



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

June 30, 2021 and 2020

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Independent Auditors' Report

Board of Trustees of University of Illinois
NPR Illinois
Springfield, Illinois

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of NPR Illinois, a public media entity operated by University of Illinois-Springfield (the University), as of and for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise NPR Illinois' basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

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.

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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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 auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity'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 entity's internal control. 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 respective financial position of NPR Illinois, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements of NPR Illinois are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position, and cash flows of only NPR Illinois' portion of the University's financial position, the changes in financial position, and cash flows attributable to the transactions of NPR Illinois. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the University as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, the changes in its financial position or its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to the matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis information on pages 6-11 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 7, 2022, on our consideration of NPR Illinois' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering NPR Illinois' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Ech, Schafer + Pumke, LLP

Springfield, Illinois
February 7, 2022

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Year Ended June 30, 2021

INTRODUCTION

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis, or MD&A, provides an overview of the financial position and activities of NPR Illinois as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021. This discussion should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements and footnotes. The discussion and analysis are designed to focus on current activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts. The financial statements, footnotes, and this discussion are the responsibility of NPR Illinois management.

BACKGROUND

NPR Illinois' mission is to "Explain Illinois." This is done by informing, analyzing, and engaging to deliver in-depth multimedia news reports, expert analysis on statewide issues, plus informative engagement events — all upholding the philosophy and integrity of public journalism. Our programs and storytelling reflect the quality of life across Illinois in context with the nation and the world, and explore how residents may improve it. We inform conversations and work to find solutions by delivering our work through public media across Illinois, including broadcasts from our studios in the state capital of Springfield along with digital content distributed through nprillinois.org. NPR Illinois' radio signals, WUIS Springfield and WIPA Pittsfield, broadcast to central and west central Illinois and are licensed to the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois (the University). NPR Illinois is a unit within the University's Center for State Policy and Leadership.

NPR Illinois' own media deliver a format of news and information reaching over 1.2 million people annually. NPR Illinois is committed to serving the information needs of the region and state. Core NPR Illinois activities are reporting on the state, engagement of the citizenry to identify needs and develop solutions, and celebration of the state's unique arts and culture. Projects that address these activities include the *Illinois Issues* Survey, Forums, and In-depth reports; the Statehouse Bureau; the *Statewide* weekly news magazine; the *State Week* political analysis program; Community Voices segments, and locally hosted music programs. Additionally, NPR Illinois streams and broadcasts on HD channels a 24/7 classical service and, *The X*, a locally curated 24/7 Adult Album Alternative (AAA) format. Most of our engagement activities with the audience have been suspended during the COVID pandemic.

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USING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NPR Illinois' financial report includes three financial statements: the Statement of Net Position; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; and the Statement of Cash Flows. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) principles, which establish standards for external financial reporting for public colleges and universities and require that financial statements be presented to focus on NPR Illinois as a whole.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of NPR Illinois at the end of the fiscal year and includes all assets and liabilities of NPR Illinois using the accrual basis of accounting. A summarized comparison of NPR Illinois' assets, deferred outflows, liabilities and net position at June 30, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Current and noncurrent assets and deferred outflows		
Interest in pooled cash and investments	\$ 2,524,636	\$ 1,922,349
Accounts receivable	130,000	110,000
Grants receivable	5,766	-
Other current assets	431	1,171
Capital assets, net	285,433	327,602
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>21,617</u>	<u>41,611</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows	<u>\$ 2,967,883</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,733</u>
Current and noncurrent liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,213	\$ 19,413
Due to funding source	23,559	-
Accrued salaries	12,847	10,546
Deferred revenue	553,375	390,824
Accrued compensated absences	<u>67,228</u>	<u>65,869</u>
Total liabilities	666,222	486,652
Total net position	<u>2,301,661</u>	<u>1,916,081</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 2,967,883</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,733</u>

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - Continued

The change in total assets and deferred outflows for FY21 was the result of an increase in current assets of \$ 627,313, a decrease in capital assets of \$ 42,169 and a decrease in deferred outflows of \$ 19,994, for an overall increase in total assets and deferred outflows of \$ 565,150. The change in total liabilities was the result of an increase in current liabilities of \$ 178,211 and an increase of \$ 1,359 in noncurrent liabilities, for a change in total liabilities of \$ 179,570. The change in total net position for FY21 is \$ 385,580.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position presents the results of NPR Illinois' revenue and expense activity as operating or non-operating. The following schedule summarizes NPR Illinois' fiscal year 2021 and 2020 activity:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Operating revenues		
Community service grants	\$ 252,054	\$ 230,062
State and other grants	41,386	43,556
Other public broadcasting support	111,044	101,615
Other operating income	<u>16,095</u>	<u>29,693</u>
Total operating revenues	420,579	404,926
Total operating expenses	<u>1,743,770</u>	<u>1,957,468</u>
Operating loss	(1,323,191)	(1,552,542)
Non-operating revenues		
State appropriations	436,927	435,766
Contributions		
Individual contributions and membership income	508,954	483,772
Business and industry contributions	114,463	88,550
In-kind contributions	183,566	161,820
Indirect administrative support	138,434	197,711
On-behalf payments for fringe benefits	211,181	135,239
Investment income	24,793	28,440
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	<u>90,453</u>	<u>(7,844)</u>
Net non-operating revenues	<u>1,708,771</u>	<u>1,523,454</u>
Change in net position	385,580	(29,088)
Net position at beginning of year	<u>1,916,081</u>	<u>1,945,169</u>
Net position at end of year	<u>\$ 2,301,661</u>	<u>\$ 1,916,081</u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION - Continued

The increase in total operating revenues mainly reflects an increase in community service grants for FY21. The increase in total non-operating revenues resulted mainly from increases in FY21 contributions. Operating expenses decreased primarily due to less employee wages and benefits in FY21.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

The Statement of Cash Flows provides information about NPR Illinois' financial results, by reporting the major sources and uses of cash. A summary of cash flows for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 is as follows:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Total sources	\$ 557,364	\$ 899,392
Total uses	<u>(1,130,667)</u>	<u>(1,443,576)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities	(573,303)	(544,184)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities		
Total sources	1,060,344	1,008,088
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities		
Total uses	-	(22,359)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Total uses	(401,353)	(55,183)
Total sources	<u>24,793</u>	<u>28,440</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>(376,560)</u>	<u>(26,743)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	110,481	414,802
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>1,806,419</u>	<u>1,391,617</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 1,916,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,806,419</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - Continued

The revenue sources for the cash flows from operating activities include federal grants, public broadcasting entities, state departments, and other operating receipts. The uses for cash flows from operating activities include payments to employees/benefits and payments to suppliers (less capital expenses).

Cash flows from noncapital financing activities include state appropriations and cash received from contributors.

Cash flows from capital and related financing activities includes acquisition of property and equipment.

Cash flows from investing activities include earnings on cash and investments and purchases of investments.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES

NPR Illinois depreciates its capital assets on a straight-line basis, using estimated useful lives ranging from five to fifty years.

	Beginning Balance at July 1, 2020	Additions	Retirements	Ending Balance at June 30, 2021
Capital assets				
Land	\$ 6,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,180
Building	410,239	-	-	410,239
Equipment	<u>659,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>659,212</u>
Total capital assets	1,075,631	-	-	1,075,631
Less accumulated depreciation				
Building	289,021	8,202	-	297,223
Equipment	<u>459,008</u>	<u>33,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>492,975</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>748,029</u>	<u>42,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790,198</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 327,602</u>	<u>\$ (42,169)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 285,433</u>

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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The resolution of the two-year state budget impasse and the election of a new governor relieved some pressure for NPR Illinois in recent years. Although an income tax increase improved state revenues, Illinois still has many deferred financial issues that will affect funding including the failure of the passage of the "Fair Tax" in November 2020. Both the fiscal shape of the state's budget and pension obligations have caused serious reduction in funding for higher education each year. The University of Illinois significantly funds NPR Illinois as part of its mission to educate the public. In addition to this state funding, the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Arts Council Agency make grants from state appropriated funds to NPR Illinois programs. Public radio affiliates in Peoria and Macomb have lost their university support, which may continue to impact revenue for the Statehouse Service. In fact, the Illinois Public Broadcasting Council and the member stations have recently indicated their plans to consider discontinuing funding of the Statehouse Service after the close of FY21.

NPR Illinois continues to carefully steward its resources. The organization's goal is to raise sufficient non-state revenue to operate without state appropriations in the future. This will be done with additional business and grant revenue, but may not occur in the near future due to the limited ability of NPR Illinois to hire sponsorship account executives in the current economic climate. Members continue to back NPR Illinois' efforts with total revenue up almost 10% in FY21, however this support needs to increase by 20-25% per year for the next few years to cover continuing reductions in state appropriations. The best way to accomplish this is to grow the audience. Although additional expenses may be incurred to manage and market audience growth, those efforts should result in additional donations (generally, 10% of audience donates). No formal marketing campaign has been executed. Audience growth of 20% should increase gifts to the goal.

NPR Illinois is healthy and continues to explore collaboration and scale to improve sustainability and will continue delivering on its mission while minimizing these risks to it.

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STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

June 30

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Interest in pooled cash	\$ 1,916,900	\$ 1,806,419
Interest in pooled investments	607,736	115,930
Accounts receivable	130,000	110,000
Grants receivable	5,766	-
Other current assets	<u>431</u>	<u>1,171</u>
Total current assets	2,660,833	2,033,520
 NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Capital assets, net	<u>285,433</u>	<u>327,602</u>
 Total assets	2,946,266	2,361,122
 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>21,617</u>	<u>41,611</u>
 Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 2,967,883</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,733</u>
 CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$ 9,213	\$ 19,413
Due to funding source	23,559	-
Accrued salaries	12,847	10,546
Deferred revenue	<u>553,375</u>	<u>390,824</u>
Total current liabilities	598,994	420,783
 NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued compensated absences	<u>67,228</u>	<u>65,869</u>
 Total liabilities	666,222	486,652
 NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	285,433	327,602
Restricted, expendable	1,766,345	1,393,894
Unrestricted	<u>249,883</u>	<u>194,585</u>
Total net position	<u>2,301,661</u>	<u>1,916,081</u>
 Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 2,967,883</u>	<u>\$ 2,402,733</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the Years Ended June 30

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
OPERATING REVENUES		
Community service grants	\$ 252,054	\$ 230,062
State and other grants	41,386	43,556
Other public broadcasting support	111,044	101,615
Other operating income	<u>16,095</u>	<u>29,693</u>
Total operating revenues	420,579	404,926
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Local programming and production	902,091	1,031,561
Broadcasting	119,810	162,213
Program information	86,957	55,820
Fundraising and membership development	227,760	295,812
Grant and underwriting solicitation	20,255	69,178
Management and general	344,728	301,663
Unallocated depreciation	<u>42,169</u>	<u>41,221</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>1,743,770</u>	<u>1,957,468</u>
Operating loss	(1,323,191)	(1,552,542)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES		
State appropriations	436,927	435,766
Contributions		
Individual contributions and membership income	508,954	483,772
Business and industry contributions	114,463	88,550
In-kind contributions	183,566	161,820
Indirect administrative support	138,434	197,711
On-behalf payments for fringe benefits	211,181	135,239
Investment income	24,793	28,440
Net increase (decrease) in fair value of investments	<u>90,453</u>	<u>(7,844)</u>
Net non-operating revenues	<u>1,708,771</u>	<u>1,523,454</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	385,580	(29,088)
NET POSITION AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,916,081</u>	<u>1,945,169</u>
NET POSITION AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 2,301,661</u>	<u>\$ 1,916,081</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended June 30

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Community service grants receipts	\$ 441,239	\$ 687,021
State and other grants receipts	8,986	101,063
Cash received from other public broadcasting support	91,044	81,615
Other operating receipts	16,095	29,693
Payments to employees and related benefits	(512,007)	(835,407)
Payments to suppliers	<u>(618,660)</u>	<u>(608,169)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities	(573,303)	(544,184)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
State appropriations	436,927	435,766
Cash received from contributors	<u>623,417</u>	<u>572,322</u>
Net cash flows from noncapital financing activities	1,060,344	1,008,088
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of property and equipment	-	(22,359)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of investments	(401,353)	(55,183)
Earnings on cash and investments	<u>24,793</u>	<u>28,440</u>
Net cash flows from investing activities	<u>(376,560)</u>	<u>(26,743)</u>
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	110,481	414,802
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,806,419</u>	<u>1,391,617</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 1,916,900</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,806,419</u></u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED

For the Years Ended June 30

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
RECONCILIATION OF NET OPERATING LOSS TO NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net operating loss	\$ (1,323,191)	\$ (1,552,542)
Adjustments to reconcile the net operating loss to net cash flows from operating activities		
Operating expenses arising from indirect administrative support from the University	138,434	197,711
Operating expenses arising from on-behalf payments from the State of Illinois	211,181	135,239
Operating expenses arising from in-kind contributions	183,566	161,820
Depreciation expense	42,169	41,221
Changes in assets, deferred outflows and liabilities		
Accounts receivable	(20,000)	106,778
Grants receivable	(5,766)	-
Other current assets	740	(897)
Deferred outflows	19,994	(3,746)
Accounts payable	(10,200)	17,078
Due to funding source	23,559	-
Accrued salaries	2,301	(4,914)
Deferred revenue	162,551	387,688
Accrued compensated absences	<u>1,359</u>	<u>(29,620)</u>
Net cash flows from operating activities	<u>\$ (573,303)</u>	<u>\$ (544,184)</u>
NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
On-behalf contributions from the University for indirect administrative support	\$ 138,434	\$ 197,711
On-behalf contributions from the State of Illinois for the payment of employee fringe benefits	211,181	135,239
In-kind contributions of goods and services	183,566	161,820

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE A - NATURE OF OPERATIONS

NPR Illinois is a public media entity operated by the University of Illinois-Springfield (University). NPR Illinois is part of the University as a whole, and thus, for financial reporting purposes the financial balances and activities included in these financial statements are also included in the University's financial statements. These financial statements present only NPR Illinois, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the University as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and changes in its financial position and its cash flows, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), including Statement No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for Public Colleges and Universities*. NPR Illinois follows the business-type activity reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 35 that provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of NPR Illinois' financial activities.

For financial reporting purposes, NPR Illinois is considered part of the University, and thus, like the University is a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, NPR Illinois' financial statements have been presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting applicable to public colleges and universities. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation to pay has been incurred.

The accounts of NPR Illinois are maintained internally in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Under fund accounting, resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds according to specified activities or objectives.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

2. Pooled Cash and Investments

To provide for efficiencies and economies in their management, the University has pooled its cash and investments, except for certain funds that are required by bond resolution to be in separate accounts. Interest in pooled cash and investments at June 30, 2021 and 2020 represents NPR Illinois' share of these pooled accounts.

Cash deposits and cash equivalents of the University include bank accounts and investments with original maturities of ninety days or less at the time of purchase, primarily U.S. Treasury Bills.

The University's investments are reported at fair value. The fair value is determined to be the amount at which financial instruments could be exchanged in current transactions between willing partners, usually quoted at market prices. It is University policy to invest funds in a manner which will provide investment returns and security consistent with good business practices, while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the University and confirming to all statutes governing the investment of funds.

Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position.

Additional information regarding the University's deposits and investments may be obtained from the financial statements of the University.

3. Receivables

Receivables are carried at fair value. Receivables are recorded when revenue is earned and are presented net of any allowance for doubtful accounts. NPR Illinois believes all receivables are collectible. A provision for uncollectable accounts has not been recorded.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost at the date of acquisition or at the fair market value at the date of donation. In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Capital assets valued at \$ 5,000 or more are capitalized. The range of estimated useful lives is as follows:

Buildings and improvements	50 years
Machinery, furniture, and equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	5 years

5. Net Position

NPR Illinois' net position is classified as follows:

- a. Net investment in capital assets: This represents the total investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation.
- b. Restricted net position, non-expendable: Restricted non-expendable net position consists of endowments with specific restrictions requiring that the principal be invested and only the earnings be used. There was no non-expendable, restricted net position for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.
- c. Restricted net position, expendable: Restricted expendable net position include resources in which NPR Illinois is legally or contractually obligated to spend resources in accordance with restrictions imposed by external third parties.
- d. Unrestricted net position: Unrestricted net position represents resources that have not been restricted by external parties and are available for use by NPR Illinois.

It is NPR Illinois' policy to first use restricted net position prior to the use of unrestricted net position when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

6. Revenue Recognition

NPR Illinois has classified its revenues as either operating or non-operating revenues as follows:

Operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of exchange transactions, such as providing educational programs, goods and production services to the public and private sector, and include most grants and contracts. Grants are recorded as revenue when all applicable eligibility requirements have been met.

Non-operating revenues include activities that have the characteristics of non-exchange transactions, and other revenue sources that are defined as non-operating revenues by GASB Statement No. 9, *Reporting Cash Flows of Proprietary and Nonexpendable Trust Funds and Government Entities that Use Proprietary Fund Accounting*, and GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statement - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, such as state appropriations, investment income, and capital gains. Appropriations made to the University from the State of Illinois General Revenue Fund are recognized as non-operating revenues in the year appropriated to the extent expended. Other non-operating revenues include transactions relating to capital and financial activities, non-capital financing activities, and investing activities.

7. Pledges and Contributions

NPR Illinois engages in periodic fundraising campaigns manifested by offering some special programs and on-air and mail fundraising appeals. These appeals encourage supporters, both individuals and organizations, to provide financial contributions to NPR Illinois for enhancement of program offerings and other operating expenses. Financial contributions are frequently evidenced by pledges received from responding viewers and listeners. Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, and membership receipts are recognized as revenue in the period received. However, uncollected pledges are not enforceable against contributors. Contributions and collected pledges are components of the unrestricted operating fund since their usage is not limited to specific activities of NPR Illinois.

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8. Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited, using estimates if necessary.

9. Corporation for Public Broadcasting Community Service Grants

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is a private, nonprofit grant making organization responsible for funding more than 1,000 television and radio stations. CPB distributes annual Community Service Grants (CSGs) to qualifying public broadcasting entities. CSGs are used to augment the resources of public broadcasting entities and thereby to enhance the quality of programming and expand the scope of public broadcasting services. Each CSG may be expended over one or two federal fiscal years as described in the Communications Act 47, United States Code Annotated, Section 396(k)(7). In any event, each grant must be expended within two years of the initial grant authorization.

According to the Communication Act, funds may be used at the discretion of recipients for purposes relating primarily to production and acquisition of programming. Also, the grants may be used to sustain activities begun with CSGs awarded in prior years.

Certain general provisions must be satisfied in connection with application for and use of the grants to maintain eligibility and meet compliance requirements. These general provisions pertain to the use of grant funds, record keeping, audits, financial reporting, mailing lists, and licensee status with the Federal Communications Commission.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

10. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the plan net position of the State Universities Retirement System (SURS or the System) and additions to/deductions from SURS' plan net position has been determined on the same basis as they are reported by SURS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

For the purposes of financial reporting, the State of Illinois and participating employers are considered to be under a special funding situation. A special funding situation is defined as a circumstance in which a non-employer entity is legally responsible for making contributions directly to a pension plan that is used to provide pensions to the employees of another entity or entities and either (1) the amount of the contributions for which the non-employer entity is legally responsible is not dependent upon one or more events unrelated to pensions or (2) the non-employer is the only entity with legal obligation to make contributions directly to a pension plan. The State of Illinois is considered a non-employer contributing entity. Participating employers are considered employer contributing entities.

11. 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 the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts or revenues and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - Continued

12. Subsequent Events

NPR Illinois assessed events that have occurred subsequent to June 30, 2021 through February 7, 2022, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for potential recognition and disclosure in the financial statements. No events have occurred that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

NOTE C - INTEREST IN POOLED INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of shares of an investment pool which are held and administered by the University of Illinois Foundation. NPR Illinois' share of the investment pool is stated at fair value. Fair value is generally determined by quoted market prices for the University of Illinois Foundation's investments.

Changes in fair value during the reporting period are reported as a net increase (decrease) in the fair value of investments. Investment income includes interest, dividends, and realized gains and losses.

At June 30, 2021 and 2020 the fair value of NPR Illinois' share of the University of Illinois Foundation investment pool was \$ 607,736 and \$ 115,930, respectively. The investments carry donor restrictions and therefore are included in restricted, expendable net position.

Further information regarding the investments held by the University of Illinois Foundation may be obtained from the financial statements of the University.

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NOTE D - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets activity for NPR Illinois is summarized below:

	Balances July 1, <u>2020</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	Balances June 30, <u>2021</u>
Land	\$ 6,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,180
Building	410,239	-	-	410,239
Equipment	<u>659,212</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>659,212</u>
	1,075,631	-	-	1,075,631
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>748,029</u>	<u>42,169</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790,198</u>
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 327,602</u>	<u>\$ (42,169)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 285,433</u>

NOTE E - RESTRICTED EXPENDABLE NET POSITION

Restricted expendable net position is available for the following purposes at June 30:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Support Fund	\$ 498,917	\$ 578,034
Fundraising/RIS Gifts	8,012	6,477
Legacy Endowment	576,220	622,536
Music Studio Fund	16,117	17,234
Bedrock 66 Live! Gift Fund	9,099	9,099
U of I Foundation Funds	625,849	127,713
Illinois Issues	30,050	29,427
Illinois Issues Paul Simon Policy	2,843	2,743
This I Believe	<u>(762)</u>	<u>631</u>
	<u>\$ 1,766,345</u>	<u>\$ 1,393,894</u>

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NOTE F - STATE UNIVERSITIES RETIREMENT SYSTEM

1. General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description: The University contributes to the State University Retirement System of Illinois (SURS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan with a special funding situation whereby the State makes substantially all actuarially determined required contributions on behalf of the participating employers. SURS was established July 21, 1941 to provide retirement annuities and other benefits for staff members and employees of State universities, certain affiliated organizations, and certain other State educational and scientific agencies and for survivors, dependents and other beneficiaries of such employees. SURS is considered a component unit of the State's financial reporting entity and is included in the State's financial reports as a pension trust fund. SURS is governed by Section 5/15, Chapter 40, of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes*. SURS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by accessing the website at www.surs.org.

Benefits Provided: A traditional benefit plan was established in 1941. Public Act 90-0448 enacted effective January 1, 1998, established an alternative defined benefit program known as the portable benefit package. The traditional and portable plan Tier 1 refers to members that began participation prior to January 1, 2011. Public Act 96-0889 revised the traditional and portable benefit plans for members who begin participation on or after January 1, 2011, and who do not have other eligible Illinois reciprocal system services. The revised plan is referred to as Tier 2. New employees are allowed 6 months after their date of hire to make an irrevocable election whether to participate in either the traditional or portable benefit plans. A summary of the benefit provisions as of June 30, 2020 can be found in the SURS' comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) Notes to the Financial Statements.

Eligible employees must participate upon initial employment. Employees are ineligible to participate if (a) employed after having attained age 68; (b) employed less than 50% of full time; or (c) employed less than full time and attending classes with an employer. Of those employees ineligible to participate, the majority are students at the University.

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NOTE F - STATE UNIVERSITIES RETIREMENT SYSTEM - Continued

1. General Information about the Pension Plan - Continued

Contributions: The State is primarily responsible for funding SURS on behalf of the individual employers at an actuarially determined amount. Public Act 88-0593 provides a Statutory Funding Plan consisting of two parts: (i) a ramp-up period from 1996 to 2010 and (ii) a period of contributions equal to a level percentage of the payroll of active members of SURS to reach 90% of the total Actuarial Accrued Liability by the end of Fiscal Year 2045. Employer contributions from "trust, federal, and other funds" are provided under Section 15-155(b) of the Illinois Pension Code and require employers to pay contributions which are sufficient to cover the accruing normal costs on behalf of applicable employees. The employer normal cost for fiscal year 2021 and 2020 respectively, was 12.70% and 13.02% of employees' payroll. The normal cost is equal to the value of current year's pension benefit and does not include any allocation for past unfunded liability or interest on the unfunded liability. Plan members are required to contribute 8.0% of their annual covered salary. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the Illinois General Assembly.

Participating employers make contributions toward separately financed specific liabilities under Section 15-139.5(e) of the Illinois Pension Code (relating to contributions payable due to the employment of "affected annuitants" or specific return to work annuitants) and Section 15-155(g) (relating to contributions payable due to earning increases exceeding 6% during the final rate of earnings period), and Section 15-155(j-5) (relating to contributions payable due to earnings exceeding the salary set for the Governor).

2. Pension Liabilities, Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

Net Pension Liability: At June 30, 2020, SURS reported a net pension liability of \$ 30,619,504,000. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020.

Employer Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability: The amount of the proportionate share of the net pension liability to be recognized for the University is \$ -0-. The proportionate share of the State's net pension liability associated with the University is \$ 13,821,617,000. This amount should not be recognized in the financial statement. The net pension liability and the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020 was determined based on the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation rolled forward. The basis of allocation used in the proportionate share of net pension liability is the actual reported pensionable earnings made to SURS during fiscal year 2020.

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2. Pension Liabilities, Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions - Continued

Pension Expense: At June 30, 2020 SURS reported a collective net pension expense of \$ 3,364,411,000.

Employer Proportionate Share of Pension Expense: The employer proportionate share of collective pension expense should be recognized similarly to on-behalf payments as both revenue and matching expenditure in the financial statements. The basis of allocation used in the proportionate share of collective pension expense is the actual reported pensionable contributions made to SURS during fiscal year 2020. As a result, the University recognized on-behalf revenue and pension expense of \$ 1,518,692,000 for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: Deferred outflows of resources are the consumption of net position by SURS that is applicable to future reporting periods.

SURS collective deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources by sources (nearest thousand) is as follows:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 170,987
Changes in assumptions	473,020
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>474,659</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,118,666</u>

3. Deferral of Fiscal Year 2020 Pension Expense

NPR Illinois paid \$ 21,617 in federal, trust or grant contributions for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. These contributions were made subsequent to the pension liability measurement date of June 30, 2020 and are recognized as Deferred Outflows of Resources as of June 30, 2021.

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4. Assumptions and Other Inputs

Actuarial assumptions: The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period June 30, 2014 - 2017. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25 percent
Salary increases	3.25 to 12.25 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.75 percent beginning with the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2018

Mortality rates were based on the RP2014 White Collar, gender district tables with projected generational mortality and a separate mortality assumption for disabled participants.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return were adopted by the plan's trustees after considering input from the plan's investment consultant(s) and actuary(s). For each major asset class that is included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Global public equity	44.00%	6.67%
Credit fixed income	14.00	2.39
Core real estate	5.00	4.14
Options strategies	6.00	4.44
Private equity	8.00	9.66
Non-Core real assets	3.00	8.70
US TIPS	6.00	0.13
Core fixed income	8.00	(0.45)

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4. Assumptions and Other Inputs - Continued

	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Systematic trend following	2.10%	2.16%
Alternative risk premia	1.80	1.60
Long duration	<u>2.10</u>	<u>0.86</u>
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	4.84%
Inflation		<u>2.25</u>
Expected Arithmetic Return		<u>7.09%</u>

Discount Rate: A single discount rate of 6.49% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on an expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 6.75% and a municipal bond rate of 2.45% (based on the weekly rate closest to but not later than the measurement date of the 20-Year Bond Buyer Index as published by the Federal Reserve). The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate were the amounts of contributions attributable to current plan members and assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the statutory contribution rates under the SURS' funding policy. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position and future contributions were sufficient to finance the benefit payments through the year 2075. As a result, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to projected benefit payments through the year 2075, and the municipal bond rate was applied to all benefit payments after that date.

Sensitivity of the SURS' Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate: Regarding the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the single discount rate, the following presents the plan's net pension liability, calculated using a single discount rate of 6.59%, as well as what the plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher:

1% Decrease - 5.49%	Current Single Discount	1% Increase - 7.49%
<u>(in Thousands)</u>	<u>Rate Assumption - 6.49%</u>	<u>(in Thousands)</u>
\$ <u>36,893,470</u>	\$ <u>30,619,504</u>	\$ <u>25,441,838</u>

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4. Assumptions and Other Inputs - Continued

Additional information regarding the SURS basic financial statements including the Plan Net Position can be found in the SURS comprehensive annual financial report by accessing the website at www.SURS.org.

NOTE G - POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971 (Act), as amended, authorizes the State to provide health, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits for certain retirees and their dependents. Substantially, all State and University employees become eligible for these other postemployment benefits (OPEB) if they eventually become annuitants of one of the State sponsored pension plans. The Department of Central Management Services administers these benefits for annuitants with the assistance of the State's sponsored pension plans. The portions of the Act related to OPEB establish a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined-benefit OPEB plan (plan) with a special funding situation in which the State funds substantially all nonparticipant contributions. The plan does not issue a stand-alone financial report but is included as a part of the State's financial statements. A copy of the financial statements of the State can be obtained at www.ioc.state.il.us.

The health, dental, and vision benefits provided to and contribution amounts required from annuitants are the result of collective bargaining between the State and various unions that represent the State's and the University's employees in accordance with limitations established in the Act. Therefore, the benefits provided and contribution amounts are subject to periodic change. The Act requires the State to provide life insurance benefits for annuitants equal to their annual salary as of the last day of employment until age 60, at which time the benefit amount becomes \$ 5,000.

The State makes substantially all of the contributions for OPEB on behalf of the State universities. Since the State contributes substantially all of the employer contributions, the single-employer provisions of GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, have been followed for reporting the plan. The State is not required to and does not fund the plan other than the pay-as-you-go amount necessary to provide the current benefits.

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NOTE H - INDIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

Indirect administrative support from the University consists of allocated institutional support and physical plant costs incurred by the University for which NPR Illinois receives benefits. The fair value of this support is recognized in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. The value of this support for the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$ 138,434 and \$ 197,711, respectively.

NOTE I - CONTRIBUTED IN-KIND SUPPORT

Contributed materials, supplies, and facilities are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. NPR Illinois reports gifts of professional services, materials, and other nonmonetary contributions as revenue in the accompanying Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. As expenses of an equivalent amount are also recognized, there is no impact on net position.

If the fair value of contributed materials, supplies, facilities, and property cannot be reasonably determined they are not recorded. Donated personal services of nonprofessional volunteers are not recorded as revenue and expenses as there is no objective basis available to measure the value of such services.

A summary of the contributed support received was as follows:

The amount of donated materials and services recognized in the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$ 86,566 and \$ 55,820, respectively.

The University of Illinois Foundation contributed professional services consisting of processing donations, records maintenance, fund-raising expertise, and administrative services. The value of these professional services recognized in the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$ 97,000 and \$ 106,000, respectively.

Contributed support from the State of Illinois consists of fringe benefit contributions on behalf of NPR Illinois. The value of the on-behalf contributions recognized in the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 was \$ 211,181 and \$ 135,239, respectively.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed
in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

Board of Trustees of University of Illinois
NPR Illinois
Springfield, Illinois

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of NPR Illinois as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise NPR Illinois' basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered NPR Illinois' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of NPR Illinois' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the NPR Illinois' internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether NPR Illinois' financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Ech, Schafer + Pumke, LLP

Springfield, Illinois
February 7, 2022