



The Role of FamilySearch in Family History Research

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Our Mission

“We enable inspiring journeys that bring joy to all people as they discover, gather, and connect their family—past, present, and future.”



FamilySearch in Hungary

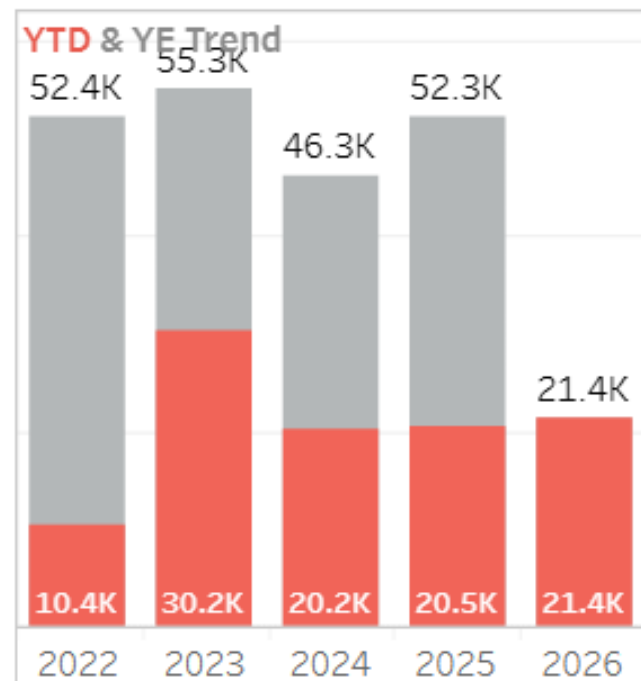
- FamilySearch has microfilmed and subsequently digitized millions of Hungarian Church book records in the past.
- High percentage of available indexes.
- Hungarian records are often in the top ten of the most requested records on familysearch.org worldwide.

FamilySearch user statistics – beginning of 2025:

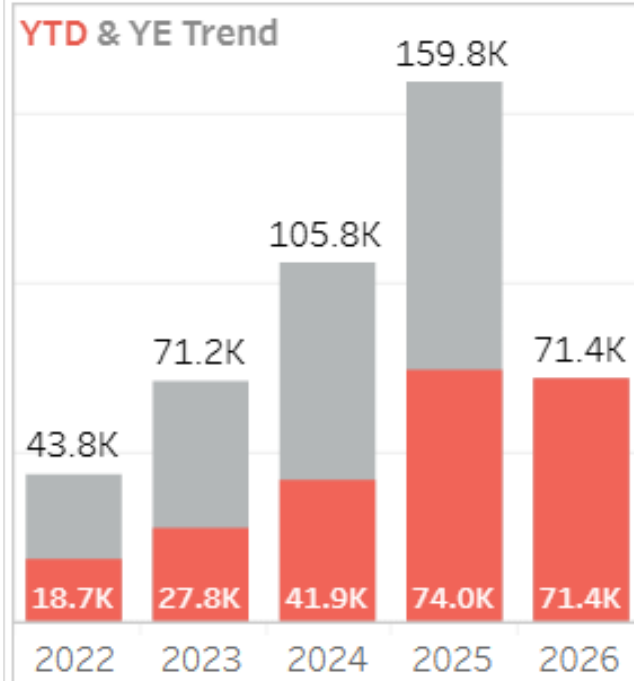
- **Public Accounts: 310,933** (more 60 times of Church membership)
- **% Public Accounts in relation to Country Population: 3,24%** vs 1,03 % Italy, Spain and France which are the European countries with absolute most public accounts
- **% Active Public Accounts: 44 %**
- **% Public Account Trees Past 5 Gen: 21%** vs 9% Italy, Spain and France
- **% Member Account Trees Past 5 Gen: 68%**

New Accounts 2026

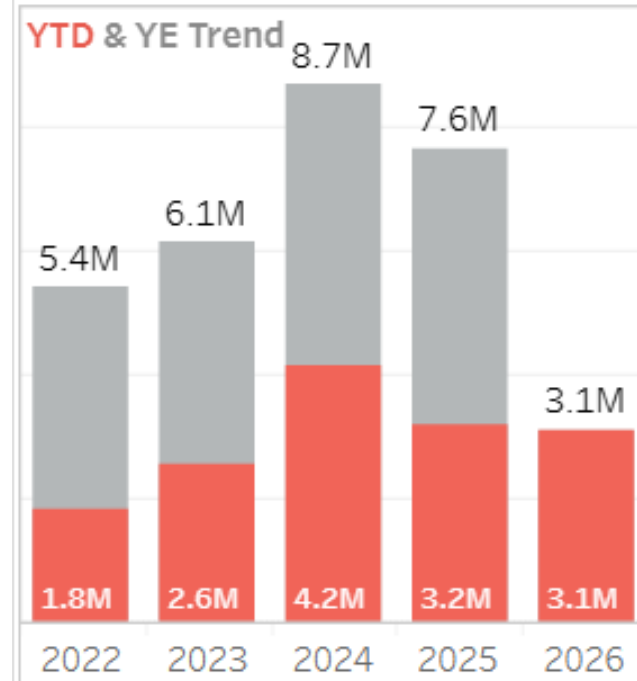
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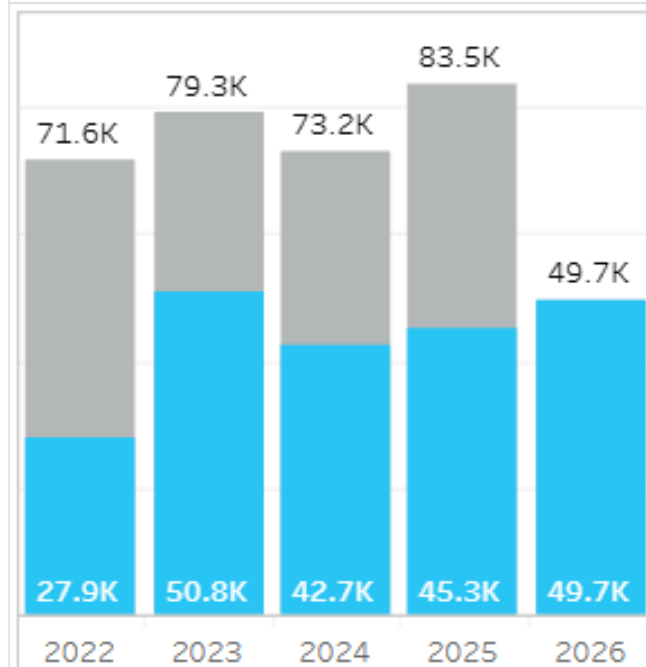


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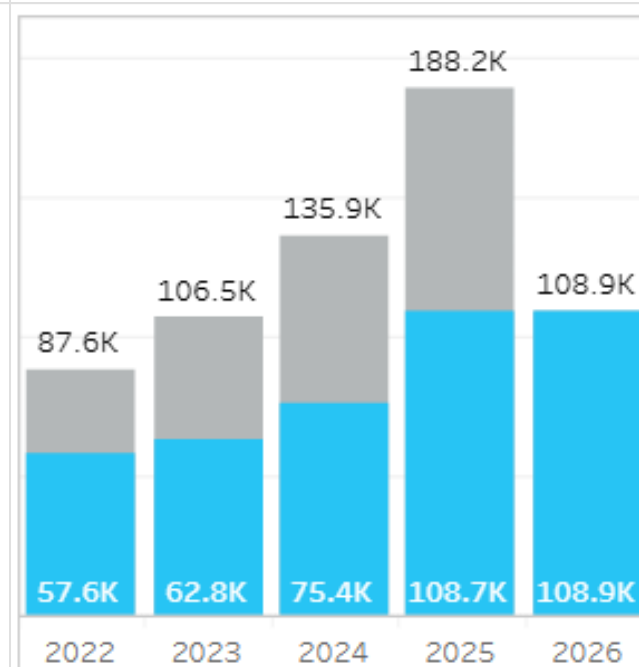


Users 2026

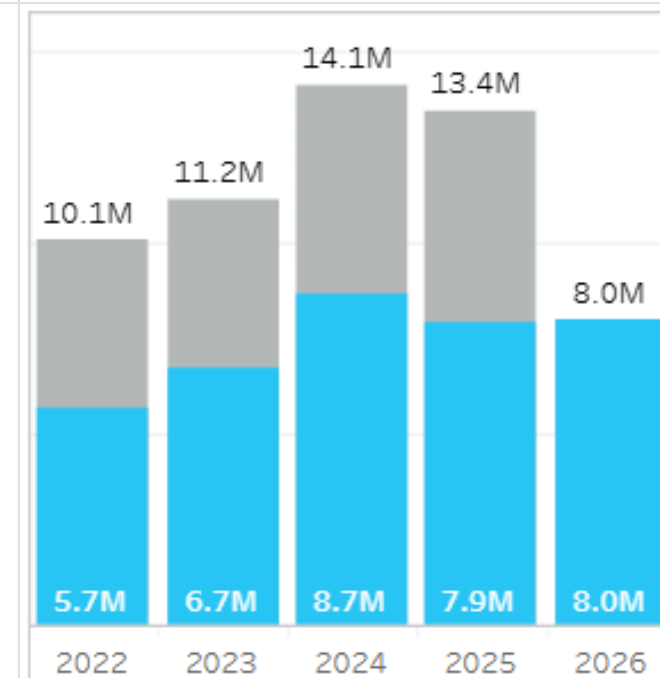
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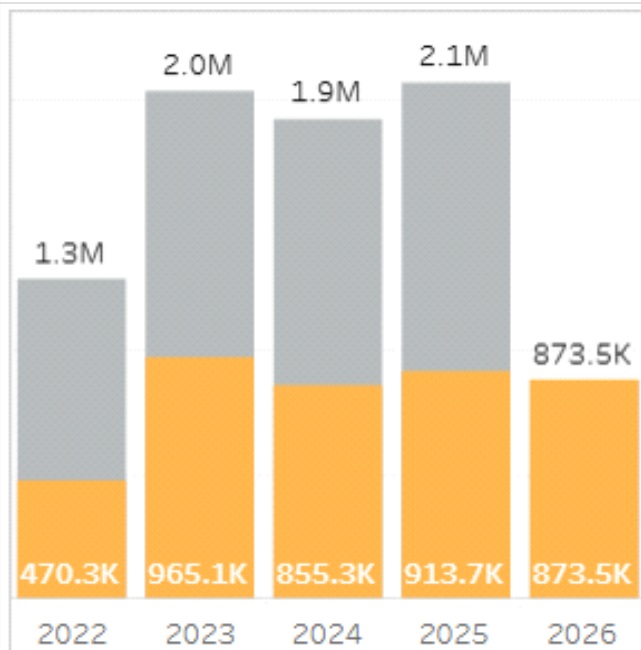


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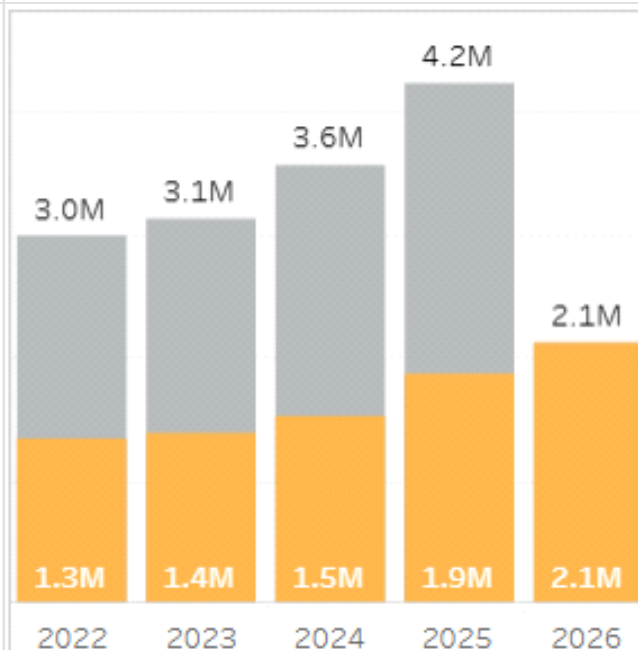


Names added - Tree 2026

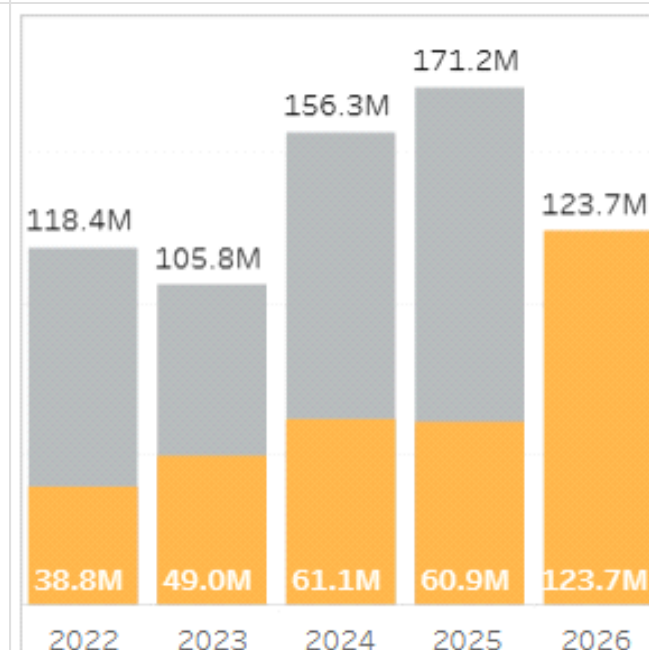
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Collaboration Strategies – How to help each other

- All Services free of charge
- Digitization and preservation of historical records using FamilySearch equipment or Multi Service Vendors
- Meta data and quality audits
- Archive Portal
- Professional long term data storage
- Data migration
- Indexing, searchable records
- Support to handle marginal notes
- License models for already digitized data, financing of projects
- Links to partner websites
- Access model
- Cooperation projects and partnerships
- Data for scientific research

FamilySearch develops from a Digitizer to a Facilitator
Community Building - Partnerships

Genealogical Societies and FamilySearch Centers working together

EIN INFORMATIONS- UND PRAXISTAG

Tag der Familiengeschichte

GRUNDLAGEN, METHODEN UND PRAXIS

Entdecken Sie Ihre Familiengeschichte - hier gibt es Tipps und Hilfen!

 **Samstag, 27. Juni 2026**
10:30 - 15:00 Uhr

 **Veranstalter:**
FamilySearch Center Dortmund
Carl-von-Ossietzky-Str. 5, Brünninghausen

WAS SIE ERWARTET:

-  **Einführung in die Familienforschung**
Für alle, die neu einsteigen möchten
-  **Methoden und Quellen der Genealogie**
Wie Sie Kirchenbücher, Standesamtsregister und Online-Datenbanken gezielt nutzen
-  **Praxis und persönliche Unterstützung**
Tipps und Hilfen rund um Ihre eigene Familienforschung! Vorträge, Infostände und Forschungsanleitungen!
-  **Austausch in angenehmer Atmosphäre**
Kommen Sie ins Gespräch mit anderen Familienforschenden

GUT ZU WISSEN

-  **Kostenfrei**
Die Teilnahme ist kostenfrei
-  **Keine Anmeldung erforderlich**
Einfach vorbeikommen und dabei sein!
-  **Arbeitsplätze und Unterstützung**
Forschen Sie selbst und lassen Sie sich dabei helfen!
-  **Für alle geeignet**
Die Veranstaltung richtet sich an Einsteiger und Fortgeschrittene.

Kommen Sie vorbei und entdecken Sie die Geschichte Ihrer Familie!

 **Fragen? Wir sind für Sie da!**
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 **CompGen**

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Tag der Familiengeschichte im FamilySearch-Center in Dortmund am 27. Juni 2026

6. Juni 2026 / in Termin, Familienforschung / von Günter Junkers

Das [Dortmunder FamilySearch-Center \(FSC\)](#) lädt am Samstag 27. Juni 2026 erstmals zu einem Tag der Familienforschung ein. Von 10:30 bis 15:00 Uhr erhalten Besucher Tipps und Hilfen zur Familien- und Ahnenforschung. Veranstaltungsort ist das [Gemeindehaus der Kirche Jesu Christi der Heiligen der Letzten Tage](#), Carl-von-Ossietzky-Straße 5, 44225 Dortmund-Brünninghausen. Die Teilnahme ist kostenlos.

Developing projects together

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Connect generations with the FamilySearch API

Integrate your app or service with the FamilySearch API for free to create unforgettable family history experiences.



It's simple to get started:



1. Submit application

Fill out the Third-Party Service Provider Application Form for our team to review.



2. Wait for approval

We'll let you know via email if your application has been approved.



3. Get your API keys

Keys will be sent to you via email. Use them to set up access to FamilySearch data.



4. Start building

FamilySearch Developer Guides will show you how to build your first integration.

Example: FamilySearch API by famgen.eu

Welcome to



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- Manage FamilySearch data with guided tools including connecting DNA matches from other projects
- Search multiple portals in one smart form
- Learn genealogy with curated video guides

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FamGEN - Genealogie-Workflow-Frontend
für die FamilySearch API

Example: Develop data and research projects together

- Digitization projects in collaboration archives, external partners etc.
- Indexing projects
- Improvement of data quality
- Curation of transcripts
- Compiled genealogies and data extraction
- Collaboration in tree building
- Joint projects in community building and education
- Research
- Project funding

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Call for Presentations

We're excited to open the call for proposals for RootsTech 2027! The deadline for submission is June 29, 2026 at 11:59 PM MDT.

Submission Deadline:

16

 Days

15

 Hours

55

 Minutes

Speaker Profiles

You should only have one profile per language in which you will be presenting.

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Session Proposals

You can submit up to six proposals. Each proposal will be evaluated individually.

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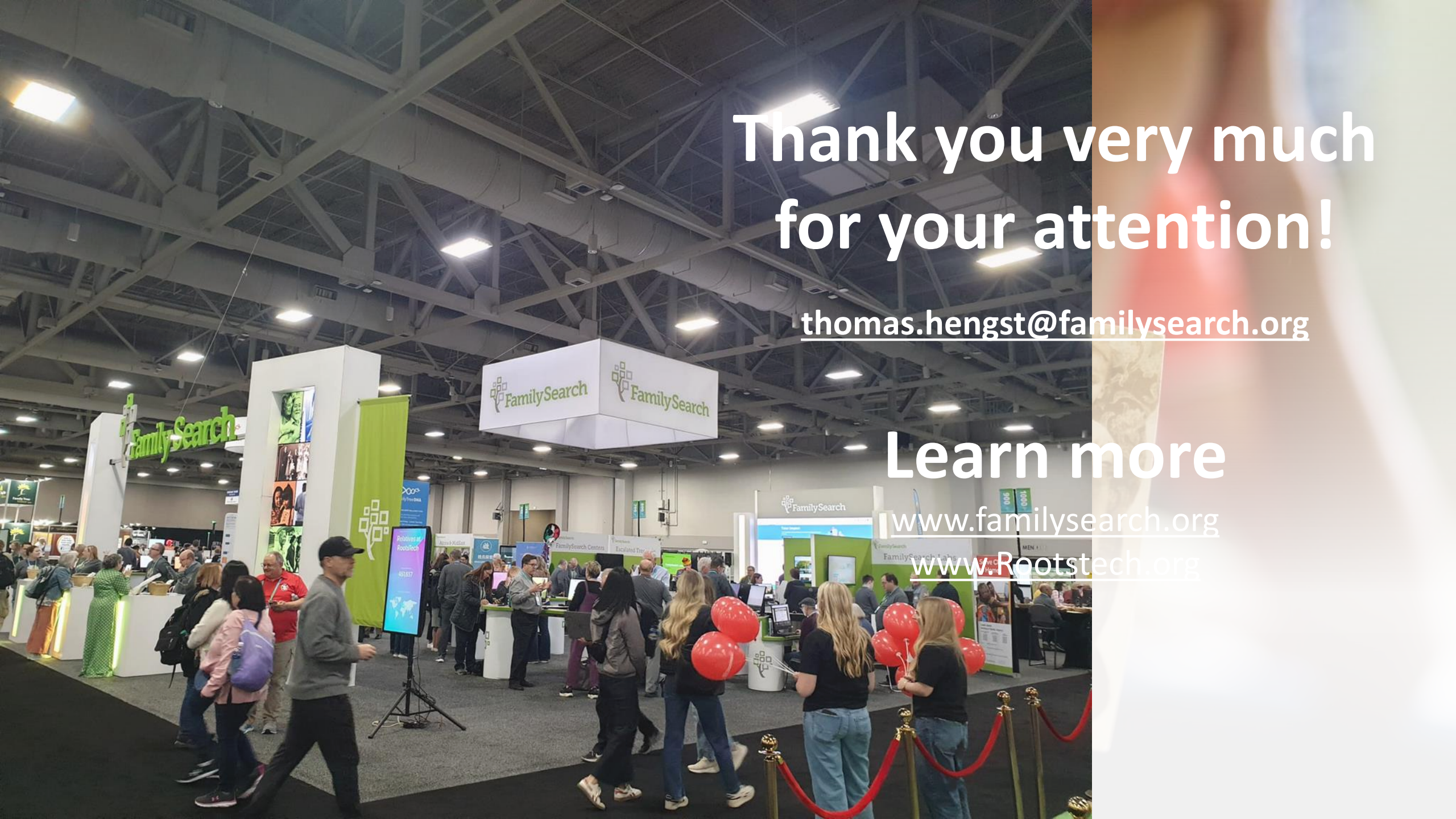
You'll need to create and submit your profile before you can submit a proposal.



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Thank you very much for your attention!

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