



2022–2023  
**Annual Report**

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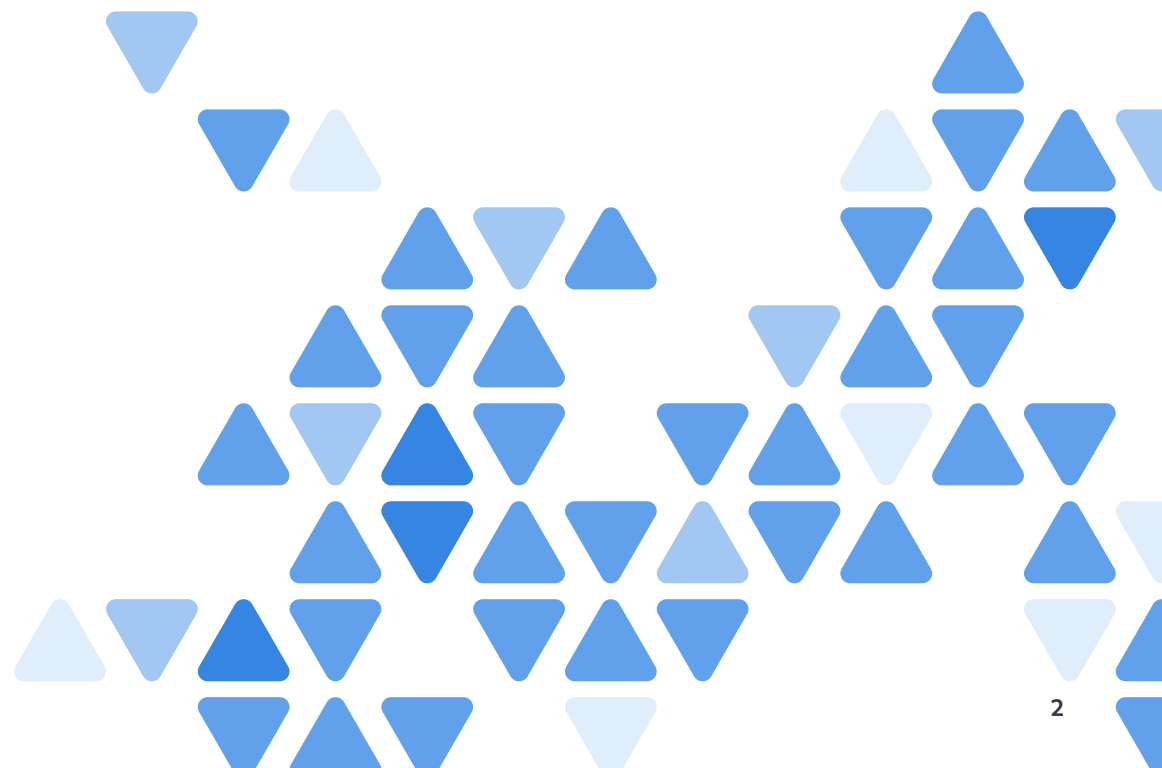
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• **Credits**

• Thank you to everyone involved in the making of this report! We appreciate the authors, editors, and organizers that helped highlight all the great work GNOME accomplished in the 2022–2023 fiscal year.

• **Our Mission**

• *The GNOME Foundation is a non-profit organization that believes in a world where everyone is empowered by technology they can trust. We do this by building a diverse and sustainable free software personal computing ecosystem.*



# Letter From the Board



**Robert McQueen**

Board President

As President of the GNOME Foundation Board, I am thrilled to share with you the achievements of the GNOME Foundation throughout the past year. Our collective dedication to advancing open source software and empowering users globally has been the driving force behind our continued success and growth.

The release of GNOME 44 and GNOME 45 stands as a testament to the unwavering commitment and collaborative spirit of our community. These milestones, achieved through the tireless efforts of our talented developers, designers, and contributors, signify a significant leap forward in enhancing user experience, fostering innovation, and championing accessibility and inclusivity. With each iteration, we reaffirm our commitment to excellence and user-centric design.

Furthermore, I am delighted to celebrate the resounding success of our annual conferences, which have served as pivotal moments for our community. GUADEC, held in the vibrant city of Riga, Latvia, marked a gathering of minds and talents, fostering knowledge-sharing, networking, and community building. Additionally, our return to an in-person GNOME Asia in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and our continued partnership with KDE to host the Linux App Summit in Brno, Czech Republic, demonstrated

our resilience, adaptability, and collaborative spirit. My gratitude goes out to all who contributed to the success of these events, making them truly memorable and enriching experiences for all attendees.

In addition to our technical achievements and community engagements, I am pleased to report that the GNOME Foundation diligently pursued the recruitment of a new Executive Director. We understand the pivotal role this leadership position plays in steering our strategic vision and organizational growth. Our rigorous search process, guided by our values and aspirations, identified a candidate, Holly Million, who started in October 2023 and who will lead us to new heights of excellence and impact. As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, I am filled with optimism and enthusiasm for the opportunities that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to uphold the ideals of open source software, foster collaboration and innovation, and empower users to shape their digital experiences on their own terms.

Thank you to every member of the GNOME community for your unwavering support, dedication, and passion. Your contributions are the cornerstone of our success, and it is a true honor to serve as the President of the GNOME Foundation.

# About GNOME

The GNOME Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support to the GNOME project. With a mission to create an elegant, efficient, and user-friendly computing platform composed entirely of free software, the Foundation plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of open source software.

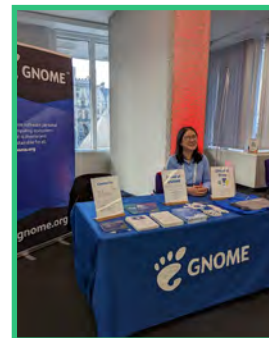
The Foundation supports the project through these core actions:

**Official Voice and Communication:** Serving as the official voice of GNOME, the Foundation facilitates and assists communication between the project and various stakeholders. It establishes effective channels to engage with the community, media outlets, and both commercial and noncommercial organizations interested in GNOME software.

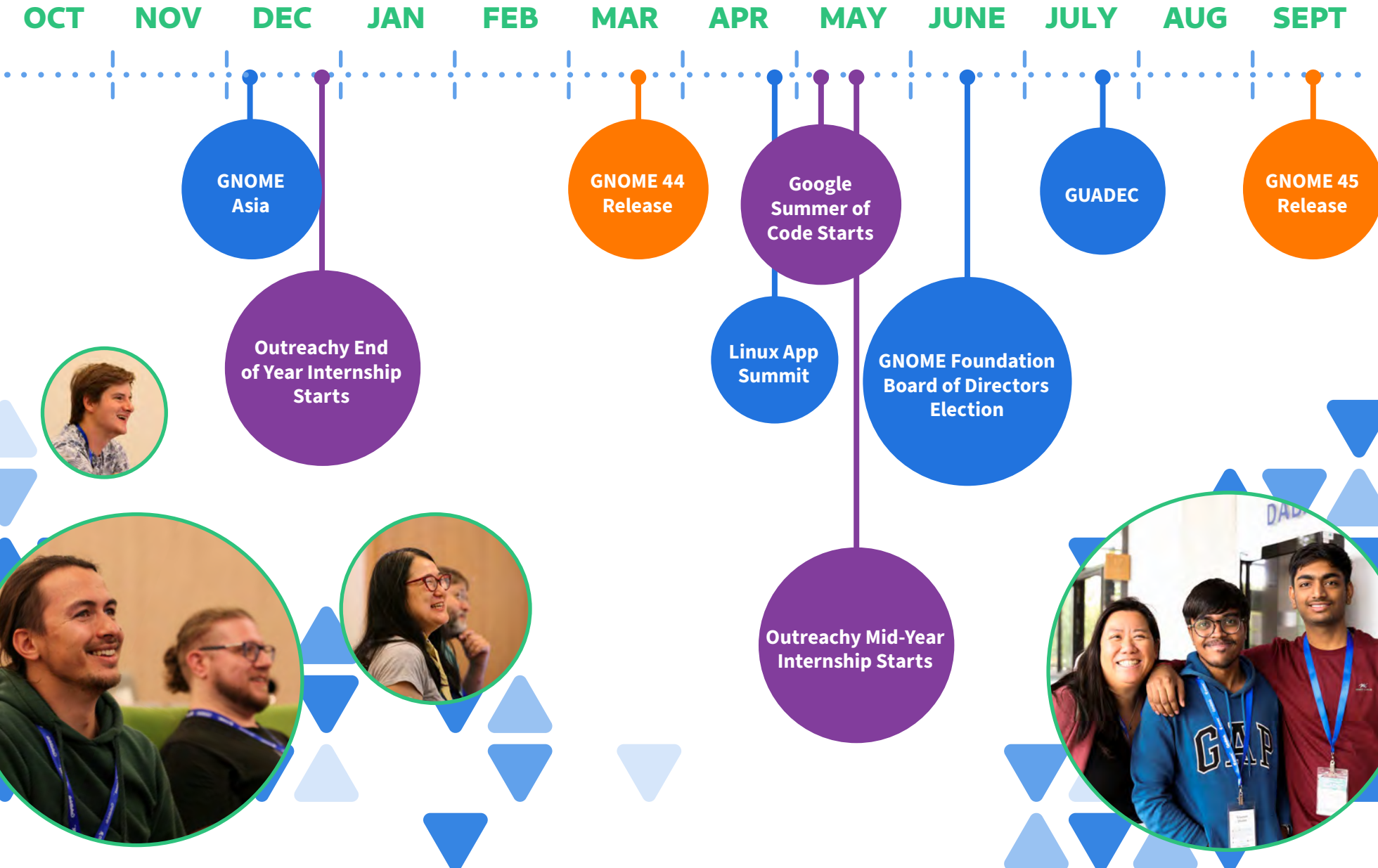
**Infrastructure and Collaboration:** To facilitate the technical development of the GNOME project, the Foundation provides essential infrastructure services, such as email communication, hosting servers, and collaboration software.

**Education and Advocacy:** The Foundation empowers the public to learn about GNOME and open source software. It produces comprehensive educational materials and documentation, providing accessible resources that encourage widespread adoption and understanding of our software.

**Conferences and Community Building:** The GNOME Foundation actively coordinates, sponsors, and collaborates on various GNOME conferences, including GUADEC, GNOME Asia, and Linux App Summit. These events serve as crucial platforms for knowledge exchange, networking, and community building.



# Highlights





# Releases

GNOME is released twice a year, in March and in September. We have maintained this release cadence since 2003. In the past year, GNOME has continued its commitment to innovation and user-focused design with the release of GNOME 44 and GNOME 45. These releases mark significant milestones in our ongoing efforts to provide a seamless and enjoyable computing experience for our users.

GNOME 44 introduced several exciting features, including enhanced performance optimizations, improvements to the GNOME Shell interface, and updates to core applications such as Files and Terminal. Additionally, GNOME 44 focused on accessibility enhancements, ensuring that our software remains inclusive and accessible to all users.

Building upon the success of GNOME 44, the release of GNOME 45 further refined the user experience with additional performance enhancements and bug fixes. GNOME 45 also introduced new features, including updates to the GNOME Software Center and improvements to the GNOME Control Center.

Overall, GNOME 44 and GNOME 45 represent our ongoing commitment to continued growth and delivering a world-class desktop environment for our users.



# Events

## GNOME.Asia 2022

The GNOME Asia Summit is an annual conference that brings together the GNOME community in Asia to discuss the latest advancements in the GNOME desktop, applications, and platform development. It serves as a platform for users, developers, foundation leaders, governments, and businesses to exchange ideas and explore prospects in the world of technology.

GNOME Asia 2022 marked our return to an in-person conference after two years of being fully remote. The conference took place in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Dec 2-4 and featured two esteemed keynote speakers, Fathi Kamil Zainuddin who spoke on Open Source and Cyber Security, and Adzmely Mansor who presented on Using Open Source as a Solution in Critical Care Medical Device Integration.

With over 160 attendees, GNOME Asia 2022 provided a memorable experience for all participants. As preparations for GNOME Asia 2023 are underway, the community eagerly looks forward to the next edition and the exciting opportunities it will bring.

## Linux App Summit 2023

The Linux App Summit (LAS) is an annual conference that brings together the Linux community to celebrate and advance the development of applications on the Linux platform. Each year we co-hosted this event with KDE to provide a collaborative platform for developers, designers, and enthusiasts to share their expertise, exchange ideas, and shape the future of Linux applications.

LAS 2023 took place on April 21-23, in the beautiful city of Brno, Czech Republic. The conference featured a strong lineup of speakers from the GNOME and KDE communities, as well as app developers, designers, and industry experts. A highlight from this year's conference was our keynote speakers, Muid Syazwan Md Khusaini, who presented on The Open Source Symbiosis, and Marcel Kolaja, who spoke about the Regulatory State of Play of Open Source in the European Union.

## Hackfests

### GNOME OS Hackfest

Berlin, Germany  
October 3-4, 2022

### GNOME ♥ Rust 2022 Hackfest

Online  
October 2022

### GNOME ♥ Rust 2023 Hackfest

Online  
January 14-15, 2023

### GTK Hackfest 2023

Brussel, Belgium  
February 1-3, 2023

### Shell & Display Next Hackfest

Brno, Czech Republic  
April 24-26, 2023

### GNOME Mobile Hackfest

Berlin, Germany  
June 5-7, 2023

### GNOME 45 Hackfest and Release Party

Berlin, Germany  
September 15-17, 2023

### GStreamer Autumn Hackfest 2023

A Coruña, Spain  
September 27-28, 2023

# Events Continued

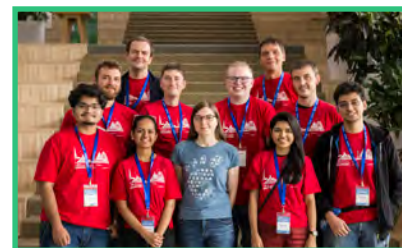
## GUADEC 2023

GUADEC, the largest annual conference for the GNOME community, returned to Europe from July 26-31, 2023, with Riga, Latvia, serving as the vibrant host city.

Attendees enjoyed a lineup of talks, workshops, and networking opportunities, with highlights including an immersive walking tour of Old Riga and a captivating day trip to Northern Latvia, offering a deeper exploration of the country's cultural and natural wonders.

The event's success was made possible by the dedication of organizers, the support of sponsors, and the active participation of attendees, reinforcing our shared commitment to open source principles and community empowerment.

Looking ahead, anticipation is building for GUADEC 2024, slated to take place in Denver, Colorado, USA. We look forward to another remarkable conference as we continue to foster collaboration and innovation within the GNOME community.





# Outreach

## Google Summer of Code Projects

### **Amankrx**

Mentor: Rasmus Thomsen  
Project: Reworking Sync Options for Health

### **Anupam Kumar**

Mentors: Claudio Wunder, benzea  
Project: Chromecast support for GNOME Network Displays

### **Aryan Kaushik**

Mentors: Alex Băluț, Yatin  
Project: Pitivi: Port UI to GTK4

### **Asmit Malakannawar**

Mentors: Claudio Wunder, Caroline Henriksen  
Project: Faces of GNOME - Continuing the Development of the Platform

### **Ignacy Kuchciński**

Mentor: antoniof  
Project: Make “New Documents” feature discoverable

### **Marco Melorio**

Mentor: Julian Sparber  
Project: Fractal: Media history viewer

### **Pooja Patel**

Mentors: Claudio Wunder, Caroline Henriksen  
Project: GNOME HIG CSS Library

### **Thejas Kiran P S**

Mentors: Alex Băluț, Fabián Orccón  
Project: Pitivi Timeline Enhancements

### **Utkarsh Gandhi**

Mentor: antoniof  
Project: Revamp “New Document” submenu in GNOME Files

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## Outreachy Projects

### **Dec 2022- March 2023**

#### **Shinigami**

Mentors: Federico Mena Quintero  
Project: Create infrastructure for Performance tracking for librsvg

### **May 2023-Aug 2023**

#### **José Hunter**

Mentors: Sonny, Andy Holmes  
Project: Create GNOME platform demos

# Advisory Board

The GNOME Advisory Board members are representatives of organizations and companies that support GNOME and have an interest in the future of the project. While the Advisory Board does not have decision-making authority for the GNOME Foundation, its members communicate with the Board of Directors and help the Directors guide the overall direction of GNOME and the GNOME Foundation.

- The Board meets twice a year, in the summer and the winter. The aim of these meetings is to:
- Understand the Advisory Board's needs, and express them to the community
- Express the community's needs to the Advisory Board
- Get feedback from the Advisory Board on our plans
- Provide a space for Advisory Board members to discuss their GNOME-related work with one another

The 2022-2023 Advisory Board includes Canonical, Debian, The Document Foundation, Endless, Google, Red Hat, Sugar Labs, and SUSE. We are always looking for new organizations that have a stake in the future of GNOME development and are interested in participating in the Advisory Board. If you would like to join, please contact [director@gnome.org](mailto:director@gnome.org).

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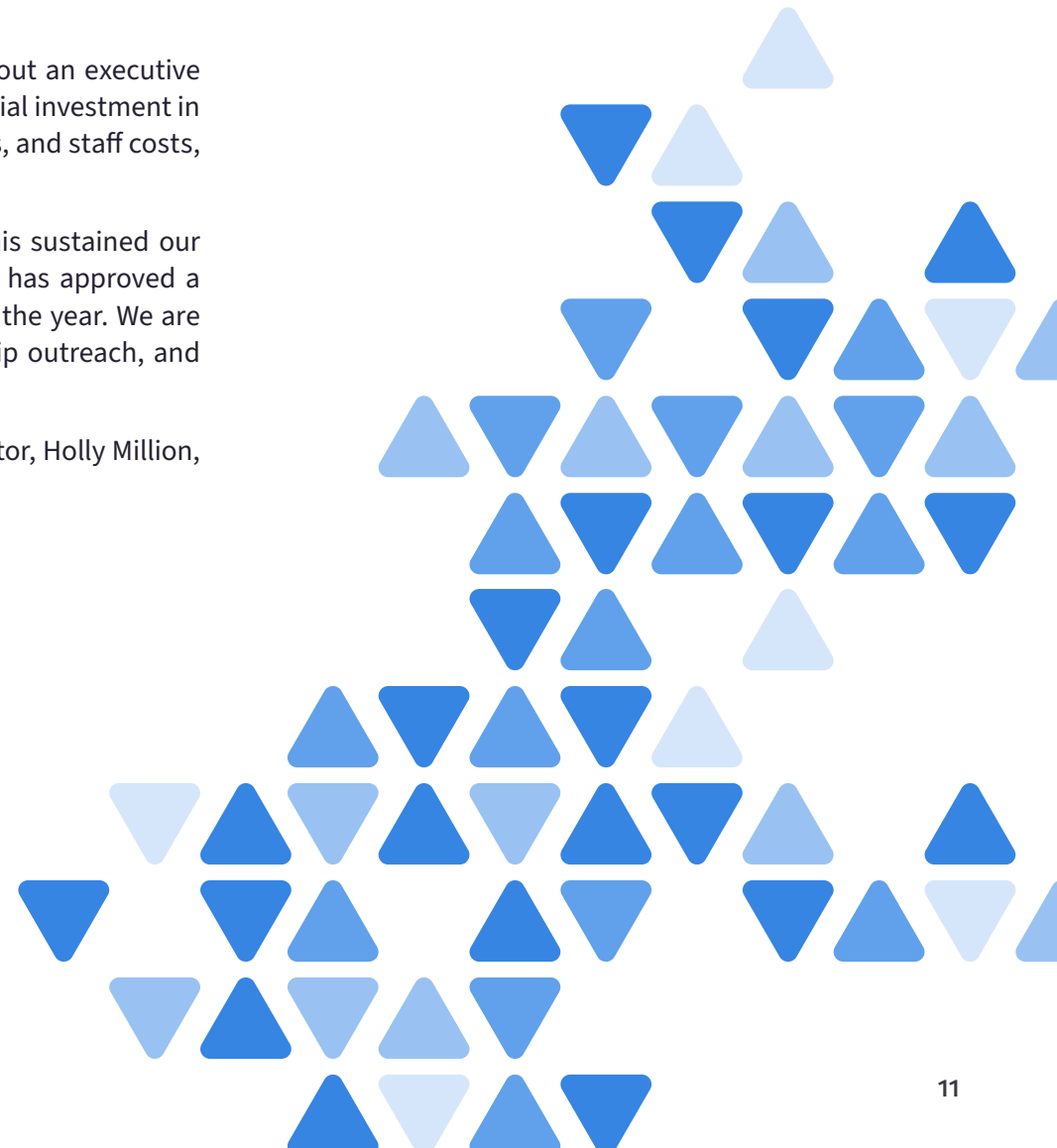
The following report shows the GNOME Foundation’s overall financial performance and ending position for the most recently completed fiscal year. Please note that these are not the final, accountant-reviewed financial numbers for the year. Our board of directors will review and approve numbers for the year ended and the final report will be posted on our website in the next several months.

For most of the past fiscal year, the GNOME Foundation was operating without an executive director. Without oversight from an executive director, and without a substantial investment in crucial fundraising to support our core operating expenses, program offerings, and staff costs, the GNOME Foundation had a deficit year.

Fortunately, we have had a comfortable cash reserve fund on hand, and this sustained our organization during this transition period. In the new fiscal year, the board has approved a budget that if met will result in a break-even financial position at the end of the year. We are also making investments in our fundraising programs, corporate sponsorship outreach, and other revenue streams and expect to perform much better in 2023-2024.

Any questions about the finances may be directed to our new executive director, Holly Million, at [hmillion@gnome.org](mailto:hmillion@gnome.org).

*The GNOME Foundation fiscal year 2023 ran from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
Foreign currencies are converted to USD.*





Income	2022	2023
● Conferences	\$90,480.22	\$47,328.96
● Support and Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$0.00
● Outreach	\$1,482.18	\$ 6,205.82
● GIMP	\$99,742.31	\$80,049.11
● Administrative	-\$193.01	\$229.53
● Fundraising	\$171,868.53	\$422,323.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$363,380.23</b>	<b>\$556,136.53</b>

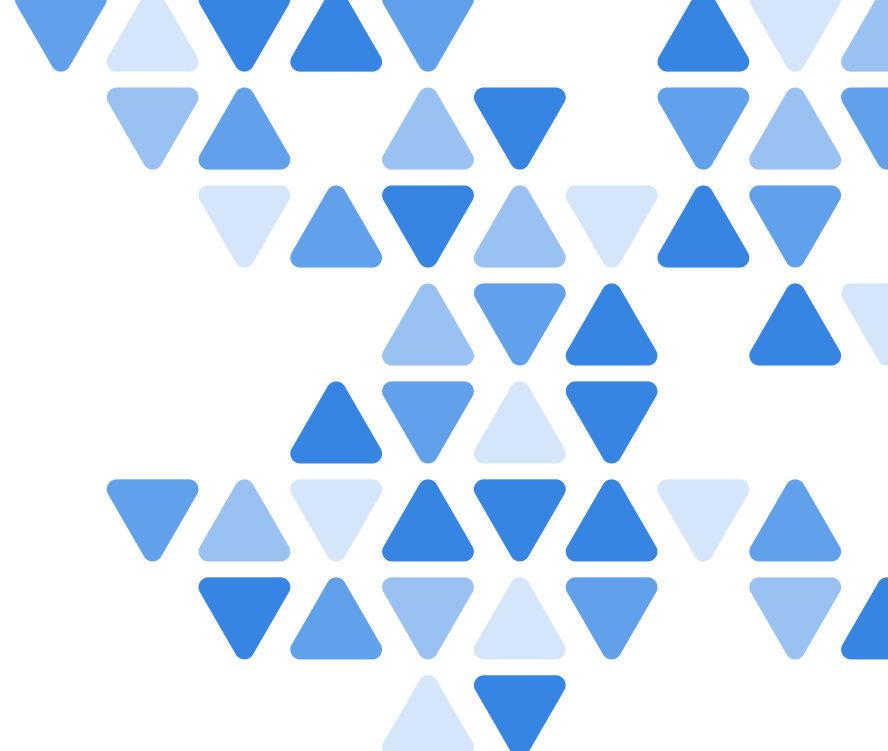
### 2022



### 2023







Expenses	2022	2023
● Conferences	\$181,237.74	\$283,373.54
● Support and Infrastructure	\$200,077.76	\$105,253.07
● Outreach	\$70,611.00	\$96,020.01
● GIMP	\$5,754.41	\$30,230.39
● Administrative	\$145,191.60	\$121,403.22
● Fundraising	\$46,675.80	\$39,667.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$649,548.31</b>	<b>\$675,947.30</b>

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