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2021 End of Year Report

mobility is more than movement,
it's a human right.



Scaling our impact, thanks to you.

Through all the chaos we have each navigated these past two years, we wanted to thank our community of change-makers for stepping up to give so many children the free, high-quality care needed to walk and roll. You've helped our CoolKids gain independence, education, and community -- because mobility impacts everything.

From managing COVID-related shipping delays and mandatory shut-downs, to ensuring we're equipped to open our 11th program to serve children in Vietnam, you've helped us scale our impact against all odds.

On behalf of the over 20,000 CoolKids served since 2003, and in honor of those who still wait, thank you!

20,257
CoolKids Served

29,560
Treatments Provided

11 / 10
Programs/Countries

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In 2021, we stood by our commitment to quality.

As one of the only nonprofits committed exclusively to serving kids with limb disabilities in the developing world, we are on a mission to reach the **greatest** number of children with the **highest** quality of care. Thanks to our years on the ground, we do so at the most cost-effective manufacturing rates -- helping us serve more kids.

We are consistently testing and improving the products we provide, ensuring each child receives a custom device that will withstand the wear and tear of daily life and keep them on the move.

This year, to help our CoolKids move more comfortably, we improved the quality of our Joshi prosthetic knee joint by switching from local bushings to imported roller bearings in all aluminum joints.

This switch results in less friction with use, providing smoother movement and increases the joint's lifespan -- perfect for our CoolKids who are always on the move.



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September, 2021

In 2021, we met Xeng.

In 2016, while riding his motorbike to school, a then 12 year old Xeng got in an accident, resulting in the amputation of his leg. His parents, a farmer and mechanic, could not afford the prosthesis Xeng needed to walk. Unable to stand, let alone walk to school, Xeng was distraught. He felt alone and had no hope for his future.

Five years later, we provided Xeng with his first prosthetic limb - our Joshi. Xeng, now 17 years old, is back in school with his sights confidently set on becoming a dentist. The ability to see yourself in whoever you want to be and to follow your dreams - whether it be a dentist or a rockstar - starts with the ability to move.

|| Hear it From Him. *“Now I can go to school by myself and I can help my mother to do farming and feeding chicken. My family is very happy that I can do everything by myself... I can walk and move around very comfortable, I can play sport with my friend and I feel more confident.” - Xeng*

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September, 2021

In 2021, we expanded our reach.

According to the World Health Organization, an estimated 70 million people worldwide need a wheelchair for basic mobility but as many as 95% of them do not have one, limiting their social inclusion and participation.

This year we began supplying COPE, our program partner in Laos, with World Health Organization certified, high-quality, appropriately fitted wheelchairs from various major manufactures around the world.

Since its creation in 1996, COPE's work has helped thousands of people with mobility-related disabilities, including UXO survivors, access prosthetic and orthotic services.

We are proud to restore mobility and dignity to children in need thanks to our newest program partnership with COPE, which will provide appropriately-fitted wheelchairs to children throughout five provinces in Laos.

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March, 2021

In 2021, we helped keep Puspa moving.

Puspa has been a CoolKid since 2015, when she received her first prosthetic leg at our program with Puspadi Bali in Indonesia. Since that day we've been there to ensure Puspa receives the adjustments or repairs needed to her Joshi, maintaining her mobility and all that mobility offers. Puspa's mobility means she can not only attend school, but socialize with her friends, and contribute to her community.



For as long as we've known her, Puspa has had her eyes set on the future. While her dreams have changed over the years, from teacher to doctor to accountant, her ambition has remained unwavering.

Puspa has the confidence, and the ability, to pursue her dreams because of our incredible community of advocates.

|| Hear it From Her. *"Wearing a prosthetic limb is very beneficial for me because I can walk and be confident again...my plan in the next five years is to finish university and get a job in accounting." - Puspa*

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February, 2021

Our NextGen Club. Leading the way for the next generation.

Our NextGen Club is led by three exceptional young professionals dedicated to ensuring the next generation of CoolKids around the globe have the most fundamental tool to access a lifetime of opportunities: mobility.

From hosting a virtual race, to running their own digital campaigns, the NextGen Club's success in 2021 helped hundreds of CoolKids restore or gain mobility for the first time, all while welcoming new advocates to the ALTSO family.

“We unite the next generation to bring empowering mobility to ALTSO’s CoolKids around the world. This year has expanded our reach across the country as we have hosted virtual professional workshops and remote 5 ks and cannot wait to get back to our in-person trivia nights, workout classes, happy hours, and more.” - Anjuli Patel, NextGen

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April, 2021

In 2021, we met Rakib.

A baby's first steps are supposed to be a joyous moment. When that day did not arrive as expected for Rakib, his parents were shocked and confused. They worried for their son's future and feared of a difficult life for Rakib, filled with isolation and judgment.

But one fateful day, a field worker from our program with Impact Foundation Bangladesh noticed Rakib crawling through a courtyard. They shared that Rakib's clubfoot could be corrected with the help of a pair of orthotic braces. Four year old Rakib now walks easily and plays with the neighborhood children. He has a bright future ahead of him filled with friends, family, school, and opportunity -- and without the struggle caused by neglected clubfoot.

Hear it From Them. *"I can recall that it was a Sunday morning; Rakib was crawling on the courtyard. An Apa, while passing through, came to me and asked about my son's foot. Then she told me that Rakib can get back his foot...that brought a great sense of happiness and relief...This is really the most enjoyable day of our life." - Rakib's Parents*

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Proudly investing in CoolKids around the globe.

After many years of investing in our mobility solutions for children in Cambodia, the **Arthur B. Schultz Foundation** once again approved a grant to support more CoolKids in need. This year, thanks to our mutual commitment to offering high-quality mobility solutions to children, we were able to commit these funds to providing appropriately fitted wheelchairs for three dozen of our patients, facilitated through our program partner Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services Uganda Hospital (CoRSU). We are grateful for their dedication to ensuring children everywhere have access to quality treatment and the transformative opportunities mobility brings.

Our inaugural partnership with the Tennessee-based **Jordan Thomas Foundation** (JTF) means nearly 50 more CoolKids received ALTSO's Joshi modular prosthetic limb kit in 2021. JTF is dedicated to ensuring children with limb disabilities all over the world continue to gain or regain their mobility, independence, and the opportunity to thrive. JTF has already matched its generous 2021 commitment to support Joshi treatments for CoolKids in need to kick off 2022, and we look forward to continuing this important partnership.



March, 2021



April, 2021

Our CoolKids Club. Keeping CoolKids moving every single month.

This year, dozens of new, passionate members joined the CoolKids Club - our community of committed advocates investing in our next generation with a monthly donation ranging from \$5 to \$250. Every dollar goes far to support our commitment to #GrowingUpALTSO.

Providing a transformative treatment is a critical first step to get a CoolKid moving; CoolKids Club members ensure those same kids receive the adjustments, repairs, or new devices they need as they grow to stay moving.

\$25 a month keeps 6 CoolKids moving a year -- providing ongoing mobility and peace of mind for the whole family.

|| Hear it From Him. *"In the next five years I want to become an expert programmer to create a useful application...for me mobility is something special...I can do things that even others cannot...I can change the world!"* - Sulistyo

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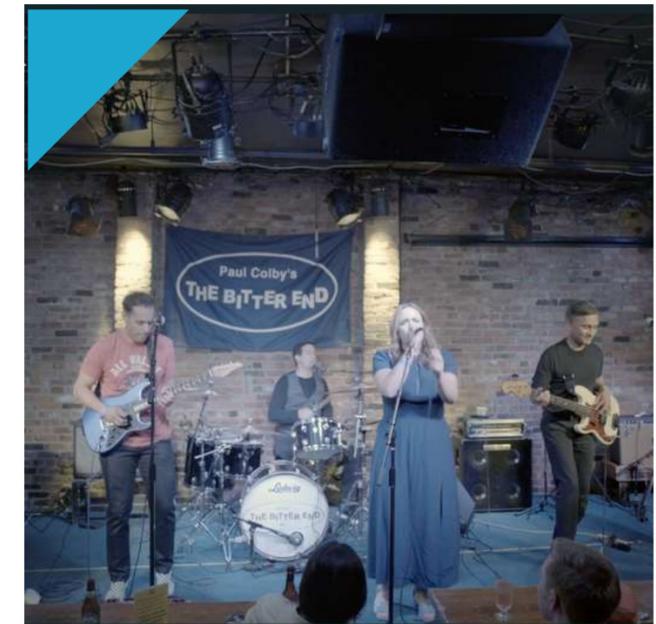
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Rocktoberfest.

Rocking live from the stage or virtually from the recording studio, 15 talented bands rocked for good for the 2nd live-streamed Rocktoberfest in October -- raising their voices to help us treat 1,000 more CoolKids in 2022. Stay tuned for next year's 19th annual Rocktoberfest!

Sponsored by the world's best.



RunningForALTSO

In early 2020 **SteelEye** launched the #SteelEyeRunningChallenge, rallying their employees around a shared mission to provide transformative treatment to CoolKids during UK lockdowns.

Over a year later, not only is SteelEye still #RunningForALTSO, they have inspired other companies to take action. Friendly competition in the name of a good cause - if we do say so ourselves - it doesn't get much better than that!

Thank you to the over 50 runners from **SteelEye, Baringa Partners, Harrington Starr, and VoxSmart** who dedicated a week in April and September, advocating for our CoolKids while running over a thousand collective kilometers (!), and raising over \$11,000 to help CoolKids be able to do the same.

Their generous support and tireless efforts means more children will be able to walk and roll, and to one day serve their communities.

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January, 2021

Take Action and Transform Lives.

Please consider making a 100% tax-deductible donation to provide our CoolKids with the free orthopedic care their families would otherwise not be able to afford. One simple treatment will transform a life.



Your gift of mobility provides access to education, independence, and future employment for our next generation of world changers.

There are many ways to give, and there's no wrong way to make a difference.

Donate Online

Visit www.altso.org/donate to donate via credit card or bank transfer. After making your donation, check if your company matches to double your impact.

Mail a Check

Please make checks payable to: A Leg To Stand On and mail to our address at 135 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10016.

Donate Stock

Visit www.donatestock.com/altso to complete your donation, safely and securely in 10 minutes or less.

Alternatively, you can provide the following information to your brokerage firm to process your donation (we are listed in IRS Publication 78).

Account Name: ALTSO Account No.: 6768-3712E Trade DCT: 0385

Donate Cryptocurrency

By visiting www.altso.org/crypto you can use our simple cryptocurrency donation platform to donate one of more than 40 different currencies and receive tax benefits for your contribution. Not only can you provide life-changing treatments with a cryptocurrency donation, when you donate crypto, you'll lower your tax-gain burden.

Legacy Gifts.

One of the greatest gifts we have is our ability to help others. When you plan a future gift, you're giving our next generation of CoolKids the tools they need to help themselves, their families, and their communities.

Our friends at Barnum Financial Group are volunteering three personal one-on-one calls to help you evaluate the easiest, most tax-efficient way to provide gifts of outsized impact for our CoolKids. Contact us at info@altso.org to learn more about the following techniques:

Gifts in Your Will or Living Trust

- A gift to ALTSO in your will or trust, also known as a charitable bequest, allows you to retain control of your funds and other assets during your lifetime
- Gifts are exempt from estate taxes and can be modified or revoked for any reason during your lifetime
- Non-Cash assets – donating real estate can provide an immediate income tax deduction for the gift with no recognition of loss or gain to donor on transfer

Simple Ways to Give That Cost You Nothing

- Life insurance policies
- Commercial annuities
- Simply contact your bank, insurance company or retirement account holder and request a "beneficiary designation form"
- IRA Charitable Rollover (made permanent in the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act in 2015 - Make a tax-free charitable contribution and transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to ALTSO without any income tax implications

Gifts that Pay You Income

- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)
- Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT)
- Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust (CRAT)
- Charitable Lead Trust (CLT)

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