



Board of Directors and Management
Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Iowa (Foundation) as of and for the year ended August 31, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Foundation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and, therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. In addition, because of inherent limitations in internal control, including the possibility of management override of controls, misstatements due to fraud or error may occur and not be detected by such controls. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Foundation's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Material weaknesses

We consider the following deficiency in the Foundation's internal control to be a material weakness.

Audit Adjustments

The Foundation received in-kind donations for advertising from LAMAR of \$58,985 during the year. The Foundation did not properly record these donations during the fiscal year and as a result the revenue and related expenses were understated. We recommend the Foundation implement controls over reviewing in-kind transactions on a regular basis to verify transactions are properly reported within the financial statements.

Management's Response

The team has reviewed how we track working with sponsors and in-kind partners, to ensure we are following up to receive the in-kind invoice for all support in our project management software. The material weakness listed is through a Make-A-Wish America (MAWA) contract and it is recommended that MAWA includes language in any future contracts that requires national partners to submit local in-kind statements to the local chapter that they end up supporting.

Management’s response

Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Iowa’s written response to the material weakness identified in our audit was not subjected to the audit procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Other deficiencies in internal control and other matters

During our audit, we became aware of other deficiencies in internal control and other matters that are opportunities to strengthen your internal control and improve the efficiency of your operations. While the nature and magnitude of the other deficiencies in internal control were not considered important enough to merit the attention of governance, they are considered of sufficient importance to merit management’s attention and are included herein to provide a single, comprehensive communication for both those charged with governance and management.

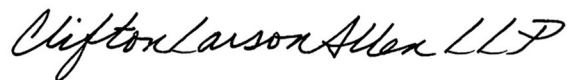
Payroll Review

During our testing of internal controls around payroll, we noted that both the President and CEO and the Director of Finance have full admin access to payroll. While the board approves the overall budget for payroll and is reviewing budget to actual on a regular basis, we recommend that a member of the board receives either an add/change report directly from the payroll provider or is given read only access to the payroll system to periodically log in to download the statements directly to review. This will help provide additional independent oversight of the payroll process.

We will review the status of these comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed this with various Foundation personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of directors, and others within the Foundation, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



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