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A LEG TO STAND ON

2024 Annual Report



## A Letter From ALTSO's Executive Director.

As the year draws to a close, I want to extend my gratitude for your commitment to empowering our next generation, one CoolKid at a time.

**This year, your support has served 1,437 children with free, high-quality prosthetic limbs, orthotic braces, and appropriately fitted wheelchairs, making an immediate and life-long difference.**

When you give a child mobility, you provide independence, education, future employment, and dignity. You give caretakers time to return to work, the tools to break the cycle of poverty -- and hope.

But more than anything, your support has brought peace of mind to families who want nothing more than to see their children happy, healthy, and on the path to a better tomorrow.

Thank you for making that dream a reality for 1,437 families in 2024. Here's to the families we'll serve, together, in 2025.

With gratitude,



Gabriella Mueller-Evrard  
Executive Director



### Appropriately Fitted Wheelchairs:

The right fit matters. WHO certified and customized for each child's needs.

## Meet CoolKid Sopriya | Growing Up ALTSO in Cambodia.

This year, we caught up with Sopriya and her family in Cambodia. After Sopriya lost her leg in a traffic accident, her family feared she would never smile again.

Her mother told us “She ask me ‘Where is my leg, mom?’...if it was possible I would give my left leg to her.” Thanks to your support, we provided Sopriya with her first prosthetic limb and committed to covering her annual care as she grows, through the age of 21.

A decade later, with your help, we’ve kept our promise. This year, when we visited Sopriya, we were in for a surprise: she now speaks fluent English! Sopriya is thriving as a first year university student in Thailand with dreams of opening a business back home after graduating. We have no doubt that she will.

Thank you for keeping Sopriya moving toward her dreams.



**Cambodia Site Visit** - A.J. Warco, Director of Programs, and Hannah Schumacher, Marketing & Communications, visited our program with Exceed in Cambodia, meeting over a dozen CoolKids across two clinics, and checking in with program management. Thanks to you, we have served more than 2,000 kids in Cambodia since 2011.



Cambodia, 2017



Cambodia, 2024

## Helping CoolKids walk & roll confidently toward their dreams.

The greatest investment you can make is in a child's mobility. Together, we're helping our CoolKids and their families create the brighter futures they dream of. On behalf of the CoolKids we serve together, and those who love them, thank you.

**1,437\***

CoolKids served in 2024

**10 / 9 / 37**

Programs / Countries / Clinics  
currently operating

**7 in 10**

CoolKids in school in 2024  
compared to 1 in 10 in LMICs

**24,410**

CoolKids served since 2003

**\$2.50/day**

Average CoolKid family income  
compared to \$100/day in USA



### Impact Foundation Bangladesh

*Two clinics in Bangladesh*

### COPE

*Five clinics in Laos*

### Exceed Worldwide

*Three clinics in Cambodia*

### Hope Disability Centre

*One clinic in Nepal*

### GetBak

*Two clinics in India*

### PSRD

*One clinic in Pakistan*

### Puspadi Bali

*One clinic in Bali, Indonesia*

### Motivation Romania

*16 clinics in Romania*

### Yakkum Rehabilitation Centre

*One clinic in Java, Indonesia*

### Diversity Action Network

*Five clinics in Somaliland*

## Meet CoolKid Hirwa | Growing Up ALTSO in India.

This year, we met Hirwa and her family in India! In 2022, Hirwa lost her leg after a devastating accident when a truck hit her as she crossed the road.

Her parents, desperate to give her the best possible care, discovered our program through Instagram. In 2023, with your support, we proudly provided Hirwa with her first prosthetic limb and committed to covering her annual care as she grows, through the age of 21.

Hirwa has a natural gift for the spotlight. She runs her own cooking channel and loves performing in her school's talent shows. Her dreams are as big as her spirit—she wants to become an astronaut and explore space.

Thank you for keeping Hirwa moving toward the stars.



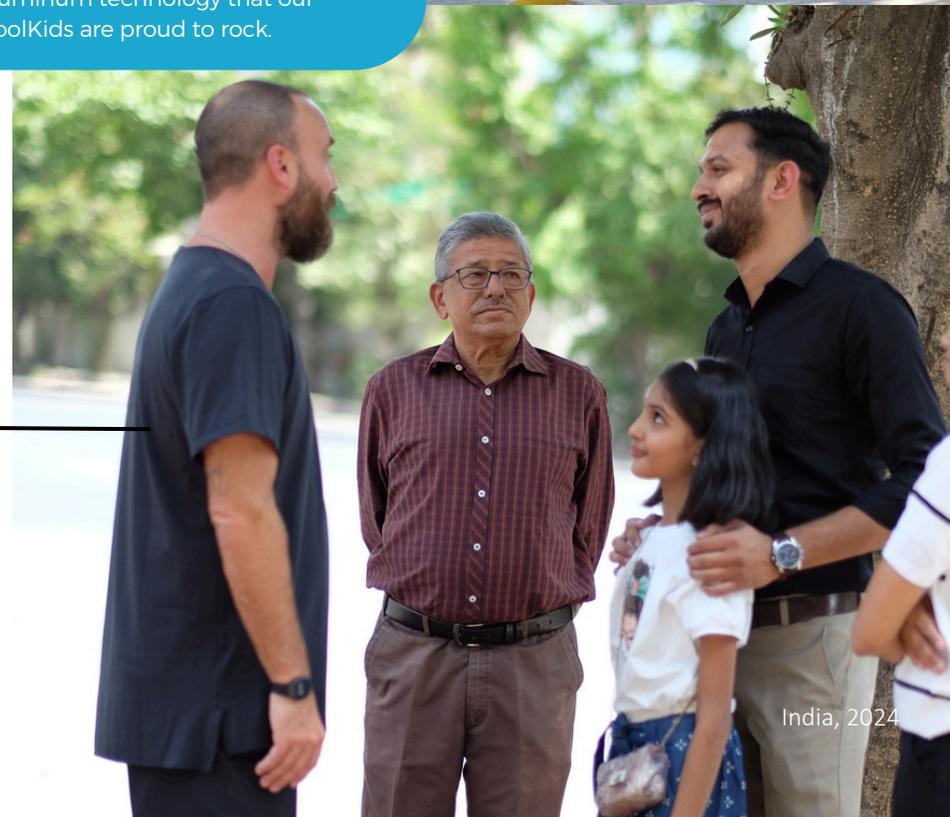
**India Site Visit** - A.J. visited our program with GetBak in India, meeting 45 CoolKids across two clinics, visiting the manufacturer of our **Joshi Modular Limb**, and seeing Dhiren Joshi, ALTSO's India Country Director/Chief Prosthetics and Orthotics Consultant. Thanks to you, we have served more than 200 CoolKids in India since 2019.



India, 2024



**Joshi Prosthetic Limb:** sleek design, aluminum technology that our CoolKids are proud to rock.



India, 2024

## Empowering the next generation, one CoolKid at a time.

We help CoolKids walk & roll in emerging countries where the need for orthopedic care - due to traffic accidents, congenital disabilities, and poverty - is tremendous, yet underserved. Together, we're reaching the greatest number of children and empowering each of them with consistent, customized care. Meet 10 CoolKids whose lives you have transformed:



**Zubaid** in Bangladesh



**Puthera** in Cambodia



**Ayushman** in India



**Bayu** in Bali, Indonesia



**Syahira** in Java, Indonesia



**Thongsouk** in Laos



**Jarna** in Nepal



**Muhammad** in Pakistan



**Elena** in Romania



**Abokher** in Somaliland

## Meet CoolKid Athid | Growing Up ALTSO in Laos.

This year, we met Athid and his family in Laos! As a baby, Athid lost his limb to an infection, leaving his mother - a newly single parent - overwhelmed with worry about how she could give him the care he needed.

But with your support, we provided Athid with his first prosthetic limb and committed to covering his annual care as he grows, through the age of 21.

Because of your commitment, Athid's mother no longer bears the weight of that uncertainty about his future. Athid is as sweet as can be, and focused on his own dream of becoming a school teacher.

He has the curiosity, patience, and love of learning to make it happen, and a family by his side that believes in him. Thank you for keeping Athid moving.



**Laos Site Visit** - A.J. and Hannah visited our program with COPE in Laos for the first time, meeting over a dozen CoolKids and program management. Thanks to you, we have served more than 200 kids in Laos since 2019.



Laos, 2024



Laos, 2024

## The ALTSO Family: united by the desire to create change.

We're proud to have a community of advocates united by their belief in a future where every child can move, learn, and grow with confidence. From Move to Rocktoberfest, and through campaigns launched by individuals and corporate partners alike, we have felt the powerful impact of our mission spreading with purpose and intention across every corner of the globe.



### Rocktoberfest

Over 1,500 advocates and 55 corporate sponsors joined us at our annual Rocktoberfest concerts in NYC and Chicago this October to Rock For Good! For the second year in a row, Rocktoberfest raised over \$1 million to help deliver high-quality mobility care to our CoolKids. Thanks to all who rocked with us.

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### Move

Our mobility affects everything we do and every opportunity we have. This May, over 200 advocates around the world joined us to reflect on the difference mobility makes in their lives. Together, we moved 2,585 miles in 5 days and raised \$45,000. Join us for our 5th Annual Move in May 2025! Move, compete, make a difference.

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### Sea to Sea

Ben Kilner traversed 150 miles, over land and water, in his self-made amphibious canoe for ALTSO, sharing "Mobility is a gift - often not fully appreciated until lost. For children with limb disabilities in developing countries, basic mobility remains a distant dream." Ben's innovation and dedication raised £5,000 for our CoolKids.

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### Unlock The Everyday

ALTSO is a proud partner of 'Unlock The Everyday', a global campaign by ATScale to increase awareness: 10% of people in low-income countries can access the assistive technology they need, compared to 90% in high income countries. This Fall, we joined them in Times Square to spread the word: everyone, everywhere deserves equal access to assistive technology. Can you spy **ALTSO's Joshi**?

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## Meet CoolKid Estera | Growing Up ALTSO in Romania.

This year, we had the joy of meeting Estera and her family in Romania! 19 year old Estera lives with Cerebral Palsy (CP), a disability affecting 17 million people worldwide.

For those with CP, everyday movement like coordination, balance, and walking can be a challenge, often making mobility aids, like wheelchairs and orthotic braces, essential for daily use.

Until now, Estera has faced years of using ill-fitted wheelchairs that limited her comfort and freedom. But thanks to your support, we were able to provide her with a Cub wheelchair—a thoughtfully designed, lightweight, durable and adjustable chair that can fold up to fit in a car.

Now, Estera is more comfortable than ever and able to spend more time outdoors doing what she loves most, enjoying the sunshine. Thank you so much.



**Romania Site Visit** - A.J. visited our program with MotiRo in Romania for the first time, meeting over a dozen CoolKids, visiting with program management, and catching some games of wheelchair basketball. Thanks to you, we have served more than 55 kids in Romania since 2023.



## Give mobility to our CoolKids and hope to the families who love them.

9 in 10 children living with disabilities in emerging countries cannot afford treatment and, as a result, do not attend school. You can change that. The right mobility care empowers children to move confidently into the classroom and out into the world stronger, more independent, and able to pursue their passions with determination and joy.

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Prosthetic Foot

**\$100**



Orthotic Braces

**\$200**



Joshi

**\$250**



Wheelchair

**\$500**



Year of Treatment

**\$1,000**

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