

PROTECT OUR WINTERS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Protect Our Winters
Boulder, Colorado

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Protect Our Winters (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Protect Our Winters 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 (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Protect Our Winters and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Protect Our Winters'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 Protect Our Winters'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.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Denver, Colorado
August 5, 2024

**PROTECT OUR WINTERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,821,442	\$ 5,629,211
Investments	2,125,953	-
Accounts Receivable - Merchandise	1,150	1,915
Contributions Receivable	130,781	104,950
Accounts Receivable - Due From POW Action Fund	65,953	82,710
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	72,897	33,117
Inventory	108,470	116,159
Capital Assets, Net	6,236	11,341
Operating Lease Right-of-Use Asset, Net	-	31,274
	\$ 6,332,882	\$ 6,010,677
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 115,639	\$ 191,030
Refundable Advance	-	40,000
Accrued Expenses	86,599	43,986
Current Lease Liability - Operating	-	31,274
	202,238	306,290
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	5,999,863	5,599,437
With Donor Restrictions	130,781	104,950
Total Net Assets	6,130,644	5,704,387
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 6,332,882	\$ 6,010,677

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**PROTECT OUR WINTERS
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023			2022		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUE, SUPPORT, AND GAINS						
Contributions and Grants	\$ 5,395,178	\$ 666,824	\$ 6,062,002	\$ 5,705,834	\$ 649,950	\$ 6,355,784
Contributed Nonfinancial Assets	133,601	-	133,601	50,250	-	50,250
Merchandise Sales	175,439	-	175,439	316,867	-	316,867
Less: Cost of Goods Sold	<u>(56,414)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,414)</u>	<u>(126,551)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(126,551)</u>
Net Merchandise Sales	119,025	-	119,025	190,316	-	190,316
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments	53,199	-	53,199	-	-	-
Interest and Dividend Income, Net	44,480	-	44,480	(155)	-	(155)
Other Income	21,529	-	21,529	2,990	-	2,990
Net Assets Released from Restriction	640,993	<u>(640,993)</u>	<u>-</u>	783,120	<u>(783,120)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue, Support, and Gains	6,408,005	25,831	6,433,836	6,732,355	(133,170)	6,599,185
EXPENSES AND LOSSES						
Program Services Expense	<u>4,277,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,277,806</u>	<u>4,364,900</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,364,900</u>
Total Program Expenses	4,277,806	-	4,277,806	4,364,900	-	4,364,900
Supporting Services Expenses:						
Management and General	999,790	-	999,790	849,736	-	849,736
Fundraising and Development	<u>729,983</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>729,983</u>	<u>757,639</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>757,639</u>
Total Supporting Services Expenses	1,729,773	-	1,729,773	1,607,375	-	1,607,375
Total Expenses and Losses	<u>6,007,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,007,579</u>	<u>5,972,275</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,972,275</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	400,426	25,831	426,257	760,080	(133,170)	626,910
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>5,599,437</u>	<u>104,950</u>	<u>5,704,387</u>	<u>4,839,357</u>	<u>238,120</u>	<u>5,077,477</u>
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 5,999,863</u>	<u>\$ 130,781</u>	<u>\$ 6,130,644</u>	<u>\$ 5,599,437</u>	<u>\$ 104,950</u>	<u>\$ 5,704,387</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**PROTECT OUR WINTERS
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising and Development</u>	<u>Cost of Goods Sold</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,437,197	\$ 410,628	\$ 433,440	\$ -	\$ 2,281,265
Employee Benefits	158,734	45,353	47,872	-	251,959
Payroll Taxes	119,757	34,216	36,117	-	190,090
Total Payroll Related Costs	<u>1,715,688</u>	<u>490,197</u>	<u>517,429</u>	-	<u>2,723,314</u>
Grants and Other Assistance	769,861	7,356	-	-	777,217
Advocacy and Promotion	443,103	4,449	13,366	-	460,918
Professional Services	286,052	305,150	96,575	-	687,777
Events	36,246	-	12,030	-	48,276
Office Expenses	18,290	7,112	12,922	-	38,324
Merchandise Cost of Goods Sold	-	-	-	56,414	56,414
Information Technology	138,889	57,345	43,538	-	239,772
Occupancy	37,188	10,625	11,215	-	59,028
Travel	65,951	93,193	-	-	159,144
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	510,055	65	1,082	-	511,202
Depreciation	3,216	919	970	-	5,105
Contributed Services	133,601	-	-	-	133,601
Insurance	7,206	2,059	2,173	-	11,438
Miscellaneous	112,460	21,320	18,683	-	152,463
Total Expenses by Function	<u>4,277,806</u>	<u>999,790</u>	<u>729,983</u>	<u>56,414</u>	<u>6,063,993</u>
Less: Expenses Included with Revenues on the Statement of Activities:					
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,414)</u>	<u>(56,414)</u>
Total Expenses Included in the Expense Section on the Statement of Activities	<u>\$ 4,277,806</u>	<u>\$ 999,790</u>	<u>\$ 729,983</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,007,579</u>

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**PROTECT OUR WINTERS
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022**

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising and Development</u>	<u>Cost of Goods Sold</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,226,391	\$ 343,765	\$ 441,415	\$ -	\$ 2,011,571
Employee Benefits	138,642	38,862	49,901	-	227,405
Payroll Taxes	96,418	27,027	34,704	-	158,149
Total Payroll Related Costs	<u>1,461,451</u>	<u>409,654</u>	<u>526,020</u>	-	<u>2,397,125</u>
Grants and Other Assistance	659,711	1,947	50	-	661,708
Advocacy and Promotion	946,232	5,819	41,866	-	993,917
Professional Services	333,313	245,479	83,922	-	662,714
Events	165,489	38	3,362	-	168,889
Office Expenses	4,305	9,909	23,716	-	37,930
Merchandise Cost of Goods Sold	-	-	-	126,551	126,551
Information Technology	175,174	57,794	22,612	-	255,580
Occupancy	41,554	11,648	14,957	-	68,159
Travel	37,406	81,196	12,578	-	131,180
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings	401,567	-	-	-	401,567
Depreciation	19,106	5,355	6,877	-	31,338
Contributed Services	50,249	-	-	-	50,249
Insurance	5,333	1,495	1,919	-	8,747
Miscellaneous	64,010	19,402	19,760	-	103,172
Total Expenses by Function	<u>4,364,900</u>	<u>849,736</u>	<u>757,639</u>	<u>126,551</u>	<u>6,098,826</u>
Less: Expenses Included with Revenues on the Statement of Activities:					
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(126,551)</u>	<u>(126,551)</u>
Total Expenses Included in the Expense Section on the Statement of Activities	<u>\$ 4,364,900</u>	<u>\$ 849,736</u>	<u>\$ 757,639</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,972,275</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**PROTECT OUR WINTERS
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in Net Assets	\$ 426,257	\$ 626,910
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation and Amortization	5,105	31,338
Realized/Unrealized Gain on Operating Investments	(53,199)	-
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:		
Contributions Receivable	(25,831)	202,787
Accounts Receivable	17,522	(22,109)
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	(39,780)	5,202
Inventory, Net	7,689	(54,875)
Accounts Payable	(75,391)	51,670
Accrued Expenses	42,613	(11,459)
Refundable Advance	(40,000)	(60,000)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	264,985	769,464
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of Investments	(2,968,418)	(45,681)
Proceeds from Sales of Investments	895,664	46,774
Purchase of Capital Assets	-	(14,010)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	(2,072,754)	(12,917)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1,807,769)	756,547
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	5,629,211	4,872,664
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$ 3,821,442	\$ 5,629,211

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**PROTECT OUR WINTERS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

NOTE 1 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

Protect Our Winters (POW or the Organization) is a Colorado nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation formed in 2007. POW was established to turn passionate outdoor people into effective climate advocates. POW leads a community of athletes, thought pioneers and forward-thinking business leaders to affect systemic solutions to climate change.

POW licenses the use of its name and marks to separate international organizations that are established as public charity equivalents in their local jurisdictions. These organizations and POW collaborate and coordinate to inform, educate and raise awareness about climate change in their respective territories. Neither POW nor these organizations have economic interest in their respective net assets, nor can they control each another, and therefore are considered separate stand-alone entities.

Basis of Accounting

The Organization maintains its accounting records on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less, which are not a part of an investment portfolio, nor held or restricted by donors for long-term purposes, are considered cash and cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivables are stated at unpaid balances. Based on historical experience, trends, and changes in the overall economic environment, management has determined that an allowance for credit losses is not necessary.

Contributions Receivable

Unconditional contributions that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at net realizable value. Unconditional contributions expected to be collected in future years are initially recorded at fair value using present value techniques incorporating risk-adjusted discount rates designed to reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset. In subsequent years, amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenue in the statements of activities. The allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable is based on a review of subsequent collections. Contributions receivables are written off when deemed uncollectible. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the allowance was \$0 and \$0, respectively.

Investments

Investment purchases are recorded at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Net investment return or loss is reported in the statements of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, less external and direct internal investment expenses.

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**NOTE 1 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Capital Assets

Capital asset additions over \$5,000 are recorded at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Depreciation and amortization are computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from 3 to 5 years, or in the case of capitalized leased assets or leasehold improvements, the lesser of the useful life of the asset or the lease term. When assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related depreciation or amortization are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is included in the statements of activities. Costs of maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the respective assets are expensed.

The Organization reviews the carrying values of capital assets for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable from the estimated future cash flows expected to result from its use and eventual disposition. When considered impaired, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. There was no impairment loss recognized during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Leases

The Organization leases office space. The Organization determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. Operating leases are included in operating lease right-of-use (ROU) assets and operating lease liabilities on the statements of financial position.

ROU assets represent the Organization's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the Organization's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As most of leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Organization uses a risk-free discount rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments. The operating lease ROU asset also includes any lease payments made and excludes lease incentives. The lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Organization will exercise that option. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Organization has elected to recognize payments for short-term leases with a lease term of 12 months or less as expense as incurred and these leases are not included as lease liabilities or right of use assets on the statements of financial position.

The Organization has elected not to separate nonlease components from lease components and instead accounts for each separate lease component and the nonlease component as a single lease component.

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**NOTE 1 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Certain lease agreements include payments based on a pro-rata share of the landlord's actual annual operating expenses incurred in connection with maintaining the rented premises, which is estimated at the beginning of each year, and adjusted at the end of each year. These amounts are considered variable lease payments and are excluded from the measurement of the right-of-use asset and lease liability. These payments are recognized in the period in which the related obligation was incurred. The variable lease cost recognized and disclosed for those leases during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is \$25,385 and \$24,398 respectively.

The Organization's lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

In evaluating contracts to determine if they qualify as a lease, the Organization considers factors such as if the Organization has obtained substantially all of the rights to the underlying asset through exclusivity, if the Organization can direct the use of the asset by making decisions about how and for what purpose the asset will be used and if the lessor has substantive substitution rights. This evaluation may require significant judgment.

The individual lease contracts do not provide information about the discount rate implicit in the lease. Therefore, the Organization has elected to use a risk-free discount rate determined using a period comparable with that of the lease term for computing the present value of lease liabilities.

Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gains, and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. The Organization does not have any perpetually restricted net assets.

All donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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**NOTE 1 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Grants and Contributions

Grants are accounted for either as exchange transactions or contributions based on the beneficiary of the agreement. Grants received that benefit the funder are considered exchange transactions and revenue is recognized as performance obligations are satisfied in connection with the agreement.

Grants and contributions received that benefit the general public are recorded as support with donor restrictions or without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Amounts are recognized at fair value when the donor or grantor promises a contribution to the Organization that is, in substance, unconditional. Conditional contributions and grants — that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return or release — are recorded when the conditions upon which they depend have been met. Until that time, they are reported on the statements of financial position as a refundable advance.

Merchandise Revenue

Merchandise revenue is recognized at the point in time when the related goods are shipped to customers, which represents the moment that the Organization satisfies its performance obligation to provide merchandise goods to its customers.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Program activities are those that are conducted in accordance with the Organization's nature of operations and certain necessary costs. Management and general activities are those that are not identifiable with a single program or fundraising activity, but that are indispensable to the conduct of those activities and to the Organization's existence. Fundraising activities involve inducing potential donors to contribute money, securities, services, materials, facilities, other assets, or time. Costs that are directly attributable to a specific functional area of the Organization are reported as expenses of those functional areas. Certain other costs that benefit multiple functional areas have been allocated across program and supporting services based on time recorded and classified by employees, and management's best estimate of the functions that benefit from the cost.

Income Taxes

Protect Our Winters is organized as a Colorado nonprofit corporation. It has also been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(a) as an organization described in 501(c)(3). As a 501(c)(3) entity, the Organization qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under IRC Section 170(b)(1)(A)(viii), and the IRS has determined that the Organization is not a private foundation under IRC Sections 509(a)(2).

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**NOTE 1 PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(CONTINUED)**

Income Taxes (continued)

The Organization is required to file a Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) with the IRS on an annual basis. In addition, the Organization is subject to income tax on net income that is derived from business activities that are unrelated to its exempt purpose. Management has determined that the Organization is not subject to unrelated business income tax and has not filed an Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (Form 990-T) with the IRS.

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 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, and those differences could be material.

Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications of amounts previously reported have been made to the accompanying financial statements to maintain consistency between periods presented. The reclassifications had no impact on previously reported net assets.

NOTE 2 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following:

	2023	2022
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 3,821,442	\$ 5,629,211
Investments	2,125,953	-
Accounts Receivable - Merchandise	1,150	1,915
Contributions Receivable	130,781	104,950
Accounts Receivable - Due From POW Action Fund	65,953	82,710
Financial Assets at Year-End	<u>6,145,279</u>	<u>5,818,786</u>
Less: Those Unavailable for General Expenditures Within One Year Due to:		
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	<u>(130,781)</u>	<u>(104,950)</u>
Financial Assets Available to Meet Cash Needs for General Expenditures Within One Year	<u>\$ 6,014,498</u>	<u>\$ 5,713,836</u>

As part of the Organization's liquidity management plan, management forecasts cash needs for future periods to ensure that the Organization has sufficient cash to meet operating requirements.

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NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND DISCLOSURES

The Organization reports certain assets at fair value in the financial statements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction in the principal, or most advantageous, market at the measurement date under current market conditions regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. Inputs used to determine fair value refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on the best information available. A three-tier hierarchy categorizes the inputs as follows:

Level 1 – Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that can be accessed at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, and market-corroborated inputs.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability. In these situations, the Organization develops inputs using the best information available in the circumstances.

In some cases, the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset, or a liability might be categorized within different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In those cases, the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to entire measurement requires judgment, taking into account factors specific to the asset or liability. The categorization of an asset within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the asset and does not necessarily correspond to management's assessment of the quality, risk, or liquidity profile of the asset or liability.

The Organization's investment assets are classified within Level 1 and Level 2 because they comprise of corporate equities and U.S Treasury Bills with readily determinable fair values based on daily redemption values.

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NOTE 3 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND DISCLOSURES (CONTINUED)

The following table presents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, except those measured at cost or by using net asset value (NAV) per share as a practical expedient as identified in the following, at December 31:

	2023			
	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
US Treasury Bills	\$ 2,115,605	\$ -	\$ 2,115,605	\$ -
Equities	10,348	10,348	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,125,953</u>	<u>\$ 10,348</u>	<u>\$ 2,115,605</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
	2022			
	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Investments:				
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

NOTE 4 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivables are estimated to be collected within one year. At December 31, 2023, four donors accounted for 72% of total contributions receivable. At December 31, 2022, three donors accounted for 100% of total contributions receivable. All contributions receivable as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, are expected to be collected within a year.

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NOTE 5 NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

The Organization receives contributions from various corporations, organizations, and individuals. Net assets are restricted for the following purposes or periods as of December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Subject to the Passage of Time: For Periods After December 31	<u>130,781</u>	<u>104,950</u>
Total Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 130,781</u>	<u>\$ 104,950</u>

Restrictions Released

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by donors as follows for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Expiration of Time Restrictions	\$ 104,950	\$ 97,610
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	536,043	685,510
Total Net Assets Released from Donor Restrictions	<u>\$ 640,993</u>	<u>\$ 783,120</u>

NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets consist of the following at December 31:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Equipment	\$ 2,176	\$ 2,176
Website Costs	75,909	75,909
Internal-Use Software	43,871	43,871
Subtotal	<u>121,956</u>	<u>121,956</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	<u>(115,720)</u>	<u>(110,615)</u>
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 6,236</u>	<u>\$ 11,341</u>

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$5,105 and \$31,338 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

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NOTE 7 CONTRIBUTED NONFINANCIAL ASSETS

Contributions of services or goods are recognized as revenue at their estimated fair value only when the services or goods received create or enhance nonfinancial assets or require specialized skills possessed by the individuals providing the service and the services or goods would typically need to be purchased if not donated. The Organization records revenue and expenses for the fair value of volunteers contributing services that require specialized skills. The Organization relies on promotion and advertising to further their overall mission.

Contributed nonfinancial assets and services recognized as revenues and expenses within the statement of activities are as follows for the years ended December 31:

Nonfinancial Asset	2023	2022	Monetized or Utilized	Utilization in Function	Donor Restriction	Valuation Technique
	Revenue Recognized	Revenue Recognized				
Donated Promotion and Advertising Services	\$ 78,701	\$ 40,000	Utilized	Program Service	No	Sales Price of Comparable Advertising Services
Other Supplies	54,900	10,250	Utilized	Program Service	No	Sales Price of Comparable Supplies
Total	<u>\$ 133,601</u>	<u>\$ 50,250</u>				

NOTE 8 RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization sponsors a retirement plan (the Plan) qualified under IRC Section 403(b) covering substantially all employees. The Plan provides that employees may voluntarily contribute up to 100% of their earnings to the Plan, up to the maximum contribution allowed by the IRS. Employer contributions are discretionary and are determined and authorized by the board of directors each Plan year. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Organization matched employee voluntary contributions up to 4%, resulting in contributions to the plan of \$74,751 and \$71,030, respectively.

NOTE 9 LEASES – ASC 842

The Organization leases an office facility under a long-term, noncancelable lease agreement. The lease expired in 2023. Additionally, the agreement requires the Organization to pay real estate taxes, insurance, repairs, and certain other operating expenses.

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NOTE 9 LEASES – ASC 842 (CONTINUED)

The following table provides quantitative information concerning the Organization's leases as of December 31, 2023.

	2023	2022
Lease Costs (Included in Occupancy):		
Operating Lease Costs	\$ 31,356	\$ 41,808
Variable Lease Costs	25,385	24,398
Short-term Lease Costs	-	1,953
Sublease Income	(19,800)	(2,200)
Total Lease Costs	\$ 36,941	\$ 65,969
Other Information:		
Operating Cash Flows from Operating Leases	\$ 31,356	\$ 41,808
Right-of-Use Assets Obtained in Exchange For New Operating Lease Liabilities	\$ -	\$ 72,691
Weighted-Average Remaining Lease Term - Operating Leases	0.0 Years	0.7 Years
Weighted-Average Discount Rate - Operating Leases	0.00%	0.78%

The Organization classifies the total undiscounted lease payments that are due in the next 12 months as current. A maturity analysis of annual undiscounted cash flows for lease liabilities as of December 31, 2023 is \$0.

NOTE 10 RELATED PARTY

During 2018, a legally separate but related nonprofit organization called Protect Our Winters Action Fund (the Action Fund) was established and began operations. The Action Fund is related to POW as two of the six Action Fund board members are also board members of POW. As POW cannot appointment board members of the Action Fund and does not have an economic interest in the Action Fund's net assets, the activity of the Action Fund is not consolidated nor included in the financial statements.

The Action Fund operates out of POW's offices. In addition, the Action Fund does not have employees, but instead pays a portion of POW's employees' salaries for time spent on Action Fund activities. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, POW charged the Action Fund \$47,887 and \$42,145, respectively, for employees' salaries and benefits for time spent on Action Fund activities and \$20 and \$26,629, respectively, for expenses paid by POW on behalf of the Action Fund.

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NOTE 10 RELATED PARTY (CONTINUED)

During 2023 and 2022, the Action Fund reimbursed POW \$64,663 and \$48,434, respectively, for expenses paid by POW on behalf of the Action Fund. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, POW has a receivable from the Action Fund for \$65,953 and \$82,710 for unreimbursed salaries cost and expenses paid by POW on behalf of the Action Fund.

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, POW incurred approximately \$15,000 and \$47,000, respectively, of expenses related to services provided by board members.

NOTE 11 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the Organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 5, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued and has determined there are no events requiring disclosure.



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