SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

TOGETHER WITH AUDITOR'S REPORT



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates:

Report on the Audit of the Consolidated financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates as of June 30, 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 audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Sarah's Circle and Affiliates and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.



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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated 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 and *Government 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 consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' 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 consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' 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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Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the consolidated financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 22, 2023, on our consideration of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Warrenville, Illinois September 22, 2023

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <u>A S S E T S</u> | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | • • • • • • • • • | • • • • • • • • • |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 9,171,820 | \$ 7,914,792 |
| Cash, restricted | 4,445,212 | 98,998 |
| Grants receivable, net Pledges receivable, current maturities | 478,239 75,000 | 222,850 |
| Investments | 9,782,611 | 9,258,519 |
| Prepaid expenses | 19,782,011 | 9,238,319 19,230 |
| i repaid expenses | 19,500 | 19,230 |
| Total current assets | 23,972,442 | 17,514,389 |
| PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net | 22,574,238 | 22,927,708 |
| OTHER ASSETS: | | |
| Pledges receivable, net of current maturities | 75,000 | |
| Total assets | \$ 46,621,680 | \$ 40,442,097 |
| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS | | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 42,038 | \$ 45,925 |
| Accrued liabilities | 227,418 | 266,929 |
| Total current liabilities | 269,456 | 312,854 |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES | | |
| Note payable, net of current maturity | 2,627,790 | 2,627,790 |
| | | |
| Total long-term liabilities | 2,627,790 | 2,627,790 |
| Total liabilities | 2,897,246 | 2,940,644 |
| NET ASSETS: | | |
| Without donor restrictions | 32,476,575 | 30,986,429 |
| With donor restrictions | 11,247,859 | 6,515,024 |
| Total net assets | 43,724,434 | 37,501,453 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | \$ 46,621,680 | \$ 40,442,097 |
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SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

| | | 2023 | 2022 | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| | Without Donor W | | With Donor | | Without Donor With Donor | | |
| | Restrictions | Restrictions | Total | Restrictions | Restrictions | Total | |
| SUPPORT AND REVENUE: | | | | | | | |
| Public support and other income - | | | | | | | |
| Contributions | \$ 2,463,932 | \$ 4,732,835 | \$ 7,196,767 | \$ 2,330,733 | \$ 750,500 | \$ 3,081,233 | |
| Grants | 2,921,456 | - | 2,921,456 | 2,780,909 | - | 2,780,909 | |
| In-kind donations | 406,291 | - | 406,291 | 381,706 | - | 381,706 | |
| Special events, net of direct expense \$14,580 and \$9,098, respectively | 237,549 | - | 237,549 | 196,983 | - | 196,983 | |
| Program rental income | 50,867 | - | 50,867 | 67,942 | - | 67,942 | |
| Investment income (loss) | (55,921) | - | (55,921) | 141,198 | - | 141,198 | |
| Net assets released from restrictions | | | | - | - | | |
| Total support and revenue | 6,024,174 | 4,732,835 | 10,757,009 | 5,899,471 | 750,500 | 6,649,971 | |
| FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES: | | | | | | | |
| Program services - | | | | | | | |
| Interim housing | 1,809,741 | - | 1,809,741 | 1,820,325 | - | 1,820,325 | |
| Permanent supportive housing | 1,835,600 | - | 1,835,600 | 1,661,640 | - | 1,661,640 | |
| Daytime support center | 646,499 | | 646,499 | 567,397 | | 567,397 | |
| Total program services | 4,291,840 | - | 4,291,840 | 4,049,362 | - | 4,049,362 | |
| Management and general | 267,895 | - | 267,895 | 229,209 | - | 229,209 | |
| Fundraising | 316,157 | - | 316,157 | 285,035 | - | 285,035 | |
| Total functional expenses | 4,875,892 | | 4,875,892 | 4,563,606 | | 4,563,606 | |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS, before unrealized gain (loss) on investments | 1,148,282 | 4,732,835 | 5,881,117 | 1,335,865 | 750,500 | 2,086,365 | |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on investments | 341,864 | | 341,864 | (1,072,227) | | (1,072,227) | |
| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 1,490,146 | 4,732,835 | 6,222,981 | 263,638 | 750,500 | 1,014,138 | |
| NET ASSETS, Beginning of year | 30,986,429 | 6,515,024 | 37,501,453 | 30,722,791 | 5,764,524 | 36,487,315 | |
| NET ASSETS, End of year | \$ 32,476,575 | \$ 11,247,859 | \$ 43,724,434 | \$ 30,986,429 | \$ 6,515,024 | \$ 37,501,453 | |

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

| | 2023 | 2022 | | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| | | | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Change in net assets | \$ 6,222,981 | \$ 1,014,138 | | |
| Change in het assets | \$ 0,222,981 | \$ 1,014,138 | | |
| Adjustments to reconcile change in total net assets | | | | |
| to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 712,595 | 733,683 | | |
| Contributions for long-term investments | (4,582,835) | (750,500) | | |
| Unrealized (gain) loss on investments | (341,864) | 1,072,227 | | |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | | |
| (Increase) decrease in grants receivable | (255,389) | 968,483 | | |
| (Increase) in pledges receivable | (150,000) | - | | |
| (Increase) in prepaid expenses | (330) | (4,190) | | |
| Decrease in prepaid expenses | - | 10,874 | | |
| (Decrease) in accounts payable | (3,887) | (119,666) | | |
| (Decrease) in refundable advance - PPP | - | (309,740) | | |
| (Decrease) increase in accrued liabilities | (39,511) | 108,026 | | |
| | (1 ((1 221) | 1 500 105 | | |
| Total adjustments | (4,661,221) | 1,709,197 | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 1,561,760 | 2,723,335 | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | | | |
| Payments for purchase of property | (359,125) | (490,135) | | |
| Payments for purchase of investments | (182,228) | (1,541,850) | | |
| | (102,220) | (1,011,000) | | |
| Net cash (used in) investing activities | (541,353) | (2,031,985) | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| Proceeds from contributions for long-term investment | 4,582,835 | 750,500 | | |
| č | | | | |
| NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 5,603,242 | 1,441,850 | | |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Beginning of year | 8,013,790 | 6,571,940 | | |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, End of year | \$ 13,617,032 | \$ 8,013,790 | | |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 9,171,820 | \$ 7,914,792 | | |
| Cash, restricted | \$ 9,171,820 4,445,212 | | | |
| | 4,443,212 | 98,998 | | |
| Total cash and cash equivalents | \$ 13,617,032 | \$ 8,013,790 | | |
| | | | | |

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

| | | Program Services | | | | Supporting Services | | | |
|---|------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|--|
| | Daytime | Interim | Permanent | Total Program | Management and | | | | |
| | Services | Housing | Housing | Services | General | Fundraising | Total | | |
| Salaries | \$ 320,782 | \$ 847,004 | \$ 814,244 | \$ 1,982,030 | \$ 132,924 | \$ 156,869 | \$ 2,271,823 | | |
| Payroll taxes | 19,682 | 51,970 | 49,960 | 121,612 | 8,156 | 9,625 | 139,393 | | |
| Employee benefits | 42,163 | 111,329 | 107,023 | 260,515 | 17,471 | 20,619 | 298,605 | | |
| Total salaries and related expenses | 382,627 | 1,010,303 | 971,227 | 2,364,157 | 158,551 | 187,113 | 2,709,821 | | |
| Bank fees | 644 | 1,701 | 1,635 | 3,980 | 267 | 316 | 4,563 | | |
| Board and staff expenses | 1,663 | 4,391 | 4,221 | 10,275 | 689 | 813 | 11,777 | | |
| Client services | 8,100 | 21,388 | 215,137 | 244,625 | 3,357 | 3,961 | 251,943 | | |
| Contractual services | - | 102,696 | - | 102,696 | - | - | 102,696 | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 100,618 | 265,677 | 255,401 | 621,696 | 41,694 | 49,205 | 712,595 | | |
| Development | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Food supplies | 9,514 | 25,121 | 24,149 | 58,784 | 3,942 | 4,652 | 67,378 | | |
| Insurance | 11,631 | 30,711 | 29,524 | 71,866 | 4,820 | 5,688 | 82,374 | | |
| Interest | 18,552 | 48,986 | 47,091 | 114,629 | 7,688 | 9,072 | 131,389 | | |
| Marketing | 478 | 1,261 | 1,213 | 2,952 | 198 | 234 | 3,384 | | |
| Postage | 505 | 1,332 | 1,281 | 3,118 | 209 | 247 | 3,574 | | |
| Printing | 2,160 | 5,704 | 5,484 | 13,348 | 895 | 1,056 | 15,299 | | |
| Professional fees | 12,689 | 33,504 | 32,208 | 78,401 | 5,258 | 6,205 | 89,864 | | |
| Professional fees in-kind | 27,230 | 71,898 | 69,117 | 168,245 | 11,283 | 13,316 | 192,844 | | |
| Rent | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | |
| Repairs and maintenance | 28,116 | 74,239 | 71,368 | 173,723 | 11,651 | 13,749 | 199,123 | | |
| Supplies | 5,446 | 14,380 | 13,824 | 33,650 | 2,257 | 2,667 | 38,574 | | |
| Supplies in-kind | 11,586 | 30,593 | 29,410 | 71,589 | 4,801 | 5,666 | 82,056 | | |
| Telephone and internet | 3,841 | 10,143 | 9,751 | 23,735 | 1,592 | 1,879 | 27,206 | | |
| Transportation | 2,612 | 6,897 | 6,631 | 16,140 | 1,082 | 1,277 | 18,499 | | |
| Utilities | 13,117 | 34,636 | 33,296 | 81,049 | 5,436 | 6,415 | 92,900 | | |
| Property tax | 5,370 | 14,180 | 13,632 | 33,182 | 2,225 | 2,626 | 38,033 | | |
| Total functional expenses per statement of activities Direct Benefit to donors | 646,499 | 1,809,741 | 1,835,600 | 4,291,840 | 267,895 | 316,157 | 4,875,892 | | |
| Entertainment | | | | | | 14,580 | 14,580 | | |
| Total expenses | \$ 646,499 | \$ 1,809,741 | \$ 1,835,600 | \$ 4,291,840 | \$ 267,895 | \$ 330,737 | \$ 4,890,472 | | |

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

| | | Program Services | | | | Supporting Services | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------|----|---------|----|-----------|
| | 2 | | Interim Permanent Housing Housing | | | Total t Program Services | | Managemen and General | | d | | | Total |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$ 282,879 | 9 \$ | 877,414 | \$ | 732,536 | \$ | 1,892,829 | \$ | 114,273 | \$ | 142,106 | \$ | 2,149,208 |
| Payroll taxes | 25,423 | 5 | 78,861 | | 65,839 | | 170,125 | | 10,271 | | 12,772 | | 193,168 |
| Employee benefits | 34,924 | 1 | 108,325 | | 90,438 | | 233,687 | | 14,108 | | 17,544 | | 265,339 |
| Total salaries and related expenses | 343,228 | 3 | 1,064,600 | | 888,813 | | 2,296,641 | | 138,652 | | 172,422 | | 2,607,715 |
| Bank fees | 1,453 | 3 | 4,508 | | 3,764 | | 9,725 | | 587 | | 731 | | 11,043 |
| Board and staff expenses | 2,552 | 2 | 7,915 | | 6,608 | | 17,075 | | 1,031 | | 1,282 | | 19,388 |
| Client services | 6,350 | 5 | 19,715 | | 208,780 | | 234,851 | | 2,568 | | 3,193 | | 240,612 |
| Contractual services | 949 |) | 31,517 | | 2,457 | | 34,923 | | 383 | | 477 | | 35,783 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 96,56 | 7 | 299,526 | | 250,069 | | 646,162 | | 39,010 | | 48,511 | | 733,683 |
| Development | 70 | 5 | 237 | | 198 | | 511 | | 31 | | 37 | | 579 |
| Food supplies | 5,46 | 7 | 16,958 | | 14,158 | | 36,583 | | 2,209 | | 2,747 | | 41,539 |
| Insurance | 2,782 | 2 | 8,628 | | 7,203 | | 18,613 | | 1,124 | | 1,397 | | 21,134 |
| Interest | 17,320 | 5 | 53,740 | | 44,866 | | 115,932 | | 6,999 | | 8,704 | | 131,635 |
| Marketing | 1,280 | 5 | 3,988 | | 3,330 | | 8,604 | | 519 | | 646 | | 9,769 |
| Postage | 1,070 |) | 3,320 | | 2,772 | | 7,162 | | 432 | | 538 | | 8,132 |
| Printing | 4,275 | 5 | 13,259 | | 11,069 | | 28,603 | | 1,727 | | 2,147 | | 32,477 |
| Professional fees | 8,020 | 5 | 24,895 | | 20,784 | | 53,705 | | 3,242 | | 4,032 | | 60,979 |
| Professional fees in-kind | 25,053 | 3 | 77,708 | | 64,877 | | 167,638 | | 10,121 | | 12,585 | | 190,344 |
| Rent | | - | 31,836 | | - | | 31,836 | | - | | - | | 31,836 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 22,74 | 7 | 70,557 | | 58,906 | | 152,210 | | 9,189 | | 11,428 | | 172,827 |
| Supplies | 2,060 |) | 6,391 | | 5,583 | | 14,034 | | 832 | | 1,035 | | 15,901 |
| Supplies in-kind | 7,894 | 1 | 24,484 | | 20,195 | | 52,573 | | 3,189 | | 3,965 | | 59,727 |
| Telephone and internet | 3,434 | 1 | 10,650 | | 8,892 | | 22,976 | | 1,387 | | 1,725 | | 26,088 |
| Transportation | 900 |) | 2,792 | | 2,331 | | 6,023 | | 364 | | 452 | | 6,839 |
| Utilities | 13,160 | 5 | 40,836 | | 34,094 | | 88,096 | | 5,318 | | 6,614 | | 100,028 |
| Property tax | 730 |) | 2,265 | | 1,891 | | 4,886 | | 295 | | 367 | | 5,548 |
| Total functional expenses per statement of activities | 567,39 | 7 | 1,820,325 | | 1,661,640 | | 4,049,362 | | 229,209 | | 285,035 | | 4,563,606 |
| Direct Benefit to donors | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Meals | | - | - | | - | | - | | - | | - | | - |
| Entertainment | | | - | | | | | | | | 9,098 | | 9,098 |
| Total functional expenses | \$ 567,397 | 7\$ | 1,820,325 | \$ | 1,661,640 | \$ | 4,049,362 | \$ | 229,209 | \$ | 294,133 | \$ | 4,572,704 |

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2023 AND 2022

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Sarah's Circle and Affiliates (the Organization) is an Illinois not-for-profit organization founded in 1979 and operates in Chicago, Illinois. The purpose of the Organization is to provide for essential human services for women who are homeless, and via all programs, end homelessness for women. This is accomplished by providing a full range of services including permanent and interim housing, basic life necessities, critical and emergency supportive services, we empower women to end their homelessness and realize their unique potential. Sarah's Circle House, Sarah's on Lakeside, LLC and Sarah's on Sheridan, LLC (Affiliates) are affiliates of the Organization.

The consolidated financial statements were available to be issued on September 22, 2023, with subsequent events being evaluated through this date.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies applied by management in the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Basis of Accounting -

The Organization records its financial transactions and maintains its books and records on the accrual basis of accounting which recognizes revenue as it is earned and expenses as they are incurred.

Basis of Presentation -

The Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Without donor restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations and may be expensed for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of management and the board of directors. The Board has designated \$2,135,000 and \$2,005,000 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 for general operating reserves, respectively.

With donor restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Nature of Programs -

Interim Housing - Every day the Interim Housing Program provides comprehensive services including shelter and 24-hour access to 50 women who are currently homeless. The goal of the program is to help women move into permanent housing as quickly as possible with intensive case management, housing coordination, and other individualized services tailored to the strengths and challenges of the individual.

Nature of Programs - (Continued)

Permanent Supportive Housing - The Organization provides permanent supportive housing to women who have a disabling condition and who have been chronically homeless. Some women in this program were homeless for over a decade before being housed. Each woman in the program is provided with a housing subsidy, intensive case management, and other individualized supportive services to help her improve her health, well-being, and self-sufficiency. This type of housing has been proven to improve outcomes for the most difficult to serve individuals and reduce public costs for jails, emergency rooms, and other crisis services. In 2020, Sarah's Circle implemented a Rapid Rehousing program. This program is designed to move clients quickly from homelessness to permanent housing.

Daytime Support Center - The Daytime Support Center is a safe and welcoming community for any woman in need, whether street homeless, doubled up with friends or family, formerly homeless, struggling with domestic violence, or simply low income and in need of community. Services include basic necessities, such as food, bathrooms, showers, laundry, telephone, computers with internet access, and an address for mail; educational and general interest programming on a variety of topics; individualized case management; and housing coordination.

Principles of Consolidation -

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Sarah's Circle House, Sarah's on Lakeside, LLC, and Sarah's on Sheridan, LLC. No intercompany accounts and transactions have occurred.

Cash and Cash Equivalents -

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Restricted cash and cash equivalents are limited in use by contract for payment of costs of acquiring or constructing and operating a new shelter and of a related capital campaign. The total amount of restricted cash for these purposes is \$4,445,212 and \$98,998 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Organization maintains certain cash and cash equivalents at one financial institution which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the bank balance exceeded FDIC limits by approximately \$673,000 and \$1,100,000, respectively. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Investments -

Investments are carried at fair value in the statement of financial position. Investment securities, in general are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. Due to the level of market risk associated with certain investment securities, it is possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial position. Money market funds included in the investment portfolio are treated as cash equivalents on the statement of financial position as they are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash.

Grants Receivable -

Grants receivable are amounts due under cost reimbursement contracts with primarily county and state government agencies.

Grants receivables are reviewed periodically by management to determine the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. Based on management's evaluation, the Organization believes that an allowance for doubtful accounts is not considered necessary as of June 30, 2023 and 2022; however, actual write-offs may occur.

Pledges Receivable -

Pledges receivables are recorded in the fiscal year, in which the pledge has become unconditional and then is classified as either without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of donor restrictions. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a provision for bad debt expense and an adjustment to a valuation allowance based on its assessment of the current status of individual accounts. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable.

Property and Equipment -

Property and equipment are carried at original cost or fair market value at date of receipt for donated assets less accumulated depreciation. The Organization follows the practice of capitalizing all expenditures for property and equipment in excess of \$2,500. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from three to thirty-nine years. Depreciation expense totaled \$712,595 and \$733,683 as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Revenue Recognition for Contributions and Grants -

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

<u>Revenue Recognition for Contributions and Grants</u> - (Continued)

A portion of the Organization's revenue is derived from cost-reimbursable state contracts and grants, which are conditioned upon certain performance requirements and/or the incurrence of allowable qualifying expenses. Amounts received are recognized when the Organization has incurred expenditures in compliance with specific contract or grant provisions. Amounts received prior to incurring qualifying expenditures are reported as refundable advances in the statement of financial position.

The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as, with donor restriction revenue, if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. If a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution or grant revenue is received, the contribution or grant revenue is reported as net assets without donor restrictions.

In-Kind Contributions -

The Organization receives contributed non-financial assets that include donated services and rental space. Gifts in-kind revenue is recorded at the respective fair values of the goods or services received at the time of the donation.

In addition to contributed nonfinancial assets, volunteers contribute significant amounts of time to program services, administration, and fundraising activities; however, the financial statements do not reflect the value of these contributed services because they do not meet recognition criteria prescribed by generally accepted accounting principles that prohibits the recording of donated services unless they create or enhance a nonfinancial asset or are specialized skills that would have been purchased if they were not donated.

Program Rent -

Program rent is reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the Organization expects to be entitled in exchange for the services. The Organization's program revenue consists of rental income which is considered to have a single performance obligation that is satisfied at a point in time. The performance obligations for this service are considered met, and revenue is recognized, at beginning of the month the lessee is using the space.

Leases -

The Organization determines if an arrangement is a lease or contains a lease at inception of the contract. The Organization's operating leases, other than short-term leases which are 12 months or fewer, are presented in operating lease right-of-use assets, current portion of operating lease liabilities, and long-term portion of operating lease liabilities. At June 30, 2023, the Organization had no leases, other than short-term leases, accordingly, there are no leases recorded on the accompanying statement of financial position.

Leases - (Continued)

Operating lease right-of-use assets and lease liabilities are measured based on the present value of future lease payments over the lease term at each lease's commencement date. As most of the Organization's leases do not specify their implicit rate, the Organization has elected a practical expedient to use the nominal yield, at lease inception, applicable to U.S. Treasury instruments with a maturity of similar length of the lease term.

Operating lease right-of-use assets include all fixed contractual lease payments and initial direct costs incurred by the Organization, less any lease incentives the Organization receives from the lessor. The Organization has elected a practical expedient to account for lease and non-lease components together as a single lease component. The terms of the Organization's leases generally contain lease payments and reimbursements to the lessor of the Organization's proportionate share of common area maintenance (CAM), real estate taxes and other pass-through charges. Only the fixed lease components are included in the right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. Additionally, the Organization has elected not to apply these lease accounting policies to leases with a term of one year or less at the commencement date.

Operating lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the terms of each lease. Variable lease components include CAM, real estate taxes and other charges and are recorded as lease expense as incurred.

The Organization's leases can contain options granting the right to renew or extend the term of the lease for specified option periods. The decision as to whether the Organization will exercise the renewal options is generally at the Organization's sole discretion. The Organization includes lease extensions in the lease term when it is reasonably certain that the Organization will exercise the extension.

Use of Estimates -

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Allocation of Expenses -

The consolidated financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include depreciation, supplies, and repairs and maintenance, which are allocated on a square-footage basis as well as salaries and benefits, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort. Expenses that are specifically identifiable with a program are charged to that program.

Income Taxes -

The Organization has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income tax has been established.

The Organization files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and Illinois. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for fiscal years before 2020. The Organization does not expect a material net change in unrecognized tax benefits in the next twelve months.

New Accounting Pronouncement -

Effective July 1, 2022, the Organization adopted ASU 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842) and subsequent amendments. Under ASU 2016-02, all of the Organization's real estate and equipment leases that have lease terms exceeding twelve months will now be required to be recognized on the statement of financial position as amortizable right-of-use assets accompanied by liabilities for the present value of the lease payments that the Organization is obligated to make in order to obtain control of the leased assets for the duration of each lease term.

Lease expense, under these amendments, will be recognized in different patterns depending on whether the underlying lease is an operating lease or a finance lease. Lease expense for operating leases will be recognized as a single expense using the straight-line method over the term of the lease, which includes options to renew the lease that the Organization is reasonably expected to exercise. Finance lease expense will consist of two components, interest expense on the lease obligation payable and straight-line amortization of the right-of-use asset.

During 2023, the Organization did not have any operating leases that exceed a one year term and would result in recording an asset and lease liability at July 1, 2022. Upon implementation, the Organization elected an available package of practical expedients permitted under the transition guidance included in ASU 2018-11, *Leases* (Topic 842) – *Targeted Improvements* that permits the Organization to carry forward the historical lease identification, classification and initial direct costs associated with the Organization's pre-existing leases. The implementation of the amendments did not materially impact the Organization's net earnings or cash flows.

(2) LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY:

The Organization considers it appropriate that earnings from contributions with and without donor restrictions are for use in current programs which are ongoing, major, and central to its annual operations and are also available to meet cash needs for general expenditures. General expenditures include administrative and general expenses and fundraising expenses expected to be paid in the subsequent years. Annual operations are defined as activities occurring during the Organization's fiscal year.

(2) LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY: (Continued)

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year, comprise the following at June 30, 2023 and 2022:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|---|--|
| Financial assets - Cash and cash equivalents Cash, restricted Grant receivable, net Pledges receivable, net Investments | \$ 9,171,820 4,445,212 478,239 150,000 <u>9,782,611</u> | \$ 7,914,792 98,998 222,850 9,258,519 |
| Total financial assets | 24,027,882 | 17,495,159 |
| Less: Donor imposed restrictions Net financial assets after donor-imposed restrictions Less: Internal designations - Board advised funds | (11,247,859) 12,780,023 2,135,000 | (6,515,024) 10,980,135 2,005,000 |
| Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures that is without donor or other restrictions limiting their use within one year. | <u>\$ 10,645,023</u> | <u>\$ 8,975,135</u> |

The Organization manages its liquidity and reserves adhering to the following principles:

- operating within a prudent range of financial soundness and stability.
- incurring unbudgeted costs only when such costs are funded.
- maintaining adequate liquid assets to fund near-term operating needs.

The Organization has board-designated reserves, of which \$2,135,000 at June 30, 2023 is designated for general operations. The reserve is considered a liquid resource as the Board has ability to approve disbursements from the reserves to cover operation shortfalls.

(3) PLEDGES RECEIVABLE:

Unconditional promises to give at June 30, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

| | | 2023 | 20 | 22 |
|---|-----------|---------|----|----|
| Receivable in less than one year Receivable in greater than one year | \$ | 75,000 | \$ | - |
| and less than five years | | 75,000 | | |
| Total unconditional promises to give | <u>\$</u> | 150,000 | \$ | |

(4) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The Accounting Standards Codification for *Fair Value Measurement* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1:

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the organization has the ability to access.

Level 2:

Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3:

Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There has been no change in the methodology used at June 30, 2023 and 2022.

<u>Mutual Funds and Common Stocks</u>: Valued at the closing price (net asset value) reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

<u>U.S. government obligations and Bonds</u>: U.S. government agency obligations and bonds are measured at Level 2 and are valued based on yields currently available on comparable securities of issuers with similar credit ratings.

(4) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS: (Continued)

The preceding method 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 method is 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.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the organization's assets at fair value:

| | | | ts at | Fair Value a | | | 23 | |
|---|-----------|--------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Description | | Level 1 | | Level 2 | L | evel 3 | | Total |
| Mutual funds Bonds U.S. government obligations Common stocks | \$ | 2,177,557 | \$ | 5,789,776 1,493,501 | \$ | - | \$ | 2,177,557 5,789,776 1,493,501 321,777 |
| | - | 021,,,,, | | | | | | 021,777 |
| Total assets at fair value | <u>\$</u> | 2,499,334 | <u>\$</u> | 7,283,277 | <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | 9,782,611 |
| | | Asset | ts at | Fair Value a | is of Iu | ine 30-20 | 22 | |
| Description | | Level 1 | | Level 2 | | evel 3 | | Total |
| Mutual funds Bonds U.S. government obligations Common stocks | \$ | 5,105,649 - | \$ | 3,796,579 73,842 | \$ | | \$ | 5,105,649 3,796,579 73,842 282,449 |
| Total assets at fair value | \$ | 5,388,098 | <u>\$</u> | 3,870,421 | <u>\$</u> | | <u>\$</u> | 9,258,519 |

Investment income (loss) for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 consisted of the following:

| | | 2023 | | 2022 |
|--|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Dividends and interest Investment fees Realized (loss) | \$ | 463,293 (67,668) (451,546) | \$ | 311,959 (54,042) (116,719) |
| Total investment income (loss) | <u>\$</u> | (55,921) | <u>\$</u> | 141,198 |

(5) PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:

Property and equipment consist of the following at June 30, 2023 and 2022:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Land and building | \$ 22,733,910 | \$ 22,700,392 |
| Construction in progress | 2,304,315 | 1,981,759 |
| Leasehold improvements | 352,251 | 352,251 |
| Furniture and equipment | 567,417 | 564,364 |
| | 25,957,893 | 25,598,766 |
| Less - Accumulated depreciation | (3,383,655) | (2,671,058) |
| | <u>\$ 22,574,238</u> | <u>\$ 22,927,708</u> |

(6) LEASED FACILITIES:

The Organization leases its interim housing facility on an annual basis. Total rent expense for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 is \$- and \$31,836, respectively.

(7) NOTE PAYABLE:

Note payable consists of the following as of June 30, 2023 and 2022:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Note payable to Illinois Housing Development Authority dated August 2012. There is no interest and no monthly payment, final balloon payment is due in December 2043. Secured by real property. Interest is imputed at 5%. | \$ 1,400,000 | \$ 1,400,000 |
| Note payable to the City of Chicago dated August 2012. There is no interest and no monthly payment, final balloon payment is due in August 2044. Secured by real property. Interest is imputed at 5%. | 1,227,790 | 1,227,790 |
| Less - Current portion | | |
| Long-term portion | <u>\$ 2,627,790</u> | <u>\$ 2,627,790</u> |
| Minimum notes neverble due for the years and in a lune 20 or | a as follows: | |

Minimum notes payable due for the years ending June 30 are as follows:

| 2044 | \$ | 2,627,790 |
|------|----|-----------|
|------|----|-----------|

(8) NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS:

Net assets with donor restrictions consisted of the following at June 30, 2023 and 2022:

| | 2023 | 2022 |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Future building projects Time restriction Capital campaign fund | \$ 5,764,524 150,000 5,333,335 | \$ 5,764,524 |
| | <u>\$ 11,247,859</u> | <u>\$ 6,515,024</u> |

(9) <u>RETIREMENT PLAN</u>:

The Organization sponsors a 401(k) Plan for eligible employees. The plan provides for the Organization to make a required matching contribution. Contributions to the plan were \$102,228 and \$69,354 for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

(10) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS:

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, contributed nonfinancial assets recognized within the statement of activities included the following:

| | 2023 | | 2022 | | |
|---|-----------|------------------------------|------|------------------------------|--|
| Professional services Supplies Interest | \$ | 192,844 82,057 131,390 | \$ | 190,344 59,727 131,635 | |
| Total | <u>\$</u> | 406,291 | \$ | 381,706 | |

Fair value of in-kind contributions is determined as follows:

<u>*Professional services*</u>: Professional services consist of all legal services that was provided pro bono hours for the organization. The services are recognized at fair value based on current rates for similar services.

<u>Supplies</u>: The donated goods consist of several miscellaneous items such as laundry detergent, sanitizing wipes, sleeping bags, shoes, gift cards and tickets. The Organization values the supplies at fair value based on current market rates for similar items.

Interest: The interest consists of imputed interest on its non-interest-bearing loans. The imputed interest rate used was 5%, which was the incremental borrowing rate at the time of the note issuance.

(11) COMMITMENTS:

The Organization has entered a contract with a general contractor for the construction of a 28 single-occupancy apartments and office space for its permanent housing program. During the year ended June 30, 2024 the Organization expects to incur costs of approximately \$12.4 million. The cost of the project is being funded from IHDA and City of Chicago loans and general contributions. As of June 30, 2023, the Organization has not used any of the loans funds and has approximately \$5.3 million of cumulative contributions for this project.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Directors of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the consolidated financial statements of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the related consolidated statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we considered Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's consolidated financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* To the Board of Directors of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates Page two

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of the consolidated financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Warrenville, Illinois September 22, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Directors of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Sarah's Circle and Affiliates complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' federal programs.



Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by Uniform Guidance To the Board of Directors of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates Page two

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates' internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by Uniform Guidance To the Board of Directors of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates Page three

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency is a deficiencies, in internal control over compliance to the there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance to the type of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Warrenville, Illinois September 22, 2023

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

| Federal Grantor/Program Title | Assistance Listing Number | Pass-Through Grantor | Pass- Through Number | Passed Through to Sub-Recipients | Pro | Total Program Expenditures | |
|---|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|-----------|----------------------------------|--|
| | | | | * | ÷ | | |
| Department of Housing and Urban Development: | | | | | | | |
| Continuum of Care | 14.267 | | | | <u>\$</u> | 626,358* | |
| Enverse Schutiers Count Descenter | 14 221 | City of Chieses Deverture of | | | | | |
| Emergency Solutions Grant Program | 14.231 | City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services | PO-174900-221280 | | | 82,562 | |
| Emergency Solutions Grant Program | 14.231 | City of Chicago Department of | 10 174900 221200 | | | 02,502 | |
| 6 7 6 | | Family and Support Services | PO-174618-220537 | | | 124,423 | |
| Emergency Solutions Grant Program | 14.231 | City of Chicago Department of | | | | | |
| | | Family and Support Services | PO-168167-179399 | | | 57,226 | |
| Emergency Solutions Grant Program | 14.231 | All Chicago - CARES | | | | 85,240 | |
| Total Emergency Solutions Grant program | | | | | | 349,451 | |
| Home Investment Partnerships Program | 14.239 | Community Housing Development | | | | | |
| Tome investment rationality regram | 11.239 | Organization | PO-184286 | | | 32,977 | |
| Home Investment Partnerships Program | 14.239 | Community Housing Development | | | | , | |
| | | Organization | PO-227232 | | | 27,074 | |
| | | | | | | (0.051 | |
| Total Home Investment Partnership Program | | | | | | 60,051 | |
| Community Development Block Grant-Entitlement | | | | | | | |
| Grant Cluster | 14.218 | City of Chicago Department of | | | | | |
| | | Family and Support Services | PO-174900-184403 | | | 70,623 | |
| | | | | | | | |

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

| Federal Grantor/Program Title | Assistance Listing Number | Pass-Through Grantor | Pass- Through Number | Passed Through to Sub-Recipients | Prog | tal gram <u>ditures</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|--|------------|-------------------------------|
| Community Development Block Grant-Entitlement Grant Cluster | 14.218 | City of Chicago Department of Family and Support Services | PO-174618-184563 | | <u>\$</u> | 107,256 |
| Total Community Development Block Grant- Entitlement Grant Cluster | | | | | | 177,879 |
| Section 4 Capacity Building for Community Development and Affordable Housing | 14.252 | Enterprise | Section 4 | | | 32,957 |
| Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers | 14.871 | Chicago Housing Authority | | | | 349,490 |
| Total Department of Housing and Urban Developme | ent | | | | 1 | ,596,186 |
| U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund | 21.027 | All Chicago | | | | 304,083 |
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program – ARPA Food and Shelter National Board Program | 97.024 97.024 | United Way of Metro Chicago United Way of Metro Chicago | Phase 39 | | | 350,000 29,399 |
| Total Food and Shelter National Board Program | | | | | . <u> </u> | 379,399 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS | | | | | <u>\$</u> | 2,279,668 |

*Major program

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Note A - Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal award activity of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates, it is not intended to and does not represent the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates.

Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

Note C - Indirect Cost Rates:

Sarah's Circle and Affiliates did not elect to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Note D - Non-Cash Awards:

Sarah's Circle and Affiliates did not have any outstanding federal loans or loan guarantees or insurance at June 30, 2023 and did not receive any federal non-cash awards during the year ended June 30, 2023.

SARAH'S CIRCLE AND AFFILIATES SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

PART 1: SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS:

- 1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the consolidated financial statements of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
- 2. There were no material weaknesses disclosed during the audit of the consolidated financial statements. No significant deficiencies related to the audit of the consolidated financial statements are reported.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance material to the consolidated financial statements of Sarah's Circle and Affiliates, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
- 4. There were no material weaknesses in internal control over compliance disclosed during the audit of the major federal programs. No significant deficiencies related to the audit of the major federal awards programs are reported.
- 5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Sarah's Circle and Affiliates expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
- 6. There are no audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a).
- 7. The programs tested as major programs included:

14.267 Continuum of Care

- 8. The threshold for distinguishing Types A and B programs was \$750,000.
- 9. Sarah's Circle was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

PART 2: FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT (GAGAS):

There were no audit findings or questioned costs.

<u>PART 3:</u> FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS <u>AUDIT</u>:

There were no audit findings or questioned costs.