### MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® ORANGE COUNTY & THE INLAND EMPIRE, INC.

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023



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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County & The Inland Empire, Inc. Irvine, California

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County & The Inland Empire, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, 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® Orange County & The Inland Empire, Inc. as of August 31, 2024 and 2023, 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.

#### 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® Orange County & The Inland Empire, Inc. 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® Orange County & The Inland Empire, Inc.'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® Orange County & The Inland Empire,
  Inc.'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® Orange County & The Inland Empire, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

### Board of Directors Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County & The Inland Empire, Inc.

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

Lakeland, Florida February 6, 2025

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® ORANGE COUNTY & THE INLAND EMPIRE, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023

		2024	2023		
ASSETS					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	582,983	\$	387,989	
Investments		1,469,847	•	1,297,930	
Due from Related Entities		259,045		309,859	
Prepaid Expenses		216,387		142,617	
Contributions Receivable, Net		272,532		283,710	
Other Assets		127,906		92,526	
Split-Interest Agreements		294,941		283,848	
Investments Held for Long-Term Purposes		138,946		121,506	
Right-of-Use Assets - Operating		779,205		1,017,700	
Right-of-Use Assets - Finance		25,788		44,028	
Property and Equipment, Net		20,131		30,481	
Total Assets		4,187,711	\$	4,012,194	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
LIABILITIES					
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$	286,238	\$	375,429	
Due to Related Entities		134,120		271,135	
Other Liabilities		96,657		139,642	
Lease Liability - Operating		828,343		1,051,696	
Lease Liability - Financing		27,880		46,552	
Total Liabilities		1,373,238		1,884,454	
NET ASSETS					
Without Donor Restrictions		2,311,857		1,752,067	
With Donor Restrictions		502,616		375,673	
Total Net Assets		2,814,473		2,127,740	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	_\$	4,187,711	\$	4,012,194	

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® ORANGE COUNTY & THE INLAND EMPIRE, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

	thout Donor Restrictions	ith Donor	Total
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT	,		
Public Support:			
Contributions, Cash	\$ 2,100,712	\$ 10,000	\$ 2,110,712
Contributions, Donated Goods and Services	1,231,010	18,301	1,249,311
Grants	 844,209		844,209
Total Public Support	4,175,931	28,301	4,204,232
Internal Special Events	1,295,448	120,719	1,416,167
Internal Special Events, Donated Goods and Services	127,392	-	127,392
Less Costs of Direct Benefits to Donors	(580,642)		 (580,642)
Total Internal Special Events	842,198	120,719	962,917
Investment Income (Loss), Net	168,733	15,519	184,252
Other Income	107,450	-	107,450
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	68,088	(68,088)	 -
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	5,362,400	96,451	5,458,851
EXPENSES			
Program Services:			
Wish Granting	3,384,689	 	 3,384,689
Total Program Services	 3,384,689	 -	 3,384,689
Support Services:			
Fundraising	797,473	-	797,473
Management and General	620,448	 <u>-</u>	 620,448
Total Support Services	1,417,921	-	1,417,921
Total Expenses	4,802,610	-	4,802,610
OTHER GAINS			
Change in Split-Interest Agreements	-	30,492	30,492
Total Other Gains	-	30,492	30,492
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	559,790	126,943	686,733
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	 1,752,067	 375,673	 2,127,740
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 2,311,857	\$ 502,616	\$ 2,814,473

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® ORANGE COUNTY & THE INLAND EMPIRE, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

	thout Donor estrictions	ith Donor estrictions	Total
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT		_	
Public Support:			
Contributions, Cash	\$ 1,996,808	\$ (403)	\$ 1,996,405
Contributions, Donated Goods and Services	1,004,900	28,088	1,032,988
Grants	669,129		 669,129
Total Public Support	3,670,837	 27,685	 3,698,522
Internal Special Events	1,477,714	-	1,477,714
Internal Special Events, Donated Goods and Services	33,459	-	33,459
Less Costs of Direct Benefits to Donors	 (385,639)	_	(385,639)
Total Internal Special Events	1,125,534	-	1,125,534
Investment Income (Loss), Net	111,540	3,812	115,352
Other Income	91,868	-	91,868
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	246,824	 (246,824)	 
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	5,246,603	(215,327)	5,031,276
EXPENSES			
Program Services:			
Wish Granting	3,781,920	 	 3,781,920
Total Program Services	3,781,920	-	3,781,920
Support Services:			
Fundraising	940,733	-	940,733
Management and General	 970,858	 	 970,858
Total Support Services	 1,911,591	 <del>-</del>	 1,911,591
Total Expenses	5,693,511	-	5,693,511
OTHER GAINS			
Change in Split Interest Agreements	-	14,794	14,794
Gains on Sale of Equipment	(1,830)	 	 (1,830)
Total Other Gains	(1,830)	14,794	 12,964
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(448,738)	(200,533)	(649,271)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	 2,200,805	 576,206	 2,777,011
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ 1,752,067	\$ 375,673	\$ 2,127,740

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® ORANGE COUNTY & THE INLAND EMPIRE, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024

		Program	Servi	ces		Support Services								
		Wish Granting		Total Program Services	Fu	ındraising		nagement d General		Total Support Services		Direct Donor Benefits		Total
Direct Costs of Wishes	\$	2,332,147	\$	2,332,147	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,332,147
Salaries, Taxes, and Benefits		501,723		501,723		440,008		201,146		641,154		-		1,142,877
Printing, Subscriptions, and Publications		9,536		9,536		14,060		4,159		18,219		-		27,755
Professional Fees		46,134		46,134		45,030		263,442		308,472		-		354,606
Rent and Utilities		164,897		164,897		144,606		66,137		210,743		-		375,640
Postage and Delivery		2,588		2,588		2,276		863		3,139		-		5,727
Travel		1,074		1,074		2,199		1,484		3,683		-		4,757
Meetings and Conferences		4,262		4,262		11,053		4,942		15,995		-		20,257
Office Supplies		24,464		24,464		1,506		640		2,146		-		26,610
Communications		10,742		10,742		9,421		4,307		13,728		-		24,470
Advertising and Media (Cash)		4,169		4,169		15,025		(2,179)		12,846		-		17,015
Advertising and Media (In-Kind)		944		944		828		378		1,206		-		2,150
Repairs and Maintenance		3,017		3,017		2,646		1,210		3,856		-		6,873
Insurance		-		-		1,238		-		1,238		-		1,238
Membership Dues		1,181		1,181		1,036		4,640		5,676		-		6,857
National Partnership Dues		257,780		257,780		58,921		51,556		110,477		-		368,257
Miscellaneous		7,480		7,480		36,613		12,691		49,304		-		56,784
Depreciation and Amortization		12,551		12,551		11,007		5,032		16,039		-		28,590
Special Event - Direct Donor Benefits		-		_				_		-		580,642		580,642
Total Expenses by Function		3,384,689		3,384,689		797,473		620,448		1,417,921		580,642		5,383,252
Less Expenses Netted Against Revenues on the Statement of Activities:														
Special Event Expenses						-						(580,642)		(580,642)
Total Expenses Included in the Expense Section of the Statement	•	2 204 602	¢	2 204 602	<b>c</b>	707 470	<b>c</b>	COO 440	Φ.	4 447 004	Ф		Ф	4 000 040
of Activities	\$	3,384,689	Ф	3,384,689	\$	797,473	\$	620,448	\$	1,417,921	\$		Ф	4,802,610

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® ORANGE COUNTY & THE INLAND EMPIRE, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2023

		Program	Servi	ces	Support Services									
		Wish Granting		Total Program Services	Fu	undraising		nagement d General		Total Support Services		Direct Donor Benefits		Total
Direct Costs of Wishes	\$	2,494,043	\$	2,494,043	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,494,043
Salaries, Taxes, and Benefits		711,217		711,217		550,523		554,566		1,105,089		-		1,816,306
Printing, Subscriptions, and Publications		17,472		17,472		20,020		13,616		33,636		-		51,108
Professional Fees		23,116		23,116		17,859		160,177		178,036		-		201,152
Rent and Utilities		171,927		171,927		132,892		133,770		266,662		-		438,589
Postage and Delivery		3,112		3,112		3,484		2,407		5,891		-		9,003
Travel		4,515		4,515		4,495		6,937		11,432		-		15,947
Meetings and Conferences		10,597		10,597		31,570		12,067		43,637		-		54,234
Office Supplies		20,948		20,948		1,833		1,605		3,438		-		24,386
Communications		10,038		10,038		7,594		7,886		15,480		-		25,518
Advertising and Media (Cash)		61		61		155		-		155		-		216
Advertising and Media (In-Kind)		-		-		50,750		-		50,750		-		50,750
Repairs and Maintenance		2,810		2,810		2,093		2,065		4,158		-		6,968
Bad Debt Expense		-		-		100		-		100		-		100
Membership Dues		-		-		367		50		417		-		417
National Partnership Dues		259,483		259,483		59,310		51,897		111,207		-		370,690
Miscellaneous		38,899		38,899		47,113		13,170		60,283		-		99,182
Depreciation and Amortization		13,682		13,682		10,575		10,645		21,220		-		34,902
Special Event - Direct Donor Benefits		-								-		385,639		385,639
Total Expenses by Function		3,781,920		3,781,920		940,733		970,858		1,911,591		385,639		6,079,150
Less Expenses Netted Against Revenues on the Statement of Activities:												(005,000)		(005,000)
Special Event Expenses												(385,639)	-	(385,639)
Total Expenses Included in the Expense Section of the Statement	Φ.	0.704.000	•	0.704.000	•	040 700	•	070.050	•	4 044 504	•		•	5 000 544
of Activities	\$	3,781,920	\$	3,781,920	\$	940,733	Ъ	970,858	\$	1,911,591	\$		\$	5,693,511

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® ORANGE COUNTY & THE INLAND EMPIRE, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024		 2023	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		_	 	
Change in Net Assets	\$	686,733	\$ (649,271)	
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash				
Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:				
Depreciation		10,350	16,662	
Amortization of Right-of-Use Asset, Finance Lease		18,240	18,240	
Bad Debt Expense and Other		-	100	
Net Realized and Unrealized (Gains) Losses on Investments		(151,055)	(88,420)	
(Gain) Loss on Sale of Property and Equipment		-	1,830	
Contributed Inventory and Investments		18,244	(75,684)	
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements		(30,492)	(14,794)	
Change in Discount to Present Value of Contributions Receivable		-	(1,804)	
Change in Operating Right-of-Use Assets and Lease Liabilities		15,142	33,996	
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:				
Contributions Receivable		11,178	188,794	
Due from Related Entities		50,814	(152,306)	
Prepaid Expenses		(73,770)	1,267	
Other Assets		(58,728)	140,210	
Increase (Decrease) in Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses		(89,191)	28,666	
Due to Related Entities		(137,015)	101,275	
Other Liabilities		(42,985)	14,296	
Deferred Rent		_	(9,960)	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities		227,465	(446,903)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of Investments		(400,067)	(525,674)	
Proceeds from Sales of Investments		366,869	802,608	
Purchases of Property and Equipment		-	(22,387)	
Proceeds from Annuity		19,399	`19,400 <sup>′</sup>	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities		(13,799)	273,947	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Principal Payments on Finance Lease Obligations		(18,672)	(17,879)	
Proceeds from Line of Credit		(10,072)	140,000	
Principal Payments on Line of Credit		_	(140,000)	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities		(18,672)	 (17,879)	
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		194,994	 (190,835)	
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year		387,989	578,824	
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$	582,983	\$ 387,989	

# MAKE-A-WISH FOUNDATION® ORANGE COUNTY & THE INLAND EMPIRE, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash Paid for Interest Expense	\$ 1,656	\$ 16,257
Contributed Inventory and Investments	\$ 18,244	\$ (75,684)
Right-of-Use Assets Obtained in Exchange for New Operating		
Lease Liabilities	\$ 	\$ 1,211,598

#### NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

Make-A-Wish Foundation® Orange County & The Inland Empire, Inc. (the Foundation) is a California 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 (National Organization), which develops and implements national programs in public relations and fundraising for the benefit of all local chapters. To be a Make-A-Wish chapter, 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 (U.S. 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 right-of-use (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 of 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. Depreciation on property and equipment is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 3 to 15 years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the estimated useful life of the asset or the remaining terms of the leases. 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.

The Foundation utilizes the net asset value (NAV) per share or its equivalent for valuing certain investments in funds that do not have readily determinable fair values. NAV, in many instances, may not equal fair value.

#### **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. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a board-designated endowment.

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

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

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 restriction 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.

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 \$580,642 and \$385,639 for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, 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, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$205,529 and \$184,514, 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.

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

#### **Revenue Recognition (Continued)**

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.

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:

	2024	2023
Wish Related Travel, Goods, and Services	\$ 1,223,813	\$ 1,025,714
Contributed Office Space	-	2,720
Advertising and Media	2,150	50,750
Special Events	127,392	(41,476)
Other	23,348	28,739
Total Contributed Nonfinancial Assets and Services	\$ 1,376,703	\$ 1,066,447

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.

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.

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

#### **Contributions: Donated Goods and Services (Continued)**

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.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Foundation is a nonprofit organization exempt from federal income and California income taxes under the provisions of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3) and Section 23701d of the California 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, 2024 and 2023. 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 specific programs or fundraising activities, 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.

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

#### **Management Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. 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**

The Foundation has adopted ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments, as amended, which modifieds the measurement of expected credit losses. The Foundation adopted this new guidance utilizing the modified retrospective transition method. The adoption of this Standard did not have a material impact on the Foundation's financial statements but did change how the allowance for credit losses is determined.

#### 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 to 24 months of liquidity is considered excellent based off the enterprise-wide published scale.

Total Financial Assets	\$ 2024 2,723,353	\$ 2023 2,400,994
Donor-Imposed Restrictions: Restricted Funds Endowments Net Financial Assets after Donor-Imposed Restrictions	 (379,324) (123,292) 2,220,737	 (267,904) (107,769) 2,025,321
Internal Designations: Board-Designated Endowments	(15,654)	(13,737)
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs for General Expenditures Within One Year	\$ 2,205,083	\$ 2,011,584

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.

#### NOTE 3 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY (CONTINUED)

Endowment funds consist of donor-restricted endowments and funds designated by the board as 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, 2024 and 2023 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.

The Foundation uses net asset value (NAV) per share, or its equivalent, such as member units or an ownership interest in partners' capital, as a practical expedient to estimate fair values of certain hedge funds, private equity funds, funds of funds, and limited partnerships, which do not have readily determinable fair values. Investments that are measured at fair value using NAV per share as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy.

#### 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 of directors 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 and liabilities 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, 2024					
Assets					
Investments:					
Mutual Funds	\$ 234,769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 234,769
Equity Securities	692,895	-	-	-	692,895
Debt Securities	-	640,452	-	-	640,452
Cash	-			40,677	40,677
Total Investments	927,664	640,452	-	40,677	1,608,793
Split-Interest Agreements			294,941		294,941
Total Assets	\$ 927,664	\$ 640,452	\$ 294,941	\$ 40,677	\$ 1,903,734
<b>Liabilities</b> Obligations Under Split-Interest					
Agreements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,229	\$ -	\$ 84,229
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Assets Not Held at Fair Value	Total
August 31, 2023					
Assets					
Investments:	<b>A</b> 045 004	•	•	•	Φ 045.004
Mutual Funds Exchange-Traded Funds	\$ 215,084	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 215,084
Equity Securities	- 567,315	-	-	-	- 567,315
Debt Securities	-	597,186	_	_	597,186
Cash	_	-	_	39,851	39,851
Total Investments	782,399	597,186		39,851	1,419,436
Split-Interest Agreements			283,848		283,848
Total Assets	\$ 782,399	\$ 597,186	\$ 283,848	\$ 39,851	\$ 1,703,284
Liabilities Obligations Under Split-Interest Agreements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,629	<u>\$</u> _	\$ 103,629

For the valuation of debt securities at August 31, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation used significant other observable inputs, particularly dealer market prices for comparable investments as of the valuation date (Level 2).

#### NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### Fair Value Hierarchy (Continued)

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

	 2024	 2023
Purchases Sales	\$ 191,691 (207,218)	\$ 405,630 (419,886)
Transfer Out	-	(19,400)

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 In	nformation	About Leve	I 3 Fair	Value	Measurements
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	Fair Value at	Principal	
	August 31,	Valuation	Unobservable
Type of Assets	2024	Technique	Inputs
Split-Interest Agreements	294,941	Net Asset	Value of
Total	\$ 294,941	Value	Underlying Assets
	Fair Value at	Principal	
	August 31,	Valuation	Unobservable
Type of Assets	2023	Technique	Inputs
Split-Interest Agreements	283,848	Net Asset	Value of
Total	\$ 283,848	Value	Underlying Assets

#### NOTE 5 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable include pledges that have been discounted at a rate of 4.20% at August 31, 2024, and 4.20% at August 31, 2023. The following is a summary of the Foundation's contributions receivable at August 31:

	 2024	 2023
Total Amounts Due in:	_	_
Within One Year	\$ 262,935	\$ 274,113
One to Five Years	 10,000	 10,000
Gross Contributions Receivable	272,935	284,113
Less: Discount to Present Value	 (403)	 (403)
Contributions Receivable, Net	\$ 272,532	\$ 283,710

#### NOTE 6 SPLIT-INTEREST AGREEMENTS

#### **Charitable Gift Annuities**

Beginning in 2020, donors have contributed assets to the Foundation in exchange for a promise by the Foundation to pay a fixed amount for a specified period of time to the donor or to individuals designated by the donor. Under the terms of such agreements, no trust exists, as the assets received are held by and the liability is an obligation of the Foundation. The Foundation records contribution revenue using the fair value of the assets less the present value of the payments expected to be made to the beneficiaries. The present value of payments to beneficiaries under these arrangements is calculated using present value techniques. The discount rates used for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 was 2.6% and 2.6%, respectively.

The charitable gift annuities account also includes assets from contributions and income totaling \$294,941 and \$283,848 at August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, for legally mandated reserves.

Liabilities to beneficiaries under charitable gift annuities totaled \$84,229 and \$103,629 at August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and are included in Other Liabilities in the accompanying statements of financial position.

#### NOTE 7 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED ENTITIES

The Foundation received the following distributions from the National Organization for the years ended August 31:

	 2024	 2023
Corporate, Online, Whitemail, and General Contributions	\$ 569,252	\$ 571,110
Direct Mail	199,219	194,600
Planned Giving	231,267	-
Grants	-	29,154
Other	390,000	4,000
Total Distributions Received	\$ 1,389,738	\$ 798,864

These amounts are recorded in the statements of activities as public support revenue.

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 received \$390,000 and \$33,154 during the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Conversely, the Foundation pays amounts to the National Organization for chapter dues, insurance, and other miscellaneous ancillary expenses that the National Organization pays on behalf of the Foundation and for services provided by the National Organization. Amount totaling \$471,543 and \$469,245 were paid from the Foundation to the National Organization during the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### NOTE 7 TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED ENTITIES (CONTINUED)

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 \$107,450 and \$91,850, respectively, for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, 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:

	2024			2023
Due from National Organization	\$	148,295	\$	114,524
Due from Other Chapters		110,750		195,335
Total Due from Related Entities	\$	259,045	\$	309,859
Due to National Organization	\$	101,821	\$	204,269
Due to Other Chapters	•	32,299	·	66,866
Total Due to Related Entities	\$	134,120	\$	271,135

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.

During the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation received contributions, both cash and in-kind, from board members totaling \$191,240 and \$477,116, respectively. Amounts paid to related parties for goods and services used in the Foundation's operations totaled \$157,303 and \$224,010 for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

#### NOTE 8 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

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

	 2024	2023
Computer Equipment and Software	\$ 52,391	\$ 76,904
Office Furniture and Equipment	242,092	242,092
Leasehold Improvements	 82,170	 82,170
Total	376,653	401,166
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	 (356,522)	(370,685)
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 20,131	\$ 30,481

Depreciation expense totaled \$10,350 and \$16,662, respectively, for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### NOTE 9 NOTES PAYABLE

The Foundation has an unsecured line of credit with a financial institution totaling \$1,200,000, bearing interest at One-Month Libor Rate plus the Spread Rate (8.00% as of August 31, 2024) with no expiration date. There was no outstanding balance on this line of credit as of August 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### **NOTE 10 LEASES**

The Foundation leases office space as well as certain operating and office facilities for various terms under long-term, non-cancelable lease agreements. The leases expire at various dates through 2028.

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

Lease Cost:       Finance Lease Costs:         Amortization of Right-of-Use Assets       \$ 18,240       \$ 18,240         Interest on Lease Liabilities       1,588       2,384         Operating Lease Cost       270,549       285,353         Total Lease Costs       \$ 290,377       \$ 305,977
Amortization of Right-of-Use Assets       \$ 18,240       \$ 18,240         Interest on Lease Liabilities       1,588       2,384         Operating Lease Cost       270,549       285,353         Total Lease Costs       \$ 290,377       \$ 305,977
Interest on Lease Liabilities         1,588         2,384           Operating Lease Cost         270,549         285,353           Total Lease Costs         \$ 290,377         \$ 305,977
Operating Lease Cost         270,549         285,353           Total Lease Costs         \$ 290,377         \$ 305,977
Total Lease Costs \$ 290,377 \$ 305,977
Other Information:
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Cash Paid for Amounts Included in
the Measurement of Lease Liabilities
Operating Cash Flows from Financing Leases \$ 1,588 \$ -
Operating Cash Flows from Operating Leases \$ 255,407 \$ 195,004
Financing Cash Flows from Financing Leases \$ 18,739 \$ 17,879
Right-of-Use Assets Obtained in Exchange for
New Financing Lease Liabiliites \$ - \$ -
Right-of-Use Assets Obtained in Exchange
for New Operating Lease Liabilities \$ - \$ 1,211,598
Weighted-Average Remaining Leases Term -
Financing Leases 1.3 Years 2.3 Years
Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term -
Operating Leases 3.1 Years 4.1 Years
Weighted-Average Discount Rate - Financing Leases 4.35% 4.35%
Weighted-Average Discount Rate - Operating Leases 3.34% 3.34%

#### NOTE 10 LEASES (CONTINUED)

A maturity analysis of annual undiscounted cash flows for lease liabilities as of August 31, 2024, is as follows:

	C	perating)	F	inance	
Year Ending August 31,		Leases	Leases		
2025	\$	266,888	\$	21,921	
2026		276,236		6,776	
2027		287,312		-	
2028		44,040		-	
Thereafter		-			
Total Lease Payments		874,476		28,697	
Less: Imputed Interest		(46,133)		(817)	
Present Value of Lease Liabilities	\$	828,343	\$	27,880	

#### NOTE 11 NET ASSETS

#### **Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions**

Board-designated net assets consist of the following at August 31:

	 2024	 2023
Board-Designated Endowment Funds	\$ 15,654	\$ 13,737

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

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

2024

2023

	 2024	 2023
Subject to Expenditure for Specified Purpose: Wish Granting Office Equipment	\$ 28,300	\$ 28,088
Total	28,300	28,088
Subject to Passage of Time:		
Assets Held under Split Interest Agreements Promises to Give that are Not Restricted by Donors,	210,711	180,219
but Which are Unavailable for Expenditure Until Due	 140,313	 59,597
Total	351,024	239,816
Endowments: Subject to Endowment Spending Policy and Appropriation:		
Earnings on Endowment Funds Original Donor-Restricted Gift Amount to be Maintained in Perpetuity:	40,792	25,269
Endowment Fund	82,500	82,500
Total	123,292	107,769
Total Donor-Restricted Net Assets	\$ 502,616	\$ 375,673

#### **NOTE 12 ENDOWMENTS**

The Foundation is subject to the enacted version of the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2006 (UPMIFA) and is required to make disclosures about endowment funds, both donor-restricted endowment funds and board-designated endowment funds.

The Foundation's endowment consists of one individual fund established for a variety of purposes including both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the board of directors to function as endowments. Net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the board of directors to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Endowment assets, both donor-restricted and board-designated, are reflected as investments held for long-term purposes on the statements of financial position.

#### Interpretation of Relevant Law

The board of directors of the Foundation has interpreted the California UPMIFA as requiring preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Foundation classifies as donor-restricted net assets: (a) the original value of gifts donated to the donor-restricted endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the donor-restricted endowment, and (c) accumulated earnings on the donor-restricted endowment funds. The accumulated earnings on the endowment funds remain treated as donor-restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Foundation in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the Foundation and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the Foundation
- The investment policies of the Foundation

Endowment fund composition by type of fund as of August 31 is as follows:

	With	out Donor	W	ith Donor	
August 31, 2024	Re	strictions	Re	estrictions	 Total
Donor-Restricted Endowment Funds	\$	-	\$	123,292	\$ 123,292
Board-Designated Endowment Funds		15,654			 15,654
Total Funds	\$	15,654	\$	123,292	\$ 138,946
August 31, 2023 Donor-Restricted Endowment Funds		-	\$	107,769	\$ 107,769
Board-Designated Endowment Funds		13,737			 13,737
Total Funds	\$	13,737	\$	107,769	\$ 121,506
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#### NOTE 12 ENDOWMENTS (CONTINUED)

Changes in endowment funds are as follows for the years ended August 31:

August 31, 2024	 out Donor strictions	 ith Donor estrictions	Total
Endowment Funds - Beginning of Year	\$ 13,737	\$ 107,769	\$ 121,506
Investment Return:			
Investment Income	123	1,002	1,125
Net Appreciation (Realized and			
Unrealized)	 1,794	 14,521	 16,315
Total Investment Return	1,917	15,523	 17,440
Endowment Funds - End of Year	\$ 15,654	\$ 123,292	\$ 138,946
August 31, 2023 Endowment Funds - Beginning of Year	\$ 13,266	\$ 103,960	\$ 117,226
Investment Return: Investment Income Net Appreciation (Realized and	96	783	879
Unrealized)	375	3,026	3,401
Total Investment Return	471	3,809	4,280
Endowment Funds - End of Year	\$ 13,737	\$ 107,769	\$ 121,506

#### Fund Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires the Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration There are no fund deficiencies as of August 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### **Return Objectives and Risk Parameters**

The Foundation has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding programs supported by its endowment fund(s) while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Foundation must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s) as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the board of directors, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield results of the S&P 500 index while assuming a moderate level of investment risk. The Foundation expects its endowment funds, over time, to provide an average rate of return of approximately 4% annually. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

#### NOTE 12 ENDOWMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### **Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives**

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Foundation relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent constraints.

#### Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Foundation has a policy of not appropriating any funds until the endowment reaches a balance of \$105,000 in total at which time the endowment can withdraw \$5,000 from the donor restricted funds that shall be used to fund the cost of a wish. In establishing this policy, the Foundation considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the Foundation expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average of 4% annually. This is consistent with the Foundation's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

#### NOTE 13 RETIREMENT PLAN

The Foundation has a defined contribution retirement plan (the Plan). Employees are eligible for participation in the Plan after reaching 21 years of age and upon completion of 3 months of service. Under the provisions of the Plan, eligible employees may elect to defer a percentage of their salary subject to certain IRC limitations. The Foundation matches employee contributions up to 4% of the employee's salary. Foundation contributions to the Plan for the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$21,883 and \$36,444, respectively.

#### **NOTE 14 CONCENTRATIONS**

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.

#### NOTE 15 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 16 COMMITMENTS

The goal of the Foundation is to grant the wish of every eligible child. During the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation granted 271 and 240 wishes, respectively. As of August 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, there were approximately 468 and 583 wish children who are eligible for a wish. The average cost of a wish for the year ended August 31, 2024 was \$4,221 in cash and \$4,266 in in-kind for a total cost of \$8,487. The average cost of a wish for the year ended August 31, 2023 was \$5,416 in cash and \$4,701 in in-kind for a total cost of \$10,117.

#### NOTE 17 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.

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. Cruise wish travel resumed in June 2024 and international wish travel resumed effective September 1, 2024. Prior to fiscal year 2020, travel wishes have been approximately 71% of wishes granted and the number of granted wishes averaged approximately 342. The number of wishes granted during the years ended August 31, 2024 and 2023 was 271 and 240, respectively.

#### NOTE 18 EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT

During the year ended August 31, 2022, the Foundation applied for and recorded an Employee Retention Credit (ERC) of \$196,025, part of federal COVID-19 relief for employers, on eligible employee wages for calendar year 2021. This credit is included in Public Support Grants as a government grant, which is recognized when all conditions of such grants are fulfilled or there is reasonable assurance they will be fulfilled. As of August 31, 2024 and 2023, there is \$103,916 and \$196,025, respectively reported as contributions receivable in the accompanying statements of financial position. During January of 2025, the Foundation received payment for the outstanding receivable as of August 31, 2024.

Eligibility and conditions for the ERC program may be audited by the Internal Revenue Service. 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 19 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Foundation has evaluated subsequent events from the statement of financial position date through February 6, 2025, the date at which the financial statements were available to be issued.

