FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DATE

To the Board of Directors The Refugee Education Center Kentwood, Michigan

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Refugee Education Center, formerly the West Michigan Refugee Education and Cultural Center, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's 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 audit 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 auditor's 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 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 financial position of The Refugee Education Center as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, 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.

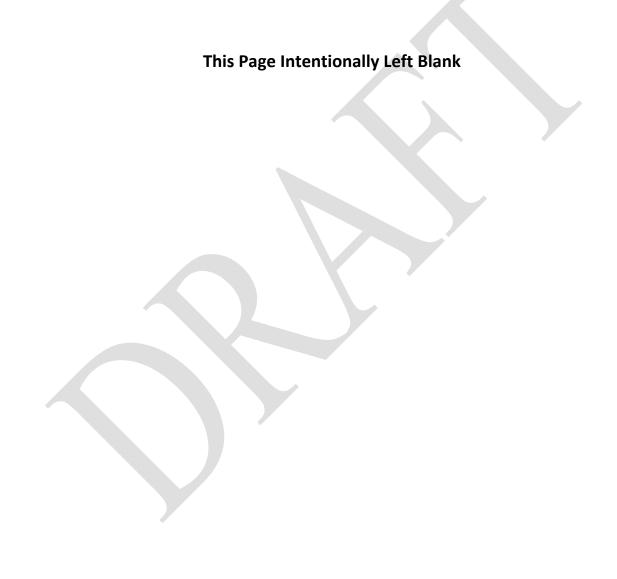
Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated DATE, on our consideration of The Refugee Education Center's 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 the Refugee Education Center's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Certified Public Accountants

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ASSETS

	2016			2015		
Current Assets Cash Accounts receivable Pledges receivable Prepaid rent	\$	123,505 39,509 5,000 1,550	\$	101,966 33,702 10,000 1,800		
Total Current Assets		169,564		147,468		
Property and Equipment Furniture and equipment Leasehold improvements		27,357 4,850	>	27,357 4,850		
Less accumulated depreciation		32,207 (18,617)		32,207 (14,865)		
Net Property and Equipment		13,590		17,342		
Other Assets Security deposit		1,500		1,500		
Total Assets	\$	184,654	\$	166,310		
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Liabilities Accounts payable Payroll withholdings payable	\$	1,596 1,594	\$	2,405 -		
Total Current Liabilities		3,190		2,405		
Net Assets Unrestricted Temporarily restricted		176,464 5,000		153,905 10,000		
Total Net Assets		181,464		163,905		
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	184,654	\$	166,310		

	Unrestr	icted		porarily tricted		2016
Support and Revenue	<u> </u>					
Grant income	\$ 25	51,011	\$	-	\$	251,011
Corporate contributions	-	37,799	*	<u> </u>	*	37,799
Individual and business contributions	_	9,411		_		9,411
Other contributions	2	22,295		_		22,295
Other income	_	623		_		623
Interest income		144		\\		144
Planting Deeper Roots event, net of \$10,015		144				144
of expenses in 2016		17				17
Assets released from restrictions				(5,000)		17
Assets released from restrictions		5,000		(3,000)	_	
Total Support and Revenue	32	26,300		(5,000)		321,300
Expenses						
Program services	22	27,033		-		227,033
Management and general		58,472		_		68,472
Fundraising		8,236		-		8,236
		-,				3,233
Total Expenses	30	03,741		-		303,741
Change in Net Assets	2	22,559		(5,000)		17,559
Net Assets - beginning of year	15	53,905		10,000		163,905
Net Assets - end of year	\$ 17	76,464	\$	5,000	\$	181,464

	Un	restricted		mporarily estricted		2015
Support and Revenue						
Grant income	\$	229,923	\$	10,000	\$	239,923
Corporate contributions		57,163		-		57,163
Individual and business contributions		4,852		_		4,852
Other contributions		19,500		-		19,500
In-kind contributions		150		-		150
Interest income		100		-		100
Assets released from restrictions		5,000		(5,000)		-
Total Support and Revenue		316,688		5,000		321,688
Firmanian						
Expenses		240 544				240.644
Program services		240,614		-		240,614
Management and general		40,274		-		40,274
Total Expenses		280,888		_		280,888
Change in Net Assets		35,800		5,000		40,800
Net Assets - beginning of year		118,105		5,000		123,105
Not Accete and of year	ş	153,905	Ş	10,000	Ş	163,905
Net Assets - end of year	7	133,903	٠	10,000	۲	103,303

	P	rogram	nagement I General	Fund	raising	2016
Payroll Payroll taxes	\$	141,396 13,582	\$ 35,000 2,678	\$	2,500 191	\$ 178,897 16,451
Total Payroll and Payroll Taxes		154,978	37,678		2,691	195,347
Advancement Bank fees Direct client assistance Cleaning expenses Depreciation Insurance Interpretation services Legal and professional expenses Miscellaneous Outside services		1,510 1,813 4,507 3,018 2,128 16,983	8,318 367 - 1,096 734 1,419 - 12,497 4,437		5,545 - - - - - - -	13,863 1,877 1,813 5,603 3,752 3,547 16,983 12,497 4,437 6,008
Printing and postage Professional development Rent Summer program Supplies Telephone and internet Transportation		1,585 6,224 16,824 657 5,796 3,012 1,989	- 1,926 - - -		- - - -	1,585 6,224 18,750 657 5,796 3,012 1,989
Total Expenses	Ş	227,033	\$ 68,472	\$	8,236	\$ 303,741

	F	rogram	Management and General		2015
Payroll Payroll taxes	\$	158,780 13,799	\$ 18,462 1,412	\$	177,242 15,211
Total Payroll and Payroll Taxes		172,579	19,874		192,453
Advancement Bank fees Direct client assistance Cleaning expenses Depreciation Insurance Legal and professional expenses Miscellaneous Outside services Printing and postage		2,412 2,072 384 3,924 2,259 1,958 - 170 7,172 4,687	1,886 239 - 452 260 1,331 12,208 1,420	>	4,298 2,311 384 4,376 2,519 3,289 12,208 1,590 7,172 4,687
Professional development Rent Summer program Supplies Telephone and internet Transportation Volunteer expenses		6,953 17,112 601 9,318 1,877 6,386 750	- 2,388 - - - 216 - -		6,953 19,500 601 9,318 2,093 6,386 750
Total Expenses	\$	240,614	\$ 40,274	\$	280,888

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		2016		2015
Cash Flows from Operating Activities Change in net assets	\$	17,559	\$	40,800
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	Ţ	17,333	Ţ	40,000
Depreciation		3,752		2,519
Changes in operating assets and liabilities: Accounts receivable		(5,807)		2,920
Pledges receivable		5,000		(10,000)
Prepaid rent		250		(300)
Accounts payable		(809)		(1,733)
Payroll withholdings payable		1,594		-
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		21,539		34,206
Cash Flows from Investing Activities Purchase of property and equipment		-		(10,070)
Net Increase in Cash		21,539		24,136
Cash, beginning of year		101,966		77,830
Cash, end of year	\$	123,505	\$	101,966

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Note A - Nature of Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Organization

The Refugee Education Center ("Organization"), formerly the West Michigan Refugee Educational & Cultural Center, is a Michigan not-for-profit corporation exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Its primary program is supporting refugees and their families in gaining the skills necessary for successful integration into the community.

Financial Statement Presentation

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets. In addition, the Organization is required to present a statement of cash flows.

Method of Accounting

The financial statements of the Organization are maintained on the accrual basis, recording revenue when earned rather than when received, and recording expenses when incurred rather than when paid.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management has reviewed the balances that comprise the various categories of accounts receivable and determined such balances to be fully collectible. Accordingly, no provision for uncollectible accounts is included in the financial statements. If amounts become uncollectible, a provision for the potential loss will be charged to operations when that determination is made.

Pledges Receivable

Pledges receivable represent unconditional promises to give, consisting of individual, foundation, church and corporate sponsorships, and are recognized as revenues in the period promised and as assets, decreases in liabilities or expenses depending on the form of the benefits to be received. Unconditional promises to give are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances, discounted to present value. The Organization uses the allowance method to account for uncollectible promises to give. The allowance is calculated using an estimated percentage of outstanding balances based on management's experience. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and credit to a valuation allowance. Balances that are still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to unconditional promises to give.

Conditional promises to give are recognized when the conditions upon which they depend are substantially met. There were no conditional promises to give at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

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Note A – Nature of Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost, if purchased or, if donated, at fair market value as of the date of the gift. Major improvements and betterments are capitalized; maintenance and repairs are expensed when incurred. Depreciation is computed principally on the straight-line method over the following useful lives of the assets:

Furniture and equipment 5 - 7 years Leasehold improvements 15 years

Net Assets

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets:

- Unrestricted net assets are not restricted by donors, or the donor-imposed restrictions have expired.
- Temporarily restricted net assets contain donor-imposed restrictions that permit the Organization to use or expend the assets as specified. Temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions when the restrictions are satisfied either by the passage of time or by actions of the Organization. However, if a restriction is fulfilled in the same period in which the contribution is received, the Organization reports the support as unrestricted.
- Permanently restricted net assets contain donor-imposed restrictions that stipulate the resources be maintained permanently, but permit the Organization to use or expend part or all of the income derived from the donated assets for specific purposes. Currently, there are no permanently restricted net assets.

Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as increases in unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. All donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Contributions with donor imposed restrictions that are met in the same year as received or earned are reported as unrestricted income.

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Note A – Nature of Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Functional Expenses

The costs to provide the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and in the statement of functional expenses. Directly identifiable expenses are charged to programs and supporting services. Expenses related to more than one function are charged to programs and supporting services on the basis of periodic time and expense studies. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any other specific function but provide for the overall support and direction of the Organization.

Income Tax Status

The Organization is a not-for-profit organization that is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The Organization evaluates tax positions taken on its federal Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Returns in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require that tax positions taken be more-likely-than-not to be sustained. Management believes that the Organization has no significant unrecognized tax benefits under that criterion. Penalties and interest, if any, assessed by income taxing authorities are included in operating expenses. The Organization's federal Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Returns are generally subject to examination by taxing authorities for three years after they were filed.

Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

Subsequent Events

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the accompanying independent auditor's report, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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Note B – Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

The Organization's temporarily restricted net assets consist of the following:

	2016	2015
Restricted for future programming	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000

Note C - Line of Credit

The Organization had a \$25,000 unsecured line of credit with a bank which bore interest at 1.5% above the bank's prime lending rate. The line of credit matured on October 5, 2016 and has not been renewed. There were no outstanding borrowings on the line of credit at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

Note D - Lease

The Organization leases its facility from an unrelated party under an operating lease which expires on March 31, 2018. The lease requires monthly payments of \$1,500 with an increase based on the consumer price index in April 2017. Total rent expense was \$18,750 and \$19,500 for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The following is a schedule of future minimum non-cancelable rental obligations as of December 31, 2016:

2017 2018	\$ 19,050 4,800
	\$ 23,850

Note E - Reclassifications

Certain prior year financial statement amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

DATE

To the Board of Directors
The Refugee Education Center
Grand Rapids, Michigan

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 The Refugee Education Center, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated DATE.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Refugee Education Center's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 The Refugee Education Center's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of The Refugee Education Center's 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 the Refugee Education Center's 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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.

Certified Public Accountants