

AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023



West Suburban Humane Society Audit Report For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors West Suburban Humane Society Downers Grove, Illinois

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **West Suburban Humane Society** which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of West Suburban Humane Society as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, 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.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of West Suburban Humane Society and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about West Suburban Humane Society's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.



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 judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout 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 procedures 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 West Suburban Humane Society'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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about West Suburban Humane Society'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.

Other Information Included in the Entity's Annual Report

Management is responsible for the other information included in the Entity's Annual Report. The other information comprises of pages 1-12 of the 2023 annual report but it does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance on it.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

July 24, 2024

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West Suburban Humane Society Statement of Financial Position December 31,

	2023	2022
Assets		
Cash	\$ 173,861	\$ 89,086
Contributions receivable	10,871	18,310
Prepaid expenses	10,985	11,530
Investments	1,514,383	447,944
Property and equipment at cost		
less accumulated depreciation of		
\$450,468 in 2023 (\$328,267 in 2022)	4,039,790	4,157,998
Other assets, less accumulated amortization		
of \$9,194 in 2023 and 2022	500	500
Beneficial interest in assets held by others	376,696	356,588
Total assets	\$ 6,127,086	\$ 5,081,956
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 46,131	\$ 25,106
Accrued expenses	22,199	22,666
Total liabilities	68,330	47,772
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions:		
Undesignated	5,258,756	4,234,184
Board designated	800,000	800,000
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Total net assets	6,058,756	5,034,184
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 6,127,086	\$ 5,081,956

West Suburban Humane Society Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions Restrictions		Total
Revenues:			
Adoption fees	\$ 99,077	\$ -	\$ 99,077
Events	245,164	-	245,164
Newsletter and mail appeals	126,736	-	126,736
Contributions of cash and other financial assets	552,049	29,775	581,824
In kind contributions	105,409	-	105,409
Bequests	1,105,553	-	1,105,553
Interest income	581	-	581
Net investment income	107,190		107,190
	2,341,759	29,775	2,371,534
Net assets released from restrictions	29,775	(29,775)	
Total revenues	2,371,534		2,371,534
Expenses:			
Program services	1,058,755	-	1,058,755
Management and general	86,407	-	86,407
Fund-raising	201,800		201,800
Total expenses	1,346,962		1,346,962
Change in net assets	1,024,572	-	1,024,572
Net assets, beginning of the year	5,034,184		5,034,184
Net assets, end of the year	\$ 6,058,756	\$ -	\$ 6,058,756

West Suburban Humane Society Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenues:			
Adoption fees	\$ 83,565	\$ -	\$ 83,565
Events	163,663	-	163,663
Newsletter and mail appeals	104,853	-	104,853
Contributions of cash and other financial assets	486,596	20,000	506,596
In kind contributions	99,651	-	99,651
Bequests	220,000	-	220,000
Interest income	276	-	276
Net investment (loss)	(72,749)		(72,749)
	1,085,855	20,000	1,105,855
Net assets released from restrictions	20,000	(20,000)	
Total revenues	1,105,855		1,105,855
Expenses:			
Program services	956,948	-	956,948
Management and general	73,935	-	73,935
Fund-raising	199,826		199,826
Total expenses	1,230,709		1,230,709
Change in net assets	(124,854)	-	(124,854)
Net assets, beginning of the year	5,159,038		5,159,038
Net assets, end of the year	\$ 5,034,184	\$ -	\$ 5,034,184

West Suburban Humane Society Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Program Services	Management and General		•		•		Fu	nd-raising	Total
Expenses:										
Salaries	\$ 305,715	\$	18,995	\$	101,418	\$ 426,128				
Payroll taxes	24,333		1,512		8,072	33,917				
Benefits	8,770		1,617		2,425	12,812				
Administration	11,046		6,938		1,701	19,685				
Animal costs	10,706		-		-	10,706				
Animal supplies	65,412		-		-	65,412				
Animal training and boarding	27,545		-		-	27,545				
Bank service fees	9,999		-		-	9,999				
Depreciation and amortization	135,144		_		-	135,144				
Dues and subscriptions	6,875		1,251		274	8,400				
Events and newsletters	10,038		-		80,315	90,353				
Food	90,251		-		-	90,251				
Insurance	_		23,561		-	23,561				
Medical supplies	75,913		-		-	75,913				
Office and building maintenance	27,719		4,071		6,431	38,221				
Office supplies	-		3,166		-	3,166				
Postage	3,507		218		1,164	4,889				
Professional fees	-		22,932		-	22,932				
Sales tax	-		2,146		-	2,146				
Spay and neuter	50,333		-		-	50,333				
Utilities	35,842		_		-	35,842				
Veterinary care	157,723		-		-	157,723				
Volunteer education	 1,884					 1,884				
Total expenses	\$ 1,058,755	\$	86,407	\$	201,800	\$ 1,346,962				

West Suburban Humane Society Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Program Services	Management and General		•		 Total
Expenses:						
Salaries	\$ 255,343	\$	17,670	\$	103,892	\$ 376,905
Payroll taxes	20,686		1,432		8,416	30,534
Benefits	6,466		1,297		1,946	9,709
Administration	6,990		4,819		5,068	16,877
Animal costs	7,226		_		-	7,226
Animal supplies	66,573		-		-	66,573
Animal training and boarding	13,483		-		-	13,483
Bank service fees	7,245		-		-	7,245
Depreciation and amortization	132,489		-		-	132,489
Dues and subscriptions	6,727		1,224		268	8,219
Events and newsletters	18,543		-		78,872	97,415
Food	74,217		-		-	74,217
Insurance	-		27,146		-	27,146
Medical supplies	62,929		-		-	62,929
Office and building maintenance	37,875		2,851		164	40,890
Office supplies	2,042		141		831	3,014
Postage	906		63		369	1,338
Professional fees	-		15,145		-	15,145
Sales tax	-		2,147		-	2,147
Spay and neuter	34,637		-		-	34,637
Utilities	37,745		-		-	37,745
Veterinary care	163,211		-		-	163,211
Volunteer education	 1,615					1,615
Total expenses	\$ 956,948	\$	73,935	\$	199,826	\$ 1,230,709

West Suburban Humane Society Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended December 31,

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities: Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets	\$ 1,024,572	\$ (124,854)
to net cash from operating activities: Net (gain) loss on mutual fund investments Depreciation	(70,582) 135,144	24,721 132,489
Change in beneficial interest in assets held by others Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	(36,608)	48,038
Receivables	7,439	16,663
Prepaid expenses Accounts payable and accrued expenses	545 20,558	(4,561) 10,680
Net cash from operating activities	1,081,068	103,176
Cash flows from investing activities: Purchase of investments Proceeds from the sale of investments	(1,065,857) 70,000	(218,154)
Distribution from assets held by others Purchase of equipment	16,500 (16,936)	15,900 (7,230)
Net cash from investing activities	(996,293)	(209,484)
Net change in cash	84,775	(106,308)
Cash, beginning of the year	89,086	195,394
Cash, end of the year	\$ 173,861	\$ 89,086

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and Purpose – West Suburban Humane Society (WSHS) is an animal shelter, first incorporated in 1973, that provides animals with shelter, food and veterinary care. WSHS's purpose is to operate as a no-kill animal shelter that finds permanent homes for cats and dogs in its care. Within this role, it has programs that educate the public on spaying and neutering and encourage the charitable treatment and care of animals.

Basis of Accounting – WSHS maintains its accounts on the accrual basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. WSHS classifies net assets and transactions into two classes:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets restricted by donors to be maintained by the WSHS in perpetuity and net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by actions of the WSHS or the passage of time.

Revenues are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions, unless use of the related assets is limited by donor-imposed restrictions. Expenses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions. Gains and losses on investments and other assets or liabilities are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions, unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulation or by law. Expiration of donor restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor imposed stipulated purpose has been fulfilled or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as reclassifications between the applicable classes of net assets.

Unconditional promises to give cash and other assets are reported at fair value at the date the promise is received. Conditional promises to give are reported at fair value at the date the gift is received, or as soon as the promise becomes unconditional. Subsequent adjustments to the fair value are recognized as public support consistent with the initial recording of the gift. Bequests are considered unconditional when the probate court declares the testamentary instrument valid and the proceeds are measurable. Intentions to give which are not legally enforceable are recorded as contribution revenue when collected.

Contributions of exhaustible long-lived assets, or of cash or other assets used to acquire them, without donor-imposed stipulations concerning the use of such long-lived assets, are reported as revenues with donor restrictions. Unless donor stipulations limit the use of contributed assets for a period of time or for a particular purpose, the restrictions are considered to be released when the contributed asset is placed in service.

WSHS did not have any net assets with donor restrictions that must be maintained in perpetuity at December 31, 2023 or 2022.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and activities at the date of the financial statements and during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Certain significant estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements include investments being recorded at fair value and the determination of useful lives for property and equipment. The ultimate realization of investments is based upon future economic factors. It is reasonably possible that the recorded amounts or related disclosures could significantly change in the near future as new information is available.

Fair Value Measurements – Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Fair value is categorized in three levels based on the reliability of observable inputs as follows:

Level 1 – Valuations are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that WSHS has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Valuations are based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations whose significant inputs are observable.

Level 3 – Valuations are based on unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that reflect the reporting entity's own data and assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for investments measured at fair value, including the beneficial interest in assets held by others, as well as the general classification of such investments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

Mutual funds are valued using quoted market prices. Accordingly, these assets are categorized in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy, see Note 2.

The fair value of the beneficial interest in assets held by others is based on a percentage interest of the underlying assets held as reported by the DuPage Foundation. Accordingly, these assets are categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, see Note 4.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

Cash – For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the WSHS considers all cash on hand and in banks to be cash. Money market funds at brokerages are considered investments.

Contributions Receivable – Contributions receivable primarily consist of contributions that are considered to be promises to give and are recorded in the year the promise is made and conditions, if any, are met. Management believes all amounts will be collected within one year and, accordingly, no discount or allowance is present. Management determines the allowance for uncollectible contributions based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. Contributions receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

Property and Equipment – Property and equipment are stated at cost if purchased or constructed and fair value for contributed items. Depreciation of buildings and equipment is provided by the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the assets. Buildings at 40 years, improvements at 15 years, and equipment at 3 – 7 years. When assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related depreciation or amortization are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is included in the statements of activities. Costs of maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the respective assets are expensed currently.

Revenue Recognition – The primary sources of program revenue streams are as follows:

The main purpose of the organization is to find permanent homes for cats and dogs in its care. Adoption fees for these animals fall under ASC 606 guidance. The performance obligation is satisfied at the point in time when the animal is given to the owner. Adoption fees are paid at the time of adoption.

The WSHS holds various fund-raising events including Barkapalooza, a golf outing and a plant sale. For event fees, the performance obligation is satisfied at the point in time when these events have occurred. Most of the revenue from these events are contributions, which are outside ASC 606 guidance. Event fees are paid in advance or at the time of the event.

The remaining revenue on the statement of activities includes various contributions, donations, and investment income. These revenues do not fall under ASC 606 guidance.

Donated Services – A substantial number of volunteers have donated significant amounts of time toward the program activities of the WSHS; however, no amount has been reflected in the financial statements. These services did not satisfy the criteria for recognition under generally accepted accounting principles.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont'd)

In Kind Contributions – The WSHS accepts gifts of tangible personal property to help fulfill their mission. Such items to be used by the WSHS are valued by type, based on an average fair market value at the date of the donation, using estimated retail prices of identical or similar products using pricing data under a "like-kind" methodology considering the goods' condition and utility for use at the time of the contribution. They are recorded in contribution revenue and are expensed, based on their natural classification. All items are utilized by WSHS and none are sold.

Income Taxes – WSHS is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except for income not related to its exempt purpose. WSHS had no income unrelated to its exempt purpose. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been provided for in the financial statements. WSHS's federal and state tax returns for the years ended December 31, 2020 through 2022, remain subject to examination.

Concentration – In 2023, the WSHS received total bequest revenue of \$1,066,462 from two donors, which was 96% of total bequest revenue and 45% of total revenue in that year. In 2022, the WSHS received totaled bequest revenue of \$200,000 from one donor, which was 91% of total bequest revenue and 18% of total revenue in that year.

Functional Allocation of Expenses – Expenses have been summarized by function and nature on the statement of functional expenses. Salaries, payroll taxes and benefits are allocated based on estimates of time and effort incurred by each employee. The same allocation is used to allocate office supplies, postage and workers' compensation insurance. Newsletter and annual appeal costs are allocated based on the pages of those documents dedicated to each function.

All other expenses can be specifically identified to a function and do not require allocation.

Subsequent Events – Subsequent events have been evaluated through July 24, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

2. Investments

Investments in mutual funds are held at a single investment brokerage firm. Fair values of investments measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

	Level 1	Lev	el 2	Lev	el 3	 Total
Mutual funds-						
Money market	\$ 1,274,604	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 1,274,604
Equities	80,892		-		-	80,892
Bonds	 158,887					 158,887
	\$ 1,514,383				-	\$ 1,514,383

2. Investments (cont'd)

Fair values of investments measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2022, are as follows:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	
Mutual funds-					
Money market	\$ 231,638	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 231,638	
Equities	72,817	-	-	72,817	
Bonds	141,715	-	-	141,715	
Commodities	1,774			1,774	
	\$ 447,944			\$ 447,944	

Net investment income (loss), including activity of the beneficial interest in assets held for others, for the years ended December 31, consists of the following:

	2023		2022	
Interest and dividend income Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) Investment fees	\$	66,276 47,398 (6,484)	\$	15,730 (81,999) (6,480)
Net investment income (loss)	\$	107,190	\$	(72,749)

3. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following at December 31:

	2023	2022
Land Building and improvements Equipment	\$ 523,684 3,846,549 120,025	\$ 523,684 3,841,307 121,274
Less accumulated depreciation	4,490,258 (450,468)	4,486,265 (328,267)
	\$ 4,039,790	\$ 4,157,998

Depreciation expense totaled \$135,144 for the year ended December 31, 2023 (\$132,489 for the year ended December 31, 2022).

4. Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others – DuPage Foundation

WSHS established an Agency Fund (Fund) in 2013, with the DuPage Foundation (Foundation) to strengthen the future of the WSHS. The Fund was created with an original gift of \$300,000. The Board of Directors designates the use of the monies in the Fund. The intent of the Board is to maintain this amount as a long-term investment as part of the Board designated operating reserve discussed in Note 6. WSHS understands that the Foundation's Board of Trustees shall have ultimate control over the assets deposited in the Fund, excepting and providing that if WSHS's Board determines that it is in the WSHS's best interest, it may elect to withdraw any funds transferred to the Foundation upon written notice, not less than three months in advance of the date needed.

The Fund had a balance of \$376,696 at December 31, 2023 (\$356,588 at December 31, 2022). Net gain on the Fund for 2023 was \$20,108, of which \$24,362 is included in the investment gain, and \$4,254 was for investment fees. Net loss on the Fund for 2022 was \$63,938, of which \$59,587 is included in the investment loss, and \$4,351 was for investment fees. The Foundation maintains an investment pool for all its funds which consists primarily of marketable equity securities (common stock and mutual funds), fixed income securities, funds of hedge funds, real estate funds and commodity funds. No specific securities are designated for a specific fund. Realized gains/losses, unrealized gains/losses, and dividend and interest income net of fees are divided monthly on a prorated basis across all funds of the Foundation.

5. Concentration of Credit Risk

The WSHS maintains cash with one financial institution. WSHS periodically has deposits in excess of federally insured limits. WSHS has not experienced any loss in such accounts. At December 31, 2023, WSHS did not have any uninsured cash deposits. WSHS believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on its cash and deposits.

6. **Board Designated Net Assets**

At both December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Board has designated \$800,000 as an operating reserve from its net assets without donor restrictions.

7. Liquidity and Availability

Assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year, without contractual or donor restrictions, consist of the following:

			2023		 2022
Cash	\$	173,861	\$ 89,086		
Contributions receivable		10,871	18,310		
Investments		1,514,383	447,944		
Beneficial interest in assets held by others		376,696	356,588		
Less:		2,075,811	911,928		
Board designated net assets:					
Operating reserve		(800,000)	 (800,000)		
	\$	1,275,811	\$ 111,928		

Although it is not the Board's intention, the operating reserve Board designated net assets above could be used for general expenditures in the next year if the Board approved such an action.

As part of WSHS's liquidity management, it has a policy to place most of its financial assets in highly liquid, short-term investments. See Note 2.

8. Website

WSHS launched a new website in 2016, at a total cost of \$9,194. This cost is recorded as an other asset on the statement of financial position. The website costs were amortized over a three-year period, and was fully amortized in 2019.

9. In Kind Contributions

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, in kind contributions recognized within the statements of activities included the following:

	2023		2022	
Food Animal-related costs Animal supplies Medical supplies Postage	\$	38,091 9,435 50,185 7,468 230	\$	36,034 6,719 48,494 8,363 41
	\$	105,409	\$	99,651

9. In Kind Contributions (cont'd)

The items above were provided by individuals and businesses in the community and were utilized for program services.

10. Retirement Plan

WSHS has a 403(b) plan that covers all employees. Employees may elect deferrals from their eligible compensation immediately after being hired. The Plan was amended effective January 1, 2023, to provide for a 2% employer matching contribution for directors of WSHS who have completed one year of service with at least 1,000 hours. Related expense for the year ended December 31, 2023, was \$1,553 (none for year ended December 31, 2022).