discussion with film fan Zuzka Zimová, who is also the lead expert of the BUDDY program and a specialist on attachment theory and the lives of children growing up in institutions. She explored in more detail the story of the main character – a teenager who lives a different life from his peers, yet experiences the same joys and worries as they do.

At the Sundance Film Festival, DJ Ahmet won the Audience Award in the World Cinema Dramatic Competition and a World Cinema Dramatic Special Jury Award for Creative Vision. It also took home three awards from the 31st Art Film International Film Festival in Košice.



Not all children have the same story,
but all of them deserve to be heard.

BUDDY × Človečina

For years, the communication game Človečina has been helping people get to know one another in relationships, to grow closer and to talk more.

When creating a new version for teenagers, Daniela Choma and Alexandra Hollá chose psychologists from the BUDDY program and the educational organization DASATO as partners and experts on adolescents.

At BUDDY, when we were creating the questions, we made sure they would help open respectful conversations sensitively – including about difficult topics – and create a safe space where a person does not have to be afraid to share, even when carrying deep wounds (as many children in the BUDDY program do).

We believe that the principles that help our volunteers build an open, accepting relationship with their BUDDY children can support anyone who reaches for Človečina with a sincere desire to understand a young person.



BUDDY in the Media



BUDDY SILVIA OROSOVÁ
AND COORDINATOR MIŠKA VALUŠOVÁ
ON RÁDIO REGINA



BUDDY ALENA MAZÁNOVÁ AND KIKA
ON RÁDIO EXPRES



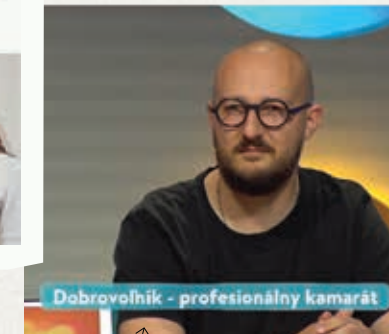
BUDDY VOLUNTEERS



ON THE SKETCH BROS MORNING SHOW
ON RÁDIO EURÓPA 2

**I did not grow up in a bubble.
I lived through things many
people do not experience in a
lifetime, says Kristína Balážová**

KIKA IN DENNÍK N'S
ROMANO FÓRUM MAGAZINE



BUDDY MATÚŠ STRAČIAK
ON TV JOJ'S INKOGNITO

**Education is not enough.
The founder of the BUDDY program
on how relationships change the lives
of children from children's homes**



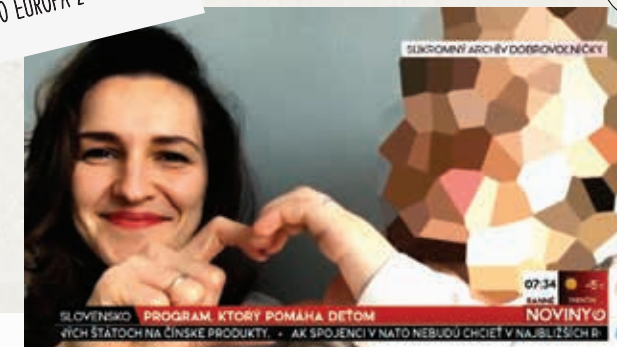
LACI KOSSÁR
IN SRDCOVKY, THE MAGAZINE
OF THE VÖB FOUNDATION

BUDDY SIMONA PROCHÁČKOVÁ
AND LINDA IN SÓDA MAGAZINE



**First she taught her to eat tomato
soup, then she understood what
closeness means. Simona and
Linda built a friendship that lasted
because, many times, they chose
understanding over ego.**

Finding a good friend in adulthood is rare – and keeping
a friendship is even harder work.



BUDDY BEA TIBENSKÁ
ON THE NEWS ON TV JOJ



AT THE CONFERENCE
'INDEPENDENT, BUT NOT ALONE'



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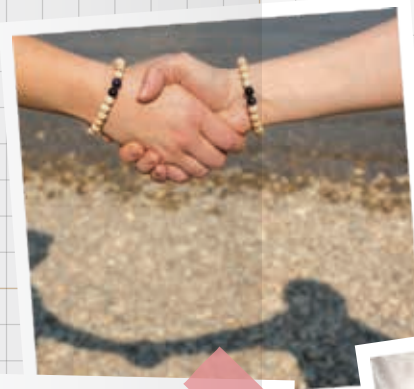


"ONLY NOW DO I TRULY REALIZE HOW LUCKY MY CHILDREN ARE. I DO NOT THINK I WOULD BE AWARE OF IT TO THIS EXTENT IF I DID NOT SPEND TIME WITH CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT HAD THAT KIND OF LUCK. IN THIS, THE BUDDY PROGRAM HAS MADE ME MUCH MORE SENSITIVE.

NO ONE TRULY DECIDES WHAT KIND OF FAMILY THEY ARE BORN INTO. WHAT CONDITIONS. WHAT PARENTS. AND THAT IS TERRIBLY UNFAIR."

Bea Tibenská (35), Bratislava
5 years in the BUDDY program

BUDDY blog



"WE CANNOT EVEN IMAGINE HOW WOUNDED THESE KIDS ARE, WHAT THEY CARRY WITH THEM. BUT EVEN HERE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT IS STILL THE CASE THAT WE CAN GIVE ADVICE BUT WE DO NOT TAKE OVER RESPONSIBILITY."

Daniel Urban (46), Bratislava
7 years in the BUDDY program

"I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN HER VERY MUCH AND SUPPORTED HER SO SHE WOULD NOT GIVE UP ON WHAT SHE LONGS FOR, BECAUSE SHE HAS WHAT IT TAKES. TOGETHER WE HAVE BUILT HER SELF-CONFIDENCE. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS TRUE THAT SHE IS PART OF OUR FAMILY AND SHE SEES THAT, THANKS TO THE DRIVE AND HARD WORK OF EITHER ME OR MY HUSBAND, WE HAVE WHAT SHE SEES AROUND HER, THAT LIFE CAN BE LIVED DIFFERENTLY TOO."

Magdaléna Zahoranová (43), Kolárovo
8 years in the BUDDY program

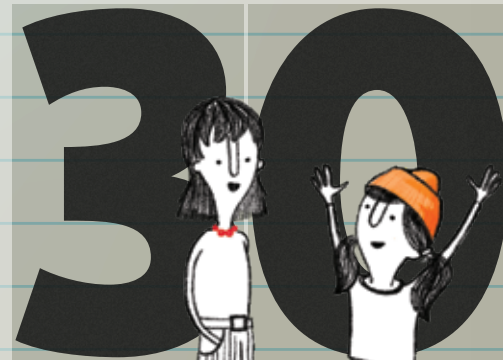


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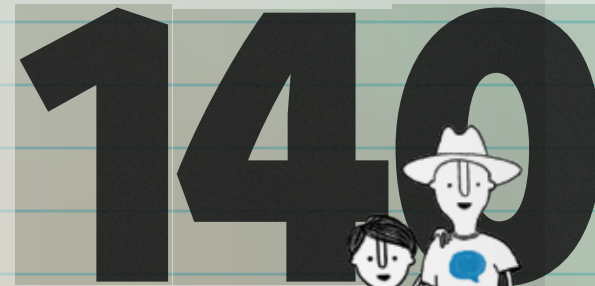


Our Plans for 2026

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**NEW
CHILDREN**
will meet their
BUDDY volunteer

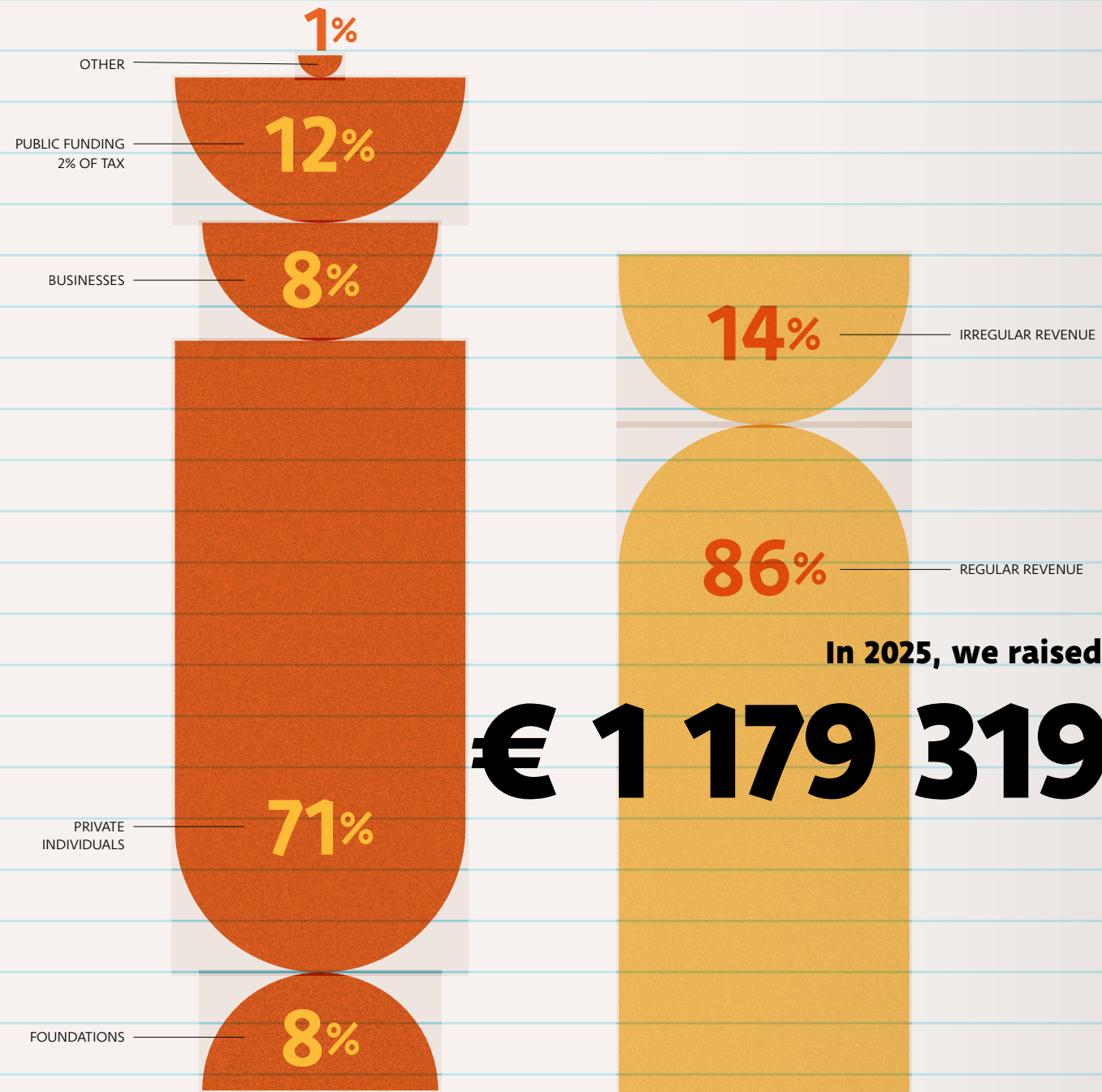


**ACTIVE
RELATIONSHIPS**
will receive our year-round
expert support



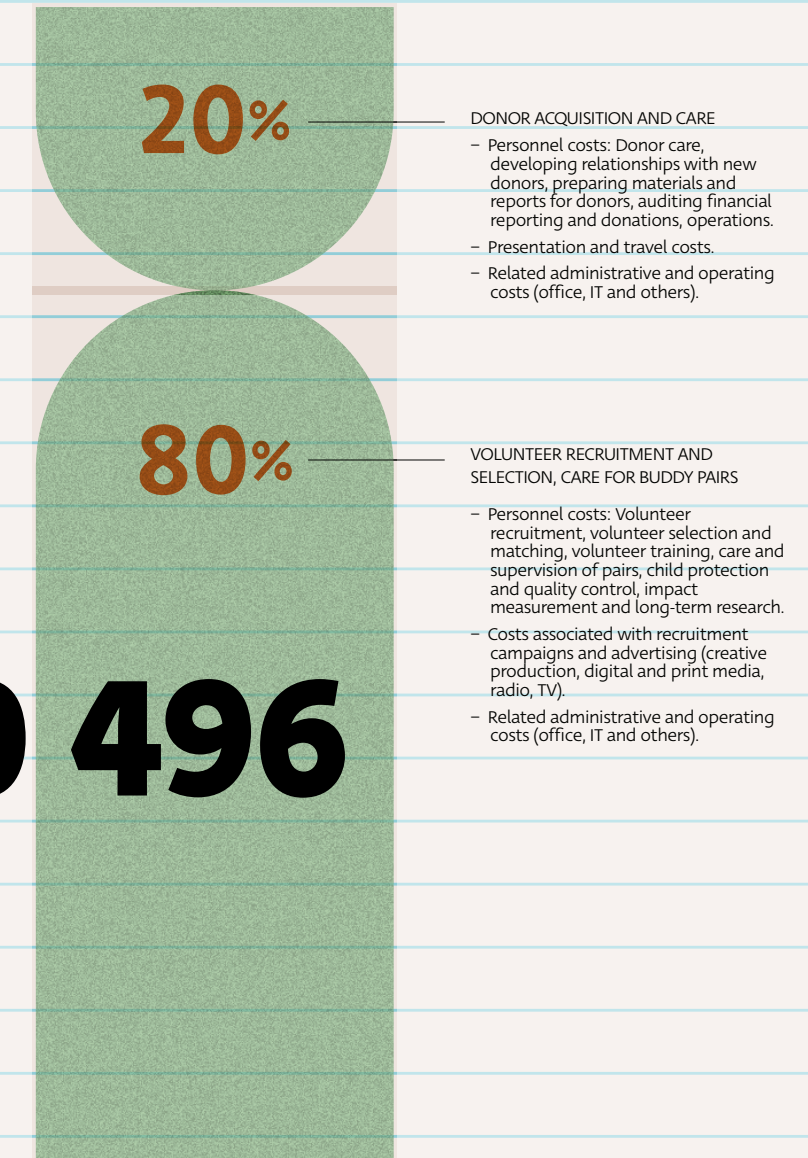
**MORE
LOCATIONS**
will be added
to the BUDDY map of Slovakia

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Budget in 2025:

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THANK YOU

- 240 BUDDY VOLUNTEERS
- NEARLY 500 INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE SUPPORTERS
- 35 COLLABORATING CENTRES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
- INTERNAL BUDDY TEAM AND EXTERNAL COLLABORATORS
- ALL FRIENDS AND AMBASSADORS OF THE BUDDY IDEA



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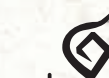

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**"If you want to go fast, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together."**

African proverb

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