

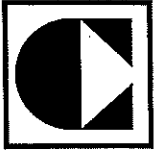
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**ARLINGTON OUTDOOR EDUCATION  
ASSOCIATION, INC.**

December 31, 2023

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors  
Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the year 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 Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting standards 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism through 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 programs 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 Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc.'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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc.'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.

*Douglas Corey, & Associates, P.C.*

Fairfax, Virginia  
November 11, 2024

**Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc.**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2023**  
(See Independent Auditor's Report and notes to financial statements)

**Assets**

Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 150,534
Accrued interest receivable	14,912
Deposit	<u>1,000</u>
Total current assets	166,446
Investments	1,303,292
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$574,976	<u>1,175,512</u>
	<u>\$ 2,645,250</u>

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 12,230
Net Assets	
Without restrictions	2,615,320
With restrictions	<u>17,700</u>
	<u>2,633,020</u>
	<u>\$ 2,645,250</u>

**Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc.**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2023**  
(See Independent Auditor's Report and notes to financial statements)

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and Other Support:			
Contributions	\$ 171,854	\$ 4,562	\$ 176,416
United way	3,032	-	3,032
Special events	1,846	-	1,846
Other income	145	-	145
Interest and dividends	59,779	-	59,779
Realized gain (loss) on investments	(56,591)	-	(56,591)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	87,927	-	87,927
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues and Other Support	267,992	4,562	272,554
Expenses:			
Program expenses			
Outdoor education	129,221	-	129,221
General and administrative	7,455	-	7,455
Development	52,841	-	52,841
Special events	<u>3,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,521</u>
Total Expenses	<u>193,038</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>193,038</u>
Change in Net Assets	74,954	4,562	79,516
Net Assets, beginning of year	<u>2,540,366</u>	<u>13,138</u>	<u>2,553,504</u>
Net Assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,615,320</u>	<u>\$ 17,700</u>	<u>\$ 2,633,020</u>

**Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc.**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2023**  
(See Independent Auditor's Report and notes to financial statements)

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Change in net assets	\$ 79,516
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	36,206
Realized loss on investments	56,591
Unrealized gain on investments	(87,927)
(Increase) decrease in other receivable	383
(Increase) decrease in interest receivable	(14,912)
(Increase) decrease in deposit	(1,000)
Increase (decrease) in payables	<u>9,650</u>
Net cash provided (used ) by operating activities	78,507
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Purchase of fixed assets	(56,883)
Proceeds from sale of invesments	12,499
Purchases of investments	(44,867)
Purchases of certificates of deposits	(466,000)
Proceeds from maturing certificates of deposit	<u>456,000</u>
Net cash provided (used ) by investing activities	<u>(99,251)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalentents	(20,744)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>171,278</u>
Cash, end of year	<u><u>\$ 150,534</u></u>
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:	
Cash paid during the year for:	
Income taxes	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>
Interest expense	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>

Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc.  
Statement of Functional Expenses

For the year ended December 31, 2023

(See Independent Auditor's Report and notes to financial statements)

	<u>Program Service</u>		<u>Supporting Services</u>			Total Expense
	Outdoor Education	Mgmt and General	Fundraising	Ttl Supporting Services		
Professional fees	\$ -	\$ 3,350	\$ 47,500	\$ 50,850	\$ 50,850	
Equipment rental and maintenance	40,891	-	-	-	40,891	
Depreciation and amortization	36,206	-	-	-	36,206	
Real estate tax resolution	26,050	-	-	-	26,050	
Real estate tax	14,529	-	-	-	14,529	
Software and database	6,723	-	-	-	6,723	
Other expenses	1,748	1,190	2,853	4,043	5,791	
Insurance	3,074	-	-	-	3,074	
Investment fees	-	2,915	-	2,915	2,915	
Merchandise	-	-	2,488	2,488	2,488	
	<u>\$ 129,221</u>	<u>\$ 7,455</u>	<u>\$ 52,841</u>	<u>\$ 60,296</u>	<u>\$ 189,517</u>	



**Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2023**  
(See Independent Auditor's Report)

**Note A - Nature of Organization**

Arlington Outdoor Education Association, Inc. (AOEA) was formed in 1967 to purchase and operate the Phoebe Hall Knipling Outdoor Laboratory. AOEA's purpose is to provide a facility and support a school program designed to give urban school children from Arlington, Virginia an opportunity to learn science, arts, humanities, and vocational skills in a natural setting. The Outdoor Lab provides hands-on outdoor and environmental education to more than 9,000 students each year.

**Note B - Summary of Accounting Policies**

A summary of the significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements follows.

1. Method of Accounting

AOEA's financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

2. Financial Statement Presentation

Under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, AOEA is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

Net Assets Without Restrictions represent resources that are not subject to donor-imposed or other restrictions and are available for operations at management's discretion.

Net Assets With Restrictions represent resources restricted by the donor as to purpose or by the passage of time.

3. Revenue Recognition

Contributions received are recorded as with or without restrictions depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restriction.

All restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with restrictions. When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished, net assets with restrictions are reclassified to net assets without restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

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**Note B - Summary of Accounting Policies, continued**

4. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is recorded at cost at the date of acquisition. They are depreciated using the tax basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

5. Investments

AOEA's investments consist of 18-month, 15-month and 12-month certificates of deposit and an investment in an agency fund. The agency fund is a fund established with the Arlington Community Foundation whereby AOEA selects the investment pool and the Foundation manages it. The agency fund is exclusively used for AOEA's benefit. The certificates have various maturity dates during 2024. The certificates and the agency fund are recognized at fair value on the balance sheet.

6. Functional Allocation of Expenses

AOEA allocates its expenses on a functional basis among its various programs, general and administrative, and fundraising. Expenses are identified with a specific program, general and administrative, or fundraising are allocated directly according to their natural expenditure classification.

7. Income Taxes

Income taxes are not provided for in the financial statements since AOEA is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and similar state provisions.

AOEA follows the guidance of Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 740, Accounting for Income Taxes, related to uncertainties in income taxes, which prescribes a threshold of more likely than not for recognition and derecognition of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. There are no such uncertain tax positions for AOEA for the year ended December 31, 2023.

AOEA's tax returns are subject to possible examination by taxing authorities. For federal income tax purposes, the tax returns essentially remain open for possible examination for a period of three years after the respective filing deadlines of those returns.

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**Note B – Summary of Accounting Policies, continued**

8. Cash and cash equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, AOEA considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

9. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Note C – Date of Management’s Review**

In preparing the financial statements, the Association has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through November 11, 2024, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

**Note D—Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets**

AOEA maintains a liquid cash balance in checking and savings accounts in an amount necessary to meet its anticipated operating expenditures for the next two years.

AOEA’s financial assets available for general expenditures through December 31, 2023 are as follows:

Financial assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 150,334
Investments	<u>1,303,292</u>
 Financial assets available for general expenditures within one year	 <u>\$1,453,626</u>

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**Note E – Concentration of Credit Risk**

AOEA maintains cash balances at financial institutions that, at times, may exceed Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation’s insured limit of \$250,000. AOEА has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes they are not exposed to any significant credit risk.

**Note F – Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment is as follows:

Land	\$384,304
Buildings/Improvements	1,362,542
Equipment	<u>3,642</u>
	1,750,488
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(574,976)</u>
Net book value	<u>\$1,175,512</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 is \$36,206.

**Note G – Investments**

The adjusted basis and fair value as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<b>Adjusted Basis</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Unrealized Gains (Losses)</b>
Certificates of deposit	\$ 971,880	\$ 971,880	\$ -
Agency fund	<u>243,485</u>	<u>331,412</u>	<u>87,927</u>
	<u>\$1,215,365</u>	<u>\$1,303,292</u>	<u>\$ 87,927</u>

The Agency Fund is a fixed income fund managed by the Arlington Community Foundation. The fixed income fund is a pooled fund consisting of cash and bonds. The investment reported for AOEА is their share of the total amount.

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**Note G – Investments, continued**

Investment income for the year ended December 31, 2023 consists of the following:

Interest and dividends	\$59,779
Realized gain (loss) on investments	(56,591)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	<u>87,927</u>
 Total investment income	 <u>\$ 91,115</u>

**Note H – Fair Value Measurements**

FASB ASC 820-10 establishes 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 measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

The fair value measurements and levels within the fair value hierarchy of those measurements for the assets reported at fair value on a recurring basis at December 31, 2023:

<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Fair Value</u></b>	<b><u>Significant Observable Inputs (Level 1)</u></b>
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 971,880	\$ 971,880
Agency fund	<u>331,412</u>	<u>331,412</u>
	<u>\$ 1,303,292</u>	<u>\$ 1,303,292</u>

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**Note H – Fair Value Measurements, continued**

The carrying amounts reflected in the balance sheet for cash, accounts receivable, and, accounts payable approximates fair value due to the short maturities of those instruments.

**Note I – Net Assets with Restrictions**

Net assets with restrictions at December 31, 2023 are available for the following purposes:

Welcome pavilion	\$ 11,000
Retirement project	3,200
Monarch waystation	2,500
Nature discovery trail phase 2	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>\$ 17,700</u>

**Note J – Memorandum of Understanding**

Beginning on July 1, 2006, AOEA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Arlington County Public Schools. Arlington County Public Schools has exclusive use of the Outdoor Lab on specified days. Arlington County Public Schools paid AOEA \$133,529 for the year ending December 31, 2023. The amount will be adjusted by the CPI for subsequent year payments. The MOU will automatically be renewed for successive three-year terms unless either party gives notice. Arlington County Public Schools is a major donor as discussed in Note J.

**Note K – Major Donors**

During the year ended December 31, 2023, AOEA received \$133,529 from one major donor, which accounts for 49% of total support for the period.

**Note L – Contributed Services**

Unpaid volunteers contribute their time to forward the Organization's program services. Those donated services do not meet the criteria for recognition as donated services under generally accepted accounting principles, therefore the value of this contributed time is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

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**Note M – Prior Period Adjustment**

An adjustment was made to the financial statements related to the year ended December 31, 2022. There was a fixed asset purchase that was expensed in error. We have made a prior period adjustment of \$15,225 to increase fixed assets and increase net assets without donor restrictions. The adjustment is reflected in the beginning balances on the accompanying financial statements.