# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF WISCONSIN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

# Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin as of August 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, in 2023 the Foundation adopted new accounting guidance for leases. The guidance requires lessees to recognize a right-of-use asset and corresponding liability for all operating and finance leases with lease terms greater than one year. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

# **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. 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 Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

### Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 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 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 Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin'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 Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin'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.

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Clifton Larson Allen LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota January 19, 2024

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF WISCONSIN STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

	 2023	2022
ASSETS	 _	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,344,679	\$ 1,004,355
Investments	5,681,730	5,304,451
Due from Related Entities	126,481	158,274
Prepaid Expenses	398,943	376,603
Contributions Receivable, Net	998,110	1,243,020
Other Assets	77,003	93,574
Investments Held for Long-Term Purposes	12,458,602	11,177,388
Right-of-Use Assets - Operating	818,587	-
Property and Equipment, Net	294,288	329,861
Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others	 173,722	 169,690
Total Assets	\$ 22,372,145	\$ 19,857,216
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 787,928	\$ 491,888
Due to Related Entities	100,554	55,350
Other Liabilities	54,040	61,060
Deferred Rent	-	226,868
Lease Liability - Operating	 1,034,372	 
Total Liabilities	1,976,894	835,166
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	18,509,402	16,863,391
With Donor Restrictions	1,885,849	2,158,659
Total Net Assets	20,395,251	19,022,050
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 22,372,145	\$ 19,857,216

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF WISCONSIN STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	ithout Donor Restrictions	/ith Donor estrictions		Total
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	_		-	
Public Support:				
Contributions, Cash	\$ 5,413,183	\$ _	\$	5,413,183
Contributions, Donated Goods and Services	1,829,700	392,162		2,221,862
Grants	463,183	<i>.</i>		463,183
Total Public Support	7,706,066	392,162		8,098,228
Internal Special Events, Cash	2,771,253	-		2,771,253
Internal Special Events, Donated Goods and Services	200,548	-		200,548
Less: Costs of Direct Benefits to Donors	(557,524)	-		(557,524)
Total Internal Special Events	2,414,277	-		2,414,277
Investment Gain, Net	1,174,923	11,690		1,186,613
Other Income	5,841	-		5,841
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	 676,662	 (676,662)		
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	11,977,769	(272,810)		11,704,959
EXPENSES				
Program Services:				
Wish Granting	7,509,025	-		7,509,025
Support Services:				
Fundraising	1,675,544	-		1,675,544
Management and General	1,147,189	 		1,147,189
Total Support Services	 2,822,733	 		2,822,733
Total Expenses	10,331,758			10,331,758
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	1,646,011	(272,810)		1,373,201
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	 16,863,391	2,158,659		19,022,050
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 18,509,402	\$ 1,885,849	\$	20,395,251

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF WISCONSIN STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	thout Donor testrictions	ith Donor	Total
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT Public Support:			
Contributions, Cash	\$ 4,614,191	\$ 326,274	\$ 4,940,465
Contributions, Donated Goods and Services Grants	1,253,539 753,027	337,468	 1,591,007 753,027
Total Public Support	6,620,757	663,742	7,284,499
Internal Special Events, Cash	3,076,516	-	3,076,516
Internal Special Events, Donated Goods and Services Less: Costs of Direct Benefits to Donors	255,900 (544,592)	-	255,900 (544,592)
Total Internal Special Events	2,787,824	-	2,787,824
Investment Loss, Net	(2,168,475)	(30,982)	(2,199,457)
Forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program Loan	269,797	-	269,797
Other Income Net Assets Released from Restrictions	 1,650 300,971	(300,971)	1,650 -
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	7,812,524	331,789	8,144,313
EXPENSES			
Program Services: Wish Granting	6,241,668		6,241,668
Wish Granung	0,241,000	-	0,241,000
Support Services:	4.540.000		4 5 40 000
Fundraising Management and General	1,512,360 1,014,196	-	1,512,360 1,014,196
Total Support Services	2,526,556		2,526,556
Total Expenses	 8,768,224	<u>-</u>	 8,768,224
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(955,700)	331,789	(623,911)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	 17,819,091	1,826,870	 19,645,961
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 16,863,391	\$ 2,158,659	\$ 19,022,050

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF WISCONSIN STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	Proc	ram Services			Supp	ort Services				
		Wish Granting	F	undraising	Ма	nagement d General	Total Support Services	Dor	Direct nor Benefits	Total
Direct Costs of Wishes	\$	5,307,736	\$	-	\$	_	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 5,307,736
Salaries, Taxes, and Benefits		881,370		1,043,293		733,213	1,776,506		-	2,657,876
Printing, Subscriptions, and Publications		40,290		116,608		18,511	135,119		-	175,409
Professional Fees		9,295		35,944		119,923	155,867		-	165,162
Rent and Utilities		92,073		87,870		46,717	134,587		-	226,660
Postage and Delivery		20,975		38,598		16,716	55,314		-	76,289
Travel		1,916		9,482		31,794	41,276		-	43,192
Meetings and Conferences		16,862		41,505		28,421	69,926		-	86,788
Office Supplies		82,895		16,685		3,914	20,599		-	103,494
Communications		18,054		17,173		8,807	25,980		-	44,034
Advertising and Media (Cash)		-		11,080		-	11,080		-	11,080
Advertising and Media (In-Kind)		-		5,000		-	5,000		-	5,000
Repairs and Maintenance		3,812		2,485		1,608	4,093		-	7,905
Bad Debt Expense		-		20,500		-	20,500		-	20,500
Membership Dues		2,777		5,213		2,530	7,743		-	10,520
Grants and Scholarships		500,000		-		-	-		-	500,000
National Partnership Dues		482,711		116,376		95,494	211,870		-	694,581
Miscellaneous		17,094		78,270		24,348	102,618		-	119,712
Depreciation and Amortization		31,165		29,462		15,193	44,655		-	75,820
Special Event - Direct Donor Benefits							 		557,524	 557,524
Total Expenses by Function		7,509,025		1,675,544		1,147,189	2,822,733		557,524	 10,889,282
Less Expenses Netted Against Revenues on the Statement of Activities: Special Event Expenses		<u>-</u>		<u> </u>			<u>-</u> _		(557,524)	(557,524)
Total Expenses Included in the Expense Section of the Statement of Activities	\$	7,509,025	\$	1,675,544	\$	1,147,189	\$ 2,822,733	\$	<u> </u>	\$ 10,331,758

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF WISCONSIN STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

	Prog	gram Services			Supp	ort Services					
		Wish Granting	F	undraising	Ма	nagement d General	To Sup	otal oport vices	Don	Direct or Benefits	Total
Direct Costs of Wishes	\$	3,778,009	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 3,778,009
Salaries, Taxes, and Benefits		722,798		964,282		668,699	1,6	32,981		-	2,355,779
Printing, Subscriptions, and Publications		31,977		113,287		14,896	1	28,183		-	160,160
Professional Fees		35,728		42,762		101,301	1	44,063		-	179,791
Rent and Utilities		71,064		65,597		46,374	1	11,971		-	183,035
Postage and Delivery		27,501		45,593		15,533		61,126		-	88,627
Travel		1,253		11,496		4,947		16,443		-	17,696
Meetings and Conferences		10,220		22,273		8,199		30,472		-	40,692
Office Supplies		68,393		10,365		4,541		14,906		-	83,299
Communications		17,305		16,224		11,593		27,817		-	45,122
Advertising and Media (Cash)		-		5,234		-		5,234		-	5,234
Advertising and Media (In-Kind)		-		7,500		-		7,500		-	7,500
Repairs and Maintenance		5,514		3,389		2,378		5,767		-	11,281
Bad Debt Expense		-		4,890		· -		4,890		-	4,890
Membership Dues		2,541		4,330		2,936		7,266		-	9,807
Grants and Scholarships		1,000,000		· -		· -		· -		-	1,000,000
National Partnership Dues		417,005		75,293		86,876	1	62,169		-	579,174
Miscellaneous		14,867		85,236		21,799	1	07,035		-	121,902
Depreciation and Amortization		37,493		34,609		24,124		58,733		-	96,226
Special Event - Direct Donor Benefits		-		-		-		-		544,592	544,592
Total Expenses by Function		6,241,668		1,512,360		1,014,196	2,5	26,556		544,592	9,312,816
Less Expenses Netted Against Revenues on the Statement of Activities: Special Event Expenses		_		_		_		_		(544,592)	(544,592)
Total Expenses Included in the Expense Section of the Statement of Activities	\$	6,241,668	\$	1,512,360	\$	1,014,196	\$ 2,5	26,556	\$	<u>-</u>	\$ 8,768,224

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® OF WISCONSIN STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2022

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 1,373,201	\$ (623,911)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash		,
Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization	75,820	96,226
Forgiveness of Paycheck Protection Program Loan	-	(269,797)
Net Realized and Unrealized (Gain) Loss on Investments	(862,577)	2,417,867
Loss on Sale of Property and Equipment	159	75
Change in Value of Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others	(4,032)	38,300
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:	, ,	
Change in Discount to Present Value of Contributions Receivable	(15,447)	3,201
Change in Operating Right-of-Use Assets and Lease Liabilities	(11,083)	-
Contributions Receivable	260,357	(346,964)
Due from Related Entities	31,793	(86,947)
Prepaid Expenses	(22,340)	(99,255)
Other Assets	16,571	93,625
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:	•	,
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	296,040	106,318
Due to Related Entities	45,204	45,104
Other Liabilities	(7,020)	(229,015)
Deferred Rent	-	(47,317)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,176,646	1,097,510
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of Investments	(2,531,241)	(2,912,992)
Proceeds from Sales of Investments	1,735,325	1,639,853
Purchases of Property and Equipment	(40,406)	(4,530)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	(836,322)	(1,277,669)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	340,324	(180,159)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	 1,004,355	 1,184,514
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,344,679	\$ 1,004,355

#### NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Wisconsin (the Foundation) is a Wisconsin nonprofit corporation, organized for the purpose of creating life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. The Foundation is an independently operating chapter of Make-A-Wish Foundation of America (the National Organization), which develops and implements national programs in public relations and fundraising for the benefit of all local chapters. In addition, the local chapter is obligated to comply with a chapter agreement with the National Organization and such guidelines, resolutions, and policies as may be adopted by the National Organization's board of directors.

### NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The financial statements of the Foundation are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to nonprofit entities.

### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Foundation considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

### **Investments**

Investments are recorded at fair value. Investment income, including gains and losses on investments, is recorded as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless its use is limited by donor-imposed restrictions or law.

The Foundation's investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that those changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could be material to the amounts reported in the statements of financial position.

### **Contributions Receivable**

Contributions receivable are unconditional promises to give. Such promises that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at expected net realizable value when the promise is received. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of estimated future cash flows. Contributions receivable are discounted using fair value rates and contributions are written off when deemed uncollectible.

#### Leases

The Foundation determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases are included in right-of-use (ROU) assets – operating and lease liability – operating, and finance leases are included in ROU assets – financing and lease liability – financing in the statements of financial position.

# NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### Leases (Continued)

ROU assets 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. ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. Lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Foundation will exercise that option. Lease expense for operating lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease terms. The Foundation has elected to recognize payments for short-term leases with a lease term of 12 months or less as expense as incurred and these leases are not included as lease liabilities or right of use assets on the statements of financial position.

The individual lease contracts do not provide information about the discount rate implicit in the lease. Therefore, the Foundation has elected to use a risk-free discount rate determined using a period comparable with that of the lease term for computing the present value of lease liabilities.

The Foundation has elected not to separate nonlease components from lease components and instead accounts for each separate lease component and the nonlease component as a single lease component.

### **Property and Equipment, Net**

Property and equipment having a unit cost greater than \$500 and a useful life of more than one year are capitalized at cost when purchased. Donated assets are capitalized at the estimated fair value at the date of receipt and restrictions are released once the asset has been placed into service. Property and equipment under capital leases (Fiscal Year 2022) are stated at the present value of future minimum lease payments at the time of acquisition. Depreciation on property and equipment is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally three to five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset or the remaining terms of the lease. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend its life are expensed as incurred.

Long-lived assets, such as property and equipment, are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. If circumstances indicate a long-lived asset may be impaired, the asset value will be reduced to fair value. Fair value is determined through various valuation techniques including quoted market values and third-party independent appraisals, as considered necessary.

# NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# **Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value measurements of financial assets and financial liabilities and fair value measurements of nonfinancial items are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The Foundation utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. The Foundation determines fair value based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability in the principal or most advantageous market. When considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the following fair value hierarchy distinguishes between observable and unobservable inputs, which are categorized in one of the following levels:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (or liabilities) that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Prices for a similar asset (or liability), other than quoted prices included in Level 1 inputs, that are observable for the asset (or liability), either directly or indirectly. If the asset (or liability) has a specified term, a Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset (or liability).

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset (or liability) used to measure fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available, thereby allowing for situations in which there is little, if any, market activity for the asset (or liability) at measurement date.

#### **Net Assets**

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor- or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Gifts of long-lived assets and gifts of cash restricted for the acquisition of long-lived assets are recognized as restricted revenue when received and released from restrictions when the assets are placed in service. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

# NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### **Net Assets (Continued)**

Contributions restricted by donors are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as Net Assets Released from Restrictions.

### Revenue Recognition

Revenue is recognized on the accrual basis and generally consists of contributions, special event revenue, in-kinds and other income.

An internal special event is a fundraising event coordinated and staffed by Foundation personnel rather than a third-party support group or organization. It is designed to attract people for the purpose of raising mission awareness, for increasing funding from existing donors, and the cultivation of future donors.

Special event revenue consists of registrations, sponsorships and other contributions. The exchange element of the special event revenue was approximately \$557,524 and \$544,592 for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The portion that is considered to be exchange revenue is recognized as revenue when the performance obligations are met which is the occurrence of the event.

The Foundation receives auction items to be sold at its special events. Contributed auction items are valued at the gross selling price received and the value is included in internal special event revenue on the statement of activities. The amount of auction items received and sold during the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022 totaled \$431,299 and \$495,239, respectively.

Donated advertising and media is reported as contribution revenue and fundraising expense when received and the reporting of such contributions is unaffected by whether the Foundation could afford to purchase or would have purchased the assets at their fair value.

Unconditional promises to give are recognized initially at fair value as contributions revenue in the period such promises are made by donors. Fair value is estimated giving consideration to anticipated future cash receipts (after allowance is made for uncollectible contributions) and discounting such amounts at a risk-adjusted rate commensurate with the duration of the donor's payment plan. Amortization of the discounts is recorded as additional contributions revenue.

Conditional promises to give are not recognized as contribution revenue and receivables until the conditions have been substantially met. The Foundation did not have any conditional promises outstanding for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# **Revenue Recognition (Continued)**

Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value. Contributions of services are recognized if the services received (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.

# **Contributions: Donated Goods and Services**

The Foundation received in-kind contributions of assets, services, and materials that are reported in the statements of activities as follows:

	 2023	2022
Wish Related Travel, Goods, and Services	\$ 2,050,348	\$ 1,474,597
Professional Services	-	28,600
Contributed Office Space	37,960	37,386
Advertising and Media	6,120	7,500
Special Events	200,548	255,900
Other	 127,434	 42,924
Total	\$ 2,422,410	\$ 1,846,907

Wish related travel, goods and other services are used in the wish granting program. The Foundation estimates the fair value of wish related travel, goods, and services on the basis of estimates of the current market rates for similar travel, goods and other services in the Foundation's market.

Professional services relate to donated services used for support services and are valued and reported at the estimated fair value based on current rates for similar services.

Contributed office space is valued and reported at the estimated fair value on the basis of comparable lease agreements in the Foundation's market. Contributed office space is used for both program and supporting services.

Donated advertising and media is reported at the estimated fair value as provided by the donor based on rates charged for similar advertising or media. Advertising and media is used for both program and supporting services. Advertising and media is used to help the Foundation communicate its message or mission and includes fund raising materials, informational material, or advertising, and may be in the form of an audio or video tape of a public service announcement, a layout for a newspaper, media time or space for public service announcements, or other purposes.

Special event donated items are donated items recorded at fair value that are used in facilitating the event. Examples of such donated items are generally food, beverage, facility costs, and auction items. The Foundation estimates the fair value of these donated items based on the current market rates for similar items in the Foundation's market.

In-kind contributions related to wish granting are restricted to be used in granting wishes. In-kind contributions related to special events are restricted for use at those events. No other in-kind contributions were received with donor restrictions.

### NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### **Income Taxes**

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income and Wisconsin taxes under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) and Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Revenue and Taxation Code. However, the Foundation remains subject to income taxes on any net income that is derived from a trade or business, regularly carried on and not in furtherance of the purpose for which it was granted exemption. No income tax provision has been recorded as the net income, if any, from any unrelated trade or business, in the opinion of management, is not material to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management believes that no uncertain tax positions exist for the Foundation at August 31, 2023 and 2022. The Foundation files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and applicable state jurisdictions.

### **Functional Expenses**

The Foundation performs three functions: wish granting, fundraising, and management and general. Definitions of these functions are as follows:

#### Wish Granting

Activities performed by the Foundation in granting wishes to children with critical illnesses.

#### **Fundraising**

Activities performed by the Foundation to generate funds and/or resources to support its programs and operations.

### Management and General

All costs not identifiable with a single program or fundraising activity, but indispensable to the conduct of such programs and activities and to the Foundation's existence, are included as management and general expenses. This includes expenses for the overall direction of the Foundation, business management, general recordkeeping, budgeting, financial reporting, and activities relating to these functions such as salaries, rent, supplies, equipment, and other expenses.

Expenses that benefit more than one function of the Foundation are allocated among the functions based generally on the amount of time spent by employees on each function.

#### **Deferred Rent**

The Foundation accounts for rent expense evenly over the term of the lease using the straight-line method. The unamortized deferred rent was \$226,868 at August 31, 2022.

### NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

# **Management Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make a number of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## **Adoption of Accounting Pronouncement**

In February 2016, The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*. This new standard increases transparency and comparability among organizations by requiring the recognition of right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position. Most prominent among the changes in the standard is the recognition of ROU assets and lease liabilities by lessees for those leases classified as operating leases. Under the standard, disclosures are required to meet the objective of enabling users of financial statements to assess the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases.

The Foundation adopted the requirements of the guidance effective September 1, 2022, and has elected to apply the provisions of this standard to the beginning of the period of adoption.

The Foundation has elected to adopt the package of practical expedients available in the year of adoption. The Foundation has elected to adopt the available practical expedient to use hindsight in determining the lease term and in assessing impairment of the Foundation's ROU assets.

Lease disclosures for the year ended August 31, 2022 are made under prior lease guidance in FASB ASC 840.

#### NOTE 3 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

The Foundation monitors liquidity regularly through the monthly financial package provided to the board and through the enterprise-wide Benchmarks of Excellence. Holding 6 months to 24 months of liquidity is considered excellent based off the enterprise-wide published scale.

	 2023		2022
Total Financial Assets	\$ 20,609,602	- ;	\$ 18,887,488
Donor-Imposed Restrictions:			
Restricted Funds	(1,712,127)		(1,988,969)
Endowments	 (173,722)		(169,690)
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs	 		
for General Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 18,723,753	_:	\$ 16,728,829

### NOTE 3 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY (CONTINUED)

Financial assets include cash and cash equivalents, investments, due from related entities, contributions receivable, and investments held for long-term purposes. For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over one year, the Foundation considers all expenditures related to its ongoing program activities, as well as the functions in support of those activities, to be general expenditures.

Endowment funds consist of donor-restricted endowments. Income from donor-restricted endowments is restricted for specific purposes, with the exception of the amounts available for general use. Donor-restricted endowment funds are not available for general expenditure.

As part of the Foundation's liquidity management plan, cash in excess of daily requirements are invested in short-term investments, CDs, and money market funds.

#### NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Fair value is defined as the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The fair values of the financial instruments shown in the following table as of August 31, 2023 and 2022 represent the amounts that would be received to sell those assets or that would be paid to transfer those liabilities in an orderly transaction between market participants at that date. Those fair value measurements maximize the use of observable inputs. However, in situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability at the measurement date, the fair value measurement reflects the Foundation's own judgments about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Those judgments are developed by the Foundation based on the best information available in the circumstances, including expected cash flows and appropriately risk-adjusted discount rates, and available observable and unobservable inputs.

### **Investments**

### Overall Investment Objective

The overall investment objective of the Foundation is to invest its assets in a prudent manner that will achieve a long-term rate of return sufficient to fund a portion of its annual operating activities and increase investment value after inflation. The Foundation diversifies its investments among various asset classes incorporating multiple strategies and managers. Major investment decisions are authorized by the board's audit and finance committee, which oversees the Foundation's investment program in accordance with established guidelines.

# NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

# Fair Value Hierarchy

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy of assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis at August 31:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Assets not Held at Fair Value	Total
August 31, 2023					
Assets					
Investments:					
Exchange-Traded Funds	\$ 10,927,162	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,927,162
Equity Securities	2,027,990	-	-	-	2,027,990
Debt Securities	5,088,180	-	-	-	5,088,180
Cash	-	-	-	97,000	97,000
Total Investments	18,043,332	-		97,000	18,140,332
Beneficial Interest in					
Assets Held by Others			173,722		173,722
Total Assets	\$ 18,043,332	\$ -	\$ 173,722	\$ 97,000	\$ 18,314,054
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Assets not Held at Fair Value	Total
August 31, 2022	Level I	Level 2	Level 5	value	Total
Assets					
Investments:					
Exchange-Traded Funds	\$ 8,733,935	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,733,935
Equity Securities	2,111,906	-	_	_	2,111,906
Debt Securities	5,041,708	_	_	_	5,041,708
Cash	-	_	_	594,290	594,290
Total Investments	15,887,549	-	-	594,290	16,481,839
Beneficial Interest in					
Assets Held by Others			169,690		169,690
Total Assets	\$ 15,887,549	\$ -	\$ 169,690	\$ 594,290	\$ 16,651,529

For the valuation of beneficial interest in assets held by others, the Foundation used significant unobservable inputs (Level 3).

Purchases, sales, transfers in and transfers out of Level 3 investments consist of the following for the years ended August 31:

	 2023	 2022
Sales	\$ (7,658)	\$ (6,105)

# NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

### Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)

The following table describes the valuation techniques used to calculate fair value for assets in Level 3. There were no changes in valuation techniques and related inputs from the prior year.

Quantitative Information About	Level 3 Fair Value Measurements		
	Fair Value at	Principal	
	August 31,	Valuation	Unobservable
Type of Assets	2023	Technique	Inputs
Beneficial Interests in Assets Held		FMV of	Value of
by Others	\$ 173,722	Assets	Underlying Assets
	Fair Value at	Principal	
	August 31,	Valuation	Unobservable
Type of Assets	2022	Technique	Inputs
Beneficial Interests in Assets Held		FMV of	Value of
by Others	\$ 169,690	Assets	Underlying Assets

# Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others

As of August 31, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation had a beneficial interest in assets held by others of \$173,722 and \$169,690, respectively. This interest consists of a fund contributed to the Wishes Forever Endowment Fund at the National Office. An endowment agreement has been signed between the chapter and National Office. Distributions from the National Office are made in accordance with the spending policies adopted by the National Office. The National Office has variance power as it relates to these assets. The beneficial interest in assets held by others consists of funds contributed and the earnings thereon, net of distributions received, and is classified as net assets with donor restrictions in the statements of financial position.

### NOTE 5 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable include pledges that have been discounted at rates of 4.20% at August 31, 2023 and 3.27% at August 31, 2022.

The following is a summary of the Foundation's contributions receivable at August 31:

	2023	2022
Total Amounts Due in:		
Within One Year	\$ 758,187	\$ 704,544
One to Five Years	 250,000	 564,000
Contributions Receivable, Net	1,008,187	1,268,544
Less: Discount to Present Value	(10,077)	 (25,524)
Contributions Receivable, Net	\$ 998,110	\$ 1,243,020

Management determined that all contributions receivable are fully collectible; therefore, no allowance for uncollectible accounts is considered necessary at August 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### NOTE 6 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED ENTITIES

The National Organization conducts national fundraising efforts for which cash and in-kind donations are received and shared with the Foundation. These funds represent revenues associated with: distributions from national partners, individual donation amounts collected via online and white mail donations, amounts for internal grants, travel and training scholarships, amounts to fund the Adopt-A-Wish® program, and other miscellaneous revenues. During the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, the Foundation received \$1,585,885 and \$1,308,197 from these national revenue streams.

As part of the National Organization's Wish Fulfillment Fund, chapters may apply for funds that have been donated by other chapters to underwrite the cost of wishes. Under this program, the Foundation contributed \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 during the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Conversely, the Foundation pays amounts to the National Organization for annual dues, insurance, and other miscellaneous ancillary expenses that Make-A-Wish Foundation® of America pays on behalf of the Foundation and for services provided by the National Organization. Amounts totaling \$811,864 and \$667,851 were paid from the Foundation to the National Organization during the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Chapters who assist with the organization and granting of wishes from other chapters are paid a "fee for service" called the wish assist fee. Under this program, the originating chapter agrees to pay a fee to the chapter of the wish destination to assist with any planning, booking, and facilitating of the wish for the home chapter. Under this program, the Foundation received \$6,000 and \$1,575 for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which is recorded in the accompanying statements of activities as Other Income.

Amounts due from and to related entities are as follows at August 31:

	 2023	2022
Due from National Organization	\$ 111,537	\$ 147,990
Due from Other Chapters	14,944	10,284
Total Due from Related Entities	\$ 126,481	\$ 158,274
Due to National Organization Due to Other Chapters	\$ 9,111 91,443	\$ 5,083 50,267
Total Due to Related Entities	\$ 100,554	\$ 55,350

Amounts due from the National Organization represent contributions remitted to the National Organization that are identified for the Foundation's use but were not yet transferred to the Foundation as of year-end. Amounts due from other chapters represent amounts paid in assisting other chapters with their wish granting. Amounts due to other chapters represent amounts owed to other chapters who have assisted in the granting of wishes for the Foundation. Amounts due to the National Organization generally represent unpaid chapter dues and services.

# NOTE 6 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED ENTITIES (CONTINUED)

During the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation received contributions from board members totaling \$71,347 and \$238,071, respectively.

# NOTE 7 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment consist of the following as of August 31:

	 2023	 2022
Computer Equipment and Software	\$ 114,179	\$ 163,880
Office Furniture	286,997	252,379
Leasehold Improvements	773,216	 773,216
Total	1,174,392	1,189,475
Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	 (880,104)	(859,614)
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 294,288	\$ 329,861

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$75,820 and \$96,226, respectively, for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### NOTE 8 LEASES

# **Lease Agreements - ASC 842**

The Foundation leases equipment as well as certain operating and office facilities for various terms under long-term, noncancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2031.

The following tables provides quantitative information concerning the Foundation's leases.

		2023		
Lease Cost: Operating lease cost	¢	110 622		
Operating lease cost	Ψ	119,633		
Other information:				
Cash Paid for amounts included in the Measurement				
of Lease Liabilities:				
Operating Cash Flows from Operating Leases		130,716		
Right-of-Use Assets Obtained in Exchange for New				
Operating Lease Liabilities		903,775		
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term - Operating				
Leases		8.0 years		
Weighted-Average Discount Rate - Operating Leases		3.20%		

# NOTE 8 LEASES (CONTINUED)

A maturity analysis of annual undiscounted cash flows for lease liabilities as of August 31, 2023 is as follows:

	Operating		
Year Ending August 31	Leases		
2024	\$ 133,954		
2025		137,274	
2026		140,676	
2027		143,085	
2028		146,562	
Thereafter		475,384	
Total Lease Payments		1,176,935	
Less: Imputed Interest		(142,563)	
Present Value of Lease Liabilities	\$	1,034,372	

# Operating Lease Agreements – ASC 840

The Foundation is obligated under various operating leases for offices and equipment, which expire at various dates through September 30, 2031. Total rent expense for all operating leases for the years ended August 31, 2022 totaled \$117,805.

### NOTE 9 NET ASSETS

### **Net Assets With Donor Restrictions**

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes or periods as of August 31:

	2023	2022
Subject to Expenditure for Specified Purpose: Wish Granting Total Subject to Passage of Time:	\$ 1,094,737 1,094,737	\$ 1,073,843 1,073,843
Promises to Give that are Not Restricted by Donors,		
but Which are Unavailable for Expenditure Until Due	567,390	865,126
Total	567,390	865,126
Endowments:		
Subject to Endowment Spending Policy and Appropriation:		
Earnings on Endowment Funds	23,722	19,690
Original Donor-Restricted Gift Amount to be Maintained in Perpetuity:		
Helen Blenker Endowment Fund	150,000	150,000
Total	173,722	169,690
Other Contributions Restricted in Perpetuity	50,000	50,000
Total Donor-Restricted Net Assets	\$ 1,885,849	\$ 2,158,659

#### NOTE 10 RETIREMENT PLAN

The Foundation has a defined board-designated Simplified Employee Pension retirement plan (the Plan). Under the provisions of the Plan, eligible employees receive a distribution at the end of the fiscal year based on board vote, between 0% and 15% of the employee's gross salary. Foundation contributions to the Plan for the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$290,914 and \$240,449, respectively.

### NOTE 11 CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Foundation to concentration of credit risk consist principally of cash, cash equivalents, and investments. The Foundation places its cash and investments with high credit quality financial institutions and generally limits the amount of credit exposure not to exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance coverage limit of \$250,000. From time to time throughout the year, the Foundation's cash balances may exceed the amount of the FDIC insurance coverage.

There were no significant concentrations in the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### NOTE 12 LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The Foundation is periodically involved in litigation and claims arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Foundation's financial position, change in net assets, or liquidity.

### **NOTE 13 COMMITMENTS**

The goal of the Foundation is to grant the wish of every eligible child. During the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022, the Foundation granted 382 and 327 wishes, respectively. As of August 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, there were approximately 516 and 453 wish children who are eligible for a wish. The average cost of a wish for the year ended August 31, 2023 was \$8,374 in cash and \$5,244 in in-kind for a total cost of \$13,618. The average cost of a wish for the year ended August 31, 2022 was \$7,752 in cash and \$2,821 in in-kind for a total cost of \$10,573.

### NOTE 14 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

In December 2019, an outbreak of a novel strain of coronavirus (COVID-19) began. On March 10, 2020, in conjunction with the Make-A-Wish America National Medical Advisory Council (NMAC), Make-A-Wish America issued instructions to pause travel and large gathering wishes until deemed medically safe for our vulnerable population and their families. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic.

# NOTE 14 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (CONTINUED)

As of September 15, 2021, in consultation with the NMAC, the pause on domestic travel to large gatherings was lifted, if travel occurred by automobile. The pause on airline travel was lifted December 1, 2021 with a graduated approach with full domestic travel resuming June of 2022. International and cruise wish travel is still paused as of August 31, 2023. Prior to fiscal year 2020, travel wishes have been approximately 77% of wishes granted and the number of granted wishes averaged approximately 399. The number of wishes granted during the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022 was 382 and 327, respectively.

The Foundation continues to evaluate all expenses and fundraising efforts in light of the impact of COVID-19.

#### NOTE 15 PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

The Foundation applied for and was approved a \$269,797 loan under the Paycheck Protection Program created as part of the relief efforts related to COVID-19 and administered by the Small Business Administration (SBA). The loan was received on March 15, 2021. The loan accrues interest at 1%, with the first 10 months of interest deferred, has a term of five years, and is unsecured and guaranteed by the SBA. The Foundation is eligible for loan forgiveness of up to 100% of the loan, upon meeting certain requirements. The Foundation received forgiveness of \$269,797 on October 28, 2021.

The SBA may review funding eligibility and usage of funds for compliance with program requirements based on dollar thresholds and other factors. The amount of liability, if any, from potential noncompliance cannot be determined with certainty; however, management is of the opinion that any review will not have a material adverse impact on the Foundation's financial position.

#### NOTE 16 EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT

Grants from the government are recognized when all conditions of such grants are fulfilled or there is reasonable assurance that they will be fulfilled. During the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022 the Foundation applied for Employee Retention Credit (ERC) grant funding from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Foundation recognized \$-0- and \$120,533, respectively, of grant revenue related to performance requirements being met in compliance with the program during the years ended August 31, 2023 and 2022.

Eligibility and conditions for the ERC program may be audited by the IRS. The amount of liability, if any, from potential noncompliance cannot be determined with certainty; management is of the opinion that any audit will not have a material adverse impact on the Foundation's financial position.

# **NOTE 17 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events from the statement of financial position date through January 19, 2024, the date at which the financial statements were available to be issued.

