

Star for Life Ukraine: 2023 Year in Review (As of September 2023)

As we reflect on the year 2023, Star for Life (SFL) Ukraine stands as a example of hope, resilience, and transformation. Established in 2022 as an initiative and evolving into a fully-fledged charitable foundation by early 2023, our journey has been nothing short of remarkable.

Milestones Achieved:

Expansion and Reach: From our humble beginnings, SFL Ukraine has grown exponentially. In 2023, we expanded our reach to every region in Ukraine, touching the lives of more than 8000 children.



Example of children registration by region for Tech School online 2.0 (August 2023)

Educational Initiatives: Our commitment to education remained unwavering. In 2023, we launched **five** educational programs:

- 1. Android Development Program. Two curriculums covering school grades from 5th to 11th.
- 2. Python & UX/UI Curriculums, integrated into our project "Girls in Tech"
- 3. Open Class one day class curriculum for children of different age that helps them to dive into the programming world and taste its processes.



We have also launched **four** Star for Life Labs (offline computer classes with modern computers where students can practice programming, working with Star for Life Ukraine mentor on the ground). The locations are –

• Ivano Frankivsk (in collaboration with State Center for Innovative Education),

- Drohobych, Lviv Region (at the local school),
- Verkhovyna, Ivano Frankivsk Region (at the local school),
- Tuchyn, Rivne region (in the premises of School for children with special needs).

To popularize computer science and technology education, we held two open classes for children in **Kyiv** and **Ivano Frankivsk**. More than 60 students joined classes in both cities.

For two years (2022 and 2023) we organized Tech Camps – where student could rest but at the same time enjoy the activities in programming. Our camp hosted 25 students in 2022 and 18 students in 2023.

Humanitarian Efforts: Despite not being a humanitarian organization, the pressing needs of the times compelled us to act. Our "Computer for Kid" project was a resounding success, with 200+ distributed. Additionally, we collaborated with several organizations (Rokada Charitable Foundation, Livv AB) to provide essential humanitarian support to children affected by the war.

Challenges and Learnings:

While 2023 was a year of significant achievements, it was not without its challenges. The ongoing war posed logistical and operational hurdles. However, with the unwavering support of our team, donors, and partners, we turned these challenges into opportunities for growth and learning.