



THE SUWANDI FOUNDATION

A photograph of four young children in school uniforms (white shirts with red and white checkered collars and cuffs) engaged in an outdoor activity. They are gathered around a large, red, triangular sign. One boy in the foreground is using a black marker to draw a simple face on the sign. The other children are looking on with interest and smiles. The background shows lush green foliage and a wooden structure, suggesting a schoolyard or garden setting.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

MISSION & MILESTONES

We use the power of education to give children in Bali, Indonesia the tools needed to break the cycle of poverty and achieve their dreams.

In 2024, thanks to the support of our donors, volunteers, and sponsors, we:

- Launched a new computer class program, equipping our community with essential skills to bridge the digital literacy gap.
- Opened a kindergarten and preschool, giving over 20 young learners access to quality early childhood education.
- Provided food packages to 150 families to build community trust & speak directly to parents of our students.
- Empowered and financed five first-generation college students to pursue higher education—an extraordinary achievement in a community where 60% of parents didn't complete middle school.
- Expanded our student sponsorship program from 46 students in 2023 to 58 students in 2024, ensuring that students are financially able to complete primary & secondary education.



The Yayasan LMU Learning Center was born from the powerful belief: every child deserves the chance to learn and dream. Putu and her husband, Agus, built this center with that hope in mind. In Putu's words:

“I remember how I felt when I couldn't continue my education due to financial limitations. I don't want any child to go through the same experience as I did. Education is the right of every child.

When I was young, I didn't dare to dream, but now I always tell children: Dream big, think big. You are bigger than you think.”

LETTER FROM THE FOUNDERS

As we reflect on 2024, one word comes to mind: growth. In the past 12 months, the number of people standing behind the Suwandi Foundation mission surpassed 1,000 supporters!

This organization is setting a precedent for multi-level change—personal, community-wide, and global. Through the community-led learning center, Yayasan Loka Mawa Upadhi, the student sponsorship program, and international service-learning programs, we're expanding opportunities for underserved Balinese students while reshaping the global perspectives of international volunteers.

Everyone on the Suwandi Foundation team is deeply grateful for each of you and remain committed to turning every ounce of your support into real change: critical education programs, university pathways, new job opportunities, and the development of human-centered leaders from all over the world!

- Lily Slaughter & Kaitlynn Pimentel



GLOBAL TEAM

Our dedicated local staff make every moment of learning possible. With the addition of four new team members, Yayasan LMU now has a staff of 12—made possible through the generous support of TAG Philanthropic Foundation. Meet our newest team members:

- I Luh & Nengah – Our new kitchen staff provide nutritious meals for our kindergarten students, making healthy eating fun and educational.
- Novi & Yudi– This wife-and-husband duo brings invaluable experience to our team—Novi, a former TK principal, now leads our kindergarten program, while Yudi teaches essential digital skills as our full-time computer instructor.
- I Ketut Kardiasa: An incredible new karate teacher – that’s right, the students are now becoming karate masters.





YAYASAN LOKA MAWA UPADHI: **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

This year marked the exciting launch of the Christine Arria Kindergarten and Preschool at Yayasan Loka Mawa Upadhi! This is a joyful, curiosity-driven space where our youngest learners explore the world around them. From making fruit salad and learning about healthy eating to singing, dancing, and getting hands-on with crafts, our students are discovering that learning can be both fun and meaningful.

The curriculum nurtures the whole child: students begin to understand personal hygiene, explore nature and science, and build early literacy and numeracy skills. They also deepen their connection to Balinese culture by learning about Hindu traditions, practicing gratitude, and participating in ceremonies.

With special visits from local police officers, professionals, and international volunteers, every week brings new experiences and opportunities to grow.



YAYASAN LOKA MAWA UPADHI:

A PEAK INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

At learning center Yayasan Loka Mawa Upadhi, local teachers and international volunteers use a project-based, multidisciplinary approach to teaching English.

Students improve their language skills while engaging with topics like science, culture, and art. Examples of active learning include the creation of papier-mâché sea creatures to practice English by exploring marine conservation and the creation of “passports” to simulate global exploration in the classroom!

This year, students also participated in sustainability-focused field trips to regenerative farms and the Green School Camp!



DIGITAL LITERACY

In 2024, we launched a new computer literacy program! Students are learning softwares like Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint, and digital skills like resume writing, internship reporting, and video editing.

A PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE

"At the Yayasan, my oldest daughter started computer lessons. I'm very excited because I don't know how to use a computer myself, but I know how important it is for students to learn. In this era technology is everywhere and computer skills can help my daughter get a good job, even in an office! Before this class, she had never touched a computer. Now, she tells me she already knows the basics and is excited to keep learning more."

SUWANDI SPONSORSHIPS:

UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

Six students now have the life-changing opportunity to attend university—thanks to our incredible sponsors! See what our brilliant students are up to below:



Wangi & Desi are both Yayasan LMU Learning Center teachers who are pursuing degrees in Early Childhood Education at Universitas Terbuka online.



Suastika is an ambitious young man from the Tianyar village, who is in his first year studying Accounting at Undiksha University.



Sanica is the first student from Learning Center Yayasan LMU to go to university! She is studying Balinese Dance, so one day she can become a dance teacher at the learning center.



Tri Utari is a young woman in her second year at the London School of Public Relations, specializing in Marketing and Public Relations. This year, she is embarking on her first study abroad experience in Malaysia — so exciting!



Puspa, now in her third year at Undiksha University studying Tourism and Hotel Management, was selected for a highly competitive study exchange in Thailand. She is currently completing a prestigious internship at the St. Regis in Jimbaran!



**WANGI
& DESI**



SUWANDI SPONSORSHIPS:

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOL SPONSORS

Thank you so much to our 47 sponsors that sponsor 59 students public school education!

Every child enrolled in the learning center is eligible for our student sponsorship program; so, the center not only provides after-school education, but also ensures children can complete formal schooling!

In Tulamben, 60% of the families we serve do not have even one parent who graduated high school, and many parents never learned to read. This is largely because of the hidden costs of attending public school—families must cover school fees, uniforms, and supplies, costing up to \$40 USD per month per child. For households earning just \$150–\$300 USD per month, this expense is overwhelming.

Sponsorship changes that. With just \$40 per month, a child can stay in school, focus on learning, and receive the basic education they deserve. This year, we welcomed 11 new sponsors—helping reduce stress for 15 student households and ensuring students can complete their education across the community.

SERVICE PROGRAMS

In 2024, we hosted 54 international volunteers across our three programs—Teaching Immersion (gap year program), Social Impact Internship, and Service Learning. By working alongside local teachers, they strengthened English instruction, improved student confidence, and introduced engaging, project-based lessons.

SERVICE PROGRAMS AS A PATH TO FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

The Suwandi Foundation's long-term goal is for Learning Center Yayasan Loka Mawa Upadhi (LMU) to achieve financial independence. In Indonesia, nonprofit organizations are encouraged to develop self-sustaining revenue streams. Accordingly, Yayasan LMU is working to establish a social enterprise component to gradually reduce—and eventually eliminate—its reliance on financial support from the Suwandi Foundation.

The learning center's current revenue model is centered around hosting international volunteers. At present, Yayasan LMU generates income through Suwandi Foundation volunteer programs, which include a per-person program fee, a 25% surcharge on cultural immersion activities, and profits from weekend travel packages sold to volunteers.

To support long-term sustainability, the Suwandi Foundation is working closely with Yayasan LMU leaders, Putu and Agus, to expand partnerships with other volunteer-sending organizations.





SUWANDI PARTNERS

2024 Partner Foundations & Funds:

Christine Arria Scholarship Foundation

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This year, a dedicated group of donors deepened their commitment to the Suwandi Foundation's mission, choosing to become a **Partner for Education**.

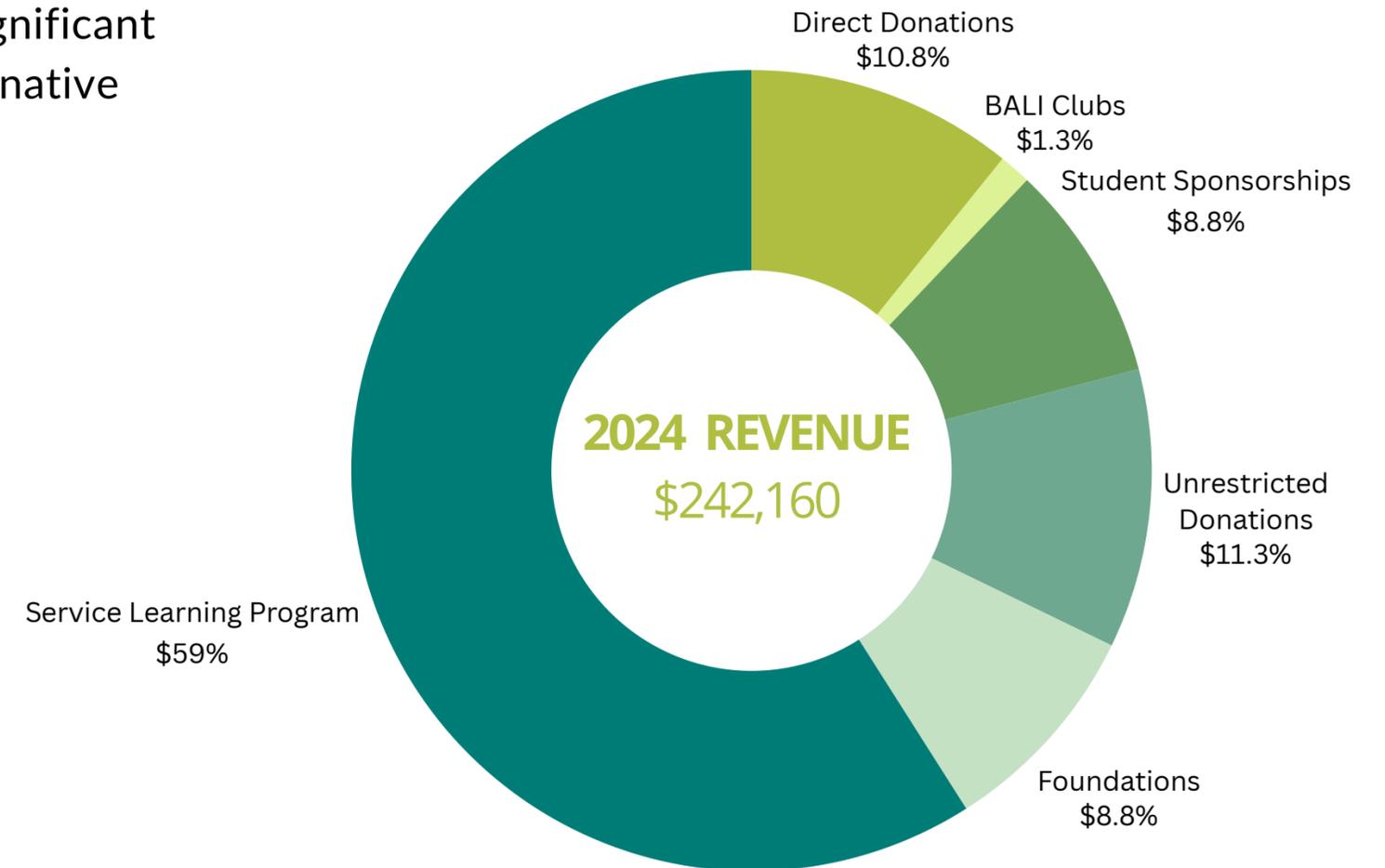
Not only investing in our present work but in the long-term future of our organization. Their support is driving the expansion of our student sponsorships, volunteer initiatives, and learning center programs!

REVENUE

In 2024, thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, we raised \$100,000 in donations to advance our mission. In parallel, we made significant strides toward long-term financial sustainability by strengthening alternative revenue streams that reduce reliance on traditional fundraising.

A key focus has been the growth of our Service Learning volunteer program, which not only provides dedicated support to our local partner, Yayasan Loka Mawa Upadhi, but also serves as a cornerstone of our income-generation strategy. By expanding this program, we aim to make it our primary revenue source—allowing donor contributions to go even further by covering core operational costs through earned income.

We invite new and returning donors to join our Partners for Education or to invest in targeted initiatives that deliver meaningful, lasting impact for students and communities in Tulamben.



Annual Revenues



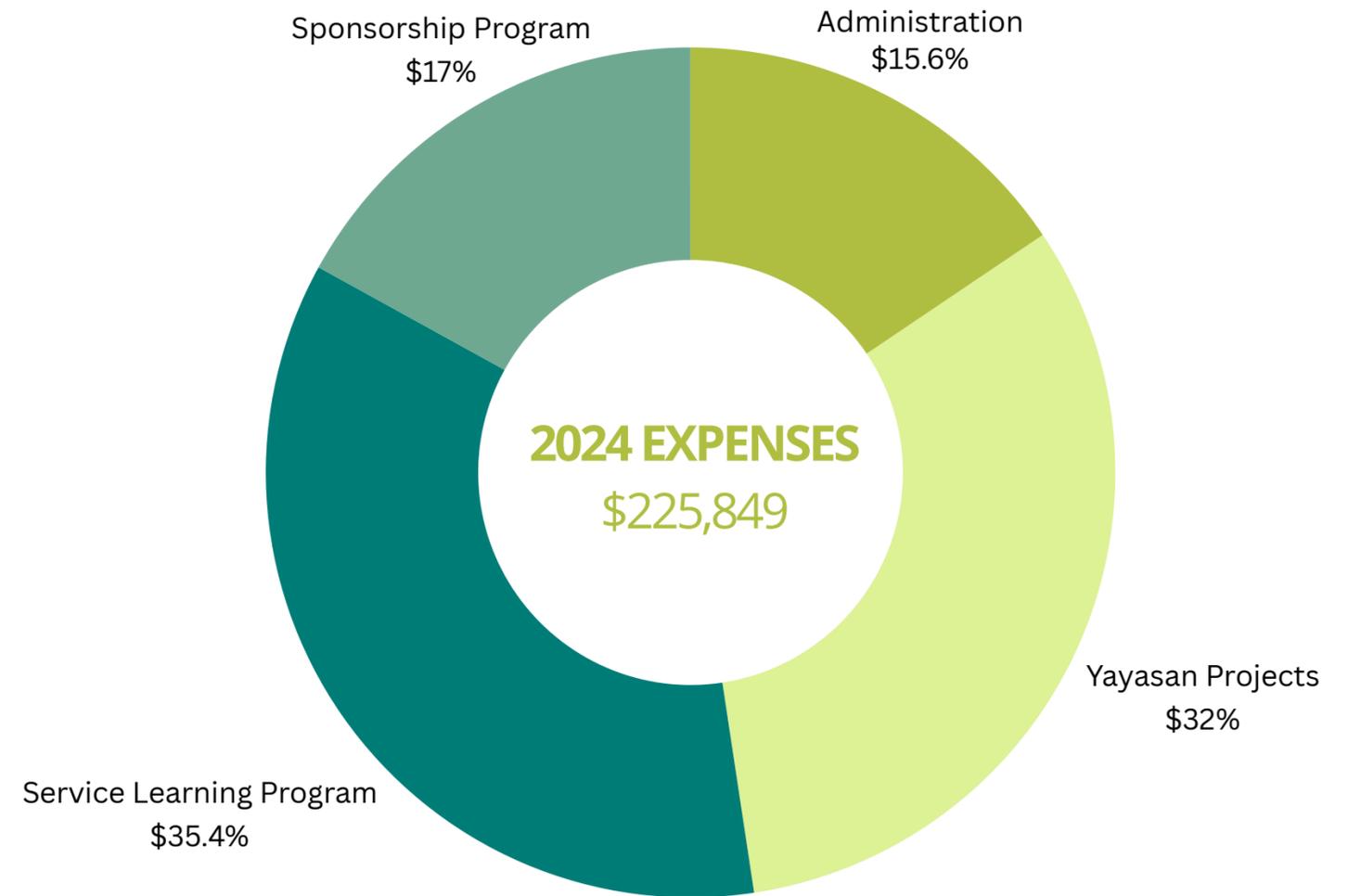
EXPENDITURES

In 2024, the majority of our expenditures were dedicated to supporting the local team at the learning center and expanding educational programming operated by Yayasan Loka Mawa Upadhi.

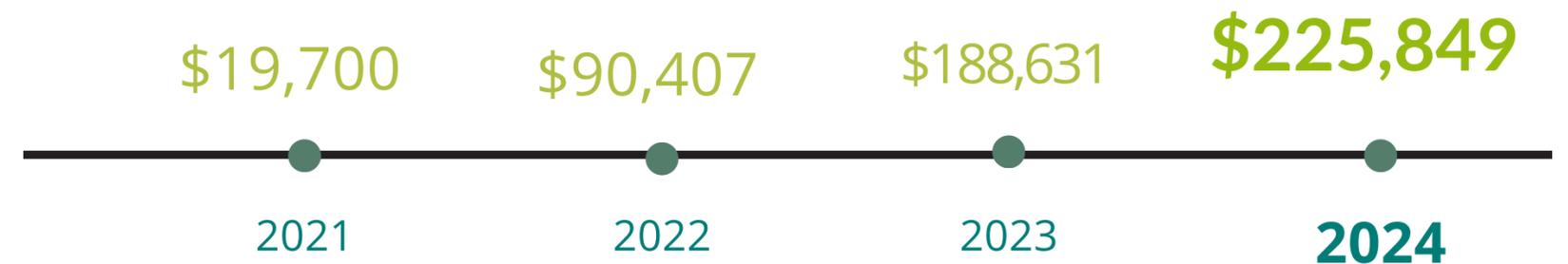
A significant portion of our budget also supported accommodations, meals, and cultural activities for participants in our Service Learning program—an integral part of both our operational model and long-term sustainability efforts.

Student sponsorships represented a smaller portion of our 2024 spending. In 2025, we aim to expand this program significantly by increasing the number of students served and extending the reach of our city sponsorship initiative. We also plan to create more opportunities for direct engagement between donors and the students they support.

Transparency and accountability are central to our values. We remain fully committed to responsible stewardship of every dollar entrusted to us. For questions or additional information, please contact us at info@suwandifoundation.org.



Annual Expenditures



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