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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Managers South Carolina Historical Society Charleston, South Carolina

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of South Carolina Historical Society (a not-for-profit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the Society's management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

Accountants' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of South Carolina Historical Society and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our reviews.

Accountants' Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Report on 2022 Financial Statements

The 2022 financial statements were audited by us and we expressed an unmodified opinion on them in our report dated May 23, 2023. We have not performed any auditing procedures since that date.

DCPAS, LLC Uba Davis & Company CPAS

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina

May 7, 2024

SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

		(Reviewed)		(Audited)
		2023		2022
ASSETS				_
Cash and cash equivalents, without donor restriction	\$	191,810	\$	372,190
Investments, at market, current		127,100		127,100
Contributions receivable, net		-		10,000
Other receivables		87,163		55,219
Prepaid expense		30,957		34,499
Cash and cash equivalents, with donor restriction		312,301		376,601
Property and equipment, net		4,368,142		4,582,803
Investments, at market, long-term	_	5,049,980	_	4,230,182
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	10,167,453	\$ _	9,788,594
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Accounts payable	\$	20,555	\$	6,887
Total liabilities		20,555	_	6,887
NET ASSETS				
Without donor restrictions:				
Undesignated		3,841,353		4,185,161
Designated by the Board for endowment		3,441,675		2,936,030
Total without donor restrictions		7,283,028		7,121,191
With donor restriction	_	2,863,870	_	2,660,516
Total net assets	_	10,146,898	_	9,781,707
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	10,167,453	\$	9,788,594

SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	(Reviewed)				
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions		Total	
SUPPORT AND REVENUES					
Membership dues	\$ 252,187 \$	-	\$	252,187	
Contributions	224,375	2,476		226,851	
Grants	352,553	70,724		423,277	
Investment income, net of \$34,463 in fees	54,674	26,168		80,842	
Program income	77,481	-		77,481	
Library income and services	26,821	-		26,821	
Museum ticket sales	30,110	-		30,110	
Other revenue	42,715	-		42,715	
	1,060,916	99,368		1,160,284	
Net assets released from restriction	177,824	(177,824)	. <u>—</u>		
Total support and revenues	1,238,740	(78,456)		1,160,284	
EXPENSES					
Program services	1,222,593	-		1,222,593	
Supporting services					
Management and general	211,762	-		211,762	
Fundraising	164,511	-	. <u> </u>	164,511	
Total expenses	1,598,866	-		1,598,866	
Unrealized and realized gain on investments	521,963	281,810		803,773	
Total expenses and investment gain	1,076,903	(281,810)		795,093	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	161,837	203,354		365,191	
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	7,121,191	2,660,516		9,781,707	
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 7,283,028 \$	2,863,870	\$	10,146,898	

SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	(Audited)				
	Without Donor	With Donor			
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total		
SUPPORT AND REVENUES					
Membership dues	\$ 263,663 \$	- \$	263,663		
Contributions	149,915	18,046	167,961		
Grants	27,883	149,416	177,299		
Investment income, net of \$33,179 in fees	70,421	32,569	102,990		
Program income	42,263	-	42,263		
Library income and services	24,540	-	24,540		
Museum ticket sales	40,380	-	40,380		
Retail sales, net	5,365	-	5,365		
Release from pledge obligation	162,563	-	162,563		
Other revenue	3,213		3,213		
	790,206	200,031	990,237		
Net assets released from restriction	222,686	(222,686)			
Total support and revenues	1,012,892	(22,655)	990,237		
EXPENSES					
Program services	876,746	-	876,746		
Supporting services	,		,		
Management and general	199,730	-	199,730		
Fundraising	191,582		191,582		
Total expenses	1,268,058	-	1,268,058		
Unrealized and realized loss on investments	(764,585)	(267,835)	(1,032,420)		
Total expenses and investment loss	2,032,643	267,835	2,300,478		
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(1,019,751)	(290,490)	(1,310,241)		
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 7,121,191 \$	2,660,516 \$	9,781,707		

SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	(Reviewed)							
	Program Services	Management & General	Fund- raising	Total				
COMPENSATION AND RELATED EXPENS	SES							
Salaries \$	427,971 \$	92,095 \$	21,669 \$	541,735				
Employee benefits	29,981	6,452	1,518	37,951				
Payroll taxes	34,501	7,424	1,747	43,672				
Retirement	23,440	5,044	1,187	29,671				
Total compensation and related expenses	515,893	111,015	26,121	653,029				
OTHER EXPENSES								
Program	123,294	-	-	123,294				
Professional fees	72,326	15,564	3,662	91,552				
Advertising	-	-	74,372	74,372				
Publications	51,646	-	-	51,646				
Insurance	40,789	8,777	2,066	51,632				
Building maintenance	39,335	8,464	1,992	49,791				
Library collections	43,131	-	-	43,131				
Lobbying	-	-	40,312	40,312				
Travel and education	27,085	5,828	1,372	34,285				
Utilities	18,398	3,959	931	23,288				
Computer and technology	18,194	3,915	922	23,031				
Miscellaneous	15,225	3,276	771	19,272				
Exhibit expense	18,450	-	-	18,450				
Postage	6,612	1,423	334	8,369				
Telephone	5,746	1,237	291	7,274				
Bank fees	4,957	1,067	251	6,275				
Office supplies	3,104	668	157	3,929				
Scholarships	2,000	- -	<u> </u>	2,000				
TOTAL EXPENSES BEFORE DEPRECIATION	1,006,185	165,193	153,554	1,324,932				
Depreciation	216,408	46,569	10,957	273,934				
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES \$	1,222,593 \$	211,762 \$	164,511 \$	1,598,866				

SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	(Audited)								
	_	Program Services	Management & General	Fund- raising	Total				
COMPENSATION AND RELATED EXPENSES									
Salaries	\$	397,489 \$	104,893 \$	49,686 \$	552,068				
Employee benefits		7,637	2,015	955	10,607				
Retirement		31,062	8,198	3,882	43,142				
Payroll taxes	_	18,711	4,939	2,338	25,988				
Total compensation and related expenses		454,899	120,045	56,861	631,805				
OTHER EXPENSES									
Program		67,666	-	-	67,666				
Advertising		-	-	62,765	62,765				
Insurance		39,568	10,441	4,946	54,955				
Publications		38,735	-	-	38,735				
Lobbying		-	-	34,208	34,208				
Utilities		13,116	3,461	1,640	18,217				
Professional fees		12,780	3,372	1,598	17,750				
Building maintenance		10,098	2,665	1,262	14,025				
Travel and education		9,449	2,493	1,181	13,123				
Computer and technology		8,833	2,331	1,104	12,268				
Library collections		7,929	-	-	7,929				
Postage		4,692	1,238	587	6,517				
Telephone		4,639	1,224	580	6,443				
Bank fees		3,557	939	445	4,941				
Exhibit expense		3,298	-	-	3,298				
Scholarships		2,250	-	-	2,250				
Security and fire		1,537	406	192	2,135				
Office supplies		1,366	360	171	1,897				
Miscellaneous	_	1,329	351	166	1,846				
TOTAL EXPENSES BEFORE									
DEPRECIATION		685,741	149,326	167,706	1,002,773				
Depreciation	_	191,005	50,404	23,876	265,285				
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	\$_	876,746 \$	199,730 \$	191,582 \$	1,268,058				

SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	_	(Reviewed)	_	(Audited)
		2023	_	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Change in net assets	\$	365,191	\$	(1,310,241)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash				
provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation		273,934		265,285
Unrealized and realized (gains)/losses		(803,773)		1,032,883
Release from pledge obligation		-		(162,562)
Decrease (increase) in current assets:				
Contribution receivables		10,000		-
Other receivables		(31,944)		20,294
Prepaid expenses		3,542		(13,872)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:				
Accounts payable		13,668		(6,845)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		(169,382)		(175,058)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Purchases of property and equipment		(59,273)		(62,341)
Proceeds from sale of securities		3,273,868		1,974,900
Purchase of securities - net reinvested earnings		(3,225,593)		(1,898,186)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		(10,998)		14,373
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(180,380)		(160,685)
Cash and cash equivalents as of beginning of year		748,791		909,476
Cash and cash equivalents as of end of year	\$	568,411	\$	748,791
Cash and cash equivalents, without donor restrictions	\$	191,810	\$	372,190
Cash and cash equivalents, with donor restrictions	Ψ	376,601	Ψ	376,601
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	568,411	\$ —	748,791
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NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Organization

South Carolina Historical Society (the Society) is a nonprofit corporation organized in 1855 to collect and preserve manuscripts, documents, maps, charts, books, genealogies, works of art and other records. They publish materials and promote dissemination and appreciation of the state's history. The archives, as well as research services, are available to members and the public. Support is derived from museum ticket sales, museum retail sales, annual membership dues, contributions, special events, and earnings from endowment. Smaller amounts of revenue are generated from library and research services and book sales.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Society have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and accordingly to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Society considers all unrestricted highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. This includes cash in banks, certificates of deposit and money market funds.

Contributions and Other Receivables

Contributions and other receivable are recognized as revenues in the period received and as assets, decreases in liabilities, or expenses depending on the form of the benefits received. Conditional contributions receivable are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. The Society uses the current expected credit loss (CECL) allowance method to account for uncollectible promises to give. The allowance is based on management's estimate of the collectability of the promises and historical experience. Contributions receivable that are expected to be collected in more than one year are recorded at fair value at the date of the promise. That fair value is computed using a present value technique applied to anticipated cash flows. Amortization of the resulting discount is recognized as additional contributions revenue.

Prepaids and Other Assets

Prepaids and other assets are primarily insurance and deposits on upcoming Society events that are paid for in advance of the next year.

Net Assets

The financial statements report net assets and changes in net assets in two classes that are based upon the existence or absence of restrictions on use that are placed by its donors, as follows:

• Net Assets without Donor Restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations. The only limits on the use of these net assets are the board limits resulting for the nature of the organizations, the environment in which It operates, the purposes specified in its corporate documents and its application for tax-exempt status, and any limits resulting from contractual agreements with creditors and others that are entered into in the course of its operations.

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are restricted by a donor for use for a particular purpose or in a particular future period. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, and the restriction will expire when the resources are used in accordance with the donor's instructions or when the stipulated time has passed. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature; the Society must continue to use the resources in accordance with the donor's instructions.

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

• Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

When a donor's restriction is satisfied, either by using the resources in the manner specified by the donor or by the passage of time, the expiration of the restriction is reported in the financial statements by reclassifying the net assets from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions. Net assets restricted for acquisition of buildings or equipment are reported as net assets with donor restrictions until the specified asset is placed in service by the Society, unless the donor provides more specific directions about the period of its use. It is the Society's policy to record restricted contributions received and released in the same year as support without donor restrictions.

Classification of Transactions

All revenues and net gains are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities unless the donor specified the use of the related resources for a particular purpose or in a future period. All expenses and net losses other than losses on endowment investments are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Net gains on endowment investments increase net assets with donor restrictions, and net losses on endowment investments reduce that net asset class.

Investments

The Society investments consist primarily of assets invested in marketable equities, fixed income, real estate funds, and alternative funds. The Society accounts for investments in accordance with FASB ASC 958-320 and subsections. This standard requires that investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities be measured at fair value in the Statement of Financial Position. Fair value of marketable equity and debt securities is based on quoted market prices. Short-term investments comprise of amounts calculated from the prior year spending policy based on a 4% to 5% 3-year rolling average of board designated funds.

Investments are exposed to various risks such as significant world events, interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in the fair value of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statement of financial position.

Investment income is recorded net of investment expenses. Realized gains or losses on investments are determined by comparison of specific cost of acquisition to proceeds at the time of disposal. Unrealized gains or losses are calculated by comparing cost to market values at the statement of financial position date.

Investment income and gains restricted by donors are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions are met (either a stipulated time period ends or a purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the income and gains are recognized.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The estimated fair values of the Society's short-term financial investments, including cash, cash equivalents, contribution receivable, grants receivable and investments arising in the ordinary course of business, approximate their individual carrying value due to their relatively short period of time between their origination and expected realization.

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Endowment and Long-term Investment

Endowment investments consist of investments purchased with the following resources:

- Donor-restricted perpetual endowments, which are contributions restricted by donors to investment in perpetuity with only investment income and appreciation being used to support the Society's activities.
- Donor-restricted term endowments, which are contributions restricted by donors to invest for the term specified by the donor. During the term, the donor may either require investment income and appreciation to be reinvested in the fund, or may permit the Society to spend those amounts in accordance with donor's restrictions on use.
- Board-designated endowments, which are resources set aside by the Board of Managers for an indeterminate period to operate in a manner similar to a donor-restricted perpetual endowment. Because a board-designated endowment results from an internal designation, it can be spent upon action of the Board of Managers.

Property and Equipment

Purchased property and equipment is recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment is recorded at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. Expenditures for major additions and improvements, generally in excess of \$1,000, are capitalized and minor replacements, maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. When property and equipment is retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the statements of activities for the respective period. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, ranging from 5 to 40 years.

Collections

The Society follows the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) ASC 958-310-50, collection items acquired either through the purchase or donation are not capitalized. Purchases of collection items are recorded as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions if purchased with funds without donor restrictions and as decreases in net assets with donor restrictions if purchased with donor-restricted funds. Noncash contributions of collection items are not recorded in the statement of activities. A collection inventory is maintained that lists a description of the item, source, and storage location. If the collection is sold, the proceeds will directly benefit the collections on hand for direct care or for the acquisition of new collection items. The collection contains historically significant items related to the Society's history that are considered priceless. They are held for public exhibition, education or research and are protected, cared for and preserved. See Note 9 - Collections.

Compensated Absences

Permanent full-time and permanent part-time employees of the Society are entitled to paid vacations, paid sick days and personal days off, depending on job classification and length of service.

Length of Service	Equivalent Weeks
90 days	1
After 90 days	2
1 year	3
2-4 years	4
5-9 years	5
9-13 years	6
14 years	7

No liability was recorded for estimated unused personal time as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, as amounts are considered immaterial.

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Accounting of Contributions

Contributions, including contributions receivable, are recognized when received. All contributions are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless use of the contributed assets is specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are restricted by the donor to use in future periods or for specific purposes are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. Contributions receivable with payments due in the future years have an implied restriction to be used in the year the payment is due, and therefore are reported as restricted until the payment is due, unless the contributions is clearly intended to support activities in the current fiscal year. Conditional promises, such as matching grants, are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, until as conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Revenue and Revenue Recognition

The Society recognizes contributions when cash, securities or other assets, or an unconditional promise to give (contribution receivables) is received. Conditional promises to give – that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and right of return – are not recognized until the conditions are met. The Society recognizes revenue from ticket sales, which are nonrefundable, at the time of sale as most advanced tickets are only valid for 30 days after purchase and used within a week or two. Memberships, which are nonrefundable, are comprised of a contribution element only as the performance obligations are met when control is relinquished of the benefits to the supporter at time of purchase, accordingly the Society recognizes memberships immediately. Retail sales are recognized at the time of purchase.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Functional Expenses. Expenses that can be identified with a specific program or support service are charged directly to that program or support service. Costs common to multiple functions have been allocated amount the various functions benefited using a reasonable allocation method that is consistently applied as follows:

- Staff costs are allocated to departments based on area worked. Employees that have more than one area of responsibility are allocated based on time spent working in those areas.
- Direct expenses are charged to their specific area of activity.
- Telephone and internet services, insurance, and supplies and miscellaneous expenses that cannot be directly identified are allocated on the basis of employee headcount for each program and supporting activity.

Advertising

Cost of promotions and advertising are expensed as incurred. Advertising and promotion expense total \$74,372 and \$64,765 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and comparable state law as a charitable organization whereby only unrelated business income, as defined by Section 509(a)(1) of the Code is subject to federal income tax. The Society qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(l)(A) and has been classified as an association other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2).

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

Income Tax Status - Continued

Management has evaluated the tax positions of the Society and does not believe that any uncertain tax positions or unrecognized tax benefits exist for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Society's policy is to report accrued interest related to unrecognized tax benefits, when applicable, as interest expense and to report penalties as other expense. The Society is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax period in progress.

Use of 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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In compliance with Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326) issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB), the Society has adopted a new accounting policy for measuring credit losses on receivables, effective January 1, 2023. This policy is applicable to receivables arising from contributions revenue, grant revenue, program and library revenue, and other related receivables that are not measured at fair value through net income.

Credit losses on receivables are measured using the Current Expected Credit Loss (CECL) model, which mandates the estimation and recognition of expected credit losses over the life of these financial instruments. The estimation process incorporates historical loss experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts affecting the collectability of these receivables.

Expected credit losses are determined as the difference between the amortized cost basis of the receivables and the present value of the expected future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rate of the original receivable. For receivables where the lifetime expected credit loss is deemed insignificant, a simplified approach is utilized, measuring expected credit losses based on a single historical loss rate.

The Society adjusts historical loss information for receivables to account for current conditions and reasonable and supportable forecasts about the future. These adjustments reflect factors such as changes in the economic environment, and donor and grantor payment trends, which may impact the collectability of receivables.

Historical loss rates are calculated based on actual credit losses experienced over a defined period, adjusted for recoveries. This historical loss information is the foundation for the Society's expected credit loss estimates, modified as necessary to align with current and forecasted conditions.

The policy and its application to measure expected credit losses on receivables are reviewed annually or more frequently if significant changes occur in the economic conditions or payment trends among donors that could influence the collectability of these receivables.

The implementation of this policy and the adoption of the CECL model did not result in a material adjustment to the allowance for credit losses on receivables as of December 31, 2023.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts form the prior years have been reclassified to conform to the 2023 presentation without affecting the previously reported net assets.

NOTE 2 - AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that are without donor or other restrictions limiting their use within one year of the Statement of Financial Position date of December 31, 2023, comprise of the following at December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		(Reviewed)		(Audited)
	_	2023	_	2022
Financial assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents, without donor restriction	\$	191,810	\$	372,190
Cash and cash equivalents, with donor restriction		312,301		376,601
Contribution receivables, net		-		10,000
Other receivables		87,163		55,219
Investments	_	5,177,080	_	4,357,282
Total financial assets		5,768,354		5,171,292
Less financial assets held to meet donor-imposed restriction	ıs:			
Purpose and time restricted net assets		(2,863,870)		(2,660,516)
Board restricted endowment net assets	_	(3,441,675)	_	(2,936,030)
Amount available for general expenditures within one year	\$_	(537,191)	\$_	(425,254)

The above table reflects donor-restricted and board restricted endowment funds as unavailable because it is the Society's intention to invest those resources for long-term support of the Society. The accounting for endowment note provides more information about spending policies for the endowment funds. In addition, the Society will draw from the endowment of \$127,100 during year 2024 to fund operational needs. As part of its liquidity plan, the Society has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations become due.

NOTE 3 – CONTRIBUTION AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Contribution receivables are due as follows as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		(Reviewed) 2023		(Audited) 2022		
Gross amounts due in:	_		_			
One year	\$_	-	\$	10,000		
Total	\$	-	\$	10,000		

Other receivables of \$87,163 are made up of reimbursable grants as of December 31, 2023. Other receivables of \$55,219 are made up of \$36,444 for the Employee Retention Tax Credit and \$18,775 for reimbursable grants as of December 31, 2022.

In addition, the Society has been informed of intentions to give in the form of possible future bequests, currently of indeterminable value, that have not been reflected in the accompanying financial statements because they are not unconditional promises.

NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS

Investments held by the Society are in various accounts at a national brokerage firm. Investment fees are netted against gains and losses. Investments are stated at fair market value and consist of the following as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	(Reviewed)				(Audited)			
	 2023	3			2022			
	 FMV	_	Cost		FMV		Cost	
Money market	\$ 779,697	\$	779,697	\$	-	\$	-	
Real estate funds	193,316		198,098		138,243		189,310	
Alternatives	-		-		672,648		672,648	
Fixed income	1,482,466		1,553,521		1,308,973		1,465,176	
Equities	 2,721,601	_	1,741,264		2,237,418		1,932,367	
	\$ 5,177,080	\$_	4,272,580	\$_	4,357,282	\$_	4,259,501	

Maturities for the above listed investments as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

		(Reviewed)		(Audited)
	_	2023	_	2022
Short-term investments	\$	127,100	\$	127,100
Long-term investments	_	5,049,980	_	4,230,182
	\$_	5,177,080	\$_	5,463,729

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NOTE 5 - SUMMARY OF FAIR VALUE EXPOSURE

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

Level 1

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

Level 2

Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

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

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

Level 3

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

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

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the application of valuation techniques applied to similar assets and liabilities have been consistent. The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value. The fair value of investments is based on quoted market rates.

The following table provides fair value measurement information for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2023:

(Reviewed)											
			2023								
		Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total			
Money market	\$	779,697	\$	-	\$	-	\$	779,697			
Real estate funds		193,316		-		-		193,316			
Fixed income		1,482,466		-		-		1,482,466			
Equities		2,721,601			_		_	2,721,601			
	\$_	5,177,080	\$_	-	\$_	-	\$	5,177,080			

NOTE 5 - SUMMARY OF FAIR VALUE EXPOSURE - Continued

The following table provides fair value measurement information for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2022:

	 (Audited)								
	 2022								
	Level 1		Level 2		Level 3		Total		
Real estate funds	\$ 138,243	\$	-	\$	-	\$	138,243		
Alternatives	672,648		-		-		672,648		
Fixed income	1,308,973		-		-		1,308,973		
Equities	 2,237,418		-		-		2,237,418		
	\$ 4,357,282	\$	-	\$	-	\$	4,357,282		

The inputs and methodology used for valuing the Society's financial assets and liabilities are not indicators of the risks associated with those instruments.

NOTE 6 - ACCOUNTING FOR ENDOWMENTS

For the year end December 31, 2008, South Carolina adopted the State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (SPMIFA). The Board of Managers of the Society has interpreted SPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Society classifies as in perpetuity net assets (a) the original gifts donated to the in perpetuity endowment, (b) subsequent gifts to the in perpetuity endowment, and (c) accumulations to the in perpetuity endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified as in perpetuity net assets is classified as net assets with

donor restrictions in nature until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by SPMIFA. In accordance with SPMIFA, the Society considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the Society
- (7) The investment policies of the Society

Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Society has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that the Society must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period as well as board-designated funds. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Managers, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield results of the S&P 500 index or similar established broad market measures of return on investments.

NOTE 6 - ACCOUNTING FOR ENDOWMENTS - Continued

Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Society relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation or depreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Society targets a diversified asset allocation that places an emphasis on equity-based investments and bond funds to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Society has a policy of appropriating a distribution each year not to exceed five percent of its selected endowment fund's moving average fair value over the three years preceding the year in which the distribution is planned. In establishing this policy, the Society considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, the Society expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment to grow at an average of five to eight percent annually. This is consistent with the Society's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

The Society's 2023 endowments consist of twenty-seven (27) individual funds established for a variety of purposes compared to 2022 when the Society had twenty-eight (28) individual funds. Its endowments include funds in perpetuity, temporary in nature, and funds designated by the Board of Managers to function as endowments. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Managers to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2023:

			(Reviewed)		
	Without Donor		With Donor		
		Restrictions	Restrictions	_	Total
Board-designated endowment	\$	3,441,675 \$	-	\$	3,441,675
Donor-restricted funds					
Perpetual endownment		-	407,921		407,921
Term endownment			1,327,484	_	1,327,484
Total endowment	\$	3,441,675 \$	1,735,405	\$	5,177,080

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2022:

	(Audited)								
	W	ithout Donor	With Donor						
		Restrictions	Restricted	_	Total				
Board-designated endowment	\$	2,936,030 \$	-	\$	2,936,030				
Donor-restricted funds									
Perpetual endownment		-	407,921		407,921				
Term endownment	_	<u> </u>	1,013,331	_	1,013,331				
Total endowment	\$_	2,936,030 \$	1,421,252	\$_	4,357,282				

NOTE 6 - ACCOUNTING FOR ENDOWMENTS - Continued

Change in endowment net assets during 2023:

	(Reviewed)							
	V	Without Donor	With Donor					
	_	Restrictions	Restrictions		Total			
Endowment net assets, beginning								
of year	\$	2,936,030 \$	1,421,252	\$	4,357,282			
Interest and dividends		76,512	37,212		113,724			
Realized gains		33,860	16,375		50,235			
Unrealized gains		542,766	265,435		808,201			
Management fees		(23,210)	(11,252)		(34,462)			
Transfers		3,617	(3,617)		-			
Contributions		114,000	10,000		124,000			
Withdrawals	_	(241,900)			(241,900)			
Change in endowment net assets	_	505,645	314,153		819,798			
Total investments	\$	3,441,675 \$	1,735,405	\$_	5,177,080			

Change in endowment net assets during 2022:

	(Audited)							
		ithout Donor Unrestricted	With Donor Restricted	Total				
Endowment net assets, beginning		_		_				
of year	\$	3,759,574 \$	1,704,155 \$	5,463,729				
Interest and dividends		93,138	43,030	136,168				
Realized gains		(77,772)	(36,115)	(113,887)				
Unrealized gains		(634,426)	(284,570)	(918,996)				
Management fees		(22,718)	(10,461)	(33,179)				
Transfers		2,537	(2,537)	-				
Contributions		100,386	10,000	110,386				
Withdrawals	_	(284,689)	(2,250)	(286,939)				
Change in endowment net assets	_	(823,544)	(282,903)	(1,106,447)				
Total investments	\$_	2,936,030 \$	1,421,252 \$	4,357,282				

NOTE 7 - PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		Decemb	ber i	31,
		(Reviewed)		(Audited)
		2023	_	2022
Depreciable assets:				
Office and library equipment	\$	229,946	\$	204,334
Exhibits and equipment		1,309,579		1,470,655
Building improvements	_	3,551,878	_	3,357,141
Total property and equipment		5,091,403		5,032,130
Less: accumulated depreciation	_	(1,523,261)	_	(1,249,327)
		3,568,142		3,782,803
Non depreciable assets:				
Building and land	_	800,000	_	800,000
Total property and equipment	\$_	4,368,142	\$_	4,582,803
Exhibits and equipment Building improvements Total property and equipment Less: accumulated depreciation Non depreciable assets: Building and land	_	1,309,579 3,551,878 5,091,403 (1,523,261) 3,568,142 800,000	- -	1,470,655 3,357,141 5,032,130 (1,249,327 3,782,803

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$273,934 and \$265,285, respectively.

The Fireproof Building that houses the Society has historical significance and has been designated a National Historic Landmark. The County of Charleston, South Carolina conveyed the building and surrounding property to the Society on December 31, 1980 under the condition that the building continue to be used to house and protect historic records. In the event of violation of this condition, the deed reverts back to the County. The building is considered to meet the criteria for a historical treasurer in accordance with FASB No. 958-360-35, *Subsequent Measurement of Depreciation by Not-for-profit Organizations*, an asset that has cultural, aesthetic or historical value that is worth preserving perpetually, therefor no deprecation has been recorded.

NOTE 8 - NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

The Society has net assets with donor restrictions for the following purposes and time restrictions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

		(Reviewed)					
				2023			
		Beginning	Contributions/		Ending		
		With Donor	Investment	Distributions	With Donor	In Perpetuity	
Net Asset Fund	Purpose	 Restrictions	Income(Loss)	For Purpose	Restrictions	Restrictions	
Alexander Quattlebaum Fund	Publications	\$ 80,786	,	- \$		-	
Anna Wells Rutledge Fund	Internship	26,145	7,803	-	33,948	10,000	
B. Allston Moore Fund	Manus cript/Letters	23,916	6,246	-	30,162	5,000	
Bunting Scholarship Fund	Staff Scholarships	21,130	4,561	-	25,691	-	
Capt. Peter Gaillard Fund	Map and Plat Collection	53,852	18,102	(776)	71,178	30,000	
Charlotte Willkie Pihl Fund	Collections	204,190	54,874	-	259,064	50,000	
Contribution receivable	Capital Campaign	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-	
Fire Proof Building	Building	-	-	-	-	800,000	
Fireproof Building Fund	Building Improvements	3,958	854	-	4,812	-	
Fredrick H. Bunting Fund	SC Historical Magazine	23,594	15,887	-	39,481	50,000	
Gignilliant Fund	Scholarships	301,318	65,047	-	366,365	50,000	
Joseph I. Waring Fund	Publications/Carologue	25,320	17,339	-	42,659	55,000	
Josephine Pinckney Fund	Archives	5,464	1,827	-	7,291	3,000	
Other restricted net assets	Education Fund	14,102	-	_	14,102	· -	
Other restricted net assets	Adopt A Collection	56,588	2,475	(35,856)	23,207	_	
Other restricted net assets	Donnelly Digitization	40,283	724	(41,007)	-	_	
Other restricted net assets	WF Education Website	11,140	-	(266)	10,874	-	
Other restricted net assets	Donnelly Staff Training	258	-	(258)	-	_	
Other restricted net assets	350th Anniversary Celebration	169,084	208	(13,947)	155,345	-	
Other restricted net assets	South State Grant	9,108	-	-	9,108	-	
Other restricted net assets	Wells Fargo Travel Exhibit	4,275	-	(641)	3,634	-	
Other restricted net assets	City of Chas A. Tax Grant	5,000	10,000	(10,000)	5,000	-	
Other restricted net assets	Charleston County A-Tax	6,756	-	(6,756)	-	_	
Other restricted net assets	Exhibt Gallery Six	15,000	_	-	15,000	_	
Other restricted net assets	Digitizing Slave Records	12,000	_	(9,011)	2,989	_	
Other restricted net assets	François Courege Release	1,500	-	(1,500)	-	_	
Other restricted net assets	Humanities Council Grant	116	_	(116)	-	_	
Other restricted net assets	Prgrms & Hist.Literacy-Sanders	27,116	_	(9,444)	17,672	_	
Other restricted net assets	Sanders Fdn	6,189	1	(6,190)	-	_	
Other restricted net assets	Sue Parks Keitt	750	_	(750)	-	_	
Other restricted net assets	Sanders Family	_	50,000	(28,467)	21,533	_	
Post and Courier Fund	The Magazine	3,546	766	-	4,312	_	
R. Lockwood Tower Fund	Civil War Collection	24,999	10,777	(2,839)	32,937	24,921	
Rev. Charles Pinckney Fund	Research/Publications	12,523	8,100	-	20,623	25,000	
Westerlund Family Fund	Education	210,621	56,423	-	267,044	-	
William Hazard Wigg Fund	Maintain Wigg Rooms	41,968	31,724	-	73,692	105,000	
Total Net Assets		\$ 1,452,595		(177,824) \$	1,655,949	1,207,921	

NOTE 8 - NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS - Continued

		(Audited)									
			2022								
		Begin	_	Contributions/		Ending					
		With I	Oonor	Investment	Distribution	ns With Donor	In Perpetuity				
Net Asset Fund	Purpose	Restric		Income(Loss)	For Purpos		Restrictions				
Alexander Quattlebaum Fund	Publications	\$ 9	97,114	(16,328)	\$ -	\$ 80,786	\$ -				
Anna Wells Rutledge Fund	Internship	3	3,452	(7,307)	-	26,145	/				
B. Allston Moore Fund	Manuscript/Letters	2	29,762	(5,846)	-	23,916	5,000				
Bunting Scholarship Fund	Staff Scholarships	2	25,400	(4,270)	-	21,130	-				
Capt. Peter Gaillard Fund	Map and Plat Collection	7	70,958	(16,328)	(77	8) 53,852	30,000				
Charlotte Willkie Pihl Fund	Collections	25	55,566	(51,376)	-	204,190	50,000				
Contribution receivable	Capital Campaign	1	0,000	-	-	10,000	-				
Fire Proof Building	Building		-	-	-	-	800,000				
Fireproof Building Fund	Building Improvements		4,757	(799)	-	3,958	-				
Fredrick H. Bunting Fund	SC Historical Magazine	3	88,469	(14,875)	-	23,594	50,000				
Gignilliant Fund	Scholarships	31	5,031	(11,463)	(2,25)	0) 301,318	50,000				
Joseph I. Waring Fund	Publications/Carologue	4	1,554	(16,234)	_	25,320	55,000				
Josephine Pinckney Fund	Archives		7,174	(1,710)	-	5,464	3,000				
Other restricted net assets	Education Fund	1	4,102	-	-	14,102	· -				
Other restricted net assets	Adopt A Collection	5	54,588	2,000	-	56,588	-				
Other restricted net assets	Donnelly Digitization	3	31,078	57,503	(48,29	9) 40,283	-				
Other restricted net assets	WF Education Website	1	1,140	-	` -	11,140	-				
Other restricted net assets	Donnelly Staff Training		258	-	-	258	-				
Other restricted net assets	350th Anniversary Celebration	29	2,857	27	(123,80	0) 169,084	-				
Other restricted net assets	South State Grant		9,108	-	-	9,108	-				
Other restricted net assets	Wells Fargo Travel Exhibit		4,275	-	_	4,275	<u>-</u>				
Other restricted net assets	City of Chas A. Tax Grant		-	10,500	(5,50						
Other restricted net assets	Charleston County A-Tax		7,268	8,913	(9,42	5) 6,756	_				
Other restricted net assets	Exhibt Gallery Six		5,000	-	-	15,000					
Other restricted net assets	Digitizing Slave Records		-	12,000	_	12,000	-				
Other restricted net assets	François Courege Release		_	1,500	-	1,500					
Other restricted net assets	Humanities Council Grant		_	2,000	(1,88	4) 116	-				
Other restricted net assets	Prgrms & Hist.Literacy-Sanders		_	50,500	(23,38	*	-				
Other restricted net assets	Sanders Fdn		_	11,796	(5,60		_				
Other restricted net assets	Sue Parks Keitt		_	750	-	750					
Post and Courier Fund	The Magazine		4,263	(717)	_	3,546	_				
R. Lockwood Tower Fund	Civil War Collection		35,411	(8,653)	(1,75						
Rev. Charles Pinckney Fund	Research/Publications		20,107	(7,584)	(1,73	12,523	,				
Westerlund Family Fund	Education		12,721	(32,100)	_	210,621					
William Hazard Wigg Fund	Maintain Wigg Rooms		71,672	(29,704)	-	41,968					
Total Net Assets			13,085		\$ (222,68)						

The investment income related to the funds in perpetuity are accounted for within donor restricted investment earnings on the statements of activities. No additional contributions were added to the funds in perpetuity during 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 9 - COLLECTIONS

Collection items are not capitalized. The Society does not consider the collection a financial asset, but rather an irreplaceable treasure of South Carolina culture. Donors continue to contribute to the collection each year. A majority of the collection resides at the College of Charleston. There were purchases of collection items during the year ended December 31, 2023. There were no purchases of collection items for the year ended December 31, 2022. There were no sales of collection items for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 10 - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Society to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash in banks; investments managed by brokerage firms and promise to give. The Society places its cash and investments with reputable financial institutions and limits the amount of credit exposure for cash to any one financial institution. Accounts held by banking institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. The Society's uninsured cash balances as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 are \$75,167 and \$299,181, respectively.

Contributions are derived from donors throughout the state of South Carolina, most of whom are in the Charleston area

The Society has credit risk in the investment funds managed by a trust department. The trust department holds these funds in a fiduciary capacity, and they are not held as collateral for the trustee's creditors. Credit risk is managed by investment policies.

NOTE 11 - RETIREMENT PLAN

The Society sponsors a qualified retirement plan under IRS Code 403(b). Effective July 1, 2017, the plan was amended to allow the Society to match up to 7% of the employees' compensation. Employees must be age 21, work sixty days and work 20 hours per week to be eligible to receive the match. Effective January 1, 2019, the plan was restated to include part-time employees in the match program. The Society's retirement expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$29,671 and \$25,988 respectively.

NOTE 12 - RELATED PARTIES

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, various board members contributed funds and made payments on pledges for the building, marketing and archives campaign funds.

NOTE 13 - CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST

The Society is the beneficiary of several charitable remainder trusts. The Society does not receive any regular annual distributions; nor is there adequate information to estimate their value or future cash flow streams. No amounts have been recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

NOTE 14 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In accordance with ASC 855, the Society evaluated subsequent events through the report date, the date the financials were available to be issued, and has concluded no significant subsequent events meet the criteria of the professional accounting standards to be recognized or not recognized, but disclosed, in these financial statements.