

Financial Statements

SAVE THE MANATEE CLUB, INC.

December 31, 2023 and 2022

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(With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon)

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Board of Directors
Save the Manatee Club, Inc.:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Save the Manatee Club, Inc. (a nonprofit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, 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 Save the Manatee Club, Inc. as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Save the Manatee Club, 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 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 Save the Manatee Club, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Save the Manatee Club, 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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Save the Manatee Club, Inc.'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.

Schaefer, Tschoy, Whitcomb, Mitchell & Shuilen, LLP

December 17, 2024
Maitland, Florida

SAVE THE MANATEE CLUB, INC.

Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash	\$ 668,048	\$ 4,861,564
Receivables	9,225	9,970
Inventory	66,166	45,307
Prepaid expenses	123,853	32,460
Total current assets	<u>867,292</u>	<u>4,949,301</u>
Investments (note 3)	11,546,910	7,823,823
Donated land (held for sale)	13,360	13,360
Property and equipment (note 4)	1,721,882	15,225
Right of use asset (note 5):		
Operating lease	32,838	35,250
Deposits and other assets	90,961	51,500
Total assets	<u>\$ 14,273,243</u>	<u>\$ 12,888,459</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 107,472	\$ 205,581
Tenant deposits	9,443	-
Lease liabilities (note 5):		
Operating leases	10,924	9,233
Total current liabilities	<u>127,839</u>	<u>214,814</u>
Lease liabilities (note 5):		
Operating leases	21,914	26,017
Total liabilities	<u>149,753</u>	<u>240,831</u>
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	12,041,023	10,700,852
With donor restrictions (note 6)	2,082,467	1,946,776
Total net assets	<u>14,123,490</u>	<u>12,647,628</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 14,273,243</u>	<u>\$ 12,888,459</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Totals
Public support and revenue:			
Memberships	\$ 495,431	-	495,431
Contributions	1,321,208	412,162	1,733,370
Contributions-in kind (note 8)	394,208	-	394,208
Grants	388,370	124,094	512,464
Merchandise sales	80,167	-	80,167
Rental income, net of related expenses of \$63,067	3,007		3,007
Investment income, net	766,030	12,526	778,556
Other income	22,408	-	22,408
Net assets released from restriction Satisfaction of program expenditure restrictions	413,091	(413,091)	-
Total support and revenue	3,883,920	135,691	4,019,611
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Conservation	816,851	-	816,851
Advocacy	32,357		32,357
Education and advocacy	425,222	-	425,222
Government liason	9,766	-	9,766
Catalog	113,790	-	113,790
Membership services	637,289	-	637,289
Manatee merchandise	58,384	-	58,384
Total program expenses	2,093,659	-	2,093,659
Supporting services:			
Administration	246,141	-	246,141
Fundraising	203,949	-	203,949
Total supporting services	450,090	-	450,090
Total expenses	2,543,749	-	2,543,749
Increase in net assets	1,340,171	135,691	1,475,862
Net assets at beginning of year	10,700,852	1,946,776	12,647,628
Net assets at end of year	\$ 12,041,023	2,082,467	14,123,490

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities

Year ended December 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Totals
Public support and revenue:			
Memberships	\$ 593,185	-	593,185
Contributions	2,009,635	1,739,577	3,749,212
Contributions-in kind (note 8)	1,829,181	-	1,829,181
Grants	219,080	-	219,080
Merchandise sales	68,476	-	68,476
Investment income, net	(365,061)	8,335	(356,726)
Other income	26,173	-	26,173
Net assets released from restriction			
Satisfaction of program expenditure restrictions	464,057	(464,057)	-
Total support and revenue	<u>4,844,726</u>	<u>1,283,855</u>	<u>6,128,581</u>
Expenses:			
Program services:			
Conservation	812,641	-	812,641
Education and advocacy	1,718,201	-	1,718,201
Government liason	9,074	-	9,074
Catalog	91,291	-	91,291
Membership services	652,657	-	652,657
Manatee merchandise (including cost of merchandise of \$29,022)	29,022	-	29,022
Total program expenses	<u>3,312,886</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,312,886</u>
Supporting services:			
Administration	241,421	-	241,421
Fundraising	327,833	-	327,833
Total supporting services	<u>569,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>569,254</u>
Total expenses	<u>3,882,140</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,882,140</u>
Increase in net assets	<u>962,586</u>	<u>1,283,855</u>	<u>2,246,441</u>
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>9,738,266</u>	<u>662,921</u>	<u>10,401,187</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 10,700,852</u>	<u>1,946,776</u>	<u>12,647,628</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2023

	Program Service						Total Program Expenses	Supportive Services		Total
	Conservation	Advocacy	Education	Governmental	Catalog	Membership	Administrative	Fundraising		
Wages and benefits	\$ 329,459	9,835	102,929	4,336	44,215	185,856	676,630	126,259	79,352	882,241
Operating Expenses:										
Direct program expenses	411,576	4,167	41,858	1,884	9,860	46,105	515,450	24,500	15,824	555,774
Depreciation	7,277	710	3,308	-	1,522	1,959	14,776	1,283	640	16,699
Insurance	2,817	1,614	3,252	1,467	1,614	1,614	12,378	1,762	1,614	15,754
Merchandise and catalog supplies	-	-	-	-	58,384	-	58,384	-	-	58,384
Printing, postage and supplies	6,914	-	61,841	-	32,886	207,730	309,371	1,987	39,053	350,411
Professional fees and government relations	5,204	1,104	4,611	37	1,939	4,801	17,696	1,479	1,856	21,031
Rent	2,262	1,081	2,557	-	1,632	1,341	8,873	1,216	370	10,459
Subscription and computer services	1,425	92	3,742	-	5,076	174	10,509	60,399	1,789	72,697
Other office and overhead	34,498	13,754	31,864	2,042	15,046	18,449	115,653	24,950	25,488	166,091
Total operating expenses	<u>471,973</u>	<u>22,522</u>	<u>153,033</u>	<u>5,430</u>	<u>127,959</u>	<u>282,173</u>	<u>1,063,090</u>	<u>117,576</u>	<u>86,634</u>	<u>1,267,300</u>
Total expenses without in-kind	<u>801,432</u>	<u>32,357</u>	<u>255,962</u>	<u>9,766</u>	<u>172,174</u>	<u>468,029</u>	<u>1,739,720</u>	<u>243,835</u>	<u>165,986</u>	<u>2,149,541</u>
In-kind	<u>15,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>169,260</u>	<u>353,939</u>	<u>2,306</u>	<u>37,963</u>	<u>394,208</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 816,851</u>	<u>32,357</u>	<u>425,222</u>	<u>9,766</u>	<u>172,174</u>	<u>637,289</u>	<u>2,093,659</u>	<u>246,141</u>	<u>203,949</u>	<u>2,543,749</u>

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Statement of Functional Expenses

Year ended December 31, 2022

	Program Service						Total Program Expenses	Supportive Services		Total
	Conservation	Advocacy	Education	Governmental	Catalog	Membership		Administrative	Fundraising	
Wages and benefits	\$ 312,421	15,538	110,824	3,831	35,705	174,622	652,941	92,742	73,454	819,137
Operating Expenses:										
Direct program expenses	434,651	3,042	59,389	1,813	6,142	79,326	584,363	20,972	12,222	617,557
Depreciation	2,808	152	2,246	51	256	513	6,026	51	51	6,128
Insurance	2,956	1,084	2,168	1,084	1,084	1,084	9,460	1,084	1,084	11,628
Merchandise and catalog supplies	-	-	-	-	29,022	-	29,022	-	-	29,022
Printing, postage and supplies	5,368	-	64,530	-	28,289	195,160	293,347	1,046	34,506	328,899
Professional fees and government relations	3,627	2,050	5,209	991	2,760	3,045	17,682	2,327	1,778	21,787
Rent	4,817	1,466	5,446	-	3,141	3,351	18,221	2,094	629	20,944
Subscription and computer services	34,604	10,473	24,958	1,304	10,647	13,680	95,666	16,456	21,980	134,102
Other office and overhead	393	-	532	-	3,267	58	4,250	59,194	311	63,755
Total operating expenses	<u>489,224</u>	<u>18,267</u>	<u>164,478</u>	<u>5,243</u>	<u>84,608</u>	<u>296,217</u>	<u>1,058,037</u>	<u>103,224</u>	<u>72,561</u>	<u>1,233,822</u>
Total expenses without in-kind	<u>801,645</u>	<u>33,805</u>	<u>275,302</u>	<u>9,074</u>	<u>120,313</u>	<u>470,839</u>	<u>1,710,978</u>	<u>195,966</u>	<u>146,015</u>	<u>2,052,959</u>
In-kind	<u>10,996</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,409,094</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>181,818</u>	<u>1,601,908</u>	<u>45,455</u>	<u>181,818</u>	<u>1,829,181</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$ 812,641</u>	<u>33,805</u>	<u>1,684,396</u>	<u>9,074</u>	<u>120,313</u>	<u>652,657</u>	<u>3,312,886</u>	<u>241,421</u>	<u>327,833</u>	<u>3,882,140</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
Years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Cash flows from program and operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 1,475,862	2,246,441
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	35,961	6,128
Contributed securities	(27,018)	(16,349)
Realized and unrealized (gain) or losses	(400,698)	416,121
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	745	40,070
Prepaid expenses	(91,393)	51,914
Inventory	(20,859)	(23,301)
Deposits and other assets	(39,461)	(50,000)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(98,109)	(15,412)
Tenant deposits	9,443	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	844,473	2,655,612
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net purchase of investments	(3,295,371)	(5,278,196)
Purchases of property and equipment	(1,742,618)	(1,342)
Net cash used in investing activities	(5,037,989)	(5,279,538)
Net change in cash	(4,193,516)	(2,623,926)
Cash at beginning of year	4,861,564	7,485,490
Cash at the end of the year	\$ 668,048	4,861,564

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

SAVE THE MANATEE CLUB, INC.

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2023 and 2022

(1) Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Organization

Save the Manatee Club, Inc. (the “Organization”) is a membership-based organization whose purpose is public education, conservation, and advocacy for the imperiled manatee. The Organization is located in Longwood, Florida, but its membership and activities are international in scope. The Organization's primary source of support is contributions from those interested in the cause.

(b) Basis of Accounting

The Organization prepares its financial statements on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) for NFPs. Net assets, support and revenues, and expenses are classified based upon the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and the significant accounting and reporting policies used by the organization are described below to enhance the usefulness and understandability of the financial statements.

(c) Basis of Presentation – Net Assets

The financial statements report net assets and changes in net assets in two classes that are based upon the existence or absence of restrictions on use that are placed by its donors, as follows:

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

The net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions include donor-restricted contributions related to time, specific events, programs, income from endowment contributions which can only be expended as stipulated by the donor, including contributions and grants that are unexpended related to land, building, and equipment, and endowment funds from contributed assets which have donor-imposed restrictions.

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

The net assets not subject to donor imposed restrictions, including transactions received for general operation purposes as determined by the Board of Trustees and carried out by the administration. From time to time, the Board may designate a portion of the net assets without donor restrictions for specific purposes which makes them unavailable for use at managements discretion. Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless the use of the related assets are limited by donor-imposed restrictions.

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(1) Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(c) Basis of Presentation – Net Assets (Continued)

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized when received. All contributions are reported as increases in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions unless use of the contributed assets are specifically restricted by the donor.

Amounts received that are restricted by the donor to use in future periods or for specific purposes are reported as increases in Net Assets with Donor Restrictions, consistent with the nature of the restriction.

Unconditional promises with payments due in future years have an implied restriction to be used in the year the payment is due, and therefore are reported as Net Assets With Donor Restrictions until the payment is due unless the contribution is clearly intended to support activities of the current fiscal year.

Conditional promises, such as matching grants, are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, until all conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Contributions received with donor restrictions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period that they are received are generally reported as support without donor restrictions in the same reporting year.

(d) Revenue and Revenue Recognition

The Organization recognizes contributions when cash, securities or other assets; an unconditional promise to give; or a notification of beneficial interest is received. Conditional promises to give - that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and right of return - are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met.

The Organization has adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2018-08 Not-for-Profit Entities: Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made (Topic 605) as management believes the standard improves the usefulness and understandability of the Organization's financial reporting

For the year ended December, 31, 2023, the Organization did not have any conditional promises to give.

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(1) Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(e) Functional Expense Allocations

The costs of providing the services and other activities are summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and statement of functional expenses. Functional expenses are allocated to program services and supporting services based upon various methods, such as direct activity costs, and allocations based upon employee time and efforts. Depreciation, office and occupancy expenses are generally allocated on a square foot basis related to the use of the employees.

(f) Contributed Services and Facilities

The organization periodically receives contributions in a form other than cash or investments. If the organization receives a contribution of land, buildings, or equipment, the contributed asset is recognized as an asset at its estimated fair value at the date of gift, provided that the value of the asset and its estimated useful life meets the organization's capitalization policy. Donated use of facilities is reported as contributions and as expenses at the estimated fair value of similar space for rent under similar conditions. Donated supplies are recorded as contributions at the date of gift and as expenses when the donated items are placed into service or distributed.

The organization also benefits from personal services provided by a substantial number of volunteers. Those volunteers have donated significant amounts of time and services in the organization's program operations and administrative duties. The majority of the contributed services do not meet the criteria for recognition in financial statements. GAAP allow recognition of contributed services only if (a) the services create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) the services would have been purchased if not provided by contribution, require specialized skills, and are provided by individuals possessing those skills.

(g) Grants, Contracts and Deferred Revenue

Revenue from Grants or Contracts are recognized as revenue when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied. If a Grant is received with no restriction on the time or use of the funds, the revenue will be recognized immediately. If the Grant contract requires a performance of service or is conditional, revenue is recognized once the performance obligation or service is completed. Grant Funds received related to uncompleted performance or service obligations are recorded as deferred revenue until such time the performance or service is completed.

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(1) Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(h) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make 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.

(i) Cash Equivalents and Concentration of Credit Risk

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less and which are not subject to withdrawal restrictions or penalties, as cash and cash equivalents on the accompanying balance sheet. Cash and cash equivalents do not include cash restricted by donors.

(i) Cash Equivalents and Concentration of Credit Risk

The Organization maintains deposits in financial institutions which insure their deposits with the FDIC. Periodically bank balances may exceed the FDIC insurance limit and as such, not all bank balances would be covered by such insurance. This presents a credit risk to the Organization.

(j) Investments

Investments are composed of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and/or money market funds. Investments are reported at fair value. The fair value for investments in equity securities traded on national securities exchanges is determined by the closing price on the last business day of the fiscal year; securities traded on the over-the-counter market are valued at the last reported bid price.

The fair value of shares in exchange-traded funds is determined by the closing price on the last business day of the fiscal year. The fair value of open-end mutual fund units is determined by the published net asset value per unit at the end of the last trading day of the fiscal year.

Unrealized gains and losses are included in the change in net assets. Investment income and gains restricted by a donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions are met (either by passage of time or by use) in the reporting period in which the income and gains are recognized.

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(1) Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(k) Fair Value Measurements

The Organization reports its fair value measures using a three-level hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy, established by GAAP, requires that entities maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets to which the organization has access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 - Inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, corroborated by, observable market data by correlation or by other means.
- Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs should be used to measure the fair value to the extent that observable inputs are not available.

Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The following are descriptions of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2023:

Mutual funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Organization are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value ("NAV") and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Organization are deemed to be actively traded.

Common stocks and exchange traded funds: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Corporate bonds: Valued using pricing models maximizing the use of observable inputs for similar securities. This includes basing value on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

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(1) Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(k) Fair Value Measurements (Continued)

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Organization 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 at the reporting date

(l) Vehicle and Equipment

Vehicle and equipment is recorded at cost. Depreciation is calculated by the straight-line method. Contributed assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of contribution. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred.

(m) Donated Land held for Sale

Donated land (held for sale) consists of two parcels of land in Crystal River, Florida and one parcel of land located in Lake Placid, Florida, and is stated at the lower of current estimated fair value or estimated fair value at the date of contribution.

(n) Long-Lived Assets

The Organization evaluates the recoverability of long-lived assets whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that an asset's carrying amount may not be recoverable. Such long-lived assets are grouped with other assets to the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other groups of assets and liabilities, and the carrying value of the asset group is compared to the estimated future net undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset group, including cash flows from disposition. Should the sum of the expected future net undiscounted cash flows be less than the carrying value, the Organization would recognize an impairment loss at that date. An impairment loss would be measured by comparing the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the long-lived assets.

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(1) Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

(n) Inventory

Inventory, consisting of educational and promotional merchandise held for sale, is carried at the lower of cost or market or net realizable value.

(o) Leases

Leases meeting appropriate criteria are capitalized and amortized on the straight-line method using lives approximating those of similar purchased assets, or the lease term, if shorter. Rental payments under all leases classified as operating leases are expensed as incurred.

(p) Income Taxes

The Organization is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Thus, the Organization is not subject to corporate income taxes except for taxes on unrelated business income.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America prescribe requirements for the recognition of income taxes in financial statements, and the amounts recognized are affected by income tax positions taken by the Organization in its tax returns. The Organization's status as an exempt organization is defined as an income tax position under these requirements. While management believes it has complied with the Internal Revenue Code, the sustainability of some income tax positions taken by the Organization in its tax returns may be uncertain. There are minimum thresholds of likelihood that uncertain tax positions are required to meet before being recognized in the financial statements. Management does not believe that the Organization has any material uncertain tax positions as of December 31, 2023.

In the event interest and penalties were due relating to an unsustainable tax position, they would be treated as a component of income tax expense.

(q) Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Organization has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition and disclosure through December 17, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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(2) Liquidity and Availability

As of December 31, 2023, the Organization has \$10,294,538 of financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date to meet cash needs for general expenditure. Financial assets subject to donor or other restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within one year of the balance sheet date were \$1,929,630 as of December 31, 2023. The Organization has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due.

The following table reflects the Organization's financial assets as of December 31, 2023 reduced by amounts that are not available to meet general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position date.

Cash	\$ 668,033
Accounts receivable	9,225
Investments	<u>11,546,910</u>
Total financial assets	12,224,168
Less:	
Endowment	(1,140,461)
Restricted cash	<u>(789,169)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 10,294,538</u>

(3) Investments

Investment activity for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

	Fair Value	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments at beginning of year	\$ 7,823,823	\$ 2,945,399
Interest and dividends	365,332	59,395
Net gains (losses) (realized and unrealized)	400,698	(419,828)
Transfers (to) from operating account	<u>2,957,057</u>	<u>5,238,857</u>
Investments at end of year	<u>\$ 11,546,910</u>	<u>\$ 7,823,823</u>

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(3) Investments (Continued)

As discussed above, the organization is required to report its fair value measurements in one of three levels, which are based on the ability to observe in the marketplace the inputs to the organization's valuation techniques. Level 1, the most observable level of inputs, is for investments measured at quoted prices in active markets for identical investments as of the December 31, 2023. Level 2 is for investments measured using inputs such as quoted prices for similar assets, quoted prices for the identical asset in inactive markets, and for investments measured at net asset value (NAV) that can be redeemed in the near term. Level 3 is for investments measured using inputs that are unobservable and is used in situations for which there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. As of December 31, 2023, all investments were Level 1 and Level 2 investments and listed on active markets.

The following table summarizes the Level 1 and Level 2 investments as of December 31, 2023.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
U.S. Treasury bills	\$ 2,224,165	-	2,224,165
Cash and cash equivalents	4,055,251	-	4,055,251
Certificates of Deposits	-	1,942,759	1,942,759
Stocks	2,191,053	-	2,191,053
Bonds	310,041	-	310,041
Mutual Funds			
Fixed Inc. Exchange traded funds	823,641	-	823,641
Total investments	<u>\$ 9,604,151</u>	<u>1,942,759</u>	<u>11,546,910</u>

The following table summarizes the Level 1 and Level 2 investments as of December 31, 2022.

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash in bank	\$ 315,719	-	315,719
Certificates of Deposits	-	5,355,182	5,355,182
Stocks	1,845,771	-	1,845,771
Bonds	232,530	-	232,530
Mutual Funds			
Fixed Inc. Exchange traded funds	66,173	-	66,173
Other	8,448	-	8,448
Total investments	<u>\$ 2,468,641</u>	<u>5,355,182</u>	<u>7,823,823</u>

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(4) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following at December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Building and improvements	\$ 1,740,789	-
Vehicle	23,057	23,057
Office equipment	51,520	49,691
Blue Springs manatee cam	49,109	49,109
Equipment under capital lease	<u>10,839</u>	<u>10,839</u>
	1,875,314	132,696
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(153,432)</u>	<u>117,471</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,721,882</u>	<u>15,255</u>

(5) Adoption of FASB ASC 842

Effective January 1, 2022, the Company adopted FASB ASC 842, Leases. The new standard establishes a right of use (ROU) model that requires a lessee to record an ROU asset and a lease liability on the balance sheet for all leases with terms longer than 12 months. Leases are classified as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense recognition in the income statement. Leases with a term of less than 12 months will not record a right of use asset and lease liability and the payments will be recognized into profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

The Company elected to adopt FASB ASC 842, Leases, using the optional transition method that allows the Company to initially apply the new leases standard at the adoption date and recognize a cumulative effect adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption. As a result, the Company reporting for the comparative period presented in the financial statements is in accordance with FASB ASC 840.

The Company elected to adopt the package of practical expedients available under the transition guidance with the new standard. This package includes the following: relief from determination of lease contracts included in existing or expiring leases at the point of adoption, relief from having to reevaluate the classification of leases in effect at the point of adoption, and relief from reevaluation of existing leases that have initial direct costs associated with the execution of the lease contract. The Company also elected to adopt the practical expedient to use hindsight to determine the lease term and assess the impairment of the right of use assets.

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(5) Adoption of FASB ASC 842 (Continued)

The Company has a lease arrangement for certain equipment. This lease typically has an original term not exceeding 5 years and generally contain multiyear renewal options, some of which are reasonably certain of exercise. The Company's lease arrangement may contain both lease and non-lease components. The Company has elected to combine and account for lease and non-lease components as a single lease component for its lease.

The following table shows ROU assets and lease liabilities, and the associated financial statement line items as of December 31, 2023:

Lease-Related Assets and Liabilities

Right-of-use assets:	
Operating leases	<u>\$ 32,838</u>
Total right-of-use assets	<u>32,838</u>
Lease liabilities:	
Operating leases:	
Other current liabilities	10,924
Other non-current liabilities	<u>21,914</u>
Total lease liabilities	<u>\$ 32,838</u>

Lease liability maturities as of December 31, 2023, are as follows:

	<u>Operating Leases</u>
2024	\$ 10,924
2025	11,255
2026	8,196
2027	1,542
2028	<u>921</u>
Total lease liabilities	<u>\$ 32,838</u>

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(6) Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following at December 31, 2023.

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Expenses and Restriction Releases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Donor restricted for asset purchases:				
Manatee conservation efforts & equipment	\$ 138,975	28,344	14,482	152,837
Donor restricted for program expenditures:				
Emergency rescue fund	333,790	132,431	40,724	425,497
Intern program	1,840	-	-	1,840
Legal fund	5,910	9,385	-	15,295
Manatee rescue partnership	293,508	288,611	256,756	325,363
Research & conservation	7,556	48,792	35,174	21,174
Total donor restricted for program expenditure	642,604	479,219	332,654	789,169
Not subject to appropriation or expenditure:				
Endowment fund	1,165,197	41,219	65,955	1,140,461
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 1,946,776</u>	<u>548,782</u>	<u>413,091</u>	<u>2,082,467</u>

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(6) Net Assets with Donor Restrictions (Continued)

Net assets with donor restrictions consist of the following at December 31, 2022.

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Expenses and Restriction Releases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Donor restricted for asset purchases:				
Manatee conservation efforts & equipment	\$ 57,052	156,239	74,316	138,975
Donor restricted for program expenditures:				
Emergency rescue fund	237,376	175,117	78,703	333,790
Intern program	1,840	-	-	1,840
Legal fund	1,934	7,762	3,786	5,910
Manatee rescue partnership	160,616	354,770	221,878	293,508
Research & conservation	1,740	45,690	39,874	7,556
Total donor restricted for program expenditure	403,506	583,339	344,241	642,604
Not subject to appropriation or expenditure:				
Endowment fund	202,363	1,008,334	45,500	1,165,197
Total net assets with donor restrictions	<u>\$ 662,921</u>	<u>1,747,912</u>	<u>464,057</u>	<u>1,946,776</u>

**(7) Endowment Investments and Investment Policy
Interpretation of Relevant Law**

The Board of Directors of the Organization has interpreted the Florida Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (“UPMIFA”) as requiring the preservation of the original gift amount of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Organization classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of the gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. In accordance with UPMIFA, the Organization considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor restricted endowment funds:

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(7) **Endowment Investments and Investment Policy**
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- The duration and preservation of the endowment fund;
- The purposes of the Organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund;
- General economic conditions;
- The possible effect of inflation or deflation;
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments;
- Other resources of the Organization; and
- The investment policies of the Organization.

As indicated in Note 2, Investments, a portion of the money market assets include the permanent restricted fund amount of \$1,140,461. No specific securities are being held as endowment assets. Rather the Organization reviews all of its investments and money market accounts in total when determining its investment policy. The Organization has maintained at least \$1,140,461 as part of its investment and money market portfolio. All earnings, if any, are considered released to unrestricted funds, since the earnings on the endowment fund may be used by the Organization for general operations.

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Organization has adopted investment policies for endowment and investment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to support the Organization's general operation, while seeking to preserve the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the endowment assets. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Directors, the endowment and investment assets are invested in a manner that is conservative and assumes a minimal level of investment risk. The Organization expects its endowment and investment funds to provide a rate of return that at least approximates the highest prevailing interest rates available at local financial institutions.

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its investment and rate of return objectives, the Organization diversifies its investments in its endowment fund assets, as it does its other investments, between fixed income and equity securities. Investment returns are achieved on a total return basis through current income and capital appreciation.

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(7) **Endowment Investments and Investment Policy**
Interpretation of Relevant Law (Continued)

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Organization uses only the investment earnings of the endowment and investment fund for its general operations. This is consistent with the Organization's objective to preserve the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the endowment assets held in perpetuity.

(8) **In-Kind Contributions**

In-kind contributions, primarily magazine and radio media advertising, during the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are reflected in the accompanying statement of activities as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Contributions	\$ 394,208	1,829,181
Expenses		
Program services:		
Conservation	15,419	10,996
Education and outreach	169,260	1,409,094
Membership	169,260	181,818
Administration	2,306	45,455
Fundraising	37,963	181,818
Total expenses	<u>\$ 394,208</u>	<u>1,829,181</u>

The Organization has multiple volunteers that provide both administrative support and conservation support. The organization had approximately 2,100 volunteers during the fiscal years 2023 and 2022. The volunteers spent 570 and 336 hours related to tabling events and presentations; 102 and 0 hours related to office administration, during calendar years 2023 and 2022, respectively. As stated in Footnote 1, these contributed services do not meet the criteria for recognition in financial statements, however, the estimated average rate for volunteer time in Florida is \$32 for calendar year 2023 and \$29 for calendar year 2022, which would result in an estimated value of \$21,504 and \$9,744 for calendar years 2023 and 2022 respectively.

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(9) Pension Plan

The Organization has a 403(b)-pension plan for the benefit of all eligible employees who are at least 21 years old and completed a probationary period of 90-180 days. The Organization makes an employer match of 5% after three years of service. The Organization made contributions in the amount of \$31,200 during calendar year 2023 and \$31,946 to the plan during the calendar 2022.

(10) Concentrations

Substantially all the Organization's financial resources are derived from members and other donors who are interested in preservation of the imperiled manatee.

A concentration of credit risk exists at December 31, 2023 with regards to investments since this account is not subject to federal deposit insurance.

(11) Litigation

In furtherance of its manatee conservation and advocacy programs, the Organization is involved at times in administrative hearing, litigation, and other such proactive activities.