



**Sarawak Children's
Cancer Society**

Pertubuhan Kanser Kanak-Kanak Negeri Sarawak

SARAWAK CHILDREN'S CANCER SOCIETY

Annual Activities Report 2024



WHO WE ARE

In 1999, a group of parents of children with cancer came together to discover ways they could support one another. On 26 November 2001, Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS), a non-profit organisation established to meet the needs of families of patients diagnosed with paediatric cancer, was formally registered.

With a committee made up of 70% parents and 30% volunteers, we understand the need of these families that we serve during this uncertain time because we have been there ourselves. We are families supporting other families, with the hopes of providing some relief, care and support during this challenging period.

SCCS recognises the complexity of the paediatric cancer experience, and we understand that childhood illness affects every aspect of the lives of patients, siblings, and caregivers. As such, SCCS adopts a holistic approach in supporting families.

With the support of patients and families, SCCS also grows public awareness of childhood cancer through fundraisers and educational campaigns.

Since 2001, SCCS has supported more than 1,700 families across Sarawak. Together with the support of the community, the society looks forward to expanding and growing its services to provide better care and relief for the families along this journey.





VISION

Every Malaysian child with cancer will have access to the best available treatment and support

MISSION

To provide care and support for Malaysian Children and their families who are suffering from Childhood Cancer in Sarawak.



AREAS OF IMPACT



SUPPORT

From counselling sessions, palliative care home visits, wish granting, bereavement to post bereavement support;

SCCS comes alongside families and becomes that additional hand of support to walk alongside with them through this difficult journey.



ACCOMMODATION

SCCS has 2 halfway homes that are fully equipped with amenities that provide free lodging, food and transportation for outstation patients receiving treatment in Sarawak General Hospital, Kuching and Miri General Hospital.

Every year, the Kuching halfway home accommodates more than 40 children and caregivers.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

To assist with the cost of caring for a child with cancer, SCCS provides monetary assistance to patients and families demonstrating financial need.

Financial aid includes monthly financial subsidies, travel reimbursement, expenses, monetary or items donations, bereavement assistance and need-based provision of medical subsidies.



AREAS OF IMPACT



MEDICAL SUPPORT

SCCS sponsors medical consumables and donates medical equipment not provided in Sarawak's government hospitals. This includes certain medications, blood filters, central venous lines and prosthetic devices.

The Society also helps to subsidise or pay for the cost of need-based medical subsidies for important medical treatments to children who otherwise would not be able to afford them.



EDUCATION

SCCS holds talks and organises campaigns to educate the public about cancer and the stigmas often attached to it.

To improve the services provided to the patients, SCCS sponsors various medical staff and staff team of SCCS to attend relevant workshops and conferences.

In 2018, in collaboration with Malaysia Stem Cell Registry, SCCS started a stem-cell donor drive with the hopes of increasing the chances of cancer patients to find a match.



RECREATION

SCCS organises monthly birthdays, festivities celebrations, annual family days and youth camps for childhood cancer survivors, to entertain and engage the children.

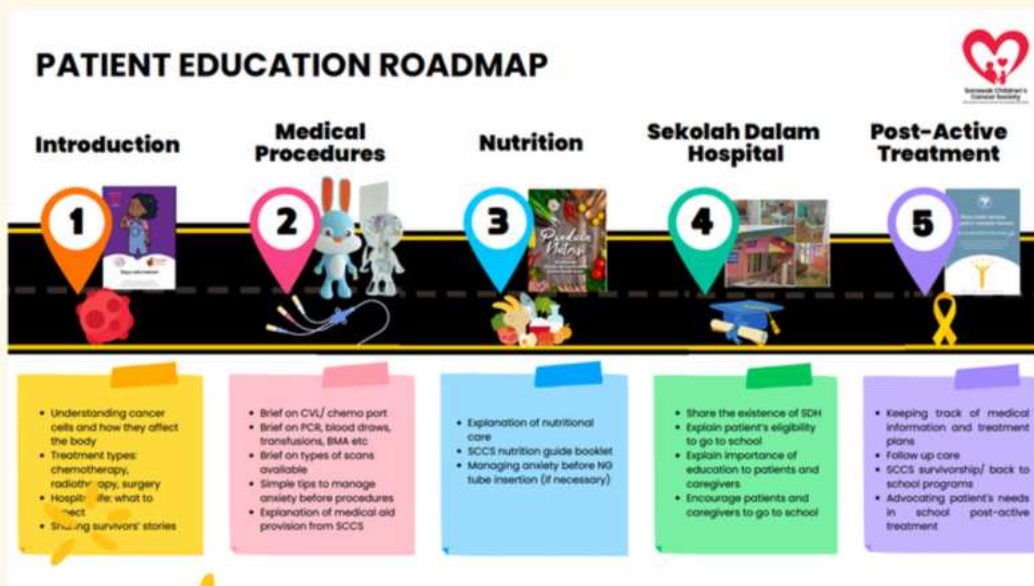
These activities provide a space for them to rest and rejuvenate their mind.



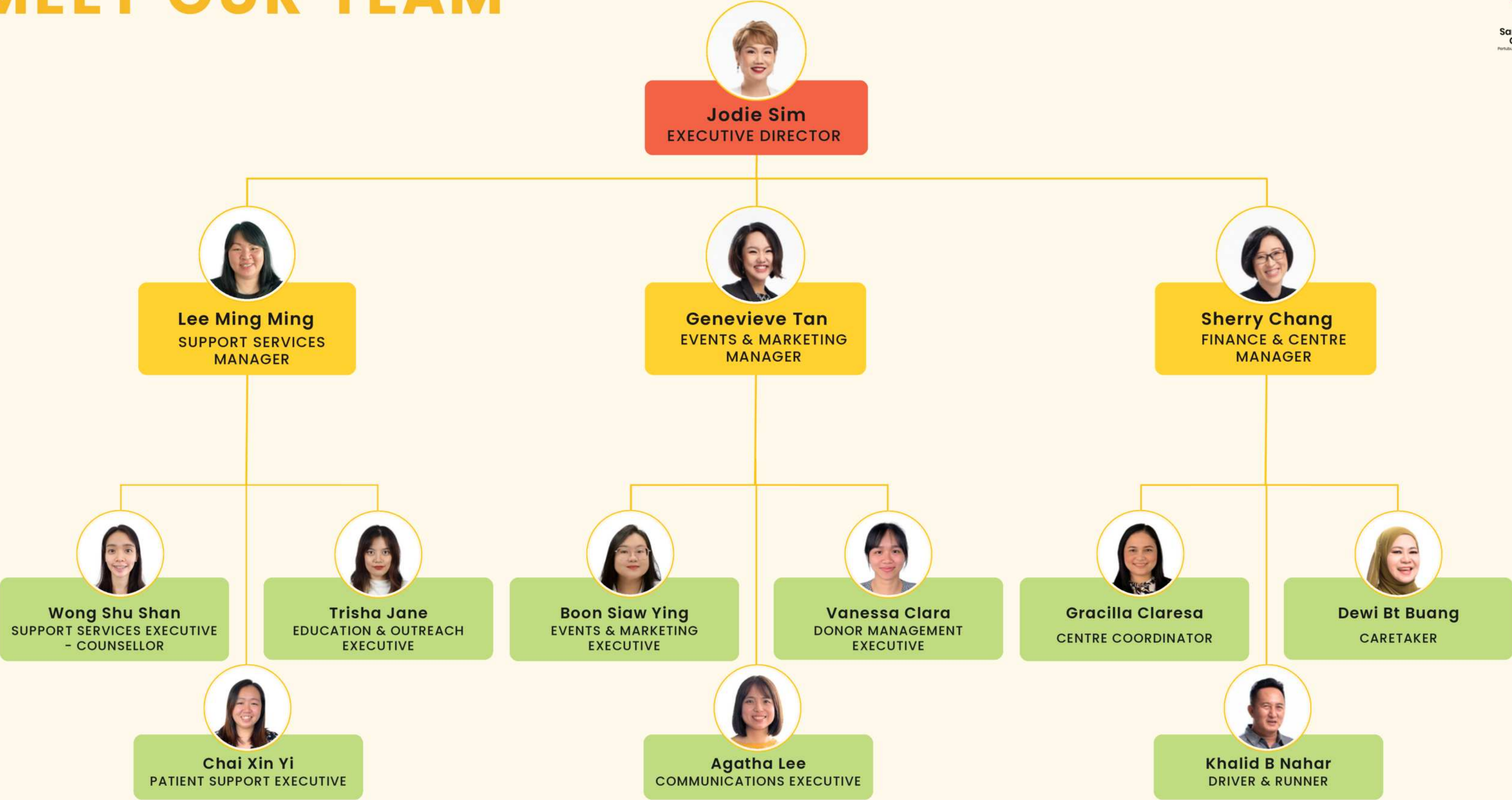
2024 SERVICE OVERVIEW



- Development of patient education roadmap, resources and program
- Increase physical engagement activities with members – which included various SCCS family recreational events across Sarawak
- Donation of medical equipment and ward upgrading activities enhance monitoring and comfort for patients and caregivers during treatment worth approximately RM 160,000
- Parent support group activities – A topic based learning and sharing activity held monthly for caregivers
- Commencement of psycho-educational activities with kids and caregivers in 2024
- Medical aid of more than RM 770,000 spent on medical drugs, consumables procedures and prothesis



MEET OUR TEAM



MEMBERSHIP

	2024	2023
LIFE MEMBERS	544	524
ORDINARY MEMBERS	151	110
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS	1024	1022
TOTAL	1,719	1,656

	2024	2023
SOUTHERN	923	897
NORTHERN	369	353
CENTRAL	370	350
OTHERS	57	56



CASELOADS

	2024	2023
NEW ADMISSIONS TO WARD 2A	59	59
RELAPSE	1	1
PALLIATIVE CASE	12	17
BEREAVED CASE	24	21



SUPPORT SERVICES

	2024	2023
PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS	15	-
GROUP COUNSELLING SESSIONS	8	40
INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING SESSIONS	35	24
CAREGIVER CARING SESSIONS	496	616
NO. OF CAREGIVER SUPPORTED	178	127
PATIENTS CARING SESSIONS	268	242
NO. OF PATIENTS/YOUTHS SUPPORTED	56	100
TOKEN OF LOVE DISTRIBUTED	57	57
CAREPACK DISTRIBUTED	55	60



PALLIATIVE & BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT



60

palliative care
caring sessions
carried out

10

families received
monthly comfort
aid

21

Palliative and post
bereavement
visits

23

families supported
with bereavement
cost

96

post bereavement
caring sessions
carried out

24

families received
post bereavement
emotional support

MEMORIAL DAY



- 18 families
- 2 medical staff
- 4 committee members
- 5 Other NGO (Dee Hati)

WISHING STAR PROJECTS



4 wishes were
granted in 2024



MEDICAL SUPPORT



	2024	2023
MEDICAL AID	RM 762,786	RM 178,114
NO. PATIENTS BENEFITTED	48	39

Medical aid includes subsidies/sponsorship for medical procedures, bone marrow transplant & related costs, drugs, consumables, lab tests, scans, prosthesis, walking and hearing aids



SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL AID PROVIDED BY SCCS IN 2024



MEDICAL AID – JESSIE >RM320K



Jessie Nipah, a 4-year-old girl from Sarikei was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma.

In 2023, SCCS fully sponsored essential lab tests and scans to enable Jessie to undergo a bone marrow transplant at the Hospital Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (HUKM) in Kuala Lumpur.

In February 2024, SCCS sponsored **over RM320,000** for Jessie's immunotherapy treatment at the Sarawak General Hospital.

MEDICAL AID – DANIEL >RM130K



In May 2023, Daniel, a 14-year-old-boy from Kuching, was diagnosed with T-cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia, or T Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (T-ALL).

On 26 March 2024, Daniel received a stem cell transplant at Ampang Hospital, Selangor.

SCCS supported Daniel's treatment costs totalling **over RM130,000** for the stem cell transplant and lab tests performed at both Sarawak General Hospital (SGH) in Kuching and Ampang Hospital in Selangor.

MEDICAL AID – AMBROSE >RM35K



In 2018, Ambrose, a 10-year-old boy from Kuching was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. Following the completion of his active treatment, he underwent an endoprosthesis operation in his right leg.

Earlier in 2024, his endoprosthesis had broken.

On 22 February 2024, SCCS sponsored Ambrose's surgery to insert a bigger and newer metal implant in his leg, designed to accommodate his growth. The cost of the new endoprosthesis and surgery totalled at **over RM35,000** and was carried out at Sarawak General Hospital (SGH).

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION WORTH RM 212,150



SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL

Donation of medical equipment to Paediatric Ward 2A worth **RM99,000** by PETROS

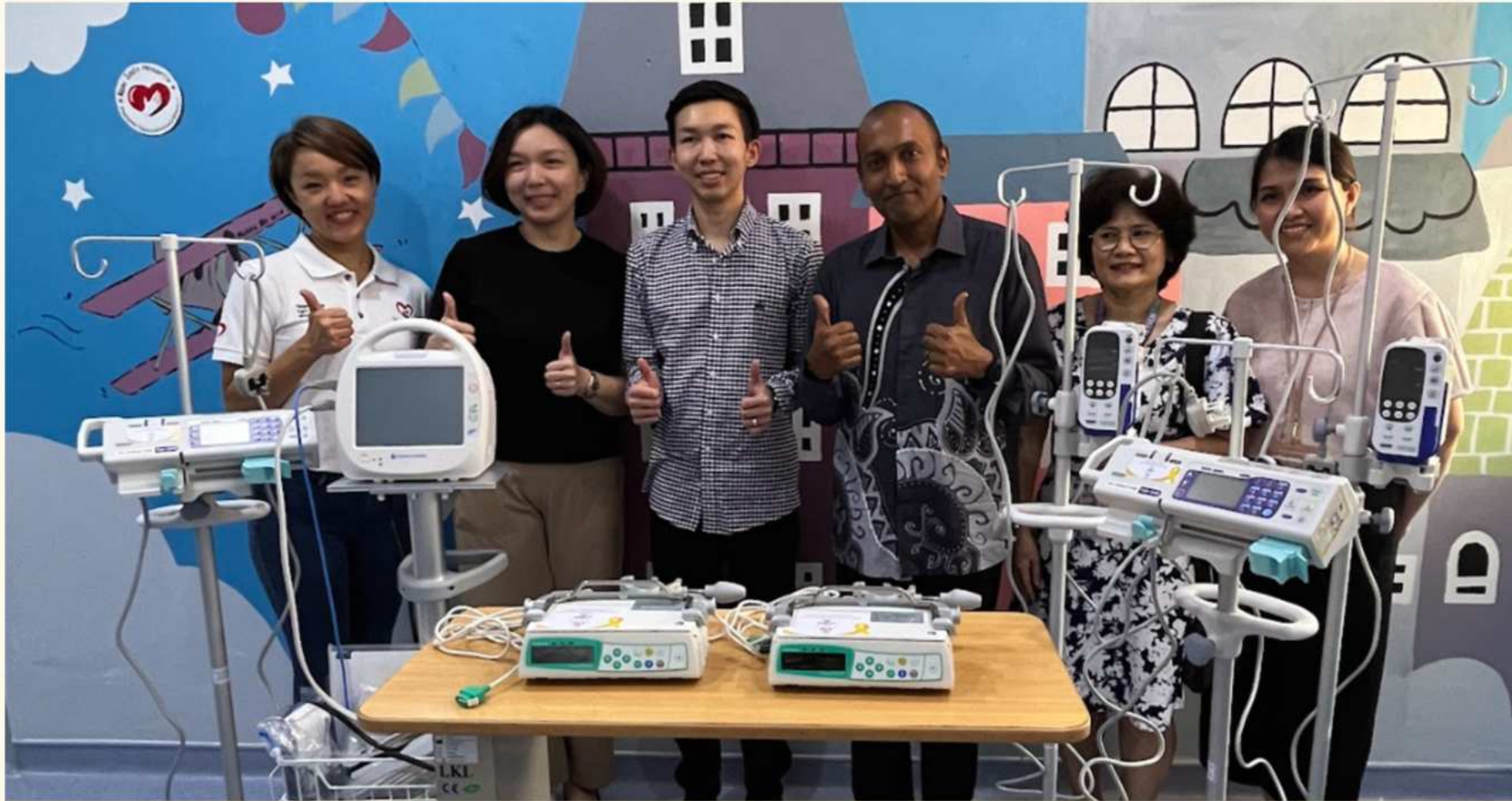


SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL

Donation of medical equipment worth **RM23,750** by OCBC Bank Kuching.

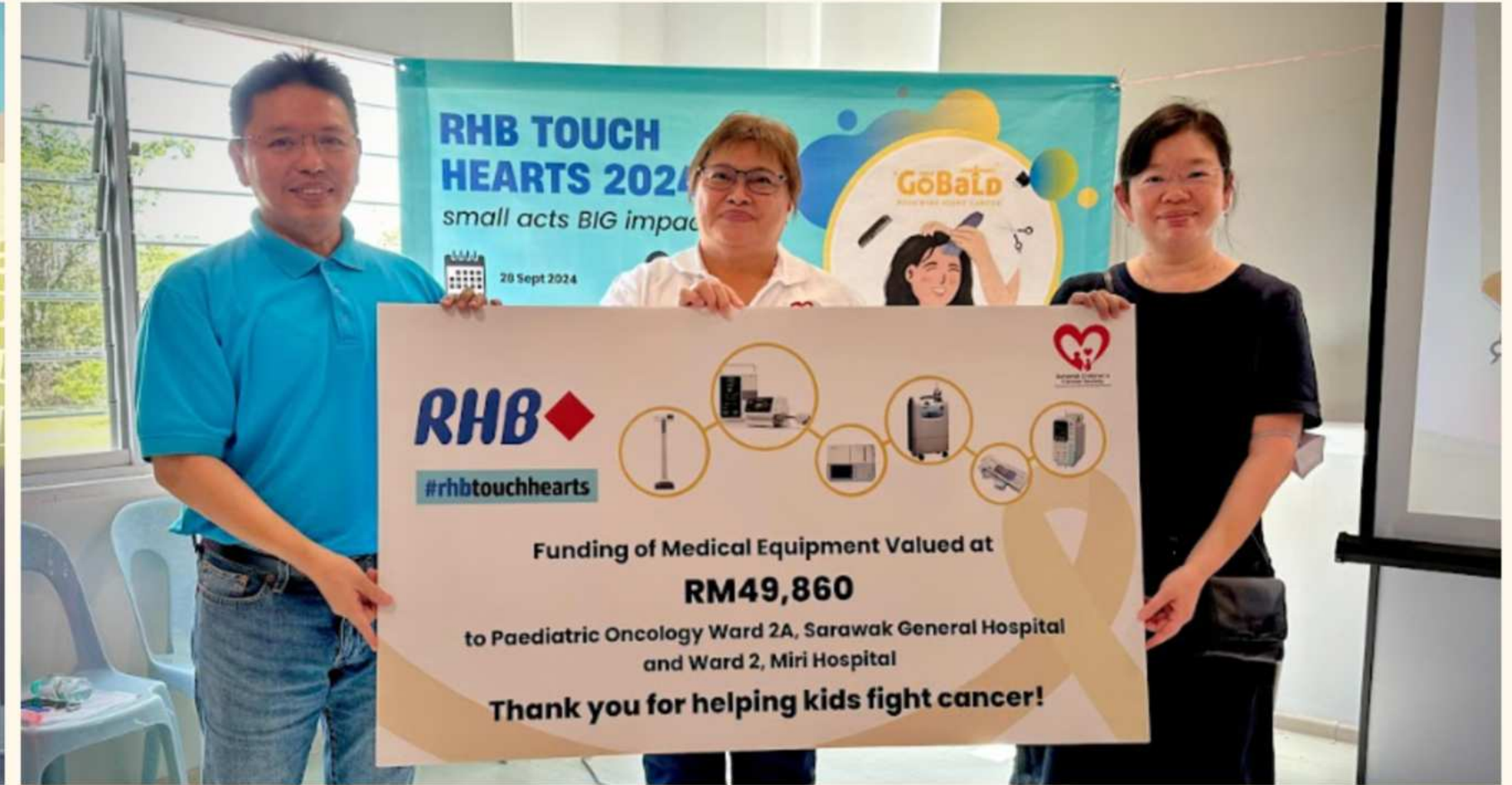


MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION WORTH RM 212,150



SIBU HOSPITAL

Donation of medical equipment
worth **RM39,000** by Grolite Group.



SARAWAK GENERAL HOSPITAL AND MIRI HOSPITAL

Donation of medical equipment
worth **RM49,500** by RHB Bank



HOSPITAL UPGRADING - SGH



Sponsorship of ward upgrading at the paediatric oncology ward in
Sarawak General Hospital costing **RM 53,318**



LOGISTIC SUPPORT



	2024	2023
TRANSPORTATION SUBSIDY	RM93,225	RM63,841
NO. FAMILIES BENEFITTED	49	44
NO OF TRIPS	500	384

Logistic support include flights to hospitals for procedures, and trips from rural areas to hospital for follow ups and treatments



FINANCIAL & ITEM AID



	2024	2023
MONTHLY FINANCIAL AID	RM108,900	RM109,070
NO. OF FAMILIES SUPPORTED	49	49
NO. PKT DIAPERS DISTRIBUTED	231	438
NO. OF PATIENTS BENEFITTED	43	45
MILK POWDER DISTRIBUTION	167	216
NO. OF PATIENTS BENEFITTED	39	36

Monthly financial aid is given to provide some financial relief for caregivers whose child is undergoing active treatment



SCCS HALFWAY HOME



	2024	2023
SOUTHERN R. FAMILIES	4	9
CENTRAL R. FAMILIES	16	9
NORTHERN R. FAMILIES	20	19
NO. OF NIGHT STAY	3061	2516
HALFWAY HOME EXPENSES	RM147,562	RM196,774
NO. OF FAMILIES BENEFITED	40	37

No residents in Miri Halfway home in 2024 and 2023

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



	2024	2023
BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED	106	128
RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES	141	1208
NO. OF CAREGIVERS	46	52
NO. OF PATIENTS & CHILDREN	122	167



CELEBRATIONS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES



Festivities Celebration

The celebration of the Mid-Autumn Festival at the SCCS Halfway Home is a heartfelt occasion to bring joy and togetherness to the families residing here.



Clinic Day Activities

Parent-child bonding activities during clinic day have brought lots of fun and meaningful interactions for both parents and kids.



Recreational Activities

Fun games for parents and children are organized occasionally, as we truly value the laughter and happiness shared between them.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



LEARNING VISIT TO AFANOC- BARCELONA

As part of our efforts to enhance the services and living spaces for patients and caregivers at our halfway home, our Executive Director, along with the Halfway Home and Finance Manager, visited AFANOC, an NGO in Barcelona that operates a halfway home. Additionally, learning visits were conducted at two hospitals in Barcelona to gain further insights.



CCI ASIA CONFERENCE

Two staff members, two committee members, and one survivor representative participated in the CCI Asia Global Conference held in Yokohama this year. Our Support Services Manager presented an abstract during the conference, while Winnie, a childhood cancer survivor, took part in the inaugural Asian Survivors Network meeting.



CCI GLOBAL CONFERENCE

The President, Immediate Past President (CCI International President), and Executive Director attended the CCI Global Conference in Hawaii, which marked the 30th Anniversary of CCI. The conference provided valuable opportunities for networking and learning.

TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT



Learning Visit to CCF Singapore



Staff team building



Learning visit to NCSM



MASPHO Scientific meeting - medical team

	2024	2023
NO. OF TRAINING	18	14
SCCS STAFF	14	13
MEDICAL STAFF	21	34
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	4	8
SCCS MEMBERS	1	8
SCCS YOUTHS	1	5
TRAINING COST	RM 62,536	RM 49,774

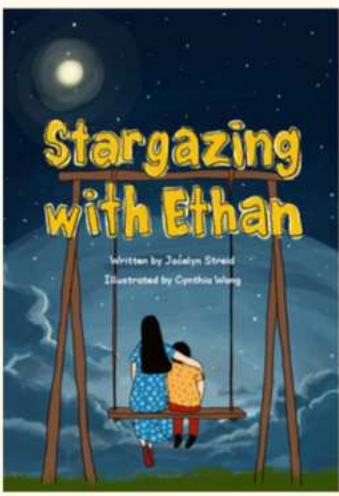
PATIENT/ CAREGIVER EDUCATION



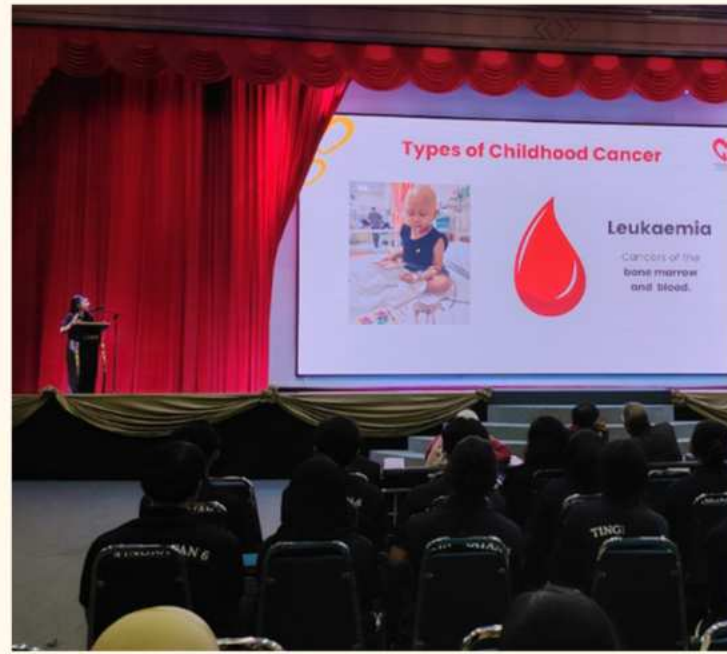
2024



NO. OF SESSIONS	43
NO. OF PATIENTS	24
NO. OF CAREGIVERS	24
NEW MATERIALS	3
UPDATED MATERIALS	2



PUBLIC AWARENESS & EDUCATION



Participants of the Kuching's leg of SCCS's GoBald campaign gather for a group photo. -- Photo by Gullian Petting

SCCS raises over RM190,000 in Kuching GoBald campaign

KUCHING: The Sarawak Children's Cancer Society (SCCS) raised over RM190,000 and shaved 204 heads during the Kuching leg of its flagship 'GoBald' campaign at AEON Mall Kuching yesterday.

This year's event was held in connection with Cancer Survivors Month, with the campaign having recorded over RM700,000 so far.

She added that from the beginning of this year until June, RM460,000 had already been spent on medical aid alone.

"Even for adults, cancer treatment can be incredibly challenging. What more to say for these children; some barely a year old, some who took their first steps in the midst of cancer treatment, and some who spoke their first words in a hospital ward."

Among the participants in the first shave were parents of a childhood cancer patient, Ng Kok Keong and Kho Lee San, along with paediatric haematologist and oncologist Dr Tan Wei Nee, and paediatric surgeon Dr Chin Yen Ming, both from Sarawak General Hospital (SGH).

Dr Tan, who learned about GoBald last year, had raised over RM1,000 in support of her patients.

GoBald is SCCS's signature awareness and fundraising campaign and all donations raised contribute about 30 to 35 per cent of SCCS's annual expenditure of almost RM2 million.

The essential support services provided by SCCS are medical and financial aid, accommodation, food, transportation for rural families, counselling, sessions, recreational activities, and emotional medical assistance.



	2024	2023
PUBLIC TALKS	6	2
REACH FROM TALKS	551	500
PRESS COVERAGE	170	98
NEWSLETTERS	12	10
ROADSHOWS	7	3



SAMUEL BEATS CANCER BALLOON MAZE – SIBU



ATTENDEES

8,419

**SPONSORSHIP AND
DONATION**

RM18,803.65



INTERNATIONAL CHILDHOOD CANCER DAY (ICCD)



Social Media
9.9k reach

News coverage
6 Publications



SCCS YOUTH ACTIVITIES



SCCS Youth Camp

This year's 'Breakthrough' Youth Camp welcomed over 40 participants, including 11 new survivors and representatives from YASKA Brunei and NCSM, fostering learning, connection, and growth.



Brunei Youth Camp

SCCS sent three participants to join a cross-country youth camp in Brunei, where we met with survivors from Brunei, The Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia and Mongolia.



Youth Hangout

We carried out activities for our survivors, including a fun and empowering rock climbing activity to build confidence, bonding, and promote physical and mental well-being.

CSR PROJECTS

2024

2023

NO. OF PROJECTS

75

78

FUNDS RAISED FROM CSR &
CORPORATE DONATIONS

RM 729,886

RM 533,539







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2024 GoBald

HELP KIDS FIGHT CANCER

	2024	2023
HEADS SHAVED	294	201
FUNDS RAISED	RM781,556.80	RM824,107
SATELLITE SHAVES	3	3



HEART OF GOLD

Monthly Donation Program

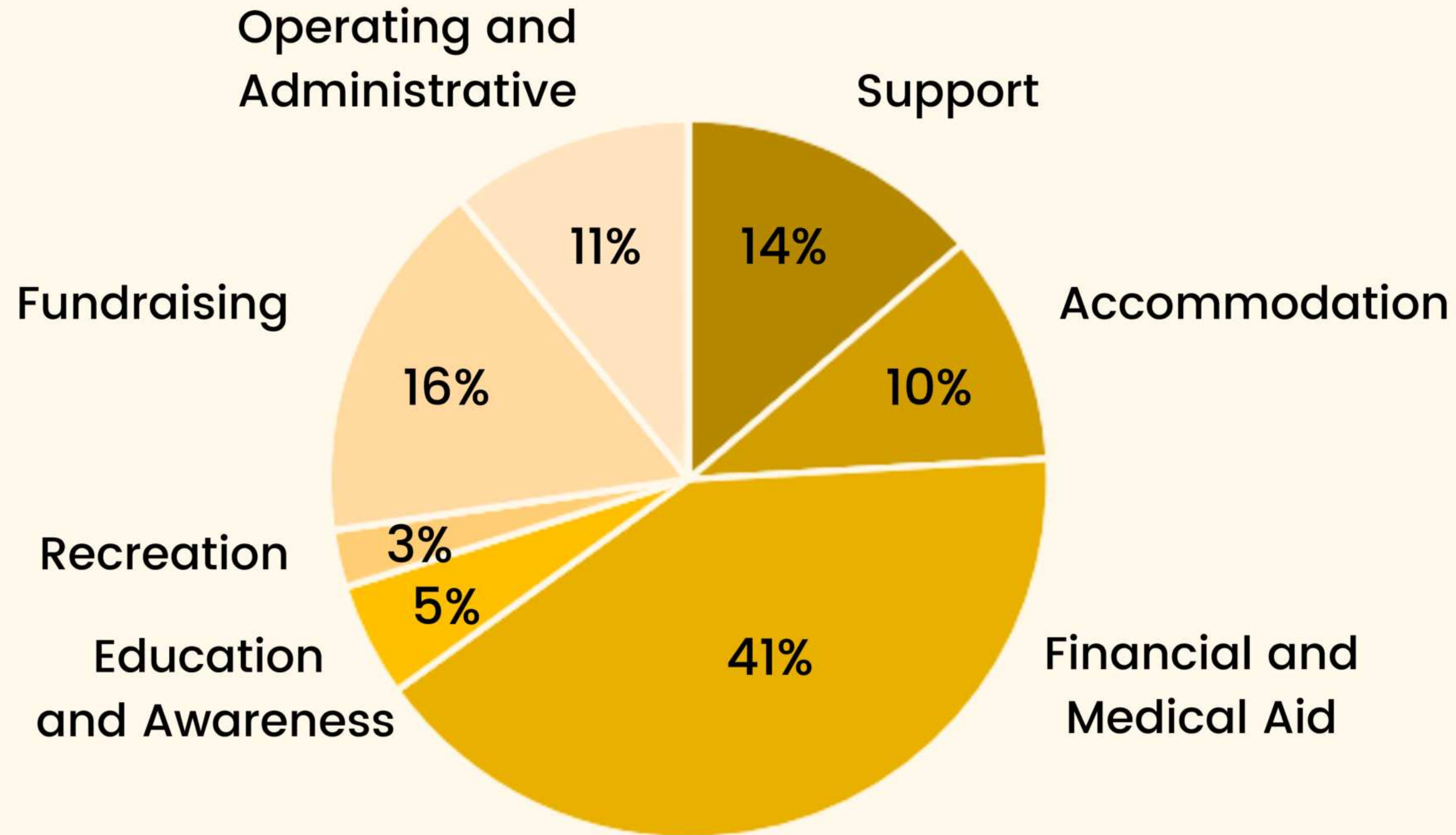


	2024	2023
NEW SIGN UPS	513	552
DONATION	1,125,432.75	903,084



TOTAL EXPENDITURE

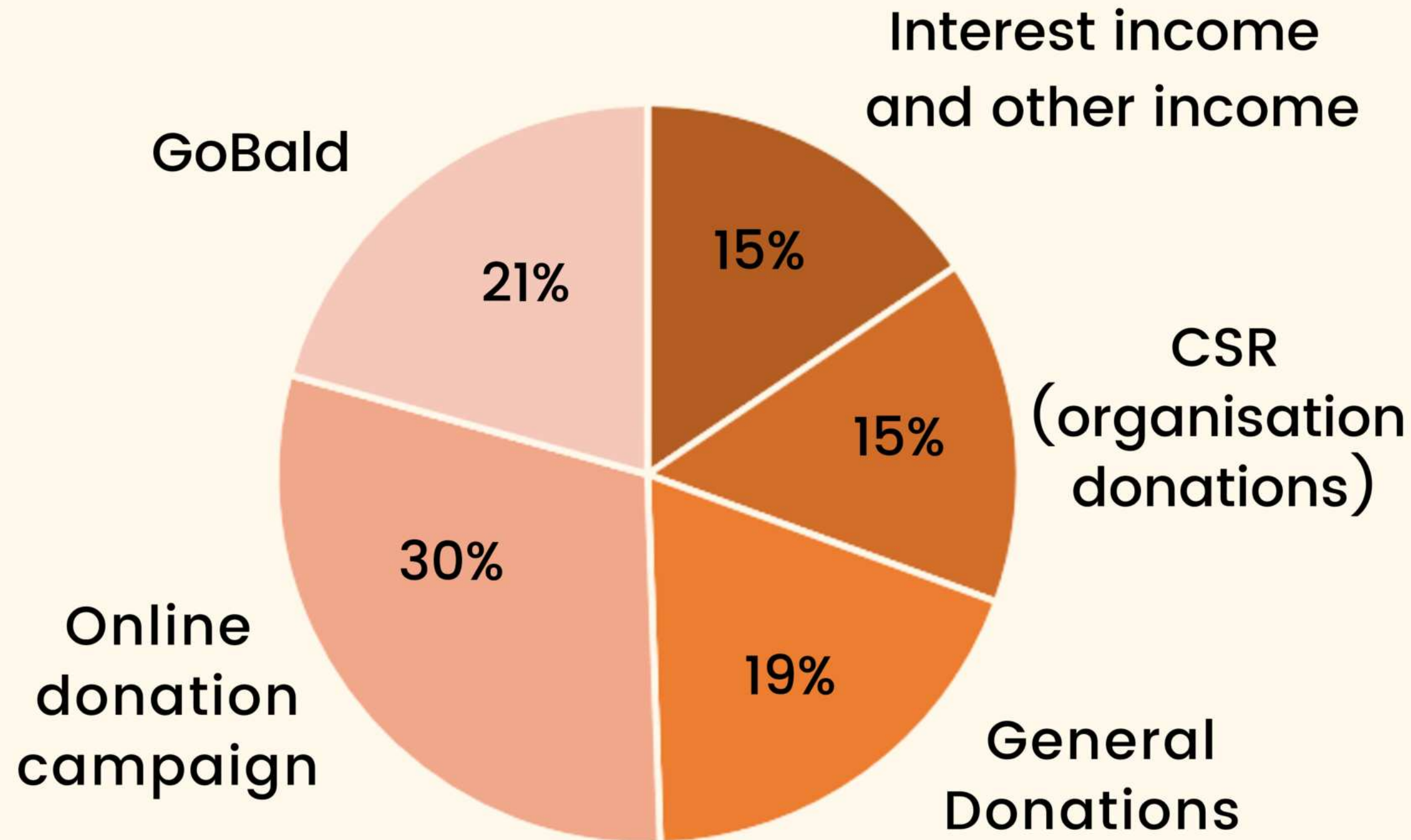
RM2.926 MILLION IN 2024



(excludes expenses covered by sponsorships and donations in kind)

TOTAL INCOME

RM3.797 MILLION IN 2024



*Other income sources include:
membership fees merchandise sales,
and other miscellaneous*



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