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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Audit Committee of
The Richland County Foundation
181 South Main Street
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Richland County Foundation (a non-profit corporation) (the Foundation), which comprise the statement of statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets - modified cash basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of revenue collected, expenditures paid and other changes - modified cash basis and the statement of functional expenses - modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of The Richland County Foundation as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and its support, revenue, and expenses for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note B.

Basis for Opinion

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

Emphasis of Matter — Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note B of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note B, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 The Richland County Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Richland County Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited The Richland County Foundation’s December 31, 2023 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated July 30, 2024. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Wilging, Roush & Parsons CPAs

Wilging, Roush & Parsons CPAs
Mansfield, Ohio
November 10, 2025

The Richland County Foundation
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>Assets</u>	
	2024	2023
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,574,485	\$ 2,126,872
Investments	219,733,222	202,935,014
Total current assets	227,307,707	205,061,886
<u>Long-Term Assets</u>		
<u>Property and Equipment</u>		
Land and land improvements	348,357	348,357
Building	1,071,654	1,052,406
Furniture and fixtures	132,775	132,775
Office equipment	43,646	39,217
Computer equipment	52,304	60,689
Property and equipment, at cost	1,648,736	1,633,444
Less: accumulated depreciation	(515,548)	(502,689)
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	1,133,188	1,130,755
Total long-term assets	1,133,188	1,130,755
Total assets	\$ 228,440,895	\$ 206,192,641
	<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>	
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	2024	2023
None	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total current liabilities	0	0
<u>Long-Term Liabilities</u>		
Annuity contracts payable	56,467	59,203
Funds held as agency endowments	10,678,911	9,602,677
Total long-term liabilities	10,735,378	9,661,880
Total liabilities	10,735,378	9,661,880
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Without donor restrictions	123,443,563	110,583,500
With donor restrictions	94,261,954	85,947,261
Total net assets	217,705,517	196,530,761
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 228,440,895	\$ 206,192,641

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

The Richland County Foundation
Statement of Revenue Collected, Expenditures Paid and Other Changes in Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024
(With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2023)

	2024			2023
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
<u>Public Support and Revenue:</u>				
Contributions	\$ 6,611,364	\$ 2,096,292	\$ 8,707,656	\$ 2,424,248
<u>Investment Income</u>				
Interest and dividends	2,935,168	2,307,604	5,242,772	4,411,279
Realized gains and (losses) on investments, net	2,829,655	2,710,891	5,540,546	5,334,725
Unrealized gains and (losses) on investments, net	6,224,702	4,541,828	10,766,530	16,991,251
Other investment income	424,978	429,596	854,574	385,136
Less: Investment and custody fees	(305,689)	0	(305,689)	(289,961)
Net investment (loss) income	12,108,814	9,989,919	22,098,733	26,832,430
Change in gift annuity value	0	(6,563)	(6,563)	7,194
Administrative fee charged to agency funds	33,264	0	33,264	29,475
Net assets released from restrictions	2,958,999	(2,958,999)	0	0
Reclassification of net assets	805,956	(805,956)	0	0
Total public support and revenue	22,518,397	8,314,693	30,833,090	29,293,347
<u>Functional Expenses:</u>				
Program services	8,871,725	0	8,871,725	6,704,382
Management and general	373,373	0	373,373	356,998
Fundraising	413,236	0	413,236	371,765
Total functional expenses	9,658,334	0	9,658,334	7,433,145
Increase (decrease) in net assets	12,860,063	8,314,693	21,174,756	21,860,202
Net assets, beginning of year	110,583,500	85,947,261	196,530,761	174,670,559
Net assets, end of year	\$ 123,443,563	\$ 94,261,954	\$ 217,705,517	\$ 196,530,761

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The Richland County Foundation
Statement of Functional Expenses - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
<u>Grants and scholarships paid, net</u>	\$ 8,398,810	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,398,810
<u>Personnel</u>				
Salaries	272,897	191,803	134,366	599,066
Employee insurance	37,270	28,941	17,489	83,700
Payroll taxes	20,864	14,664	10,273	45,801
Employee 403(b) plan	10,674	9,119	6,641	26,434
Total personnel	341,705	244,527	168,769	755,001
<u>Occupancy</u>				
Utilities and telephone	4,294	3,016	2,113	9,423
Building maintenance and cleaning	17,518	12,313	8,626	38,457
Security	509	357	251	1,117
Total occupancy	22,321	15,686	10,990	48,997
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Professional fees	3,740	24,048	0	27,788
Annual report	0	8,434	0	8,434
Asset development, marketing and technology	637	448	10,943	12,028
Capacity building	10,045	0	0	10,045
Community relations	0	8,203	176,191	184,394
Computers support and license fees	34,998	24,598	17,232	76,828
Depreciation	24,045	16,900	11,838	52,783
Donor and volunteer recognition	29	20	1,194	1,243
Equipment maintenance and repair	289	203	142	634
Office supplies and expense	7,309	10,282	3,598	21,189
Travel	1,498	1,053	738	3,289
Professional dues	10,182	7,156	5,014	22,352
Publications and subscriptions	111	78	54	243
Staff and board development and training	3,660	2,573	1,802	8,035
Printing	1,175	826	578	2,579
Insurance	6,439	4,525	3,170	14,134
Miscellaneous	4,732	3,813	983	9,528
Total operating expenses	108,889	113,160	233,477	455,526
Total personnel, occupancy and operating expenses	472,915	373,373	413,236	1,259,524
Total expenses	\$ 8,871,725	\$ 373,373	\$ 413,236	\$ 9,658,334

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The Richland County Foundation
Statement of Functional Expenses - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
<u>Net grants paid</u>	6,239,943	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 6,239,943
<u>Personnel</u>				
Salaries	259,478	192,731	118,517	570,726
Employee insurance	40,793	17,330	15,455	73,578
Payroll taxes	20,243	15,036	9,246	44,525
Employee 403(b) plan	12,508	5,681	5,693	23,882
Total personnel	333,022	230,778	148,911	712,711
<u>Occupancy</u>				
Utilities and telephone	5,096	3,785	2,328	11,209
Building maintenance and cleaning	10,892	8,090	4,974	23,956
Security	349	259	160	768
Total occupancy	16,337	12,134	7,462	35,933
<u>Operating Expenses</u>				
Professional fees	14,833	38,883	0	53,716
Annual report	0	10,121	0	10,121
Asset development, marketing and technology	23	17	10,363	10,403
Capacity building	13,490	0	0	13,490
Community relations	0	4,048	170,884	174,932
Computers support and license fees	23,429	17,402	10,702	51,533
Depreciation	22,015	16,352	10,055	48,422
Donor and volunteer recognition	32	24	269	325
Equipment maintenance and repair	595	441	272	1,308
Office supplies and expense	5,825	10,034	2,661	18,520
Travel	1,238	920	565	2,723
Professional dues	8,877	6,593	4,055	19,525
Publications and subscriptions	95	71	44	210
Staff and board development and training	3,562	2,646	1,627	7,835
Printing	1,022	759	466	2,247
Insurance	6,322	4,696	2,888	13,906
Miscellaneous	13,722	1,079	541	15,342
Total operating expenses	115,080	114,086	215,392	444,558
Total personnel, occupancy and operating expenses	464,439	356,998	371,765	1,193,202
Total expenses	<u>\$ 6,704,382</u>	<u>\$ 356,998</u>	<u>\$ 371,765</u>	<u>\$ 7,433,145</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

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Notes to Financial Statements
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Note A - Summary of Foundation and Nature of Activities

Foundation

The Richland County Foundation (the Foundation) is a nonprofit Ohio corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Nature of Activities

The Richland County Foundation is a Community Foundation (the "Foundation") with a mission to improve the quality of life in Richland County through organized philanthropy. The Foundation's primary source of revenue is contributions and bequests from individuals and organizations in the Richland County area.

Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on a modified basis of cash collected and paid. Accordingly, the financial statements do not reflect unrealized pledges receivable, undistributed grants and commitments, and other revenue earned but not yet collected and expenditures incurred but not yet paid.

Use of Estimates

The Foundation uses estimates and assumptions in the preparation of the financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of financial position - modified cash basis, the Foundation considers cash on hand along with checking and savings held at financial institutions as cash. The Foundation maintains its cash accounts with local financial institutions. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. At various times during the year, the Foundation's balances in the accounts may exceed the insured amount. Total exceeding FDIC insured amounts at December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$7,405,553 and \$1,817,328, respectively.

Investments

Investment purchases are initially recorded at cost, or, when contributed to the Foundation, at the fair market values of the investment assets received at the date of contribution.

The Foundation records investments of debt and equity securities at their fair values in the statement of assets, liabilities and net assets - modified cash basis. The market values for alternative investments represent the Foundation's pro-rata interest in the net assets of each investment and are based on financial information determined and reported by the investment managers. Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets in the statement of revenue collected, expenditures paid and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis.

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Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investments (continued)

Alternative investments not publicly traded on national security exchanges are generally illiquid, and their fair values have been estimated by investment managers in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. Because of inherent uncertainties in the valuation of alternative investments, those estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and the differences could be material.

Risks and Uncertainties

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of investments in the near term would materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Contributions and Bequests

Contributions received, including contributed services and non-cash items, are recognized as revenues in the period received at their fair value. The Foundation reports gifts of cash, investments and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use or time of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities and changes in net assets. Subsequent gains or losses on the sale and reinvestment of assets received are recognized as they occur.

Funds Held as Agency Endowments

If a not-for-profit organization has established a fund with its own funds and specifies itself as the beneficiary of that fund, the Foundation accounts for the transfer of such assets as a liability. The Foundation refers to such funds as agency endowments.

The Foundation maintains variance power and legal ownership of agency endowment funds and as such continues to report the funds as assets of the Foundation. However, a liability has been established for the fair value of the funds, which is generally equivalent to the present value of future payments expected to be made to the Not-For-Profit organizations.

At December 31, 2024, the Foundation had 42 agency endowment funds with a combined value of \$10,678,911. At December 31, 2023, the Foundation had thirty agency endowment funds with a combined value of \$9,602,677.

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Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Net Asset Classifications:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor imposed restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets subject to donor imposed restrictions. Some donor imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met with 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.

In-Kind Donations

The Foundation records the value of in-kind donations when received and when there is an objective basis available to measure their value. During 2024 and 2023, the Foundation was the recipient of donations with a total fair market value, at the date of donation, of \$491,447 and \$920,753, respectively.

Donated property and equipment are recorded as support at their estimated fair market value at the date the donation is received. Such donations are reported as unrestricted unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions are reported as restricted support. Absent donor stipulations regarding how long those donated assets must be maintained, the Foundation reports expirations of donor restrictions ratably over the life of the donated or acquired assets.

Donated Services

The Foundation recognizes donated services contributions if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Foundation. The Foundation had a large number of volunteers who donated substantial amounts of time for the campaigns and various programs and administrative activities. Because these services do not meet the above requirements, they are not recorded in the financial statements.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at either cost, if purchased, or at fair market value, if donated. The Foundation's policy is to capitalize property and equipment additions that cost more than \$250 and have useful lives of more than one year. Generally, major renewals and improvements over \$250 are charged to the property and equipment accounts while maintenance and repairs which do not improve or extend the life of the respective assets are expensed. At the time properties are retired or otherwise disposed of, the property and related accumulated depreciation accounts are relieved of the applicable amounts. Gain or loss from normal retirements or sales is credited or charged to income. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful life of the related asset using the straight-line method.

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Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Property and Equipment (continued)

The following useful lives were used in determining depreciation:

	<u>Estimated Useful Life in Years</u>
Land and land improvements	3 - 25
Building	10 - 40
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10
Office equipment	5 - 10
Computer equipment	3 - 5

Depreciation expense was \$52,783 and \$48,422 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023,

Income Tax Status

The Foundation is exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation has also been classified as an entity that is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation had no unrelated business income for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements include no provision for income taxes.

The accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under that guidance, the Foundation may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities based on the technical merits of the position. Examples of tax positions include the tax-exempt status of the Foundation and various positions related to the potential sources of unrelated business taxable income (UBIT). The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. There were no unrecognized tax benefits identified or recorded as liabilities for December 31, 2024 and 2023.

The Foundation files its forms 990 in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and the office of the state's Attorney General for the State of Ohio. The Foundation is generally no longer subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service after three years.

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Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Income Tax Status (continued)

The Foundation's evaluation on December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively revealed no tax positions that would have a material impact on the financial statements. The Foundation does not believe that any reasonably possible changes will occur within the next twelve months that will have a material impact on the financial statements.

Advertising Costs

The Foundation participates in various promotions and publications. All costs related to advertising are expensed in the period incurred. Total advertising costs for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 were \$100,127 for \$150,907, respectively.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

Expenses by function have been allocated among program and supporting services classification on the basis of actual expenses incurred by the program or supporting services, time records, and estimates made by the Foundation's management on the Statement of Functional Expenses - modified cash basis.

Reclassification

Certain amounts from the prior year have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

Note C - Cash and Cash Equivalents

The cash balance was \$7,574,485 and \$2,126,871 at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively:

Note D - Investments

The investment balance was comprised of the following at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively:

	2024	2023	2024	2023
	Cost	Cost	Fair Market Value	Fair Market Value
<u>At published quoted values:</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,291,149	\$ 1,887,031	\$ 5,602,174	\$ 1,887,031
Equities	76,951,627	78,946,138	140,923,879	130,766,474
Fixed income	40,418,666	37,380,713	37,518,010	35,081,515
Alternative investments	9,226,513	5,554,321	9,015,317	2,444,851
<u>At net asset or other value:</u>				
Alternative investments	19,759,630	23,896,784	26,673,842	32,755,143
Total investments	<u>\$ 150,647,585</u>	<u>\$ 147,664,987</u>	<u>\$ 219,733,222</u>	<u>\$ 202,935,014</u>

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Note D - Investments (continued)

The majority of the funds included in the cash and cash equivalents is invested in money market funds which are not federally insured.

Note E - Pooled Income Fund

The Richland County Foundation is the income and principal beneficiary of various remainder interest gifts, which have been combined into a pooled income fund held by Park National Bank. No income or principal will be received by the Foundation until the deaths of the donors or their beneficiaries. The carrying value of the pooled income fund at December 31, 2024 and 2023 is \$367,090 and \$373,757, respectively and the fair value is \$352,922 and \$356,360, respectively.

Note F - Split-Interest Agreements

At December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation has recorded approximately \$127,875 and \$123,543, respectively, in fair value of split-interest agreements as an asset in its statement of assets, liabilities and net assets - modified cash basis. Assets received under these agreements are recorded at fair value and in the appropriate net asset category based on donor stipulation. Related contributions per the agreements are recognized as contributions revenue and are equal to the present value of future benefits to be received by the Foundation over the term of the agreements. \$0 in contributions were received in 2024 and \$65,000 in 2023, respectively. A liability has been established for the split-interest agreements as the Foundation is obligated to the annuitants under charitable gift annuities. The liability totaled approximately \$56,467 at December 31, 2024 and \$59,203 at December 31, 2023. During the term of these agreements, changes in the value of the split-interest agreements are recognized in the statements of revenue collected, expenditures paid and other changes in net assets - modified cash basis based on accretion of the discounted amount of the contribution, and reevaluations of the expected future payments to be paid by the Foundation based on changes in life expectancy and other assumptions. Annuity rates of 5.7% to 8.2% were used in the calculations at the dates of the contributions.

Note G - Endowment Funds

The Foundation's endowment consists of approximately 196 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes both donor restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

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Note G - Endowment Funds (continued)

Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Foundation is subject to the State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (SPMIFA) and, thus, classifies amounts in its donor-restricted endowment funds as net assets with donor restrictions because those net assets are time restricted until the Board of Trustees appropriates such amounts for expenditure. Most of those net assets also are subject to purpose restrictions that must be met before reclassifying those net assets to net assets without donor restrictions. The Board of Trustees of the Foundation has interpreted SPMIFA as not requiring the maintenance of purchasing power of the original gift amount contributed to an endowment fund, unless a donor stipulates the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, when reviewing its donor-restricted endowment funds, the Foundation considers a fund to be underwater if the fair value of the fund is less than the sum of (a) the original value of initial and subsequent gift amounts donated to the fund and (b) any accumulations to the fund that are required to be maintained in perpetuity in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument. The Foundation has interpreted SPMIFA to permit spending from underwater funds in accordance with the prudent measures required under the law. Additionally, in accordance with SPMIFA, the Foundation considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

Interpretation of Relevant Law

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the organization
- (7) The investment policies of the Foundation

Endowment Net Asset Composition

The endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2024 is as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<u>Donor designated endowment</u>			
Designated	\$ 0	\$ 15,085,791	\$ 15,085,791
Agency	0	4,339,580	4,339,580
Field of interest	0	8,356,375	8,356,375
Individual assistance	0	1,598,924	1,598,924
Scholarship	0	15,420,958	15,420,958
Donor advised	88,648	68,510	157,158
Undesignated	2,463,347	1,865,761	4,329,108
<u>Other endowment funds:</u>			
Field of interest	0	824,619	824,619
Undesignated	324,048	526,967	851,015
Total Endowment Funds	<u>\$ 2,876,043</u>	<u>\$ 48,087,485</u>	<u>\$ 50,963,528</u>

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Note G - Endowment Funds (continued)

The endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2023 is as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<u>Donor designated endowment</u>			
Designated	\$ 0	\$ 13,276,635	\$ 13,276,635
Agency	0	3,924,756	3,924,756
Field of interest	0	7,554,506	7,554,506
Individual assistance	0	1,514,406	1,514,406
Scholarship	0	13,558,338	13,558,338
Donor advised	95,086	66,310	161,396
Undesignated	2,209,226	1,863,929	4,073,155
<u>Other endowment funds:</u>			
Field of interest	0	762,712	762,712
Undesignated	281,146	505,895	787,041
Total Endowment Funds	<u>\$ 2,585,458</u>	<u>\$ 43,027,487</u>	<u>\$ 45,612,945</u>

Reconciliation of Changes in Endowment Net Assets

The Foundation's reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the endowment, in total and by net asset classes for the year ended December 31, 2024 follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 2,585,458	\$ 43,027,487	\$ 45,612,945
Investment return, net	433,866	4,939,961	5,373,827
Contributions	0	1,901,921	1,901,921
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	(275,919)	(1,632,360)	(1,908,279)
Interfund transfers	132,638	(149,524)	(16,886)
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,876,043</u>	<u>\$ 48,087,485</u>	<u>\$ 50,963,528</u>

The Foundation's reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the endowment, in total and by net asset classes for the year ended December 31, 2023 follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 2,061,806	\$ 39,196,975	\$ 41,258,781
Investment return, net	481,511	5,177,616	5,659,127
Contributions	0	269,181	269,181
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	(87,489)	(1,486,655)	(1,574,144)
Interfund transfers	129,630	(129,630)	0
Endowment net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,585,458</u>	<u>\$ 43,027,487</u>	<u>\$ 45,612,945</u>

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Note G - Endowment Funds (continued)

Description of Amounts Classified as Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Following is a description of the amounts classified as Net Assets with Donor Restrictions of the Foundation (Endowment only) for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Original donor restricted endowment gift amount and amounts required to be restricted by donor	\$ 29,776,641	\$ 27,905,743
Accumulated investment gains or endowment funds with purpose restrictions	18,310,844	15,121,744
Total endowment funds classified as net asset with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 48,087,485</u>	<u>\$ 43,027,487</u>

Underwater Endowment Funds

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 SPMIFA requires the Foundation to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. Deficiencies of this nature exist in two donor-restricted endowment funds, which had an original gift value of \$1,437,056, a current fair value of \$1,433,106, and a deficiency of \$3,950 as of December 31, 2024. Deficiencies of this nature exist in one donor-restricted endowment funds, which had an original gift value of \$10,000, a current fair value of \$9,536, and a deficiency of \$464 as of December 31, 2023. These deficiencies resulted from unfavorable market fluctuations that occurred shortly after the investment of new permanently restricted contributions for donor-restricted endowment funds and continued appropriation for certain programs that was deemed prudent by the Board of Trustees.

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 to charitable organizations in the community that are supported by its endowment funds, while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor restricted funds that the organization 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 Trustees, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that allow the portfolio to grow at the spending rate plus the rate of inflation over a market cycle, generally 7-10 years. Inflation is measured by the consumer price index (CPI). The investment objective should be achieved with the least required level of portfolio volatility. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

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 objectives within prudent risk parameters.

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Note G - Endowment Funds (continued)

Spending Policy and How Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The spending policy is used to annually calculate the amount of money available to be distributed from the Foundation's various endowment funds for grant making and operations. The Foundation has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year a rate of 4% in 2024 and 2023 of its endowment fund's average fair value over the prior 12 quarters through the calendar year-end preceding the fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. 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 3 percent annually. The Foundation has a policy that permits spending from underwater endowment funds depending on the degree to which the fund is underwater, unless otherwise precluded by donor intent or relevant laws and regulations. The governing board appropriated for expenditure \$0 from underwater endowment funds during the year.

Note H - Funds Held as Agency Endowments

The following summarizes the activity funds held as agency endowments for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024	2023
Agency endowment fund balances, beginning of year	\$ 9,602,677	\$ 8,231,468
Contributions and bequests	326,657	461,904
Interest and dividends	268,892	216,672
Net realized investment gains	316,742	299,278
Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	535,471	628,140
Other investment income	50,214	21,441
Grants paid	(372,915)	(212,815)
Investment and custodial fees	(15,563)	(13,936)
Administrative expenses allocate to agency endowment funds	(33,264)	(29,475)
Agency endowment fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 10,678,911</u>	<u>\$ 9,602,677</u>

Note I - Grants and Commitments

Grants and commitments approved by the Foundation but not yet paid at December 31, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

	2024	2023
2023	\$ 0	\$ 213,293
2024	90,000	1,250,999
2025	1,646,499	1,004,000
2026	464,168	0
2027	283,333	0
2028	266,666	0
Total Grants and Commitment	<u>\$ 2,750,666</u>	<u>\$ 2,468,292</u>

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Note J - Employee Pension and 403(b) Plan

The Foundation adopted a 403(b) plan on January 1, 2017, the plan covers all employees who work more than 20 hours per week and who meet certain requirements. The plan includes elective salary deferrals, a mandatory employer nonelective contribution of 5% and an optional employer discretionary contribution. The Foundation contributed \$26,434 and \$23,882 to the plan for years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Note K - Concentrations

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Foundation received four gifts which totaled more than 77% of the total contributions for the year.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Foundation received two gifts which totaled more than 7% of the total contributions for the year.

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Note L - Summary of Fair Value Exposure

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received between market participants at the measurement date. To increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements and related disclosures the fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the Foundation has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 and include assets that have a specified (contractual) term. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset at the measurement date.

Fair Value Measurement defines fair value as the amount that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid for the transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, i.e., an exit price. To estimate an exit price, a three-tier hierarchy is used to prioritize the inputs:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Financial assets and liabilities are valued using inputs that are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets accessible at the measurement date of identical financial assets and liabilities. The inputs include those traded on an active exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange, as well as U.S. Treasury and other U.S. government and agency mortgage-backed securities that are traded by dealers or brokers in active over-the-counter markets.

Carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, and liabilities approximate fair value under Level 1.

Level 2: Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment spreads, credit risk, etc.).

Financial assets and liabilities are valued using inputs quoted prices for similar assets, or inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term through corroboration with observable market data. Level 2 includes private collateralized mortgage obligations, municipal bonds, and corporate debt securities.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs (including Foundation's own assumptions in determining the fair value of the assets).

Financial assets and liabilities are valued using pricing inputs which are unobservable for the asset, inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset. Level 3 includes private equity, venture capital, hedge funds and real estate.

The inputs and methodology used for valuing the Foundation's financial assets and liabilities are not indicators of the risks associated with those securities.

The Foundation believes that the carrying amount of its investments is a reasonable fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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Note L - Summary of Fair Value Exposure (continued)

The following tables provide fair value measurement information for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	2024			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,602,174	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,602,174
Equities	140,923,879	0	0	140,923,879
Fixed income	37,518,010	0	0	37,518,010
Alternative investments	9,015,317	0	0	9,015,317
Total	<u>\$ 193,059,380</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 193,059,380</u>
	2023			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
<u>Assets:</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,887,031	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,887,031
Equities	130,766,474	0	0	130,766,474
Fixed income	35,081,515	0	0	35,081,515
Alternative investments	2,444,851	0	0	2,444,851
Total	<u>\$ 170,179,871</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 170,179,871</u>

The Foundation presents Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities that Calculate Net Asset Value per share. Certain investments that are measured at fair value using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the amounts presented in the statement of assets, liabilities and net assets - modified cash basis.

Additional information regarding the alternative investments valued at their net asset or other value is as follows as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

	Fair Value 2024	Fair Value 2023	Redemption Frequency if Currently Eligible	Redemption Notice Period
<u>Multi-Strategy Hedge Funds:</u>				
Weatherlow Offshore Fund I Ltd	\$ 11,880,095	\$ 12,212,143	Quarterly	65 days
Black Diamond Arbitrage, LTD	176,785	6,845,031	Last day of month	45 business days
<u>Partnership Investment:</u>				
White Oak Limited Liability Partnership	2,393,427	4,047,635	Semi-annually	180 days
Harrison Street Core Property Fund, L.P.	5,878,204	5,907,912	Quarterly	45 days
Black Diamond Opportunity Fund V, Ltd	2,061,619	1,347,600	None	None
Clear Access	4,283,712	2,394,822	None	None
Total	<u>\$ 26,673,842</u>	<u>\$ 32,755,143</u>		

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Note L - Summary of Fair Value Exposure (continued)

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Foundation believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement as of the reporting date.

The Foundation recognizes transfers of assets into and out of levels as of the date an event or change in circumstances causes the transfer.

Note M - Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

The net assets with donor restrictions was comprised of the following at December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively:

	2024	2023
Donor restricted to maintain as an endowment	\$ 48,087,485	\$ 43,027,487
Donor restricted designated for non-endowment	46,174,469	42,919,774
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 94,261,954</u>	<u>\$ 85,947,261</u>

The composition of with donor restrictions net assets are comprised of the following for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

	2024	2023
<u>Donor designated endowment funds:</u>		
Designated	\$ 15,085,791	\$ 13,276,635
Agency	4,339,580	3,924,756
Field of interest	8,356,375	7,554,506
Individual assistance	1,598,924	1,514,406
Scholarship	15,420,958	13,558,338
Donor advised	68,510	66,310
Undesignated	1,865,761	1,863,929
<u>Other endowment funds:</u>		
Field of interest	824,619	762,712
Undesignated	526,967	505,895
Total Endowment Funds	<u>48,087,485</u>	<u>43,027,487</u>
<u>Donor designated non-endowment funds:</u>		
Designated	\$ 13,872,124	\$ 12,801,961
Agency	4,655,507	4,241,171
Field of interest	12,647,334	11,884,613
Charitable gift annuity	71,407	64,340
Individual assistance	4,336,504	4,159,360
Project	11,804	21,034
Scholarship	10,441,374	9,619,132
Undesignated	138,415	128,163
Total Non-Endowment Funds	<u>46,174,469</u>	<u>42,919,774</u>
Total Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 94,261,954</u>	<u>\$ 85,947,261</u>

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Note N - Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The Foundation monitors its liquidity so that it is able to meet its operating needs. The following table reflects the Foundation's financial assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, reduced by amounts not available for general operating expenditure within one year. Financial assets are considered unavailable when not liquid or not convertible into cash within one year, assets held for others, or board designated funds.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Financial Assets:</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,574,485	\$ 2,126,872
Investments	219,733,222	202,935,014
Total financial assets	<u>\$ 227,307,707</u>	<u>\$ 205,061,886</u>
<u>Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:</u>		
Donor restricted to maintain as an endowment	48,087,485	43,027,487
Donor restricted designated for non-endowment	46,174,469	42,919,774
Funds held as agency endowments	10,678,911	9,602,677
Total amounts not available for general expenditure within one year	<u>104,940,865</u>	<u>95,549,938</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditure within one year	<u><u>\$ 122,366,842</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 109,511,948</u></u>

The Foundation manages its cash available to meet general expenditures following three guiding principles: (1) operating with prudent range of financial soundness and stability, (2) maintaining adequate liquid assets, and (3) maintaining sufficient reserves to provide reasonable assurance that long-term grant commitments and obligations will continue to be met, ensuring the sustainability of the Foundation.

Note O - Subsequent Events

Management has performed an analysis of the activities and transactions subsequent to December 31, 2024 to determine the need for any adjustments to and/or disclosures within the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. Management has performed their analysis of subsequent events through November 10, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and determined no adjustments were needed.