

Financial Statements and Report of  
Independent Certified Public  
Accountants

**Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Inc.**

December 31, 2023 and 2022

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

National Board of Trustees of the  
Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Inc.

**Report on the financial statements****Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit of the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (US GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Responsibilities of management for the financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is

not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with US GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with US GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

#### **Report on 2022 summarized comparative information**

We have previously audited the Foundation's 2022 financial statements (not presented herein), and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated June 23, 2023. In our opinion, the accompanying summarized comparative information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.



New York, New York  
October 16, 2024

**Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Inc.**

**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**As of December 31, 2023, with summarized comparative information for 2022**

	<u><b>2023</b></u>	<u><b>2022</b></u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,291,716	\$ 6,835,551
Pledges receivable, net	11,077,061	10,122,054
Bequests receivable	1,320,884	-
Accounts receivable	2,024,846	4,764,141
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,858,759	2,667,628
Right-of-use assets	8,771,177	9,623,722
Investments	13,655,407	19,783,236
Fixed assets, net	<u>6,000,274</u>	<u>3,645,313</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 54,000,124</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 57,441,645</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 5,257,989	\$ 6,983,255
Research grants payable	30,248,553	31,325,222
Note payable	5,989,390	-
Lease liability	8,788,993	9,727,476
Deferred revenue	<u>1,750,389</u>	<u>3,342,842</u>
Total liabilities	<u>52,035,314</u>	<u>51,378,795</u>
<b>Commitments (Note 9)</b>		
<b>Net assets</b>		
Without donor restrictions	(6,495,911)	(3,383,860)
With donor restrictions	<u>8,460,721</u>	<u>9,446,710</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,964,810</u>	<u>6,062,850</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 54,000,124</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 57,441,645</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Inc.**

**STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

**For the year ended December 31, 2023, with summarized comparative information for 2022**

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>
	<b>Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Net Assets With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Operating revenue</b>				
Contributions and grants				
Contributions and grants from individuals, foundations and corporations	\$ 20,179,636	\$ 17,731,453	\$ 37,911,089	\$ 36,798,825
Contributed services and airtime	9,220,618	-	9,220,618	10,836,205
Special events revenue	32,118,950	-	32,118,950	32,731,367
Less: costs of direct benefits to donors	(6,693,296)	-	(6,693,296)	(6,201,447)
Net special events revenue	25,425,654	-	25,425,654	26,529,920
Federated campaigns	1,254,587	-	1,254,587	1,281,980
Bequests	3,643,002	-	3,643,002	2,028,638
Total contributions and grants	59,723,497	17,731,453	77,454,950	77,475,568
Other income				
IBD Plexus membership revenue	10,922,396	-	10,922,396	7,109,626
Program service fees	225,515	-	225,515	186,605
Investment return designated for operations	1,593,303	-	1,593,303	1,452,724
Federal grant revenue	473,436	-	473,436	669,541
Royalties	551,500	-	551,500	631,036
PPP loan forgiveness revenue	-	-	-	2,019,342
Other	628,808	-	628,808	4,266,536
Total other income	14,394,958	-	14,394,958	16,335,410
Total contributions, grants and other income	74,118,455	17,731,453	91,849,908	93,810,978
Net assets released from restrictions	18,717,442	(18,717,442)	-	-
Total operating revenue	92,835,897	(985,989)	91,849,908	93,810,978
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Program services				
Research	35,738,661	-	35,738,661	35,591,722
Health professional education and public information	42,415,864	-	42,415,864	41,471,042
Total program services	78,154,525	-	78,154,525	77,062,764
Supporting services				
Management and general	11,780,520	-	11,780,520	11,071,573
Fundraising	6,381,117	-	6,381,117	5,661,658
Total supporting services	18,161,637	-	18,161,637	16,733,231
Total operating expenses	96,316,162	-	96,316,162	93,795,995
Changes in net assets from operations	(3,480,265)	(985,989)	(4,466,254)	14,983
<b>Non-operating activities</b>				
Investment return, net of amounts designated for operations	358,881	-	358,881	(5,326,841)
Changes in remainder trust valuations	9,333	-	9,333	(25,286)
Total non-operating activities	368,214	-	368,214	(5,352,127)
Changes in net assets	(3,112,051)	(985,989)	(4,098,040)	(5,337,144)
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>(3,383,860)</b>	<b>9,446,710</b>	<b>6,062,850</b>	<b>11,399,994</b>
<b>Net assets (deficit), end of year</b>	<b>\$ (6,495,911)</b>	<b>\$ 8,460,721</b>	<b>\$ 1,964,810</b>	<b>\$ 6,062,850</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

**For the year ended December 31, 2023, with summarized comparative information for 2022**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Changes in net assets	\$ (4,098,040)	\$ (5,337,144)
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash and cash equivalents provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets	982,439	692,376
Amortization of licensing fees	-	33,000
Straight-line rent adjustment	-	(76,478)
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(1,476,623)	4,270,449
Donated securities	(604,919)	(522,295)
Provision for uncollectible accounts	557,565	389,890
Amortization of discount to present value on bequests and pledges receivable	236,019	16,336
Forgiveness of PPP loan payable	-	(2,000,000)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Pledges receivable	(1,748,591)	(3,640,819)
Bequests receivable	(1,320,884)	190,939
Accounts receivable	2,739,295	(3,766,400)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	808,869	165,102
Right-of-use asset	852,545	-
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(1,725,266)	(2,228,224)
Lease Liability	(938,483)	-
Deferred revenue	(1,592,453)	(3,025,857)
Research grants payable	(1,076,669)	2,821,598
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by operating activities	<u>(8,405,196)</u>	<u>(12,017,527)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchases of investments	(1,013,874)	(783,998)
Proceeds from sales of investments	9,223,245	4,766,584
Purchases of fixed assets	<u>(3,337,400)</u>	<u>(2,640,947)</u>
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>4,871,971</u>	<u>1,341,639</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from notes payable	9,000,000	3,000,000
Repayment of notes payable	<u>(3,010,610)</u>	<u>(3,000,000)</u>
Net cash and cash equivalents provided by financing activities	<u>5,989,390</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	2,456,165	(10,675,888)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year</b>	<u>6,835,551</u>	<u>17,511,439</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of year</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,291,716</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,835,551</u></u>
<b>Other supplemental information:</b>		
Equity securities received	\$ 982,251	\$ 832,951
Cash paid for interest	\$ 366,281	\$ 51,951

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

For the year ended December 31, 2023, with summarized comparative information for 2022

	Program Services			Supporting Services				Total	
	Research	Professional Education and Public Information	Total	Management and General	Fundraising	Costs of Direct Benefits to Donors	Total	2023	2022
Research grants and development costs, net	\$ 23,694,643	\$ -	\$ 23,694,643	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,694,643	\$ 26,029,225
Salaries and related expenses	8,835,139	20,774,319	29,609,458	7,642,832	4,139,867	-	11,782,699	41,392,157	36,790,404
Contract services and fees	1,333,314	7,642,696	8,976,010	1,843,995	998,831	5,707,263	8,550,089	17,526,099	16,866,034
Contributed services and airtime	271,633	8,948,985	9,220,618	-	-	-	-	9,220,618	10,836,205
Publications and related printed materials	80,469	373,079	453,548	171,467	92,878	-	264,345	717,893	681,429
Occupancy costs	217,635	1,032,666	1,250,301	474,840	257,205	-	732,045	1,982,346	1,823,819
Postage	46,221	213,525	259,746	98,550	53,381	-	151,931	411,677	465,333
Conferences and conventions	324,396	35,663	360,059	4,166	2,257	-	6,423	366,482	116,704
Telephone and communications	79,040	313,572	392,612	136,051	73,694	-	209,745	602,357	585,295
Meetings and travel	257,542	543,017	800,559	243,394	131,838	107,000	482,232	1,282,791	1,318,898
Office supplies and expenses	72,921	312,507	385,428	141,281	76,527	-	217,808	603,236	436,219
Advertising	82,665	392,168	474,833	181,000	98,042	-	279,042	753,875	792,723
Adjustment to provision for uncollectible accounts	61,332	289,933	351,265	133,816	72,484	-	206,300	557,565	389,890
Other	273,643	1,032,866	1,306,509	473,343	256,396	879,033	1,608,772	2,915,281	2,139,888
 Total expenses before depreciation and amortization	 35,630,593	 41,904,996	 77,535,589	 11,544,735	 6,253,400	 6,693,296	 24,491,431	 102,027,020	 99,272,066
Depreciation and amortization	108,068	510,868	618,936	235,785	127,717	-	363,502	982,438	725,376
 Total functional expenses	 35,738,661	 42,415,864	 78,154,525	 11,780,520	 6,381,117	 6,693,296	 24,854,933	 103,009,458	 99,997,442
Less:									
Costs of direct benefits to donors of special events	-	-	-	-	-	(6,693,296)	(6,693,296)	(6,693,296)	(6,201,447)
 Total expenses reported by function on the statement of activities	 <u>\$ 35,738,661</u>	 <u>\$ 42,415,864</u>	 <u>\$ 78,154,525</u>	 <u>\$ 11,780,520</u>	 <u>\$ 6,381,117</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 18,161,637</u>	 <u>\$ 96,316,162</u>	 <u>\$ 93,795,995</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Inc.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

***Organization***

Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1967.

The Foundation's mission is to cure Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and to improve the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases. For more than five decades, the Foundation has remained at the forefront of research in Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, collectively known as inflammatory bowel diseases. Today, the Foundation funds cutting-edge studies at major medical institutions, nurtures investigators at the early stages of their careers, and finances underdeveloped areas of research. In addition, the Foundation also offers a wide range of educational programs for patients and healthcare professionals and provides supportive services to help people cope with these chronic intestinal diseases.

The Foundation has its headquarters in New York City (the "National Office") and has 35 Chapters (the "Chapters") across the United States.

***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying financial statements of the Foundation, which include the 35 chapters have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). Those standards require that net assets and revenues, gains, expenses and losses be classified as net assets with or without restrictions based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions as follows:

*Net assets without donor restrictions* - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Net assets without donor restrictions represent resources that are available in support of operations, including resources for capital expenditures.

*Net assets with donor restrictions* - Net assets that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets with donor restrictions include amounts that are restricted by donors for particular research projects or education programs or are restricted as to the timing of use.

Net assets with donor restrictions also include funds whereby the donors have stipulated that the principal contributed be invested and maintained in perpetuity. As of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation had no such funds.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Foundation considers highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased, to be cash equivalents.

***Investments***

The estimated fair value of investments is based on quoted market prices, except for certain investments, principally marketable alternative investments, for which quoted market prices are not available. The estimated fair value of marketable alternative investments is based on valuations provided by external investment managers as of the measurement date. Because alternative investments are not readily marketable, their estimated fair value is subject to uncertainty and, therefore, may differ from the value that would have been used had a ready market for such investments existed. Such differences could be material.

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Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, economic conditions, world affairs and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is possible that changes in their values could occur in the near term and such changes could materially affect the reported amounts in the financial statements.

Effective January 1, 2019, the Foundation instituted a spending rate policy to facilitate growth in its mission investment. Under this policy, the Foundation's Investments Committee recommends an annual spending rate up to 5% calculated over the long-term investment portfolio's 36-month rolling average. The spending rate is initially incorporated into the annual budget approval process by the Budget & Finance Committee and is ultimately ratified by the Board of Trustees. In establishing the spending rate, the Investments Committee shall consider general economic conditions, the effects of inflation or deflation and the investment portfolio returns in the prior three-, five- and seven-year periods.

The investment return to be used by the Foundation in operations is approved by the Board of Trustees and is reported as operating revenue on the Foundation's statements of activities. The difference between the actual realized and unrealized gain or loss on the investment portfolio and the authorized spending level is reported as a nonoperating activity.

The approved spending rate for the December 31, 2023 and 2022 fiscal years was 5% and totaled \$1,117,742 and \$1,068,636, respectively, which are included in investment return designated for operations in the accompanying statement of activities. Interest and dividends, net of investment fees, totaled \$475,561 and \$384,088 and are also reported in investment return designated for operations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

In addition to the Foundation's approved spending rate, the Board of Trustees approved the liquidation of \$7,000,000 from the Investments to finance fixed asset additions in 2023 and 2022 in improved and integrated technology platforms.

***Revenue Recognition***

The Foundation recognizes revenue when control of the promised goods or services is transferred to the Foundation's customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Foundation expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services.

***IBD Plexus Membership Revenue***

On October 2, 2017, the Foundation launched IBD Plexus, a first-of-its-kind information exchange platform housing data from thousands of patients participating in four of the Foundation's cohort groups - IBD Qorus, RISK pediatric, SPARC IBD, and IBD Partners. Patients have contributed millions of data points, which are now accessible from a single location. IBD Plexus allows investigators to more rapidly access key information for research purposes. After completion and approval of a written proposal, individual members of the program receive access to biosamples and raw data. The Foundation satisfies its performance obligation and recognizes revenue evenly over the membership term as its members simultaneously receive and consume the benefits over that timeframe. The Foundation offers short-term memberships of one year and Premier Membership of up to five years. Generally, membership does not commence until after the Foundation receives payment. Payments received under these arrangements in advance of the Foundation satisfying its performance obligation are reported as deferred revenue in the accompanying statements of financial position.

***Royalties***

The Foundation receives royalties from its publication provided to journal subscribers. This agreement is in place through December 2028. The revenue is earned based on varying percentages of attributable

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revenue earned in an accounting year and are paid out by April 30, subsequent to the end of the relevant accounting year.

***Contributions and Grants***

The Foundation receives grants and contributions from a number of sources including the U.S. government, private foundations, and other donors. Grants and contributions are evaluated as to whether they qualify as exchange transactions or contributions as defined by U.S. GAAP. The Foundation determines whether a contribution is conditional based on whether an agreement includes a barrier that must be overcome and either a right of return of assets transferred or a right of release of a promisor's obligation to transfer assets. If the agreement (or a referenced document) includes both, the Foundation is not entitled to the transferred assets (or a future transfer of assets) until it has overcome the barriers of the agreement. Unconditional contributions, including cash, promises to give, and certain contributed services, gifts-in-kind and other assets are recorded as revenue, at fair value, when received. Conditional contributions are recorded when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Contributions are recorded, net of estimated uncollectible amounts. Unconditional pledges that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional pledges that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows using an appropriate discount rate which articulates with the collection period of the respective pledge. Amortization of the related discounts is included in contributions revenue.

The Foundation maintains an allowance for uncollectible pledges for estimated losses that may result from the inability of its donors to make payments. Such allowances are based upon several factors, including, but not limited to, historical collection experience and the financial condition of its donors. Receivables are written-off when deemed to be uncollectible.

***Contributed Services and Airtime***

The Foundation's volunteers, comprised principally of physicians and health professionals, have made significant contributions of their time in furtherance of the Foundation's programs. The Foundation has determined that such donated services meet the criteria for recognition in the financial statements and are reported as both revenue and expense in the statements of activities at fair value. Total donated services amounted to \$1,634,669 and \$1,161,232 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Foundation receives considerable in-kind contributions primarily in the form of donated public service announcements on television and radio stations. The fair value of such in-kind contributions, based upon information provided by third-party media services, is reflected in the statements of activities as contributed airtime revenue and health professional education and public information program service expense. Total contributed airtime amounted to \$7,585,949 and \$9,674,973 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

***Special Events Revenue***

Revenue and expenses related to a special event are recognized upon the occurrence of the respective event. Amounts received in advance of the event are recorded as deferred revenues and costs incurred prior to the event date are recognized as prepaid expenses in the accompanying statements of financial position.

***Federated Campaigns***

The Foundation participates in several federated campaigns. The federated campaigns raise funds for various charitable organizations including the Foundation primarily through employee payroll deductions in workplace campaigns administered through fundraising organizations like United Way and its local chapters, Benevity, and Foundation members corporations. The Foundation receives a share of the total

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workplace giving campaign. Since the Foundation does not receive enough information to calculate an expected amount to be received in the future, federated campaign revenue is recorded when the funds are received.

**Deferred Revenue**

Deferred revenue consists of conditional contributions, payments on contracts in which deliverables have not yet been met, and a non-refundable signing bonus received by the Foundation in connection with a third party to publish the Foundation's journal. The conditional contributions are recognized as income when the conditions have been substantially met. Contractual revenue including IBD Plexus memberships and royalty related signing bonus are recognized as revenue ratably over the contractual term as specified in the agreements. Foundation programs and projects consist primarily of President's Corporate Circle memberships and advances for royalties. Project and program revenues are recorded when earned or the conditions are met as Other Income, and royalty advances are recognized as described in Note 1.

The following table depicts the significant activities of deferred revenue:

	December 31, 2022	Revenue Recognized in 2023	Cash Received in Advance of Performance	December 31, 2023
IBD Plexus membership revenue	\$ 2,595,296	\$ 10,922,396	\$ 9,513,211	\$ 1,186,111
Royalty and signing bonus	222,340	551,500	604,160	275,000
Foundation programs and projects	525,206	415,928	180,000	289,278
	<u>\$ 3,342,842</u>	<u>\$ 11,889,824</u>	<u>\$ 10,297,371</u>	<u>\$ 1,750,389</u>

The deferred revenue balance of \$1,750,389 at December 31, 2023 includes amounts totaling \$1,530,389 that will be earned and recognized as revenue in the next fiscal year, and \$220,000 that will be earned thereafter.

**Fair Value Measurements**

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Topic 820, under the FASB Accounting Standards Committee ("ASC") defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This standard provides a consistent definition of fair value, which focuses on an exit price between market participants in an orderly transaction. The standard also prioritizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that observable inputs be used when available.

Observable inputs are inputs that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources. Unobservable inputs reflect assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the transparency of inputs as follows:

- Level I - Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the measurement date. A quoted price for an identical asset or liability in an active market provides the most reliable fair value measurement because it is directly observable to the market.

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Level II - Pricing inputs other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the measurement date. The nature of these securities includes investments for which quoted prices are available but traded less frequently and investments that are fair valued using other securities, the parameters of which can be directly observed.

Level III - Securities that have little to no pricing observability as of the measurement date. These securities are measured using management's best estimate of fair value, where the inputs into the determination of fair value are not observable and require significant management judgment or estimation.

Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed from sources independent of the reporting Foundation. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting foundation's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances.

The Foundation has segregated all financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis (at least annually) into the most appropriate level within the fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to determine the fair value, except for those investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value ("NAV") per share practical expedient.

The Foundation follows the accounting standards of the FASB ASC Subtopic, 820-10-35-59, *Fair Value Measurement and Disclosures - Fair Value Measurements of Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate NAV per Share (or its Equivalent)*. This allows for the estimation of the fair value of investments in investment companies, for which the investment does not have a readily determinable fair value, using NAV per share or its equivalent, as provided by the investment managers. The Foundation reviews and evaluates the values provided by the investment managers and agrees with the valuation methods and assumptions used in determining the NAVs of these investments as of the measurement date. These estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these securities existed.

***Bequests Receivable***

Bequests are recognized as revenue when the Foundation is notified that it has an irrevocable right to the gift and the value can be estimated, generally when the bequest has been through probate and declared valid.

***Charitable Remainder Trusts***

The Foundation has been named as a beneficiary of charitable remainder trusts held by third-party trustees. A charitable remainder trust is an arrangement in which a donor establishes a trust with specified distributions to be made to a designated beneficiary or beneficiaries over the trust's term. The Foundation will receive its share of the assets remaining upon the termination of the charitable remainder trusts. The Foundation has recorded the estimated present value of its beneficial interest in each of the trust's assets as charitable remainder trusts of \$59,444 and \$50,111 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, included within Prepaid expenses and other assets in the accompanying statements of financial position. The Foundation's interest in trust assets is deemed to be Level III financial instruments.

***Reinsurance Contracts***

The Foundation entered into an agreement with an insurance company to reinsure its charitable gift annuity program. Under the terms of the agreement, the insurance company agreed to assume the risk of changes in the present value of expected future cash flows payable to the annuitants in exchange for cash consideration. Additionally, the insurance company agreed to administer the monthly payments made to

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the beneficiaries over the duration of the annuity agreements. Subsequent changes in the actuarial present value of the Foundation's liability to annuitants do not impact the Foundation's statements of activities. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the actuarial present value of the Foundation's liability to the beneficiaries was \$189,535 and \$214,895, respectively. The asset is included within Prepaid expenses and other assets and the liability is included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses on the accompanying statements of financial position. The discount rate was 4.75% and 3.5% for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Since the inputs in determining the fair value of the reinsurance agreement are not observable, the Foundation's beneficial interest is classified as Level III within the fair value hierarchy.

***Fixed Assets***

Fixed assets, which consist of furniture, fixtures, equipment, and website development costs are recorded at cost or, if donated, at fair value on the date received. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from three to 10 years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the remaining lease term or the estimated life of the improvements, whichever is shorter. Fixed assets costing greater than \$1,000 are capitalized.

***Research Grants Payable***

The Foundation records appropriations for research grants as a liability and expense after approval by the National Board of Trustees based upon: (i) the recommendations of the Board's advisory committees including the National Scientific Advisory Committee's Grants Review Committee, the Research Training Awards Program Committee and the Research Initiatives Committee, and any appropriate ad hoc review committee (collectively, the "Review Committees"); and (ii) the availability of funding. Most grants are approved for a one-year term with conditional annual renewal periods of up to two years. The grants are conditional based upon the evaluation of program accomplishments and progress reporting from the grant recipients by the Review Committees. The annual grants are disbursed in accordance with the grant terms or management's discretion based on need or liquidity considerations. Conditional grants are recognized in the period in which the terms of the conditions are satisfied by the respective grantee.

In addition to grants, the Foundation incurs research and development expenses to support its various research programs and initiatives aligned with its mission. These expenses are subject to approval by the Research department leadership and are recorded in the Statement of Activities as incurred. At the end of the fiscal year, applicable expenses are accrued to Research Grants Payable.

***Functional Allocation of Expenses***

Expenses that can be directly identified with the program or supporting service activity to which they relate are charged accordingly. Other expenses have been allocated among program and supporting services based on effort reporting determined by the Foundation to be appropriate.

***Concentrations of Credit Risk***

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Foundation to concentrations of credit and market risk consist principally of cash and cash equivalents on deposit with financial institutions, which from time to time may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limit. The Foundation does not believe that a significant risk of loss due to the failure of a financial institution to perform exists.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of

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contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Management's estimates and assumptions include the determination of allowances for doubtful accounts for pledges receivable, the allocation of certain expenses amongst program and supporting activities, the useful lives assigned to fixed assets and value of in-kind contributions. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

***Measure of Operations***

The accompanying statements of activities present the changes in net assets distinguishing between operating and nonoperating activities. Operating activities principally include all revenues and expenses that relate to the Foundation's core mission. Operating revenues include investment return pursuant to the Foundation's investment spending policy. Operating revenues also include the release of net assets with donor restrictions net assets in support of operating activities, and all contributions without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions. Forgiveness of loans given to maintain operations through the pandemic are determined to be operating income.

The Foundation has defined nonoperating activities principally to include investment return (loss), net of amounts distributed to support operations in accordance with the investment spending policy and changes in remainder trust valuations. Certain other gains and losses considered to be of a more unusual or non-recurring nature are also included as part of nonoperating activities.

***Income Taxes***

The Foundation is a not-for-profit voluntary health organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and has been classified as a publicly supported charitable organization under Section 509(a)(1) of the Code and qualifies for the maximum charitable contribution deduction by donors. Contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible within the limitations prescribed by the Code. The Foundation is also exempt from state and local taxes under similar statutes.

Accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, including issues relating to financial statement recognition and measurement, provides that the tax effects from an uncertain tax position can be recognized in the financial statements only if the position is more likely than not to be sustained if the position were to be challenged by a taxing authority. The assessment of the tax position is based solely on the technical merits of the position, without regard to the likelihood that the tax position may be challenged. The Foundation is exempt from income tax under the Code, however, is subject to tax on income unrelated to its exempt purposes, unless that income is otherwise excluded under the Code. The Foundation has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. In addition, the Foundation has not recorded a provision for income taxes as it has no material tax liability from unrelated business income activities.

***Summarized Comparative Information***

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total, which does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with U.S. GAAP. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Foundation's audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, from which the summarized information was derived.

***Leases***

The Foundation adopted ASU 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)* as of January 1, 2022. After the adoption of this standard, the Foundation determines if an arrangement contains a lease at inception based on whether

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there is an identified asset and whether the Foundation controls the use of the identified asset throughout the period of use. The Foundation classifies leases as either financing or operating. Right-of-use ("ROU") assets are recognized at the lease commencement date and represent the Foundation's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the Foundation's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Lease liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of future lease payments over the remaining lease term. Present value of lease payments are discounted based the risk-free rate. Expenses related to leases determined to be operating leases are recognized on a straight-line basis, while those determined to be finance leases are recognized following a front-loaded expense pattern in which interest and amortization are presented separately in the income statement.

The Foundation assess whether a lease is classified as an operating lease or a finance lease at lease commencement.

The Foundation's ROU assets are initially measured based on the corresponding lease liability adjusted for (i) payments made to the lessor at or before the commencement date, (ii) initial direct costs incurred and (iii) lease incentives under the lease. Options to renew or terminate the lease are recognized as part of our ROU assets and lease liabilities when it is reasonably certain the options will be exercised. ROU assets are also assessed for impairments consistent with the long-lived asset guidance.

The Foundation does not allocate consideration between lease and non-lease components, such as operating costs, as the Foundation has elected to not separate lease and non-lease components for any leases within its existing classes of assets. Operating lease expense for fixed lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Variable lease payments for usage-based fees are not included in the measurement of the ROU assets or lease liabilities and are expensed as incurred.

Prior to the adoption of ASC 842, the Foundation recognized rent expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The difference between cash rent payments and the recognition of rent expense was recorded as a deferred rent liability on the statement of financial position.

***Reclassifications***

Certain amounts pertaining to the 2022 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 2023 presentation. Such reclassifications did not change total assets, liabilities, net assets and revenues and expenses as previously reported.

***Subsequent Events***

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 16, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Foundation is not aware of any material subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the accompanying financial statements aside from the related-party loan discussed at Note 12.

**NOTE 2 - RESEARCH GRANTS**

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the accompanying statements of financial position include research grants payable of \$30,248,553 and \$31,325,222, respectively. Research grants are available to be paid within one year but awardees may ask for a no cost extension at the discretion of the Foundation.

In 2023 and 2022, grants in the amount of \$1,710,247 and \$1,393,315, respectively, were refunded/rescinded and netted with research grants and development costs expense in the accompanying statements of activities and functional expenses.



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In addition, the Foundation has unpaid conditional grants outstanding of \$11,299,978 and \$13,055,536 at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which are payable upon satisfaction of the underlying conditions by the grantees and, therefore, such amounts have not been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

**NOTE 3 - PLEDGES RECEIVABLE, NET**

At December 31, 2023 and 2022, pledges receivable, net, are due to be collected as follows:

	2023	2022
Within one year	\$ 7,604,090	\$ 8,194,413
One to five years	3,567,584	2,023,571
More than five years	166,667	-
	<u>11,338,341</u>	<u>10,217,984</u>
Discounted to present value (at rates ranging from 0.32% to 5.00%)	<u>(261,280)</u>	<u>(25,261)</u>
Net present value	11,077,061	10,192,723
Allowance for uncollectible pledges	<u>-</u>	<u>(70,669)</u>
Pledges receivable, net	<u>\$ 11,077,061</u>	<u>\$ 10,122,054</u>

**NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS**

Investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of the following:

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 51,402	\$ 56,665
Certificate of deposit	174,096	174,096
Mutual funds – Equities	6,105,783	8,825,533
Mutual funds – Fixed income	6,667,173	10,130,984
Equities	75,272	54,727
Marketable alternative assets	<u>581,681</u>	<u>541,231</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,655,407</u>	<u>\$ 19,783,236</u>

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The following table summarizes the valuation of the Foundation's investments within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2023:

	2023				
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Investments at NAV	Total
Mutual funds:					
Equities	\$ 6,105,783	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,105,783
Fixed income	6,667,173	-	-	-	6,667,173
Equities	75,272	-	-	-	75,272
Marketable alternative assets	-	-	105,008	476,673	581,681
Total	<u>\$ 12,848,228</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 105,008</u>	<u>\$ 476,673</u>	13,429,909
Cash and cash equivalents					51,402
Certificate of deposit					<u>174,096</u>
					<u>\$13,655,407</u>

The following table summarizes the valuation of the Foundation's investments within the fair value hierarchy as of December 31, 2022:

	2022				
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Investments at NAV	Total
Mutual funds:					
Equities	\$ 8,825,533	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,825,533
Fixed income	10,130,984	-	-	-	10,130,984
Equities	54,727	-	-	-	54,727
Marketable alternative assets	-	-	99,980	441,251	541,231
Total	<u>\$ 19,011,244</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 99,980</u>	<u>\$ 441,251</u>	19,552,475
Cash and cash equivalents					56,665
Certificate of deposit					<u>174,096</u>
					<u>\$19,783,236</u>

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The following tables includes information related to investments valued at NAV as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

2023				
<u>Alternative Investment Strategy</u>	<u>Fair Value Determined Using NAV in Funds</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Terms</u>	<u>Redemption Restrictions</u>
TIAA Access Account	\$ 476,673	None	Daily	\$1,000 minimum for transfers
2022				
<u>Alternative Investment Strategy</u>	<u>Fair Value Determined Using NAV in Funds</u>	<u>Unfunded Commitments</u>	<u>Redemption Terms</u>	<u>Redemption Restrictions</u>
TIAA Access Account	\$ 441,251	None	Daily	\$1,000 minimum for transfers

The Foundation's Level III investment consists of a Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America ("TIAA") Traditional Annuity account, a fixed rate annuity contract that is fully and unconditionally guaranteed and backed by the claims-paying ability by TIAA. During the accumulation phase, the TIAA Traditional Annuity provides a guaranteed minimum rate of interest between 1% and 3% with the potential for additional interest, if declared by TIAA. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is reported at contract value.

The contract value of the TIAA Traditional Annuity equals the accumulated cash contributions, interest credited, and transfers, if any, less withdrawals and transfers, if any. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is not available for sale or transfer on any securities exchange. Accordingly, transactions in similar investment instruments are not observable. The crediting rate is supported by the investment performance of a large, diversified portfolio which is correlated with the highest quality debt security yields and is adjusted for contract liquidity. A 20-year analysis of crediting rates for TIAA Traditional Annuity contracts suggests a rate of return that is representative of a risk adjusted market rate for this type of product. While transactions involving the purchases and sales of individual TIAA Traditional Annuity contracts are not observable in a public marketplace, contract value provides an approximation of fair value.

The following table summarizes the activity within the Foundation's Level III investments for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Balance at January 1,	\$ 99,980	\$ 80,379
Purchases	4,145	15,602
Sales	(44)	-
Distributions and annuity settlement options	(2,281)	(2,374)
Appreciation in fair value	3,208	6,373
Balance at December 31,	<u>\$ 105,008</u>	<u>\$ 99,980</u>

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**NOTE 5 - FIXED ASSETS, NET**

Fixed assets, net, consisted of the following at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 530,164	\$ 535,267
Office equipment	484,561	494,212
Computer equipment	959,386	1,018,846
Software	5,879,733	689,833
Website development costs	4,284,050	3,831,002
Leasehold improvements	704,582	515,305
Projects in progress	-	2,593,257
	12,842,476	9,677,722
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(6,842,202)	(6,032,409)
Fixed assets, net	\$ 6,000,274	\$ 3,645,313

**NOTE 6 - LOAN PAYABLE**

On February 6, 2021, the Foundation was granted a PPP loan totaling \$2,000,000. The loan was set to mature on February 6, 2026 and bore interest at a rate of one percent per annum. Under the terms of the PPP, the loan may be forgiven if the funds were used for qualifying expenses, consisting of payroll costs, rent, and utilities. On January 31, 2022, the Foundation received notice that the SBA authorized the full forgiveness of the loan. As such, the bank applied the forgiveness to the Foundation's loan account and offset all interest accrued, and PPP loan forgiveness revenue totaling \$2,019,342 has been reported in the accompanying statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 2022.

**NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS**

***Lines of Credit***

The Foundation signed an agreement for a \$3,000,000 secured line of credit with the custodian of its long-term investments during fiscal 2022. The line of credit's interest rate is the federal fund rate plus 225 basis points (7.5% as of December 31, 2023) and mature on 6/30/24. The line is secured by the securities in its investment account. During fiscal 2023, the Foundation increased the available credit on this line to \$10,000,000 at the same borrowing terms. The outstanding balance was \$5,989,390 as of December 31, 2023 and \$0 as of December 31, 2022. During March 2024 the Foundation paid the line of credit down in full.

The Foundation had a one-year unsecured \$3,000,000 line of credit with its primary banking institution available at 300 basis points above the Secured Overnight Financing Rate 'SOFR' through January 27, 2024. The Foundation borrowed and repaid \$3,000,000 under this line during fiscal 2023. The Institution did not renew the line past January 2024.

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***Operating Leases***

The Foundation assesses contracts at inception to determine whether an arrangement includes a lease, which conveys the Foundation's right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration.

The Foundation has non-cancelable leases for office space and equipment for its National Office and Chapter offices throughout the country for which ROU assets and liabilities are recorded in the accompanying statement of financial position. The discount rate applied to measure the ROU assets and lease liabilities is based on the risk-free discount rate determined using a period comparable with that of the lease term. Certain lease agreements contain termination rights, rent abatements, and/or escalation clauses. The leases expire between 2024 and 2034, which represent the non-cancelable periods of the leases. The Foundation excludes extension and termination options that are not reasonably certain to be exercised from its lease terms. Lease payments consist primarily of fixed rental payments for the right to use the underlying leased assets over the leased terms. The Foundation's leases do not contain any residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

The National Office lease is secured by an irrevocable letter of credit for \$174,096; the bank required the Foundation to purchase a certificate of deposit for the same amount to collateralize the letter of credit over the entire lease term, which is included in investments in the accompanying statements of financial position.

The related cost of the ROU assets and accumulated amortization at December 31, 2023 is as follows:

ROU assets	\$ 9,623,722
Accumulated amortization	<u>(852,545)</u>
	<u>\$ 8,771,177</u>
Weighted-average remaining lease term (operating leases):	2.32 years
Weighted-average discount rate:	2.34%

The component of lease costs for the year ended December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Operating lease costs	\$ 1,629,396
Short term lease costs	5,932
Amortization of right of use assets	82,436
Interest on lease liabilities	<u>147,320</u>
Total lease costs	1,865,084
Other occupancy costs	<u>117,262</u>
Total occupancy expenses	<u>\$ 1,982,346</u>

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Future minimum lease payments on the Foundation's operating lease agreements as of December 31, 2023 were as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	
2024	\$ 1,397,825
2025	1,117,033
2026	1,021,157
2027	929,876
2028	823,527
Thereafter	<u>4,183,880</u>
Total	<u>9,474,298</u>
Less: amount representing interest (rates from 0.22% to 5.37%)	(681,765)
Less: Chapters lease obligation overpayment	<u>(2,540)</u>
Total lease liability	<u>\$ 8,788,993</u>

Rent expense totaled \$1,463,012 and \$1,367,327 for years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

**NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN**

On October 1, 1982, the Foundation established a defined contribution pension plan. At inception, employees are eligible to participate in the plan upon hire. Employer contributions to this plan were 5% of each participating employee's salary upon reaching one year of service. On January 1, 2014, the Foundation amended the plan to implement a new graded vesting schedule with respect to Foundation contributions for new employees. New participants to the plan become 100% vested in the portion of Foundation contributions upon reaching three years of service and having worked at least 1,000 hours of service during the plan year. In addition, employees hired prior to January 1, 2014 continue to receive contributions equal to 5% of compensation and receive 6% of a participating employee's salary upon reaching six years of service. Effective July 1, 2022, the Foundation modified the participant threshold in the Plan to begin accruing employer contributions at six months of service. The service time to achieve the 6% level was lowered from six years to five years, and a new 7% of compensation level was added for employees who achieve ten years of service.

On January 1, 2004, the Foundation established a 457(b) deferred compensation plan for a select group of its executive staff. The 457(b) Plan is a nonqualified deferred compensation plan subject to the provisions of the Code Section 457. Until paid or made available to the participant, all deferred amounts and investment earnings related to deferral amounts are solely the property and rights of the Foundation and are subject to the claims of the Foundation's creditors. Participants' rights under the 457(b) Plan are equal to those of a general creditor of the Foundation. The Foundation's plan assets were approximately \$1,391,000 and \$1,190,000 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, and are included in investments and accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying statements of financial position. The Foundation's contribution to its plans was approximately \$1,175,000 and \$1,194,000 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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**NOTE 9 - NET ASSETS**

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following restrictions:

	2023	2022
Purpose restricted:		
Research programs	\$ 4,282,057	\$ 6,736,275
Education programs	1,720,612	2,383,185
Time restricted	2,458,052	327,250
	<u>\$ 8,460,721</u>	<u>\$ 9,446,710</u>

**NOTE 10 - NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS**

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by donors or the passage of time as follows:

	2023	2022
Purpose restricted:		
Research programs	\$ 14,531,535	\$ 13,317,949
Education programs	3,985,296	3,904,835
Time restricted	200,611	367,468
	<u>\$ 18,717,442</u>	<u>\$ 17,590,252</u>

**NOTE 11 - AVAILABILITY RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY**

The Foundation regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also maintaining sufficient funds to provide reasonable assurance that commitments and obligations supporting mission fulfillment will continue to be met. The Foundation has various sources of liquidity at its disposal, including approximately \$23 million of cash, cash equivalents, and investments.

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For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over a 12-month period, the Foundation considers all expenditures related to its ongoing operating activities to support those activities to be general expenditures. The Foundation anticipates utilizing all net assets with donor restrictions in the subsequent fiscal year, with the exception of those that are not available within the next 12-months which total \$3,472,971 and \$2,023,571 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the following table shows the total financial assets held by the Foundation that could readily be made available within one year of the statements of financial position date to meet general expenditures:

	2023	2022
Financial assets at year end:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,291,716	\$ 6,835,551
Pledges receivable, net	11,077,061	10,122,054
Bequests receivable	1,320,884	-
Accounts receivable	2,024,846	4,764,145
Investments	13,655,407	19,783,236
	<u>37,369,914</u>	<u>41,504,986</u>
Total financial assets at year end	37,369,914	41,504,986
Less: amounts not available to be used within one year:		
Pledges receivable, net	(3,472,971)	(2,023,571)
Restricted Net Assets not in pledges receivable over one year	(4,998,137)	(8,073,139)
	<u>(8,471,108)</u>	<u>(10,096,710)</u>
Financial assets not available to be used within one year	(8,471,108)	(10,096,710)
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 28,898,806</u>	<u>\$ 31,408,276</u>

**NOTE 12 - RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Foundation receives contributions from members of its Board of Trustees. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, members of the Board of Trustees contributed financial gifts of \$633,071 and \$1,270,439, respectively.

Included in pledges receivable are \$530,632 and \$100,500 due from related parties as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Subsequent to year-end on July 18, 2024, The Foundation signed an agreement for a \$1,000,000 promissory note (the "Note") with a Board Member. The Note's interest rate is 5.06% per annum and it matures on December 31, 2025.



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**NOTE 13 - EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT**

The CARES Act provides an employee retention credit, a refundable tax credit against employment taxes of up to \$5,000 per employee for eligible employers. The tax credit is equal to 50% of qualified wages paid to employees during a quarter, capped at \$10,000 of qualified wages through December 31, 2020. Additional relief provisions were passed by the United States government, which extended and expanded the wage caps on these credits through December 31, 2021. Based on these additional provisions, the tax credit was increased to 70% of qualified wages paid to employees per quarter. The Foundation submitted an application for tax credits related to wages incurred during the first and second quarters of 2021. The application sufficiently met the criteria to receive the credit from the Internal Revenue Service during fiscal 2022, and therefore, the full amount of the credit totaling \$3,581,000 was reported as other revenue in the accompanying statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 2022. The Foundation received payment of \$3,581,084 plus related interest of \$159,356 from the US Department of Treasury in August 2023.