



Victoria
Hand Project

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Impact Report

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MESSAGE FROM THE VICTORIA HAND PROJECT TEAM

Dear Valued Donors, Supporters, and Community Members,

As we reflect on the past two years at Victoria Hand Project, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. Thanks to your generous donations and the incredible support from the public, we have achieved milestones that were once only dreams. The impact we have had on communities across Cambodia, Canada, Egypt, Guatemala, Haiti, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, Uganda, Ukraine, and the USA is a testament to the collective power of compassion and determination.

In particular, our efforts in Ukraine faced unprecedented challenges due to the ongoing war. Despite the adversity, your support enabled us to make a tangible impact on the lives of those in great need - establishing two new partner clinics in Lviv and Vinnytsia. The resilience of the people we encountered, coupled with your generosity, allowed us to bring positive change to amputees facing extraordinary hardships.

We are thrilled to showcase the remarkable progress and success stories in this impact report. Your contributions have fueled major technological advances empowering us to help more individuals regain control and independence through our innovative prosthetic solutions. Each new initiative, every life changed, is a testament to your commitment to making a difference. As we navigate the challenges that arise, we find strength and inspiration in your support.

Thank you, from the depths of our hearts, for being the driving force behind the Victoria Hand Project. Your belief in our vision has transformed lives and created a ripple effect of positive change. We are excited to share the impact you've made and the lives you've changed in this report.

With heartfelt gratitude,



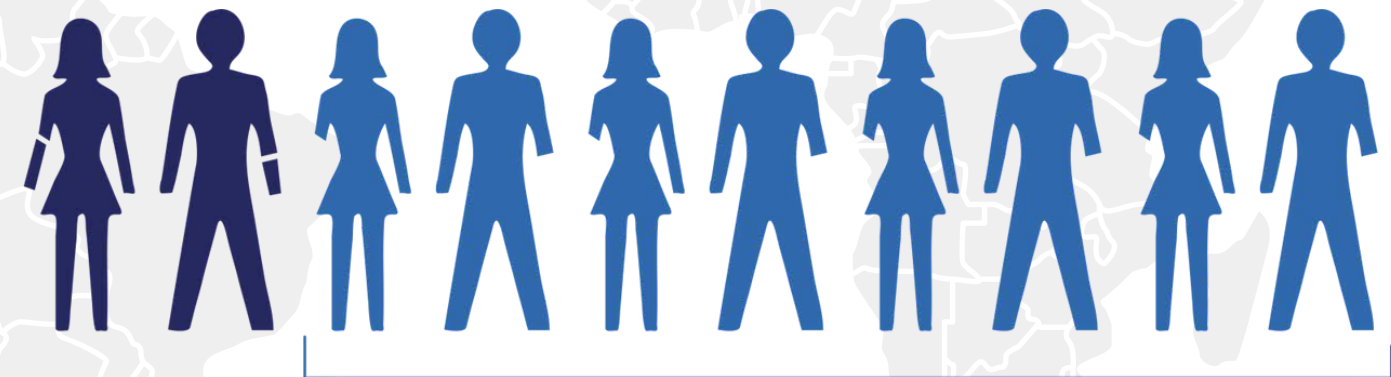
Michael Peirone, CEO





Need for Care

A vast range of causes result in alarming rates of upper-limb amputations worldwide – armed conflict, accident, disease, and lack of healthcare infrastructure. An estimated **2.3 million upper-limb amputees worldwide do not have access to a prosthetic arm** and face extremely limited access to care. [1,2,3]



*80% of upper limb amputees live in developing countries and **only 5%** of this population has access to care [1,2,3]*





Our Mission

Victoria Hand Project (VHP) is a charity with a mission to help amputees receive prosthetic arms worldwide.

We partner with prosthetists to provide our **functional, highly-engineered, 3D printed** prosthetic arms to amputees facing poverty or other barriers to receiving care. We fundraise to provide these hands free-of-charge to those most in-need.

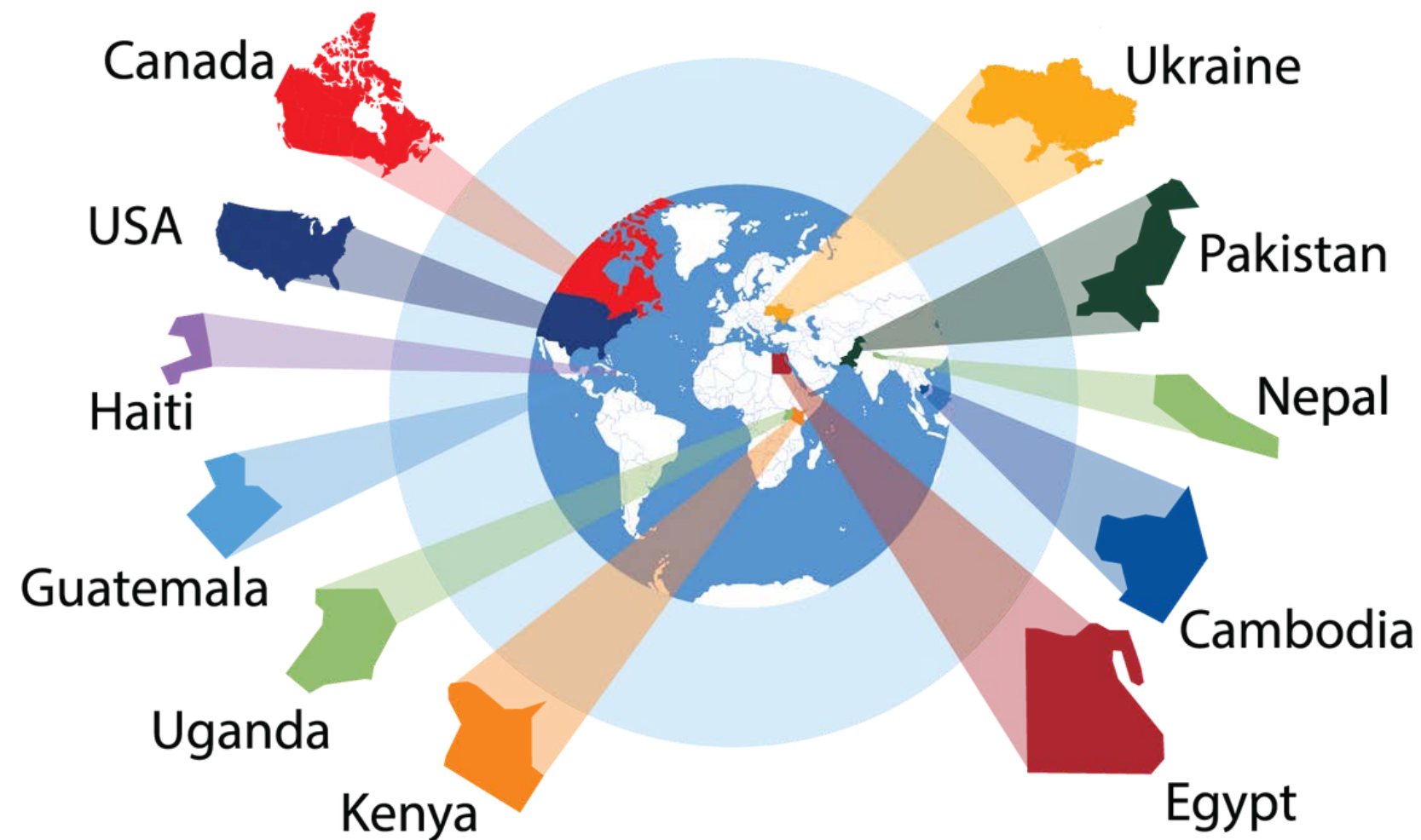




Where We Are

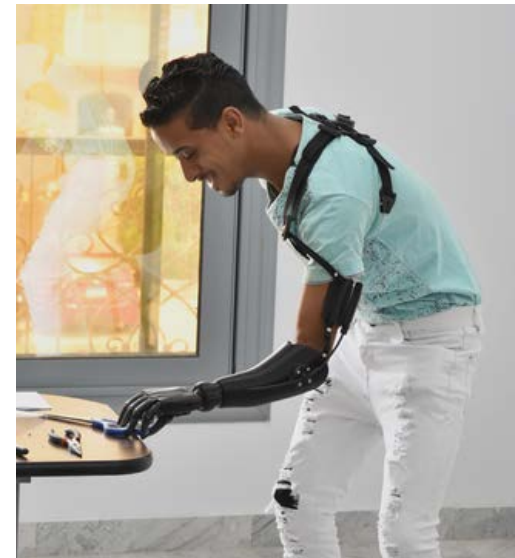
VHP currently works with prosthetic clinics in **eleven countries** internationally, steadily expanding our reach to offer vital prosthetic care to more people in-need.

International Partnerships



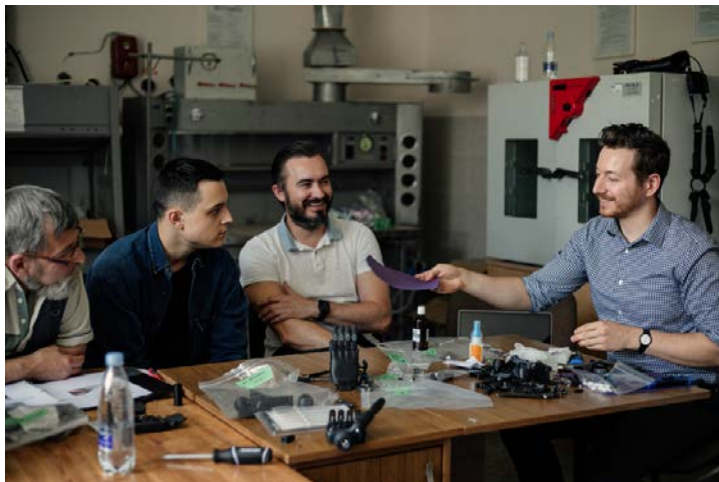


300+ people worldwide have received a Victoria Hand





We believe in empowering clinicians with knowledge and skills to foster sustainable on-going prosthetic care.



2022 Major Achievements



Children worldwide received the new VS300 'Small Hand'



Held first ever in-person Victoria Hand Project fundraising event



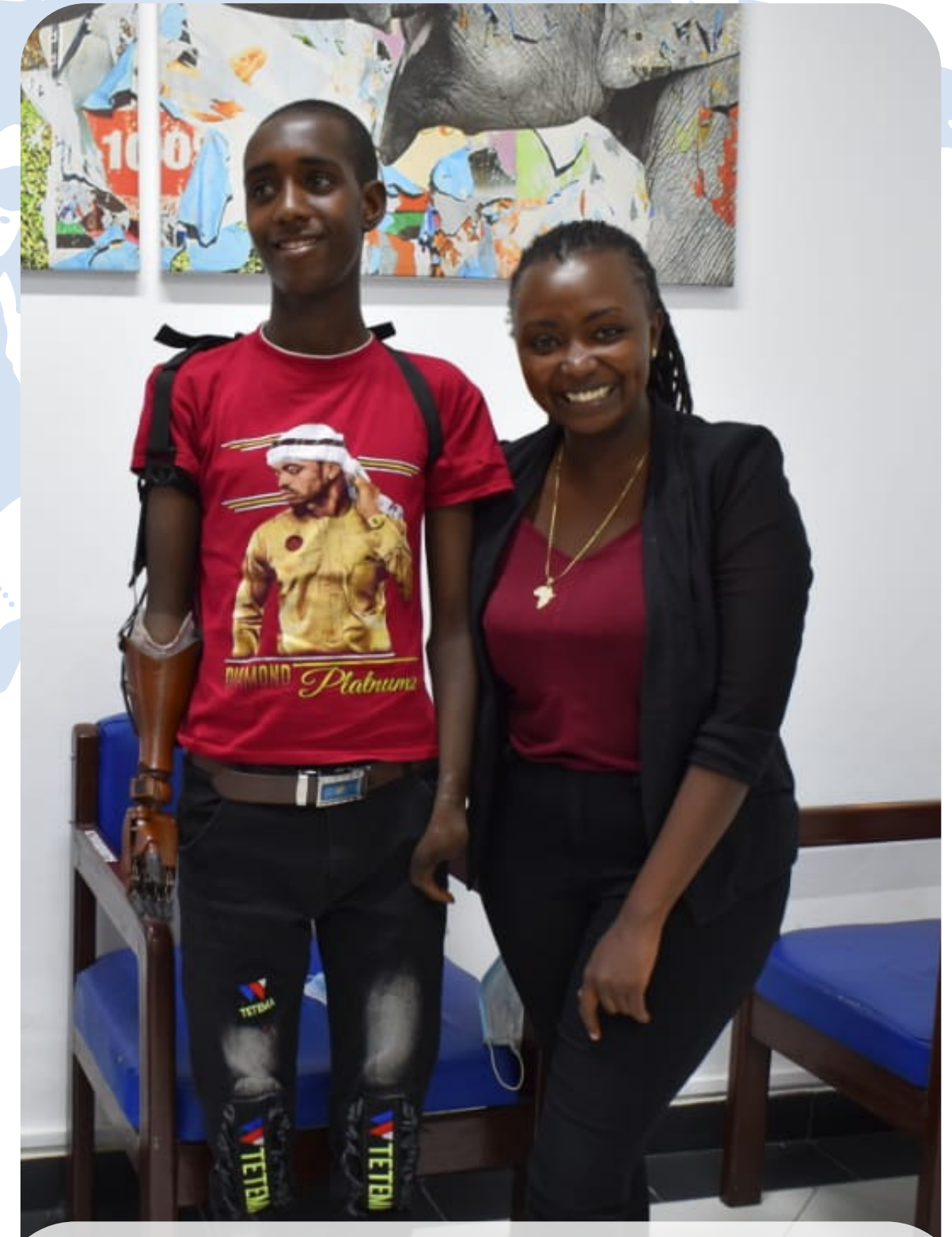
Began user trials of trans-humeral (above elbow) prosthetic arm



New partnership established with 'Prosthetics at Home' to help amputees in-need in Texas



Our Haitian partners continue to fit patients with Victoria Hands despite civil unrest - real life superheroes



This young man in Kenya was the first to receive the new, stronger 'Small Hand' - his first ever prosthetic arm!

2023 Major Achievements



New partnership with
'Artificial Limb Center'
Fauji Foundation
Hospital in Pakistan



New partners in Pakistan were trained in all the 3D skills needed for building and offering Victoria Hands



Completed user trials
of trans-humeral arm,
available to all



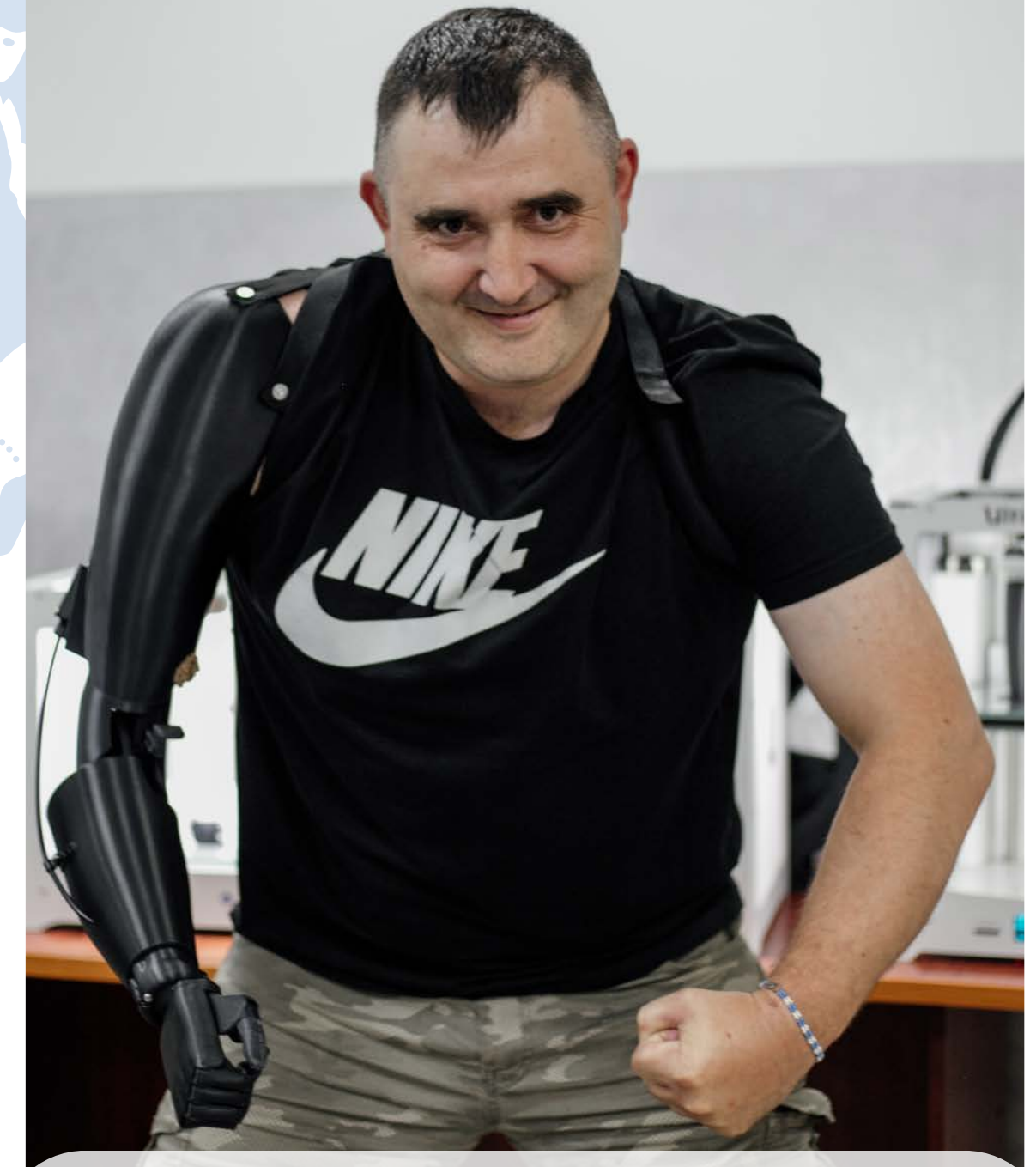
After our partners in Kenya learned to build the above-elbow arms, many people rushed in to receive care



'Hands for Ukraine'
campaign leads to
two new partner
clinics in Ukraine!

Partner Highlight

Our partners in Ukraine
fit over **65 people**
with Victoria Hands!



'Hands for Ukraine' offered instant prosthetic care for a huge number of people who lost limbs in the war

The Gift of Independence

Receiving a Victoria Hand is transformative: functional prosthetic arms are an incredible tool to help amputees regain independence, hope, and opportunities to **live more fulfilling and happier lives**. Here are just a few of the people who, thanks to you, received Victoria Hands in 2022/2023.



“After 2 weeks using this hand I can say that it is very practical, it helps me in everyday life. It is really comfortable, I can put it on by myself, without help. **Thank you Victoria Hand Project, you give hope to those who need it the most.**”

- Andriy, Hands for Ukraine Recipient



“Isaiah was one of the boys in [Magadi], an area where temperatures go up to almost 43 degrees. Sadly, the boy would spend his day wearing a heavy, heavy jacket to hide his shame. **This is the happiest moment, to watch him get his hand prosthetic**”

- Liz, about Isaiah, 9 years old

“**When you get a prosthetic, it is like getting a second chance at life.** I didn’t know I could receive such a prosthetic arm! A very huge thank you to the philanthropists who support this project. I hope they live with health and happiness, for them, for their families.”

- Viktor, Hands for Ukraine Recipient



The Gift of Independence

Continued...



Oscar rescued his daughter from a train accident, but lost his arm in the process. “[Victoria Hand Project] was the first organization that was able to help us, after over 3 years of searching. **Thank you!**”
- Mario, a family friend of Oscar’s



“Because of what is happening in our country, more and more people are becoming disabled. So **we need to update and develop this project more and more**. Thank you very much for helping me with the prosthesis.”
- Vitaliy, Hands for Ukraine Recipient



In 2023, Lewis, an active Victoria Hand user, received a new limb socket that fits more comfortably. He also helped at the Kenya clinic, teaching recipients how to use their new hands!

"Since getting the Victoria Hand my life has tremendously improved. I am more confident. I learned how to accept myself."
- Lewis, Victoria Hand Ambassador (Kenya)

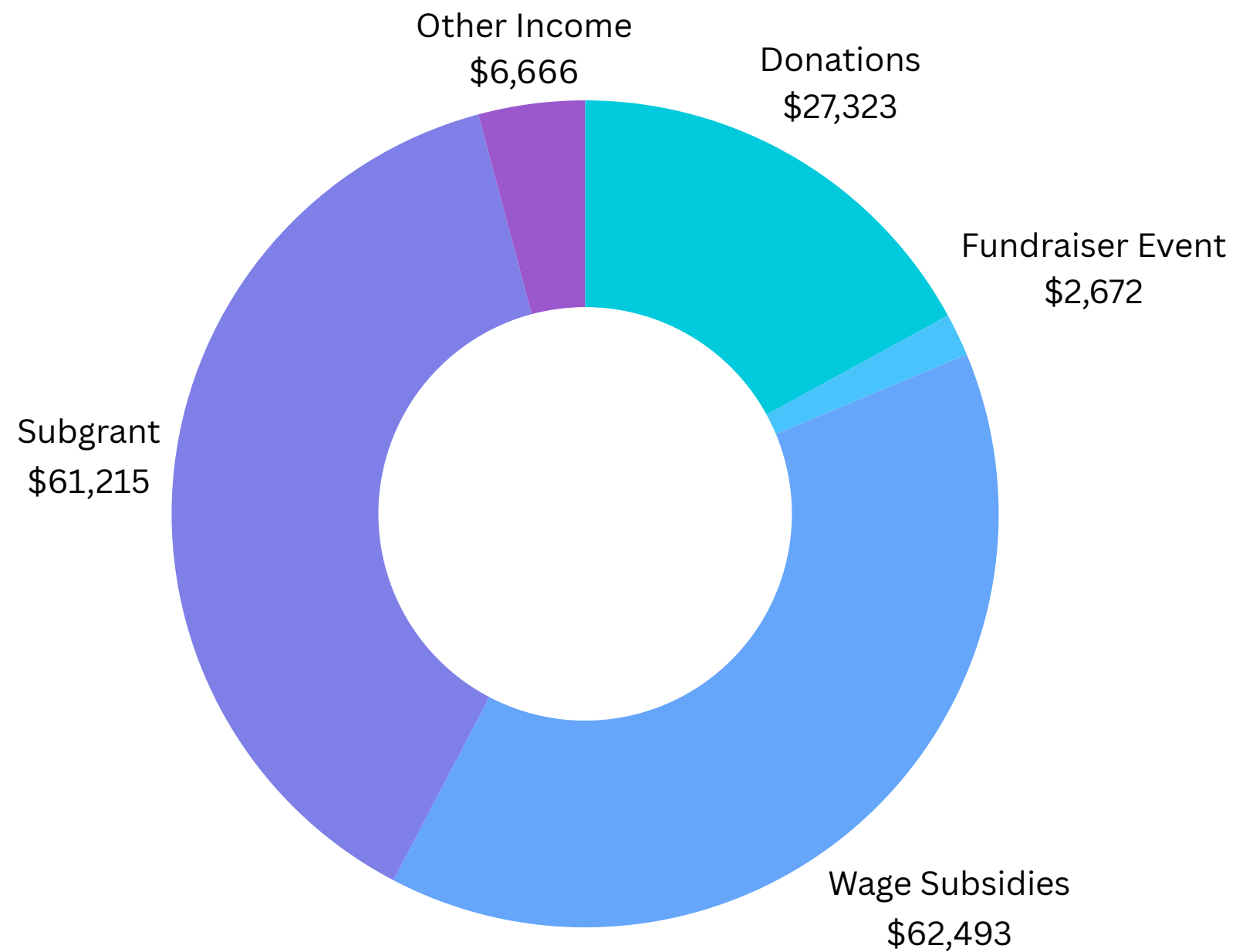
“Living without a hand is a truly challenging thing. My activities have been limited. Through this hand **my life is going to improve** because I will be able to handle my daily activities.”
- Wilson, Trans-Humeral Recipient



2022 Financials

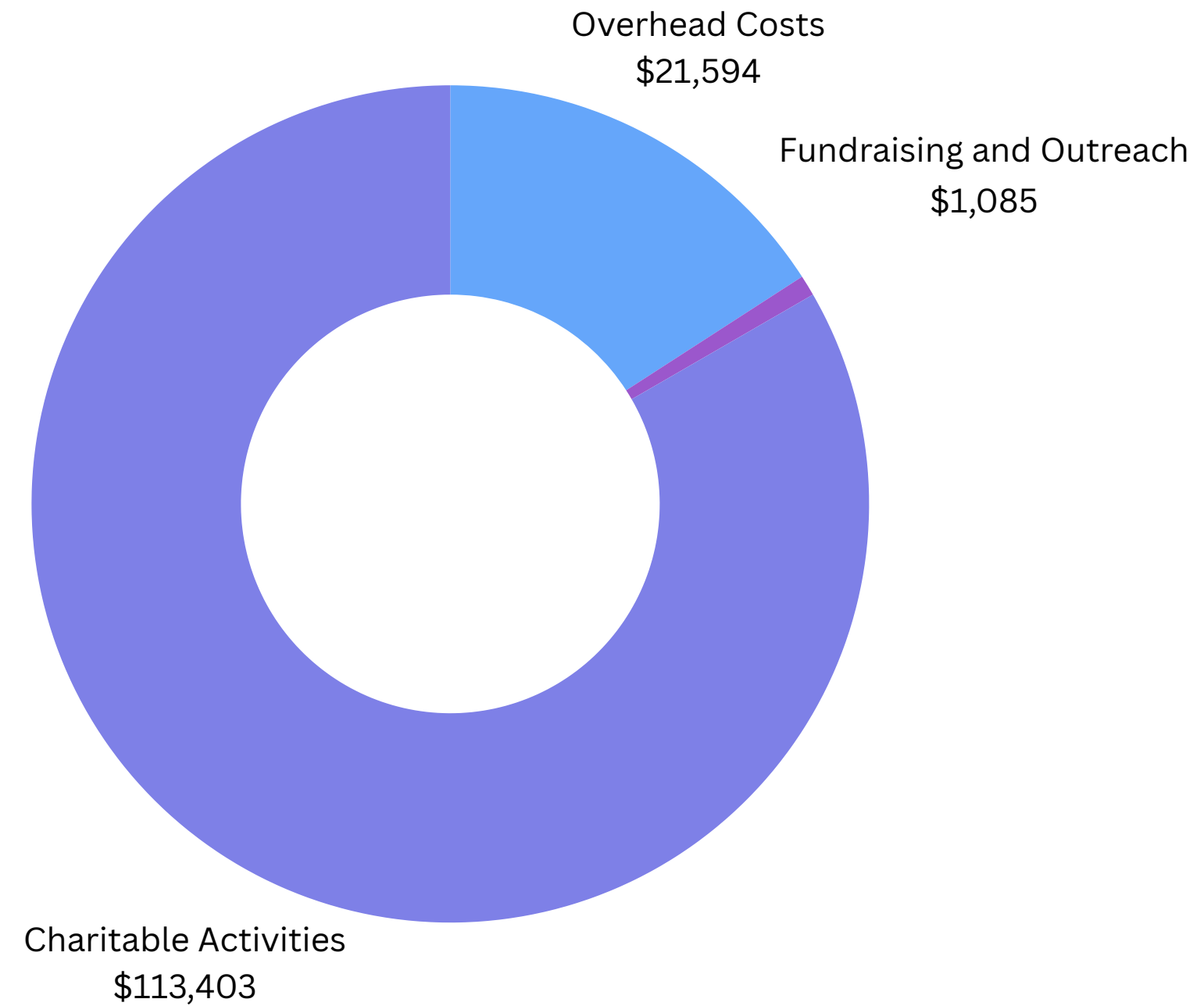
All values in Canadian Dollars (\$CAD)

Sources of Revenue (2022)



Total Revenue (2022): \$160,370

Allocation of Expenses (2022)



Total Expenditure (2022): \$136,081

2023 Financials

COMING SOON

We are currently working with our accounting firm to finalize reporting for the 2023 tax year. This document will be updated in April 2024.



Supporters and Contributors

Wishing a special thanks to some of the organizations and foundations who made significant contributions to Victoria Hand Project in 2022/2023.

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Thank you to each and every one of the talented prosthetists, technicians, and staff that help make this project possible!



Thank you for helping us to keep
#prostheticswithinreach



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For any questions or clarifications.

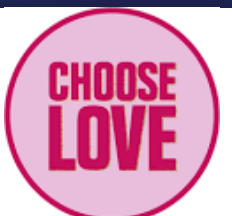
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