

Financial Statements

Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation

March 31, 2023

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Independent auditor's report

November 1, 2023

To the directors of **Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation**:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation** (the "Foundation"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2023 and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2023 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. 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 independent of the Foundation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Foundation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of Financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. 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.
- 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 the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.



We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants
Toronto, Ontario



Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation
Statement of Financial Position

March 31	2023	2022
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	1,368,944	1,206,401
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	41,719	18,828
Accounts receivable	146,800	-
Prepaid expenses [note 3]	<u>127,603</u>	<u>12,660</u>
	1,685,066	1,237,889
Capital assets [note 4]	7,149	4,097
	<u>1,692,215</u>	<u>1,241,986</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	155,659	222,841
Deferred contributions [note 5]	<u>1,214,802</u>	<u>663,282</u>
	1,370,461	886,123
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	321,754	355,863
	<u>1,692,215</u>	<u>1,241,986</u>

see accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board:



Director



Director

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Balance , beginning of year	355,863	572,897
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(34,109)	(217,034)
Balance , end of year	321,754	355,863

see accompanying notes

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Statement of Operations

Year ended March 31	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Donations and grants [note 3]	2,546,713	1,142,516
Interest and other	<u>22,275</u>	<u>2,577</u>
	<u>2,568,988</u>	<u>1,145,093</u>
Expenses		
Program material and other costs	1,509,719	506,143
Compensation	991,754	725,276
General and administrative	39,833	7,710
Professional fees	34,803	99,392
Information technology	24,621	22,851
Amortization	<u>2,367</u>	<u>755</u>
	<u>2,603,097</u>	<u>1,362,127</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(34,109)	(217,034)

see accompanying notes

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended March 31	2023	2022
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses for the year	(34,109)	(217,034)
Adjustment for item not affecting cash - Amortization	<u>2,367</u>	<u>755</u>
	(31,742)	(216,279)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances -		
(Increase) decrease in harmonized sales tax recoverable	(22,891)	4,231
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(146,800)	300,000
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(114,943)	(7,945)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(67,183)	129,421
Increase (decrease) in deferred contributions	<u>551,520</u>	<u>208,136</u>
	167,961	417,564
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of capital assets	<u>(5,418)</u>	<u>(4,592)</u>
Net change in cash during the year	162,543	412,972
Cash , beginning of year	1,206,401	793,429
Cash , end of year	1,368,944	1,206,401

see accompanying notes

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Notes to Financial Statements

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1. PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION

Canadian Children's Literacy Foundation (the "Foundation") aims to advance education in improving children's literacy by:

- a) providing training and similar programs for families, caregivers, other support groups and non-profit organizations to develop and implement effective educational activities and services for Canadian children;
- b) undertaking research into children's literacy, including its challenges and opportunities, and disseminating results to the public;
- c) increasing public awareness on children's literacy through campaigns and the provision of information and training resources;
- d) receiving and maintaining a fund or funds and applying all or part of the principal and income therefrom, from time to time, to qualified donees as defined in subsection 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) [the "Act"], conducting activities to improve children's literacy; and
- e) doing all such things as are ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the above charitable purposes.

The Foundation was incorporated on May 9, 2017 under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act as an organization without share capital. The Foundation is classified as a public foundation as defined in paragraph 149.1(1) of the Act and, therefore, is exempt from income tax providing that it complies with donation and certain other requirements as specified by the Act.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Revenue recognition

The Foundation follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred.

Interest and other revenue are recognized on an accrual basis as earned by the Foundation.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash

Cash consists of bank balances held with financial institutions.

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization of capital assets is provided at the following annual rates which are designed to charge operations with the total cost of these assets over their estimated useful lives:

Computer equipment	Straight-line over three years
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Contributed goods and services

The Foundation receives contributions of goods and services that assist the Foundation in carrying out its activities. Such contributed goods and services are recognized in the financial statements where fair value can be reasonably estimated and a donation receipt is provided by the Foundation.

Financial instruments

The Foundation initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Foundation subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost.

Financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost include cash, donation receivable, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The Foundation has no financial assets or liabilities measured at fair value.

Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations 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. The significant items subject to such management estimates and assumptions include the estimated useful lives of capital assets and the internal allocation of salaries and overhead to programs for purposes of recognizing restricted contributions. By their nature, these estimates are subject to measurement uncertainty and the effect on the financial statements of changes in such estimates in future periods could be significant.

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3. GOVERNMENT GRANT

During the year, the Foundation received a one-time grant from the Minister of Canadian Heritage totaling \$1,478,800 to fund the Celebration and Commemoration Program (the "Program"). The Foundation expended \$1,478,800 in relation to the Program, of which \$120,306 represented prepaid expenses as at March 31, 2023. As such, \$120,306 of grant proceeds have been recorded as deferred contributions as at March 31, 2023 [note 5] and the statement of operations includes grant revenue of \$1,358,494 and related program expenses totaling \$1,358,494. The total expenditures under the Program are categorized as follows:

Consultant and professional fees	756,176
Administration fees	217,970
Artists and performers	182,909
Events and venues	162,519
Promotion and communication	107,316
Volunteer support	48,207
Travel	<u>3,703</u>
Total expenditures	1,478,800
Less: prepaid expenses as at March 31, 2023	<u>120,306</u>
Expenses for the year ended March 31, 2023	<u>1,358,494</u>

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net book value	
	\$	\$	2023	2022
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Computer equipment	11,883	4,734	7,149	4,097

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5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions includes unexpended, externally-restricted contributions. The continuity of deferred contributions is as follows:

Project	Balance, beginning of year \$	Contributions received \$	Contributions recognized as revenue \$	Balance, end of year \$
Promoting Early Literacy in Healthcare Settings	604,055	1,581,701	1,154,978	1,030,778
Celebration and Commemoration Program [note 3]	-	1,478,800	1,358,494	120,306
TD Ready Challenge collaboration with The Reading Partnership	59,227	12,500	8,009	63,718
	663,282	3,073,001	2,521,481	1,214,802

6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Foundation received donations totaling \$102,500 (2022 - \$105,000) during the year from entities to which certain directors of the Foundation are related.

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

7. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS RISK EXPOSURE

The Foundation is not exposed to significant credit risk, liquidity risk or market risk. The Foundation has no changes in its risk exposure from the prior period.

8. COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Certain of the prior year's figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's method of presentation.