

Financial Statements

December 31, 2019 and 2018

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Hands Across the Sea, Inc. Boston, Massachusetts

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hands Across the Sea, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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 the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the organization's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 organization's Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hands Across the Sea, Inc. as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Exeter, Rhode Island

April 4, 2020

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<u>Statements of Financial Position</u> <u>December 31, 2019 and 2018</u>

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ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash	\$	91,611	\$	55,777	
Contributions Receivable, Current Portions		86,805		57,244	
Refundable Expenses		1,250		-	
Prepaid Expenses		1,396		1,218	
Book Inventory to be Distributed	_	1,350		12,750	
Total Current Assets	9	182,412		126,989	
Long-Term Assets:					
Cash Held for Operational Reserve		50,000		25,000	
Total Long-Term Assets	_	50,000		25,000	
Total Assets	\$ _	232,412	\$	151,989	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSE	TS				
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$	5,265	\$	6,311	
Credit Cards Payable	_	3,126	ı. .	2,595	
Total Liabilities	-	8,391		8,906	
Net Assets:					
Without Donor Restrictions:					
General		129,971		105,333	
Operational Reserves		50,000		25,000	
Total Without Donor Restrictions	-	179,971		130,333	
With Donor Restrictions	10	44,050	_	12,750	
Total Net Assets		224,021	_	143,083	
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ _	232,412	\$.	151,989	

 $See\ independent\ auditors'\ report\ and\ accompanying\ notes\ to\ financial\ statements.$

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2019

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions	Totals
Public Support and Revenue:					
Public Support:					
Contributions and Grants					
Churches and Religious Organizations	\$	550	\$	-	\$ 550
Corporate Contributions		35,316		82,374	117,690
Foundations		97,958		123,486	221,444
Individuals		196,617		23,116	219,733
Donated Services		7,774		-	7,774
Non-Cash Contributions		_		6,555	6,555
Total Public Support	,	338,215		235,531	 573,746
Revenue:	,	3	,		
Interest and Dividend Income		27		-	27
Other		867		-	867
Total Revenue	,	894	,	=	894
Net Assets Released from Restriction	,	204,231		(204,231)	 -
Total Public Support and Revenue, After Net Assets Released From Restriction		543,340		31,300	 574,640
Program Expenses:					
Program Services		416,841		-	416,841
Supporting Service Expenses:					
Management and General Expenses		42,923		_	42,923
Fundraising Expenses		33,938		-	33,938
Total Supporting Service Expenses		76,861		_	76,861
Total Expenses		493,702			493,702
Increase in Net Assets		49,638		31,300	80,938
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		130,333		12,750	143,083
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	179,971	\$.	44,050	\$ 224,021

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA, INC. <u>Statement of Activities</u> Year Ended December 31, 2018

		Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		Totals
Public Support and Revenue:	ě				-	
Public Support:						
Contributions and Grants						
Churches and Religious Organizations	\$	300	\$	-	\$	300
Corporate Contributions		13,145		46,524		59,669
Foundations		49,271		102,302		151,573
Individuals		162,987		27,628		190,615
Donated Services		7,766		-		7,766
Non-Cash Contributions		=		102,766		102,766
Total Public Support		233,469		279,220		512,689
Revenue:			_			
Interest and Dividend Income		9	_			9
Total Revenue		9		-	_	9
Net Assets Released from Restriction		367,469	-	(367,469)	_	
Total Public Support and Revenue, After Net Assets Released From Restriction	8	600,947		(88,249)		512,698
Program Expenses:						
Program Services	3	492,226			_	492,226
Supporting Service Expenses:						
Management and General Expenses		43,977		-		43,977
Fundraising Expenses		30,935		=		30,935
Total Supporting Service Expenses		74,912		-	_	74,912
Total Expenses		567,138	-		-	567,138
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		33,809		(88,249)		(54,440)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		96,524		100,999	-	197,523
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	130,333	\$ _	12,750	\$ _	143,083

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA, INC. Schedule of Functional Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2019

	Total	Managamant		Total		
	Program	Management and		Supporting Service	2019	
	Services	General	Fundraising	Expenses	Totals	!
	<u> </u>	General	T until aising	Lapenses	Totals	
Salaries and Wages:						
Executive Director	\$ 37,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 9,600	\$ 10,800	\$ 48,000	0
Communications Director	37,440	1,440	9,120	10,560	48,000	0
Program Director	35,600	-	-	-	35,600	
Summer Intern	8,592	_	-	-	8,592	
Employee Benefits	7,406	239	1,911	2,150	9,556	
Payroll Taxes	9,840	216	1,534	1,750	11,590	
Subtotal	136,078	3,095	22,165	25,260	161,338	
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Other Operating Expenses:						
Fees for Service:						
Operations Manager	575	2,313	375	2,688	3,263	3
Librarian Fees	12,580	-	-	_	12,580	
Bookkeeping Services	-	13,319	-	13,319	13,319	
Program Director	9,400	50	_	50	9,450	
Literacy Links - Outside Services						
and Related Expenses	122,700	-		_	122,700	0
Other Outside Services	-	2,625		2,625	2,625	
Accounting Fees	_	8,000	J	8,000	8,000	
Bank Charges	-	3,384	_	3,384	3,384	
Books and Educational Materials	78,557	-	_	_	78,557	
Insurance Expense	-	1,368	-	1,368	1,368	
Mail Forwarding	, _	1,450	-	1,450	1,450	
Miscellaneous	-	-	405	405	405	
Office Expenses	2,971	380	189	569	3,540	
Payroll Processing Fees	-	2,156	_	2,156	2,156	
Postage and Shipping	9,639	527	1,278	1,805	11,444	
Printing and Copying	4,158	277	1,783	2,060	6,218	
Professional Development	895	_	_	_	895	
Software and IT Services	694	305	2,928	3,233	3,927	
Storage - Donated Services	4,574	_	2,720	5,255	4,574	
Supplies	7,754	_	_	_	7,754	
State Registration Fees		3,140	_	3,140	3,140	
Telephone, Telecommunications	2,625	534	534	1,068	3,693	
Travel Expenses	23,641	_	4,281	4,281	27,922	
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Total Functional Expenses	\$ 416,841	\$ 42,923	\$ 33,938	\$76,861	\$ 493,702	<u>}</u>

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA, INC. Schedule of Functional Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2018

	-	Total Program Services	M	anagement and General		ındraising		Total Supporting Service Expenses	_	2018 Totals
Salaries and Wages:										
Executive Director	\$	37,200	\$	1,200	\$	9,600	\$	10,800	\$	48,000
Communications Director	Ψ	33,540	Ψ	1,290	Ψ	8,170	Ψ	9,460	Ψ	43,000
Other Personnel		9,192		1,270		0,170		<i>></i> , +00		9,192
Employee Benefits		5,668		198		1,428		1,626		7,294
Payroll Taxes		6,606		217		1,435		1,652		8,258
Subtotal	-	92,206	a 	2,905	3	20,633	-	23,538	-	115,744
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Other Operating Expenses:										
Fees for Service:										
Operations Manager		9,313		8,387		1,825		10,212		19,525
Librarian Fees		12,345		-		_		_		12,345
Bookkeeping Services		_		12,744		_		12,744		12,744
Program Director		10,209		_		-		_		10,209
Literacy Links - Outside Services										•
and Related Expenses		90,473		-		-		_		90,473
Other Outside Services		_		-		87		87		87
Accounting Fees		-		7,280		_		7,280		7,280
Bank Charges		-		3,913		-		3,913		3,913
Books and Educational Materials		225,913		· -		_		_		225,913
Insurance Expense		-		1,111		-		1,111		1,111
Mail Forwarding		-		1,329		-		1,329		1,329
Miscellaneous		=		1		79		80		80
Office Expenses		3,334		123		_		123		3,457
Payroll Processing Fees		-		1,562		-		1,562		1,562
Postage and Shipping		12,238		146		1,729		1,875		14,113
Printing and Copying		7,407		227		2,192		2,419		9,826
Software and IT Services		889		218		3,212		3,430		4,319
Storage - Donated Services		4,574		-		-		-		4,574
Supplies		5,863		-		-		-		5,863
State Registration Fees		-		3,440		-		3,440		3,440
Telephone, Telecommunications		1,733		548		438		986		2,719
Travel Expenses	_	15,729		43		740	_	783	_	16,512
Total Functional Expenses	\$ _	492,226	\$ _	43,977	\$_	30,935	\$_	74,912	\$ _	567,138

Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ 80,938 \$	(54,440)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to		
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:		
Change in Donated Book Inventory to be Distributed	11,400	20,560
Changes in:		
Contributions Receivable	(29,561)	26,133
Refundable Expenses	(1,250)	_
Prepaid Expenses	(178)	(1,218)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	(1,046)	98
Credit Cards Payable	531	-
Total Adjustments	(20,104)	44,504
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	60,834	(9,936)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Increase in Cash Held for Operational Reserve	(25,000)	(5,000)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(25,000)	(5,000)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	35,834	(14,936)
Cash, Beginning of Year	55,777	70,713
Cash, End of Year	\$ 91,611 \$	55,777

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

1. Nature of the Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Nature of the Organization

Hands Across the Sea, Inc. (the "Organization") was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 2007. The Organization's primary purpose is to raise the literacy levels of Caribbean children by assisting schools and libraries in Caribbean communities. Hands Across the Sea's Caribbean Literacy and School Support (CLASS) Program has three main goals: (1) to send age-appropriate and culturally relevant books; (2) to create lending libraries so that the entire community has access to books; and (3) to foster library sustainability through hands-on monitoring, teacher training and professional development. Since incorporation, the Organization has provided over five hundred thousand books and various teaching resources to hundreds of schools, libraries and youth centers throughout the Eastern Caribbean islands of Antigua, St. Kitts and Nevis, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Grenada.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Organization prepares its financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles promulgated in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) for not-for-profit entities. The significant accounting and reporting policies used by the Organization are described subsequently to enhance the usefulness and understandability of the financial statements.

A. Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation:

The Organization prepares its financial statements using the accrual basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Support and revenues are recognized when received or earned, and expenses and losses are recognized when incurred.

B. *Use of Estimates*:

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. On an ongoing basis, the Organization's management evaluates the estimates and assumptions based on historical experience and various other factors and circumstances. The Organization's management believes that the estimates and assumptions are reasonable in the circumstances; however, actual results could differ from those estimates.

C. 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 uses of the funds that are placed by its donors, as follows:

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

1. Nature of the Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

C. Net Assets: (Continued)

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 broad limits resulting from the nature of the Organization, 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

Net assets with donor restrictions are resources that are restricted by a grantor or donor for a particular purpose or for use 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 grantor or donor's instructions or when the stipulated time has passed. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature; the Organization must continue to use the resources in accordance with the donor's instructions. For fiscal years 2019 and 2018, there were no perpetual restrictions.

The Organization's unspent grants or contributions are included in this class if the donors limited their use, as are its donor-restricted endowment funds and its beneficial interest in a perpetual charitable trust held by a financial institution, if applicable.

When a donor's restriction is satisfied, either by using the resources in the manner specified by the grantor or 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.

D. 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 grantor or donor specified the use of the related resources for a particular purpose or for use in a future period. All expenses and net losses other than losses on endowment investments (if applicable) are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. If applicable, net gains on endowment investments increase net assets with donor restrictions, and net losses on endowment investments reduce that net asset class.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

1. Nature of the Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents, and Monetary Risk:

The Organization considers all short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts that, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes it is not exposed to any significant risk on cash deposits. At December 31, 2019 all cash held at financial institutions was insured by the federal limit.

F. Contributions Receivable:

Contributions receivable are unconditional promises to give that are recognized as contributions when the promise is received. Contributions receivable that are expected to be collected in less than one year are reported at net realizable value. Contributions receivable that are expected to be collected in more than one year are recorded at fair value at the date of promise. If significant, that fair value is computed using a present value technique applied to anticipated cash flows. Amortization of the resulting discount is recognized as additional contribution revenue.

The allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable, if required, is determined based on management's evaluation of the collectability of individual promises. On a periodic basis, the Organization evaluates its contributions receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, when deemed necessary, based on its history of past write-offs and collections and current credit conditions.

G. Accounting for Grants and Contributions:

Grants and contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized when received. All grants and 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. Unconditional promises with payments due in 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 contribution is clearly intended to support activities of the current fiscal year. Conditional promises, such as matching grants, are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, until all conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

1. Nature of the Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

H. Contributed Services:

The Organization uses individuals who volunteer their time to perform a variety of services, primarily fundraising; however, no amounts are recorded since these services do not require specialized skill, and thus do not meet the recognition criteria under current accounting standards as promulgated in the United States of America. See Note 8 for a summary of the contributed services that have been recorded.

I. Book Inventory to be Distributed:

Book inventory to be distributed consists of books that were donated to the Organization and had not yet been distributed at year's end. These books have been recognized at fair value and will be used in the Organization's program in the next year or years.

J. Expense Recognition and Allocation:

The cost of providing the Organization's programs and other activities is summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and 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 among the various functions using a reasonable allocation method that is consistently applied, as follows:

- Personnel costs are all allocated based on estimates of time provided to each function.
- Fees for services costs are allocated based on estimates of time provided to each function
- All other costs are generally allocated by function using specific identification.

When program or service efforts change, the bases on which costs are allocated are reevaluated.

Management and general expenses include those costs that are not directly identifiable with any specific program, but which provide for the overall support and direction of the Organization.

Fundraising costs are expensed as incurred, even though they may result in contributions received in future years. Additionally, advertising costs, if any, are expensed as incurred.

Reclassifications – Certain 2018 payroll and printing costs have been reclassified to conform to the 2019 presentation.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2019 and 2018

1. Nature of the Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

K. Tax Status:

The Internal Revenue Service has determined the Organization is a not-for-profit organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is generally exempt from income taxes. The Organization is not classified as a private foundation. The Organization evaluates all significant tax positions as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. As of December 31, 2019, the Organization does not believe it has taken any tax positions that would require the recognition of a tax liability or any unrealized tax benefit that would either increase or decrease within the next twelve months. Tax years that are open for examination by taxing authorities are generally the last three tax year-ends.

2. Liquidity and Availability:

As of December 31, 2019, the following table shows the total financial assets held by the Organization and the amounts of those financial assets that could be made available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet general expenditures (i.e. without donor or other restrictions limiting their use within one year):

Financial Assets at Year-End:	2019	2018
Cash	\$ 91,611	\$ 55,777
Contributions Receivable	86,805	57,244
Cash Held for Operational Reserve	50,000	25,000
Total Financial Assets at Year-End	228,416	138,021
Less Financial Assets Held for Operational		
Reserve	50,000	25,000
	\$ 178,416	\$ 113,021

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 minimizing medium and long-term obligations. Hands Across the Sea has a Liquidity Policy to maintain current financial assets less current liabilities at a minimum of 30 days operating expenses and to target a year-end balance of reserves of unrestricted net assets to meet 45 days of expected expenditures. To achieve these targets, the Organization forecasts future cash flows and monitors its liquidity quarterly, and monitors its reserves annually. The Organization considers contributions restricted for programs which are ongoing and central to its annual operations to be available to meet cash needs for general expenditures. During the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, the level of liquidity and reserves was managed within the policy requirements, and the Organization did not incur any long-term obligations.

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3. Contributions Receivable:

Of the total contributions receivable of \$86,805 at December 31, 2019, \$60,700 is receivable from three donors at December 31, 2019. Of the total contributions receivable of \$57,244 at December 31, 2018, \$39,175 is receivable from two donors at December 31, 2018.

4. Net Assets With Donor Restrictions:

Net assets With Donor Restrictions consist of the following at December 31:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Purpose Restriction:		
Book Inventory to be Distributed	\$ 1,350	\$ 12,750
Books, Libraries and School Supplies/Expenses	2,700	-
Time Restriction:		
To be Received in Future Year	40,000	
Net Assets With Donor Restrictions	\$ <u>44,050</u>	\$ <u>12,750</u>

5. Net Assets Released From Restrictions:

Net Assets were released from restriction for the following at December 31:

	<u>2019</u>	2018
Purpose Restrictions:		
Books, Libraries and School Supplies/Expenses	\$ <u>204,234</u>	\$ <u>367,469</u>
Total Net Assets Released from Restriction	\$204,234	\$367,469

6. Related Party Transactions:

The co-founders of the Organization, who are related by marriage, work as the Organization's Executive Director and Communications Director.

Board members donated approximately \$12,300 and \$15,100 during the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

The spouse of the Treasurer of the Organization provided certain services as Operations Manager on an as-needed basis through March 2019 and was paid as an independent contractor at an hourly rate, which totaled approximately \$3,300 and \$19,500 for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

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6. Related Party Transactions: (Continued)

A Board member who started providing Program Director services as an independent contractor in 2018 was put on payroll in fiscal year 2019. She is related to another Board member by marriage. Program Director expense related to this arrangement was \$45,000 in 2019 and \$19,209 in 2018.

7. Concentrations:

Approximately 14 percent and 28 percent, respectively, of total public support, including donated books and resources, was contributed by one donor during the year ended December 31, 2019 and two donors during the year ended December 31, 2018.

8. Donated Services and Non-Cash Contributions:

Donated services and non-cash contributions consist of the following at the year ended December 31:

G '	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Services: Storage, Shipping and Related Services	\$ 7,774	\$ 7,766
Non-Cash Contributions: Books and Resources	<u>6,555</u>	102,766
Total Donated Services and Non-Cash Contributions	\$ <u>14,329</u>	\$ <u>110,532</u>

9. Subsequent Events Evaluation and Uncertainties:

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through April 4, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Events occurring after that date have not been evaluated to determine whether a change in the financial statements would be required, including the uncertainties with respect to the current conditions as a result of the Corona Virus Pandemic and the National and States of emergency.