

***WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION***

(A Nonprofit Organization)

**Financial Statements**

**With Independent Auditor's Report Thereon**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023





## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of  
Wildland Firefighter Foundation

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

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wildland Firefighter Foundation, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Wildland Firefighter Foundation as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **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 Wildland Firefighter 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.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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



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**WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 831,695
Certificates of deposit	201,441
Investments, at fair market value	<u>1,327,728</u>
Total current assets	2,360,864
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET	3,462,594
OTHER ASSETS	
Long-term collectibles	31,300
Deposit	<u>3,000</u>
Total other assets	<u>34,300</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,857,758</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Current maturities of notes payable	\$ 22,778
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>26,807</u>
Total current liabilities	49,585
LONG-TERM LIABILITY	
Notes payable less current maturities	<u>1,105,556</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,155,141
NET ASSETS	
Net assets with donor restrictions	158,799
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>4,543,818</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>4,702,617</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,857,758</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements and independent auditor's report.



**WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	Totals
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>			
Public support			
Contributions	\$ 1,591,292	\$ 340,634	\$ 1,931,926
Fundraising income	<u>857,648</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>857,648</u>
Total public support	2,448,940	340,634	2,789,574
Revenue			
Net unrealized gain on investments	143,487	-	143,487
Dividends and interest	<u>51,888</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,888</u>
Total revenue	195,375	-	195,375
Released from restrictions	<u>198,317</u>	<u>(198,317)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total public support and revenue	2,842,632	142,317	2,984,949
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Programs	1,804,488	-	1,804,488
Management and general	225,305	-	225,305
Fundraising	<u>400,715</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>400,715</u>
Total expenses	<u>2,430,508</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,430,508</u>
Increase in net assets	412,124	142,317	554,441
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>4,131,694</u>	<u>16,482</u>	<u>4,148,176</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u>\$ 4,543,818</u>	<u>\$ 158,799</u>	<u>\$ 4,702,617</u>

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**WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Program Services	Supporting Services		Totals
		Management and General	Fund- raising	
Compensation and related costs	\$ 527,944	\$ 115,065	\$ 33,843	\$ 676,852
Grants, awards and direct assistance	699,095	-	-	699,095
Depreciation	103,525	22,563	6,635	132,723
Programs for families	44,733	-	-	44,733
Plaques, tags, statues and monuments	32,817	-	-	32,817
Flowers and gifts	9,378	-	-	9,378
Professional fees	-	15,228	15,228	30,456
Travel	80,809	-	-	80,809
Lease	16,544	3,606	1,060	21,210
Conferences and conventions	-	-	2,513	2,513
Contractors	48,721	-	-	48,721
Advertising	750	163	48	961
Information technology	11,140	2,428	714	14,282
Bank and finance fees	16,782	3,658	1,076	21,516
Printing and copying	6,816	1,486	437	8,739
Interest	51,555	11,236	3,305	66,096
Investment fees	-	8,637	-	8,637
License and registrations	-	10,508	2,627	13,135
Supplies	12,898	-	-	12,898
Postage and delivery	36,992	8,062	2,371	47,425
Property taxes	19,826	4,321	1,271	25,418
Utilities	18,233	3,974	1,169	23,376
Maintenance and repairs	34,421	7,502	2,209	44,132
Insurance	17,661	3,850	1,138	22,649
Meals and meetings	9,575	2,087	614	12,276
Other	4,273	931	273	5,477
Totals	1,804,488	225,305	76,531	2,106,324
Direct benefit costs of fundraising events	-	-	324,184	324,184
Total expenses	<u>\$ 1,804,488</u>	<u>\$ 225,305</u>	<u>\$ 400,715</u>	<u>\$ 2,430,508</u>

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**WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Increase in net assets	\$ 554,441
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	132,723
Unrealized gain on investments	(143,487)
Decrease in operating assets:	
Promise to give, net	60,000
Decrease in operating liabilities:	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>(46,360)</u>
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>557,317</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Purchase of investments	(10,508)
Purchases of certificates of deposit	(201,441)
Purchases of property and equipment	<u>(64,522)</u>
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>(276,471)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Principal payments of notes payable	<u>(56,822)</u>
<b>NET INCREASE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>224,024</b>
<b>CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>607,671</u></b>
<b>CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$ 831,695</u></b>

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**WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER FOUNDATION**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

NOTE A—NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

Wildland Firefighter Foundation (the “Foundation”) headquartered in Boise, Idaho is a not-for-profit organization which began operations in 1999. The mission of the Foundation is to honor past, present and future wildland firefighters by helping maintain and grow the national monument established for those who have lost their lives, partner with private and interagency organizations to educate the public about wildland fires and promote excellence and safety in wildland firefighting.

The programs of the Foundation include: 1) Family Assistance – provide assistance to families of fallen and/or injured firefighters, 2) Public Education – help educate the public in wildland fires and safety in firefighting, 3) Monuments – resurrect and maintain monuments of fallen and injured firefighters.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Foundation have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 unrestricted revenue and support and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Financial Statement Presentation

The Organization presents its financial statements in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 958, *Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Organizations*. Accordingly, the Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions include unrestricted resources which represent the portion of funds that are available for the operating objectives of the Organization.

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions consist of donor restricted contributions and grants. Amounts restricted by donors for a specific purpose are deemed to be earned and reported as net assets with donor restriction revenue when received, and such unexpended amounts are reported as net assets with donor restrictions at year-end. When the donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as “released from restrictions”.

Net assets with donor restrictions also consist of donor restricted contributions, which are required to be held in perpetuity. Income from the assets held is available for either general operations or specific purposes, in accordance with donor stipulations.

Contributions and Grants

Contributions and grants are recognized as revenue when received or unconditionally pledged. All contributions and grants are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor or grantor. Contributions or grants that are restricted by the donor or grantor are reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized.



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NOTE A—NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Contributions and Grants (continued)

All other donor-restricted contributions or grants are reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

Cash and Equivalents

Cash and equivalents include cash on hand and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Certificates of Deposit

The Foundation purchased certain certificates of deposit throughout 2023 with maturity dates ranging from January 2024 and March 2024. As of December 31, 2023 the total amount of certificates of deposit totaled \$201,441.

Property and Equipment, Net

The Foundation capitalizes all property and equipment expenditures with a cost of \$500 or more and having estimated useful lives of more than one year. Property and equipment are recorded at cost or for donated items, at fair value as of the date received. Such donations are reported as unrestricted contributions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as restricted contributions. Absent donor stipulations regarding how long those donated assets must be maintained, the Foundation reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired assets are placed in service as instructed by the donor. The Foundation reclassifies net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions at that time. Property and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method. The buildings are being depreciated over 39 years and computers and printers, furniture and fixtures, storage container and vehicles over 5 to 7 years. Expenditures for major additions and improvements are capitalized and minor replacements, maintenance and repairs are charged to expense when incurred.

Investments

The Foundation classifies its investments as available-for-sale. Securities classified as available-for-sale are carried on the financial statements as fair value. Realized and unrealized gain and losses determined using the first-in, first-out method, are included in revenue. Dividends on investments are recognized in revenue when declared.

Investments are reviewed annually for impairment by management. The Foundation recognized no impairment charges during the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures topic of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification estimates a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation technique used to measure fair value. This hierarchy consists of three levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and have the highest priority, Level 2 inputs consist of observable inputs other than quoted prices for identical assets and Level 3 inputs have the lowest priority. The Organization uses appropriate valuation techniques based on available inputs to measure the fair value of investments. When available, the Organization measures fair value using Level 1 inputs because they generally provide the most reliable evidence of fair value. Level 3 inputs would be used only when Level 1 and Level 2 were not available.



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NOTE A—NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Functional Expenses

Expenses are summarized and categorized based upon their functional classification as either program, management and general or fundraising. Specific expenses that are readily identifiable to a single program or activity are charged directly to that function. Certain categories of expenses are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, the expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The Organization has determined the allocation based on estimates of time and effort within the salaries and compensation expense; which in turn created a percent allocation that was used to determine the allocation of certain expenses.

Advertising Expenses

Advertising costs include costs to promote the Foundation and specific programs are expensed as incurred on the statements of functional expenses. Advertising expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 totaled \$961.

Income Taxes

The Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, the Foundation has made no provision for federal or state income taxes in the accompanying financial statements.

The Foundation has evaluated its tax positions for all open tax years. Currently, the tax years open and subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service are 2022, 2021, and 2020. Based on the evaluation of the Foundation's tax positions, management believes all tax positions taken would be upheld under an examination by the tax authorities. Therefore, no provision for the effects of uncertain tax positions has been recorded for the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE B—PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

Property and equipment, net consists of the following as of December 31, 2023:

Building and building improvements	\$ 3,554,936
Computers and Printers	31,601
Furniture and Fixtures	121,149
Storage container	13,506
Vehicles	<u>111,557</u>
	3,832,749
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(370,155)</u>
Totals property and equipment, net	<u>\$ 3,462,594</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 totaled \$132,723.

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NOTE C - INVESTMENTS

The Organization's investments are recorded at the fair market value based on quoted prices in active markets using level 1 inputs on the fair value hierarchy chart. The Organization's investments that are listed on the U.S. exchanges are valued based on readily available market quotations as described below:

*Mutual funds* are valued based on quoted prices on the last trading date of the principal market on or before December 31, 2023. As of December 31, 2023 the fair market value of the mutual funds totaled \$1,327,728.

As of December 31, 2023, the investments include domestic and international funds totaling \$960,784 and \$366,944, respectively.

Net unrealized gain recorded as increases to net assets without donor restrictions during the year ended December 31, 2023 totaled \$143,487.

NOTE D – LONG-TERM COLLECTIBLES

The Foundation received a historical Smokey Bear Collection and a 1 ounce gold coin in 2006 and 2015, respectively. These long-term collectibles were recorded at the estimated fair market value of the collection at the time of collection. As of December 31, 2023 the historical Smokey Bear Collection and the 1-ounce gold coin is valued at \$30,000 and \$1,300, respectively.

NOTE E – NOTES PAYABLE

The Foundation entered into a construction note payables to fund the renovation of the building through two phases. A note payable was established for each phase. Note payable for phase one bears an interest rate of 5.27% requiring principal and interest payments of \$2,876 through June 2031. As of December 31, 2023 the balance of the note payable was \$446,564.

The note payable for phase two was entered into during 2022. The note payable bears an interest rate of 6.64% for through December 2027. In December 2027 the interest rate on the note payable will shift to 3% in excess of the treasury rate with a floor of 5.25%. The note payable requires monthly principal and interest payments of \$4,740 through January 2048. As of December 31, 2023 the balance of the note payable was \$681,770.

December 31:	
2024	\$ 22,778
2025	24,186
2026	25,671
2027	27,250
2028	28,925
Thereafter	<u>999,524</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,128,334</u>

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NOTE F – RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization offers a retirement to full-time employees. The retirement allows employees to deduct a portion of their compensation into the retirement plan. The Organization provides a retirement match up to 3% of the employee’s deduction. During the year ended December 31, 2023 the Company provided total retirement match of \$7,389.

NOTE G – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

A summary of the activity of net assets with donor restrictions and net assets released from restrictions for the year ended December 31, 2023 is as follows:

	December 31, 2022	Restricted Public Support	Net Assets Released From Restricted	December 31, 2023
Aviation statue	\$ 11,482	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,482
Arizona Firefighter	-	123,837	(23,945)	99,892
Building fund	-	89,410	(89,410)	-
Mental Health	-	123,232	(80,807)	42,425
Santa's Helper	-	4,155	(4,155)	-
Restricted other	5,000	-	-	5,000
Totals	<u>\$ 16,482</u>	<u>\$ 340,634</u>	<u>\$ (198,317)</u>	<u>\$ 158,799</u>

NOTE H – AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Organization is substantially supported by unrestricted contributions. Because a donor’s restriction requires resources to be used in a particular manner or in a future period, the Organization must maintain sufficient resources to meet those responsibilities to its donors. Thus, financial assets may not be available for general expenditure within one year. As part of the Organization’s liquidity management, it sends out cash as the restricted grants come in and maintains a level of cash related to contributions without donor restrictions.

The following reflects the Organization’s financial assets as of December 31, 2023, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of donor imposed restrictions within one year of December 31, 2023:

Financial assets, at year-end	\$ 2,360,864
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:	
Donor-imposed restrictions:	
Restricted by donor with time or purpose restrictions	<u>(158,799)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 2,202,065</u>

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NOTE I - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Foundation may be subject in the future to credit risk to its cash and equivalents accounts, which are placed with high credit-quality financial institutions. The Organization maintains funds in a credit union regulated by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) which offers coverage up to \$250,000 for substantially all depository accounts. As of December 31, 2023 the Foundation had no funds in over the NCUA limit. The Organization also has cash and equivalent funds totaling \$137,233 held within an investment account which is not regulated by the NCUA.

NOTE J - CASH FLOW INFORMATION

During the year ended December 31, 2023 cash disbursements for interest totaled \$66,096. There were no cash disbursements for income taxes during the year ended December 31, 2023.

NOTE K – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS REVIEW

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 4, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no subsequent events or transactions requiring the financial statements to be adjusted.