

StriveTogether, Inc. and Subsidiary

**Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 2023 and 2022 and
Independent Auditors' Report**

STRIVE TOGETHER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY
December 31, 2023 and 2022

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Independent Auditors' Report

The Board of Trustees
StriveTogether, Inc. and Subsidiary
Cincinnati, Ohio

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of StriveTogether, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) and Subsidiary, which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31, 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 financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of StriveTogether, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of StriveTogether, Inc. and Subsidiary 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 these 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 StriveTogether, Inc. and Subsidiary's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

**Independent Auditors' Report
(Continued)**

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

Barnes, Dennig & Co., Ltd.

April 22, 2024
Cincinnati, Ohio

STRIVE TOGETHER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

**Consolidated Statements of Financial Position
December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,323,764	\$ 10,272,601
Certificates of deposit	2,100,857	2,026,500
Accounts receivable	41,381	41,613
Grants and contributions receivable	257,248	112,500
Employee Retention Credit receivable	502,178	502,178
Prepaid expenses and other assets	223,195	1,238,541
Property and equipment, net	283,476	407,341
Right-of-use-assets - operating leases	208,648	311,195
	\$ 13,940,747	\$ 14,912,469
Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 553,735	\$ 905,575
Accrued liabilities	519,551	428,836
Deferred revenue	37,499	6,505
Lease liabilities - operating leases	232,104	342,692
	1,342,889	1,683,608
Net Assets		
Without donor restrictions	5,350,358	5,301,752
With donor restrictions	7,247,500	7,927,109
	12,597,858	13,228,861
	\$ 13,940,747	\$ 14,912,469

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

STRIVE TOGETHER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

**Consolidated Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and other support			
Grant revenue	\$ -	\$ 22,716,650	\$ 22,716,650
Contract service fees	323,956	-	323,956
Sponsorship/convening	559,602	90,000	649,602
Membership fees	173,958	-	173,958
In kind donations	-	257,248	257,248
Interest income	499,019	-	499,019
Other revenue	17,196	1,725	18,921
Net assets released from restrictions	23,745,232	(23,745,232)	-
	<u>25,318,963</u>	<u>(679,609)</u>	<u>24,639,354</u>
Expenses			
Grants to other organizations	9,043,150	-	9,043,150
Personnel	7,074,340	-	7,074,340
Consulting and professional	5,541,053	-	5,541,053
Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,220,721	-	1,220,721
Information technology	642,554	-	642,554
Travel	442,141	-	442,141
Network stipends and support	235,402	-	235,402
Communications	159,570	-	159,570
Depreciation and amortization	429,166	-	429,166
Other	283,411	-	283,411
Occupancy	198,849	-	198,849
	<u>25,270,357</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,270,357</u>
Change in net assets	48,606	(679,609)	(631,003)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>5,301,752</u>	<u>7,927,109</u>	<u>13,228,861</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 5,350,358</u>	<u>\$ 7,247,500</u>	<u>\$ 12,597,858</u>

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STRIVE TOGETHER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

**Consolidated Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2022**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and other support			
Grant revenue	\$ -	\$ 23,285,500	\$ 23,285,500
Contract service fees	294,057	-	294,057
Sponsorship/convening	360,340	295,000	655,340
Membership fees	171,666	-	171,666
Interest income	120,910	-	120,910
Other revenue	12,624	8,262	20,886
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>25,904,752</u>	<u>(25,904,752)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues and other support	<u>26,864,349</u>	<u>(2,315,990)</u>	<u>24,548,359</u>
Expenses			
Grants to other organizations	10,685,000	-	10,685,000
Personnel	6,484,176	-	6,484,176
Consulting and professional	5,449,979	-	5,449,979
Conferences, conventions, and meetings	873,068	-	873,068
Information technology	465,884	-	465,884
Travel	370,311	-	370,311
Network stipends and support	358,264	-	358,264
Communications	460,020	-	460,020
Depreciation and amortization	415,105	-	415,105
Other	226,588	-	226,588
Occupancy	<u>194,015</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>194,015</u>
Total expenses	<u>25,982,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,982,410</u>
Change in net assets	881,939	(2,315,990)	(1,434,051)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>4,419,813</u>	<u>10,243,099</u>	<u>14,662,912</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 5,301,752</u>	<u>\$ 7,927,109</u>	<u>\$ 13,228,861</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

STRIVE TOGETHER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

**Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended December 31, 2023**

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grants to other organizations	\$ 9,043,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,043,150
Personnel	4,357,851	1,319,054	1,397,435	7,074,340
Consulting and professional	4,707,401	616,515	217,137	5,541,053
Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,077,965	133,362	9,394	1,220,721
Information technology	400,414	116,858	125,282	642,554
Travel	237,151	149,811	55,179	442,141
Network stipends and support	235,402	-	-	235,402
Communications	59,730	34,256	65,584	159,570
Depreciation and amortization	318,852	73,311	37,003	429,166
Other	123,719	93,890	65,802	283,411
Occupancy	104,891	62,394	31,564	198,849
	<u>\$ 20,666,526</u>	<u>\$ 2,599,451</u>	<u>\$ 2,004,380</u>	<u>\$ 25,270,357</u>
Total expenses				

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

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**Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses
Year Ended December 31, 2022**

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Grants to other organizations	\$ 10,685,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,685,000
Personnel	4,193,074	1,131,830	1,159,272	6,484,176
Consulting and professional	4,607,652	524,088	318,239	5,449,979
Conferences, conventions, and meetings	811,314	51,721	10,033	873,068
Information technology	270,528	104,097	91,259	465,884
Travel	243,506	88,813	37,992	370,311
Network stipends and support	358,264	-	-	358,264
Communications	125,229	111,709	223,082	460,020
Depreciation and amortization	312,498	67,849	34,758	415,105
Other	94,857	84,846	46,885	226,588
Occupancy	69,100	82,839	42,076	194,015
	<u>\$ 21,771,022</u>	<u>\$ 2,247,792</u>	<u>\$ 1,963,596</u>	<u>\$ 25,982,410</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

STRIVE TOGETHER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022**

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ (631,003)	\$ (1,434,051)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:		
In-kind donations	(257,248)	-
Depreciation and amortization	429,166	415,105
Noncash lease expense	(8,041)	(5,240)
Changes in:		
Accounts receivable	232	220,439
Grants and contributions receivable	(144,748)	(72,500)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	1,015,345	(645,356)
Accounts payable	(351,840)	689,631
Accrued liabilities	90,715	(53,212)
Deferred revenue	30,994	(80,495)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	173,572	(965,679)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of property and equipment	(48,052)	(143,426)
Purchases of certificates of deposit	(74,357)	(15,086)
Net cash used in operating activities	(122,409)	(158,512)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	51,163	(1,124,191)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	10,272,601	11,396,792
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 10,323,764	\$ 10,272,601

See Note 10 for supplemental cash flow information related to leases

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

STRIVE TOGETHER, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

StriveTogether, Inc. was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the laws of the State of Ohio in 2016. The Organization's mission and principal activities include partnering with communities to ensure every child has every chance to succeed because race, ethnicity, poverty and circumstance should not determine opportunity or outcome. The Organization's revenue and other support are derived principally from grants, contract service revenue and membership fees.

StriveTogether, LLC was established under the laws of the State of Ohio in 2007 as a single-member limited liability company of KnowledgeWorks Foundation. StriveTogether, Inc. became the sole member of StriveTogether LLC in March 2017.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the assets, liabilities and financial activities of StriveTogether, Inc. and StriveTogether, LLC (collectively referred to as "Organization"). All significant inter-organizational balances and transactions have been eliminated for purposes of this presentation.

Financial Statement Presentation

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). 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, which are available for use in general operations and not subject to donor restrictions; and net assets with donor restrictions which are either temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor, or are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, cash equivalents consisted primarily of money market deposit accounts. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, exceed federally insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk.

Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Credit Losses

Accounts receivable are stated at unpaid balances, less an allowance for credit losses. The Organization provides an allowance for credit losses, which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information, existing economic conditions and individual credit evaluation and specific circumstances of the customer. No allowance for credit losses is considered necessary at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost or, if donated or impaired, at fair value at the time of the gift or determination. Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. Major improvements are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

In accordance with GAAP, the Organization assesses the recoverability of the carrying amount of property and equipment if certain events or changes occur, such as a significant decrease in market value of the assets or a significant change in operating conditions. Based on its most recent analysis, the Organization believes no impairments existed at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenues primarily consist of membership fees and contract service fees. Membership fees received in advance are deferred and recognized over time in the period to which the membership relates. Contract service fees received in advance are deferred and recognized, as the performance obligations within the contracts are satisfied. Contract liabilities from contracts with customers recorded on the consolidated statements of financial position as deferred revenue are \$37,499, \$6,505 and \$87,000 as of December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

Contributions

The Organization records gifts of cash and other assets at their fair value as of the date of the contribution or the unconditional commitment. Such donations are recorded as support without donor restrictions unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Unconditional gifts that are originally restricted by the donor and for which the restriction is met in the same time period are recorded as with donor restrictions and then released from restriction. Conditional gifts that are originally restricted by the donor and for which the condition and restriction are met in the same time period are recorded as net assets without donor restrictions.

Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long-lived assets must be maintained, the Organization reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

Unconditional promises to give expected to be collected within one year are reported at their net realizable value. Unconditional gifts expected to be collected in future years are reported at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The resulting discount is amortized and reported as contribution revenue. Conditional promises to give are recognized as revenues when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenue Recognition

The Organization identifies a contract with a customer for revenue recognition when there is approval and commitment from both parties, the rights of the parties and payment terms are identified, the contract has commercial substance and the collectability of consideration is probable. The Organization evaluates each contract to determine the number of distinct performance obligations in the contract, which requires the use of judgment. To determine the proper revenue recognition method, the Organization evaluates whether two or more contracts should be combined and accounted for as one single contract and whether the combined or single contract should be accounted for as single or more than one performance obligation.

Revenue from contracts with customers is primarily recognized from membership fees and contract service fees. These contracts consist of a single performance obligation as the promise to transfer the service is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts and, therefore, not distinct. Revenue is recognized by the Organization over the time its services are provided to the client. The Organization generally uses the time elapsed method, an input measure, as it considers it to best depict the simultaneous consumption and delivery of its services. The determination of the method by which the Organization measures its progress towards the satisfaction of its performance obligations requires judgment.

The transaction price is stated in the contracts and is known at time of contract inception. There is no variable consideration associated with the Organization's contracts with customers. Memberships fees and contract service fees are generally due within 15 business days of invoicing.

Accounts receivable from contracts with customers of \$40,390, \$40,355 and \$261,747 as of December 31, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively, are recorded on the consolidated statements of financial position as accounts receivable.

Leases

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

ROU assets represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. As most of the leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Organization uses a risk-free 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 lease agreements do not contain any material residual value guarantees or material restrictive covenants.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Leases (Continued)

StriveTogether has lease agreements with lease and non-lease components. The Organization accounts for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component. For arrangements accounted for as a single lease component, there may be variability in future lease payments as the amount of the non-lease components is typically revised from one period to the next. These variable lease payments, which are primarily comprised of electric, janitorial, telephone and data services, are recognized in operating expenses in the period in which the obligation for those payments was incurred.

The Organization has elected to apply the short-term lease exemption to any lease agreements lasting less than 12 months. In 2023, the Organization has no leases that qualify for the exemption.

In evaluating contracts to determine if they qualify as a lease, the Organization considers factors such as if it has obtained substantially all of the rights to the underlying asset through exclusivity, if it 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.

Income Taxes

The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of Ohio law. However, the Organization is subject to federal income tax on any unrelated business taxable income.

The Organization's IRS Form 990 is subject to review and examination by federal and state authorities. The Organization believes it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and therefore, does not have any uncertain income tax positions that are material to the consolidated financial statements.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of supporting the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis. The most significant allocations are personnel costs, which were allocated based upon estimates of time spent by Organizations' personnel, and depreciation and occupancy, which were allocated based on full-time equivalents in each function.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of the revenues, expenses, gains, losses and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Reclassifications

Certain 2022 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2023 presentation.

Effect of Adopting New Accounting Standard

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standard Update (ASU) 2016-13, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses*, which significantly changed how entities will measure credit losses for most financial assets and certain other instruments that are not measured at fair value through change in net assets. The most significant change in this standard is a shift from the incurred loss model to the expected loss model. Under the standard, disclosures are required to provide users of the consolidated financial statements with useful information in analyzing an entity's exposure to credit risk and the measurement of credit losses. Financial assets held by the Organization that are subject to the guidance in ASU 2016-13 were accounts receivable. The Organization adopted the standard effective January 1, 2023. The impact of the adoption was not considered material to the consolidated financial statements.

Subsequent Event Evaluation

Subsequent events have been evaluated through April 22, 2024, which is the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

The Organization receives a significant amount of grants that are restricted by the grantors, and considers grants restricted for programs which are ongoing, major, and central to its annual operations to be available to meet cash needs for general expenditures.

The Organization manages its liquidity and reserves following three guiding principles:

- Operating within a prudent range of financial soundness and stability,
- Maintaining adequate liquid assets to fund near-term operating needs, and
- Maintaining sufficient reserves to provide reasonable assurance that long-term obligations and program commitment will continue to be met, ensuring the Organization's long-term financial sustainability

To ensure liquidity, the Organization forecasts its future cash flows and monitors its liquidity monthly. Historically, the Organization used a money market sweep account to earn interest. Due to the interest rate dropping to near zero, the Organization closed the sweep account in 2020, as the interest earned was insufficient to cover bank fees incurred. The interest rate then increased in 2021, so the Organization opened 2 new money market sweep accounts and a certified deposit account to earn interest.

The board of directors maintains a finance and sustainability committee to monitor the Organization's financial stability. Financials including liquidity analysis are presented and reviewed on a quarterly basis.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 2 LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY (CONTINUED)

For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over a 12-month period, the Organization considers all expenditures related to its ongoing program activities to achieve its mission of “The success of every child from cradle to career” as well as the conduct of administrative and fundraising activities to support program activities to be general expenditures.

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, the following table shows the financial assets held by the Organization and the amounts of those financial assets available within one year of the consolidated statement of financial position date to meet general expenditures:

	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,323,764	\$ 10,272,601
Certificates of deposit	2,100,857	2,026,500
Accounts receivable	41,381	41,613
Grants and contributions receivable	-	112,500
Employee Retention Credit receivable	502,178	502,178
	<u>\$ 12,968,180</u>	<u>\$ 12,955,392</u>

In-kind contributions receivable of \$257,248 included within grants and contributions receivable as of December 31, 2023 are excluded from the table above.

Subsequent to year end, the Organization received a \$9,600,000 grant from the Ballmer Group that is available to meet general expenditures during 2024.

NOTE 3 CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

As of December 31, 2023 and 2022 the Organization held \$2,100,857 and \$2,026,500, respectively, in certificates of deposit with an original maturity date greater than three months.

NOTE 4 GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTION RECEIVABLE

Grants and contributions receivable at December 31, 2023 and 2022 consist of \$257,248 and \$112,500, respectively, of unconditional promises to give. The Organization expects grants and contributions receivable to be collected within one year and considers all be collectible; therefore, no allowance was necessary.

NOTE 5 CONDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION

The Organization has a grant for which the grantor agency’s promise to give is conditioned upon the Organization meeting certain requirements under the grant program. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Organization had remaining available award balances on the conditional grant of \$-0- and \$200,000, respectively. These award balances are not recognized as assets and will be recognized as revenue as the conditions are met, generally as qualifications are met.

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**Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
(Continued)**

NOTE 6 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment as of December 31 consisted of the following:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Leasehold improvements	\$ 451,469	\$ 408,637
Furniture and fixtures	140,034	140,034
Computers & equipment	<u>380,554</u>	<u>375,334</u>
	972,057	924,005
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(688,581)</u>	<u>(516,664)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 283,476</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 407,341</u></u>

NOTE 7 EMPLOYEE RETENTION CREDIT GRANT

The Organization was eligible for the Employee Retention Credit (“ERC”) program under the CARES Act for qualified wages paid to employees. For the year ending December 31, 2021, \$502,178 was recognized as grant revenue on the consolidated statement of activities, which represents refunds due for the quarters ended December 31, 2020 and March 31, 2021. The Organization elected to apply the conditional contribution guidance pursuant to ASC 958-605 to determine the timing of recognition for ERC. At both December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$502,178 of the credits are still outstanding and included as Employee Retention Credit receivable on the consolidated statement of financial position.

NOTE 8 NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions as of December 31 are available for the following purposes or periods:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Purpose restricted:		
Cradle to Career (C2C) network	\$ 7,034,190	\$ 5,425,707
Training hub	213,310	1,904,902
Cradle to Career (C2C) grant-making	<u>-</u>	<u>596,500</u>
	<u><u>\$ 7,247,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,927,109</u></u>

NOTE 9 CONTRIBUTED NONFINANCIAL ASSETS

The Organization receives certain in-kind donations during the year, which are recorded at fair market value as contribution revenue and an asset or expense in the consolidated financial statements. For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were in-kind donations, with donor restrictions, of Tableau licenses for \$257,248. For the year ended December 31, 2022, there were no in-kind donations. As of December 31, 2023 and 2022, \$267,500 and \$285,400, respectively, remain with donor restrictions.

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NOTE 9 CONTRIBUTED NONFINANCIAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

These licenses are recorded at their stated fair market value if the Organization was to go out and purchase them directly. The licenses are for a period of one to three years and are recorded on the consolidated statement of financial position with grants and contributions receivable as of December 31, 2023 and prepaid expenses and other assets as of December 31, 2022. The licenses are utilized in the Organizations programs and amortized over their term.

NOTE 10 LEASES

The Organization has operating leases for office space in Downtown Cincinnati. The leases have remaining lease terms of 2 years, some of which may include options to extend the leases for up to 3 years, and some of which may include options to terminate the leases after a certain number of years.

A summary of total lease costs and other lease information for the year ended December 31 is as follows:

	2023	2022
Operating lease expense	\$ 105,490	\$ 105,490
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:		
Operating cash flows from operating leases	113,531	110,730
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations:		
Operating leases	-	412,613
Weighted-average remaining lease term in years:		
Operating leases	1.92	2.92
Weighted-average discount rate:		
Operating leases	1.04%	1.04%

Future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable leases as of December 31, 2023, are as follows:

	\$ 116,358
2024	\$ 116,358
2025	118,078
Total future minimum lease payments	234,436
Less imputed interest	(2,332)
Total	\$ 232,104

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NOTE 11 RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization established a defined-contribution 401(k) plan covering substantially all employees. The Organization will match 50% of a participant's elective deferral up to 4% of the participant's compensation. Total 401(k) matching contributions were \$274,127 and \$252,707 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

NOTE 12 CONCENTRATIONS

GAAP requires disclosure of current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. Two funding sources account for approximately 89% and 88% of total revenues and other support for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.