FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019



#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors of DonorsChoose.org

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of DonorsChoose.org (a not-for-profit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, 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.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 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 DonorsChoose.org as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, 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.

# **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 14 to the financial statements, in March 2020, the United States of America declared the global pandemic novel coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Lutz + Can, LLP

New York, New York November 17, 2020

# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

	2020	2019
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents (Notes 2c and 5a)	\$ 63,555,834	\$52,619,873
Certificates of deposit (Notes 2d, 2e, 5a, 7) Unconditional promises to give (Notes 2g and 6)	10,277,429	10,103,529
Without donor restrictions	2,548,959	3,325,075
With donor restrictions	11,064,930	12,124,742
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	466,910	620,404
Property and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated		, -
depreciation (Notes 2h and 8)	4,239,219	4,513,004
Investments (Notes 2d, 2f and 9)	9,961,278	9,802,257
Security deposits	371,250	371,250
Total Assets	\$102,485,809	\$93,480,134
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 2,558,685	\$ 2,690,440
Salaries and payroll taxes payable	-	43,060
Accrued vacation payable	506,770	270,851
Total Liabilities	3,065,455	3,004,351
Commitments and contingency (Notes 9, 11, 12 and 14)		
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions (Note 4a)		
Operating	25,428,451	21,838,464
Operating reserve	9,961,278	9,802,257
Classroom assistance fund	16,500,000	16,500,000
Strategic project reserve	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total Without Donor Restrictions	53,389,729	49,640,721
With Donor Restrictions (Note 4b)	46,030,625	40,835,062
Total Net Assets	99,420,354	90,475,783
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$102,485,809	\$93,480,134

### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

# YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

	2020			2019		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Changes in Net Assets						
Revenue (Note 5b)						
Contributions for classroom projects	\$ -	\$119,557,005	\$119,557,005	\$ -	\$117,634,274	\$117,634,274
Contributions for operating expenses	27,988,457	66,648	28,055,105	30,595,775	119,190	30,714,965
Contributions for program services and supporting services	165,680	-	165,680	58,809	-	58,809
Donated services, property and equipment (Note 10)	9,443,631	-	9,443,631	330,882	-	330,882
Net investment income (Note 9)	897,404	-	897,404	1,183,091	-	1,183,091
Net assets released from restrictions	114,428,090	(114,428,090)		106,093,700	(106,093,700)	
Total Revenue	152,923,262	5,195,563	158,118,825	138,262,257	11,659,764	149,922,021
Expenses						
Program Services						
Classroom projects fulfillment expense	132,263,988	-	132,263,988	124,057,701	-	124,057,701
Supporting Services						
General and administrative	1,279,666	-	1,279,666	1,539,039	-	1,539,039
Fundraising	15,630,600	-	15,630,600	5,489,569	-	5,489,569
Total Supporting Services	16,910,266	<u> </u>	16,910,266	7,028,608		7,028,608
Total Expenses	149,174,254	<u> </u>	149,174,254	131,086,309		131,086,309
Increase in net assets	3,749,008	5,195,563	8,944,571	7,175,948	11,659,764	18,835,712
Net assets, beginning of year	49,640,721	40,835,062	90,475,783	42,464,773	29,175,298	71,640,071
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 53,389,729	\$ 46,030,625	\$ 99,420,354	\$ 49,640,721	\$ 40,835,062	\$ 90,475,783

# STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

# YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2019

	2020					2019
	Supporting Services					
	Program Services	General and Administrative	Fundraising	Total	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Classroom project materials	\$117,659,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$117,659,802	\$109,890,151
Donor thank you package and delivery	200,819	-	-	-	200,819	417,626
Credit card fees	1,693,706	-	-	-	1,693,706	1,561,671
Subtotal Classroom Project Expense	119,554,327	-	-	-	119,554,327	111,869,448
Salaries	5,921,029	546,991	3,559,138	4,106,129	10,027,158	9,656,746
Payroll taxes and benefits	2,052,013	186,610	1,149,880	1,336,490	3,388,503	2,888,611
Travel and meetings	86,213	12,801	81,867	94,668	180,881	295,557
Occupancy	706,051	60,678	349,131	409,809	1,115,860	1,144,301
Communications	22,571	1,158	9,743	10,901	33,472	26,096
Office supplies and equipment	268,881	23,107	132,957	156,064	424,945	362,677
Legal	-	75,150	-	75,150	75,150	265,789
Consulting and professional services	444,983	77,913	217,139	295,052	740,035	700,812
Audit, internal and external	-	73,084	-	73,084	73,084	50,238
Insurance	-	44,337	-	44,337	44,337	20,701
Website and IT	1,157,411	79,398	338,926	418,324	1,575,735	1,148,591
Gift card production	-	-	54,233	54,233	54,233	24,957
Marketing, including donated services (Note 10)	-	-	9,600,741	9,600,741	9,600,741	171,122
Bad debt	-	21,458	-	21,458	21,458	201,500
Registration fees	-	30,386	-	30,386	30,386	51,665
Bank fees	80,580	3,329	-	3,329	83,909	113,605
Miscellaneous	-	19,483	-	19,483	19,483	11,615
Depreciation and amortization	1,969,929	23,783	136,845	160,628	2,130,557	2,082,278
Total Expenses, 2020	\$132,263,988	\$ 1,279,666	\$15,630,600	\$16,910,266	\$149,174,254	
Total Expenses, 2019	\$124,057,701	\$ 1,539,039	\$ 5,489,569	\$ 7,028,608		\$131,086,309

See notes to financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

# YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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	Program	General and			_ Total
	Services	Administrative	<u>Fundraising</u>	Total	Expenses
Classroom project materials	\$109,890,151	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$109,890,151
Donor thank you package and delivery	417,626	-	-	-	417,626
Credit card fees	1,561,671	-	-	-	1,561,671
Subtotal Classroom Project Expense	111,869,448	-	-	-	111,869,448
Salaries	6,086,021	531,978	3,038,747	3,570,725	9,656,746
Payroll taxes and benefits	1,656,090	163,474	1,069,047	1,232,521	2,888,611
Travel and meetings	139,578	15,343	140,636	155,979	295,557
Occupancy	688,643	56,699	398,959	455,658	1,144,301
Communications	15,201	1,091	9,804	10,895	26,096
Office supplies and equipment	218,260	17,970	126,447	144,417	362,677
Legal	-	265,789	-	265,789	265,789
Consulting and professional services	509,341	58,582	132,889	191,471	700,812
Audit, internal and external	-	50,238	50,238 - 5		50,238
Insurance	-	20,701	-	20,701	20,701
Website and IT	845,415	70,379	232,797	303,176	1,148,591
Gift card production	-	-	24,957	24,957	24,957
Marketing	-	-	171,122	171,122	171,122
Bad Debt	-	201,500	-	201,500	201,500
Registration fees	-	51,665	-	51,665	51,665
Bank fees	112,078	1,527	-	1,527	113,605
Miscellaneous	-	11,615	-	11,615	11,615
Depreciation and amortization	1,917,626	20,488	144,164	164,652	2,082,278
Total Expenses	\$124,057,701	\$ 1,539,039	\$ 5,489,569	\$7,028,608	\$131,086,309

See notes to financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

# YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

	2020	2019
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Increase in net assets	\$ 8,944,571	\$18,835,712
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to		
net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,130,557	2,082,278
Realized (gain) loss on investments	(64,476)	(787,022)
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	158,296	361,192
Bad debt expense	21,458	201,500
(Increase) decrease in:	·	
Unconditional promises to give	1,814,470	(5,101,522)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	153,494	(201,427)
Security deposits	-	48,000
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(131,755)	(875,190)
Salaries and payroll taxes payable	(43,060)	(297,652)
Accrued vacation payable	235,919	38,886
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	13,219,474	14,304,755
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,856,772)	(2,243,146)
Proceeds from maturity of certificates of deposit	20,404,332	5,029,958
Purchase of certificates of deposit	(20,578,232)	(15, 133, 487)
Purchase of investments	(2,679,861)	(4,065,176)
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,411,683	3,980,478
Proceeds from sale of investments for payment of		
investment management fees	15,337	6,992
Net Cash Used By Investing Activities	(2,283,513)	(12,424,381)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	10,935,961	1,880,374
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	52,619,873	50,739,499
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$63,555,834	\$52,619,873

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

### Note 1 - Organization

DonorsChoose.org provides a simple way to supply students in need with resources that public schools often lack. At its not-for-profit website, <a href="www.DonorsChoose.org">www.DonorsChoose.org</a>, teachers submit classroom proposals for materials or activities to enhance the learning of their students. These ideas become reality when concerned individuals, referred to as Citizen Philanthropists, fund a proposal.

Proposals range from "Googly Eyed Educator" (\$598) to "Getting a 'LEGO' Up In STEAM Leaning!" (\$546) to "Fill a Backpack, Fill a Heart!" (\$831). Any individual can search such proposals by areas of interest, learn about classroom needs, and choose to fund the proposal(s) they find most compelling. After a proposal has been funded, DonorsChoose.org purchases the materials or experiences and arranges for delivery to the teacher. A funded proposal is considered a project. In completing a project, donors receive a "thank you" package of student photos and thank-you notes, a teacher impact letter, and an expenditure report showing that their tax-deductible gift was spent as directed.

DonorsChoose.org's goal is to maximize the dollar value of classroom projects funded and delivered to public schools across America. In addition, the Organization works to expand citizen philanthropy, and to become more efficient in providing its services to donors and teachers.

One of our key financial goals is to continue to be self-sufficient. DonorsChoose.org defines self-sufficiency to be when contributions without donor restrictions equal or exceed operating expenses. Operating expenses are defined as Total Expenses excluding Classroom Project Materials Expense and Donated Services and Equipment.

# Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies

## a - Contribution Revenue

Contributions are recorded as revenue. Contribution revenue is classified as contributions for classroom projects, contributions for operating expenses, contributions for program services and supporting services and, where applicable, as donated services.

Contributions for classroom projects pay for classroom project materials. Classroom project materials include the cost of materials sent to the classroom or the cost of classroom activities. Classroom activities may be a field trip to a museum or a specialized program held in the classroom.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

# Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### a - Contribution Revenue (continued)

Contributions for operating expenses pay for all expenses other than classroom project materials. Contributions for operating expense include three components: A \$30 per project fulfillment fee, a payment processing fee, and if included by the donor, an optional donation.

The per project fulfillment fee pays for the labor, materials and postage required to review and authenticate a project, post it on the website, the materials purchasing process, donor and teacher customer service, and for thank you package materials, preparation and delivery. The payment processing fee pays for third party credit card processing costs. The optional donation pays for all other expenses, including general and administrative and fundraising.

Contributions to pay for program services and supporting services are without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions. If without donor restrictions, DonorsChoose.org will decide where the funds will be used. If with donor restrictions, the funds will be used in accordance with the donor's restriction. The donor's restriction may require the funds to be used for one or more of the following types of expenses: classroom project fulfillment, general and administrative or fundraising.

DonorsChoose.org records various types of donated services, facilities and equipment. Contributed services are recognized if the services received: (a) create or enhance long-lived assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributions of tangible assets are recognized when received. The amounts reflected in the accompanying financial statements as donated services, facilities and equipment are offset by like amounts included in expenses or in the case of long-term assets, over the period benefited.

#### b - Expenses

Program Services expense is classroom projects fulfillment expense. Classroom projects fulfillment expense are amounts paid to operate the website, review and authenticate classroom proposals, process donations, acquire and deliver project materials to the classroom, donor and teacher customer service, and to provide a thank you package to the donor.

Supporting services expense includes general and administrative expenses and fundraising expenses.

# c - Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all unrestricted highly liquid instruments, purchased with a maturity of three months or less, are considered to be cash equivalents except for those short-term investments managed by the Organization's investment managers as part of their long-term investment strategies.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# **JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019**

# Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## d - Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-based measurement. Generally accepted accounting principles establish a framework for measuring fair value which maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those the market participants would use in pricing the asset based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Organization. Unobservable inputs reflect the Organization's assumptions about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. Fair value measurements are categorized into three levels as follows:

- Level 1 Inputs that reflect unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Organization has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability either directly or indirectly, including inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
- Level 3 Inputs that are unobservable.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

## e - Certificates of Deposit

Certificates of Deposit are reported at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Interest income, unrealized gains and unrealized losses are reported as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions in the reporting period in which they are recognized.

The value of certificates of deposit are based on quoted prices in active markets and are, therefore, classified within Level 1.

### f - Investments

Investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Investments with fair values that are based on quoted market prices in active markets are classified within Level 1.

Investments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active, but are valued based on quoted process, dealer quotations, or alternative pricing sources by observable inputs are classified within Level 2.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

#### JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019

# Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## f - Investments (continued)

Alternative investments, which do not have readily determinable fair values, are reported based upon the underlying net asset value per share or its equivalent as a practical expedient, and are not required to be classified within the fair value hierarchy. The net asset value is estimated at fair value by the fund manager or general partner in a manner consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) for investment companies. The Organization reviews and evaluates the values provided by the fund managers and general partners and agrees with the valuation methods and assumptions used in determining the net asset values of these investments. These estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these investments existed.

Interest, dividends and gains and losses on investments are reflected in the statement of activities as increases and decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulations or by law. Gains and other investment income that are limited to specific uses by donor-imposed restrictions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

### g - Promises to Give and Contributions

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give, that is, in substance, unconditional. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, these net assets are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

DonorsChoose.org uses the allowance method to determine uncollectible promises to give. The allowance, when necessary, is based on prior years' experience and management's analysis of specific promises made.

Conditional promises to give that have a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met.

### h - Property and Equipment

Property and equipment acquisitions greater than \$2,500 are capitalized. Purchased property and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment are recorded at their estimated fair value. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, ranging from two to five years. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the remaining lease term. Donated property and equipment are reported as contribution revenue without donor restrictions.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# **JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019**

# Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

# h - Property and Equipment (continued)

DonorsChoose.org develops in-house internet platform software to enable teachers to post projects, to receive and record donations and for other online activities. Personnel costs including salaries, payroll taxes and benefits associated with the development of the software are capitalized and amortized over three years. The allocation of personnel costs is based on development time spent and is evaluated on an annual basis.

## i - Rent Expense

DonorsChoose.org records rent expense associated with its office leases (Note 11) on a straight-line basis over the life of the leases. The difference between the straight-line amount and the amount actually paid during the year representing deferred rent is recorded as an accrued expense liability and an expense in the accompanying financial statements.

### j - Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements of DonorsChoose.org have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which require DonorsChoose.org to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

## **Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions**

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the DonorsChoose.org's management and Board of Directors.

#### Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Net assets that are subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of DonorsChoose.org or the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

## k - Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### I - Functional Allocation of Expenses

DonorsChoose.org allocates expenses on a functional basis among its programs and supporting services. Expenses that can be completely identified with program services or a single supporting service are reported accordingly. Other expenses that are common to more than one function require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. DonorsChoose.org performs this allocation based on estimated time and effort devoted to each function, at a department level.

Expenses allocated among more than one program or supporting function on the basis of estimated time and effort devoted to that function include:

- Salaries
- Pavroll taxes and benefits
- Travel and meetings
- Occupancy
- Communications
- Office supplies and equipment
- Consulting and professional services
- Website and IT
- Bank Fees
- Depreciation and amortization

### m - Tax Status

DonorsChoose.org is a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been designated as an organization which is not a private foundation.

## n - Subsequent Events

DonorsChoose.org has evaluated subsequent events through November 17, 2020, the date that the financial statements are considered available to be issued.

#### o - Prior Year Information

For comparability, certain 2019 amounts have been reclassified, where appropriate, to conform to the financial statement presentation used in 2020.

# p - New Accounting Pronouncements

For 2020, DonorsChoose.org has adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-08, *Not-for-Profit Entities: Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made (Topic 605)*. Analysis of the provisions of these standards resulted in no significant changes in the way DonorsChoose.org recognizes revenue, and therefore no changes to the previously issued audited financial statements were required on a retrospective basis.

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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## Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## p - New Accounting Pronouncements (continued)

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)." The core principles of ASU 2016-02 change the way organizations will account for their leases by recognizing lease assets and related liabilities on the statements of financial position for all leases with terms longer than twelve months and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021. DonorsChoose.org is currently evaluating the impact of ASU 2016-02 on its financial statements.

# Note 3 - Information Regarding Liquidity and Availability

DonorsChoose.org structures its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. DonorsChoose.org endeavors to use excess amounts to fund additional classroom projects.

DonorsChoose.org invests available cash in short-term investments, specifically interest bearing checking accounts, money market funds, and certificates of deposit. Additionally, DonorsChoose.org operates with a balanced budget and anticipates collecting sufficient funds to cover general expenditures, excluding direct classroom project expenses that are not covered by donor-restricted resources.

The following table reflects DonorsChoose.org's financial assets as of June 30 reduced by amounts not available for general operating expenses within one year. Financial assets are considered unavailable when illiquid or not convertible to cash within one year, when donor-restricted to cover direct classroom project expenses, or when designated by the Board for a specific purpose:

	2020	2019
Financial Assets at Year End: Cash and cash equivalents Certificates of deposit Unconditional promises to give Investments	\$63,555,834 10,277,429 13,613,889 9,961,278	\$52,619,873 10,103,529 15,449,817 9,802,257
Total Financial Assets	97,408,430	87,975,476
Less: Amounts not Available to be Used within One Year: Net assets with donor restrictions, subject to expenditure for specific purposes or passage of time	(46,030,625)	(40,835,062)
Operating reserve	(9,961,278)	(9,802,257)
Classroom assistance fund	(16,500,000)	(16,500,000)
Strategic project reserve	(1,500,000)	(1,500,000)
Financial Assets Available to Meet General Expenditures within One Year	<u>\$23,416,527</u>	<u>\$19,338,157</u>

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# **JUNE 30, 2020 AND 2019**

# Note 3 - Information Regarding Liquidity and Availability (continued)

In addition to the financial assets and other resources available for general expenditures within one year, DonorsChoose.org has three board-designated reserves that could additionally be made available:

- 1) Net assets of \$9,961,278 as an Operating reserve, to be used if DonorsChoose.org is no longer able to operate on a self-sufficient basis. These assets are invested in a mix of short and long-term investments, of which \$9,429,868 could be made available for use in general operating expenses within one year, with Board approval.
- 2) Net assets of \$16,500,000 as a Classroom assistance fund, to be used exclusively to support classroom projects. With Board approval, these funds could be made available for use in general operating expenses within one year.
- 3) Net assets of \$1,500,000 as a Strategic project reserve, to be used to support strategic operating projects within DonorsChoose.org. With Board approval, these funds could be made available for use in general operating expenses within one year.

### Note 4 - Net Assets

### a - Without Donor Restrictions

Operating net assets without donor restrictions result from the excess of revenue without donor restrictions over total expenses. A portion of operating net assets without donor restrictions is generally spent on classroom projects via programs designed to acquire new teachers and new donors. An example of this is to provide matching funds for donations to projects posted by teachers using the DonorsChoose.org site for the first time.

The purpose of the operating reserve is to retain a sufficient level of funds to be able to operate DonorsChoose.org if a change in conditions creates a situation where DonorsChoose.org is no longer operating on a self-sufficient basis. DonorsChoose.org intends to maintain an Operating Reserve of no less than \$7.5 million.

In fiscal year 2019, the Board of Directors of DonorsChoose.org designated \$16,500,000 as the Classroom Assistance Fund, to be used exclusively for funding classroom projects in future years. DonorsChoose.org intends to use these funds to directly fund donations to projects and/or match offers to support teachers on the site.

### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# Note 4 - Net Assets (continued)

# a - Without Donor Restrictions (continued)

In fiscal year 2019, the Board of Directors of DonorsChoose.org designated \$1,500,000 as the Special Project Reserve, to be used exclusively for unbudgeted strategic internal projects. An example of this is securing additional office space in the case of rapid unexpected growth.

## b - With Donor Restrictions

Substantially all of net assets with donor restrictions consists of contributions restricted towards classroom project expense.

# Note 5 - Concentrations

- a Significant concentrations of cash and certificates of deposit are on deposit at four financial institutions. Cash equivalents include money market deposits and U.S. Government money market mutual funds.
- b For the year ended June 30, 2020, approximately 6% of total revenue was received from one donor. For the year ended June 30, 2019, approximately 7% of total revenue was received from the same donor.

## Note 6 - <u>Unconditional Promises to Give</u>

Unconditional promises to give at June 30 are due as follows:

		2020	
	Without Donor	With Donor	_
	Restrictions	Restrictions	<u>Total</u>
Due within one year Due in one to five years	\$2,494,559 54,400	\$10,883,681 195,600	\$13,378,240 250,000
Due in one to live years	2,548,959	11,079,281	13,628,240
Less: Discount to present value		(14,351)	(14,351)
Total	<u>\$2,548,959</u>	<u>\$11,064,930</u>	<u>\$13,613,889</u>

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# Note 6 - Unconditional Promises to Give (continued)

		2019	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Iotai
Due within one year	\$2,868,428	\$10,533,393	\$13,401,821
Due in one to five years	456,647	1,723,353	2,180,000
	3,325,075	12,256,746	15,581,821
Less: Discount to present value		(132,004)	(132,004)
Total	<u>\$3,325,075</u>	<u>\$12,124,742</u>	<u>\$15,449,817</u>

Unconditional promises to give due after one year are discounted to present value using a discount rate of 3%. Uncollectible amounts are expected to be insignificant. Approximately 12% of unconditional promises to give as of June 30, 2020 is from a single grant. Approximately 21% of unconditional promises to give as of June 30, 2019 was from the same single grant.

# Note 7 - Certificates of Deposit

At June 30, 2020, DonorsChoose.org held certificates of deposit with a cost basis that approximates fair value. Certificates of deposit are FDIC insured instruments, with maturity dates ranging from one month to six months, which are intended to be held to maturity. Upon maturity, the certificates of deposit are expected to be redeemed at cost plus interest earned. No realized losses are expected.

Interest earned on certificates of deposit during the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 totaled \$173,900 and \$103,529, respectively.

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# Note 8 - **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	Life	2020	2019
Internet platform Furniture and equipment	3 years 2-5 years	\$5,199,582 472,233	\$4,959,537 479,542
Leasehold improvements	Life of lease	2,994,860	2,994,860
Less: Accumulated depreciation		8,666,675 (4,427,456)	8,433,939 (3,920,935)
		<u>\$4,239,219</u>	<u>\$4,513,004</u>

# Note 9 - <u>Investments</u>

Investments consist of the following at June 30:

	202	20	2019		
	Cost	Fair Value	Cost	Fair Value	
Cash	\$ 112,206	\$ 112,206	\$ 38,715	\$ 38,715	
Mutual Funds:					
Domestic equities	38,704	40,897	50,641	51,959	
Bond funds	757,998	746,426	390,020	390,390	
Common stock	1,845,964	1,935,793	2,321,450	2,358,047	
Preferred stock	-	-	4,379	4,851	
Corporate bonds	662,021	697,290	465,691	479,308	
Municipal bonds	210,079	220,339	-	-	
US Treasury Notes and					
asset backed securities	460,504	487,692	628,378	636,040	
Investment Funds:					
Global equities	1,268,772	1,537,520	1,335,907	1,820,719	
Fixed income	650,000	1,067,705	650,000	1,071,037	
Middle market lending	481,250	486,313	330,000	337,024	
Sustainable investing	45,000	45,097	-	-	
Alternative Investment -					
absolute return	2,100,000	<u>2,584,000</u>	2,100,000	<u>2,614,167</u>	
	<u>\$8,632,498</u>	<u>\$9,961,278</u>	<u>\$8,315,181</u>	\$9,802,257	

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# Note 9 - <u>Investments</u> (continued)

Net investment income for the years ended June 30 is summarized as follows:

	2020	2019
Interest and dividends Limited partnership income (loss)	\$ 60,313 207,865	\$ 97,480 (12,783)
Realized gain on investments Unrealized loss on investments Investment fees	64,476 (158,296) <u>(64,668</u> )	787,022 (361,192) (53,762)
Net investment income on cash and certificates of deposit	109,690 _787,714	456,765 <u>726,326</u>
Net Investment Income	<u>\$897,404</u>	<u>\$1,183,091</u>

The following summarizes the fair value of investments that are measured on a recurring basis at June 30:

			2020		
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Measured at Net Asset Value
Cash	\$ 112,206	\$ 112,206	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds:					
Domestic equities	40,897	40,897	-	-	-
Bond funds	746,426	-	746,426	-	
Common stock	1,935,793	1,935,793	-	-	-
Preferred stock	-	-	-	-	
Corporate bonds	697,290	-	697,290	-	-
Municipal bonds	220,339	-	220,339	-	-
US Treasury Notes and					
asset backed securities	487,692	-	487,692	-	-
Investment Funds:				-	
Global equities	1,537,520	-	-	-	1,537,520
Fixed income	1,067,705	-	-	-	1,067,705
Middle market lending	486,313	-	-	-	486,313
Sustainable Investing	45,097	-	-	-	45,097
Alternative Investment -					
absolute return	2,584,000				2,584,000
Total Investments	\$9,961,278	\$2,088,896	\$2,151,747	\$ -	\$5,720,635

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Note 9 - <u>Investments</u> (continued)

	2019				
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Measured at Net Asset Value
Cash	\$ 38,71	5 \$ 38,71	5 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mutual Funds: Domestic equities Bond funds	51,95 390,39		9 - 390,390	<u>-</u>	-
Common stock	2,358,04	17 2,358,04°	7 -	-	-
Preferred stock	4,85	51 -	4,851	-	
Corporate bonds	479,30	. 8	479,308	-	_
US Treasury Notes and asset backed securities	636,04	10 -	636,040	-	-
Investment Funds: Global equities	1,820,71	10 -	_	-	1,820,719
Fixed income	1,071,03		-	-	1,071,037
Middle market lending	337,02		-	-	337,024
Alternative Investment - absolute return	2,614,16	<u> </u>			2,614,167
Total Investments	\$9,802,25	<u>\$2,448,72</u>	<u>1</u> <u>\$1,510,589</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$5,842,947</u>

The investments included in DonorsChoose.org's investment portfolio, valued using the net asset value, are redeemable based on the following terms and conditions as of June 30, 2020:

Global Equities: Monthly redemption with 30 days' notice	\$1,537,520
Fixed Income:  Monthly redemption with 45 days' notice (subject to initial one-year lockup period)	1,067,705
Middle Market Lending: Redemption 10 years from final close with two possible one- year extensions at the discretion of the general partner	486,313
Sustainable Investing: 3-year investment period from the final closing with ability to fully recycle plus 6-year full term from final closing with multiple 1-year period extensions	45,097
Absolute Return: Semi-annual redemption with 100 days' notice	2,584,000

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## Note 9 - Investments (continued)

The following are descriptions of the investment strategies of these investments:

## Global Equities

This fund invests through multiple managers each employing a different strategy of investing in primarily domestic and some international equities.

#### Fixed Income

This fund invests in a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities, including government and corporate bonds, convertible bonds, zero-coupon bonds, and securitized assets.

## Middle Market Lending

This fund invests in senior-secured, floating rate loans that are provided to middle market companies.

## Sustainable Investing

This fund invests in private, middle-market North American companies, organizations and other entities with the intention to generate positive social and environmental impact without sacrificing a strong financial return.

#### Absolute Return

This fund invests in private investment companies managed by fifteen to twenty managers employing a variety of strategies to achieve absolute return.

DonorsChoose.org has committed to invest a total of \$1,050,000 in limited partnerships which make periodic capital calls. As of June 30, 2020, \$526,250 of this commitment has been invested, leaving an outstanding commitment of \$523,750.

### Note 10 - Donated Services, Property and Equipment

During the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, DonorsChoose.org received donated services, property and equipment as follows:

	2020	<u>2019</u>
Marketing	\$9,262,100	\$ 12,118
Website and hosted services	106,381	52,975
Legal services	<u>75,150</u>	<u>265,789</u>
	<u>\$9,443,631</u>	<u>\$330,882</u>

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## **Note 10 - Donated Services, Property and Equipment (continued)**

Donated legal services for both 2020 and 2019 were related to organizational and administrative matters, including consultation regarding business registrations, contract review and other corporate and organizational policies.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, \$9,084,960 of the donated marketing services of \$9,262,100 were related to public service announcements (PSAs) distributed to radio stations and presented free of charge. The estimated value of the PSAs and related placement is based on the date, time, and market of the placement.

# Note 11 - Commitments

DonorsChoose.org occupies its primary office space in New York under an operating lease agreement with a term that expires in December 2026. The lease agreement calls for minimum monthly lease payments with annual escalations. Rent expense is recorded on a straight-line basis, and the deferred rent liability was \$255,064 and \$207,754 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

DonorsChoose.org also occupies office space in San Francisco under a term that expires in February 2023. The lease agreement calls for minimum monthly lease payments with annual escalations. Rent expense is recorded on a straight-line basis, and the deferred rent liability was \$1,464 and \$5,307 as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable leases are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	
2021	\$ 900,558
2022	927,575
2023	902,620
2024	824,135
2025	848,859
Thereafter through December 31, 2026	<u>1,317,948</u>
	<u>\$5,721,695</u>

Other office space is occupied on a month-to-month basis. Office rent expense for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 totaled \$919,171 and \$922,104, respectively.

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## Note 12 - Retirement Plan

DonorsChoose.org maintains a defined contribution 401(k) plan for all eligible employees. A matching contribution is made to match 100% of the employee's contribution up to 5% of the employee's annual salary, subject to certain restrictions, after an employee has completed 90 days of service. The total contributions to the plan for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 were \$336,618 and \$309,243 respectively.

# Note 13 - Related Party Transaction

The Chief Executive Officer of DonorsChoose.org has created RedPen, a Benefit Corporation. The purpose of RedPen is to create an online tool to help improve business writing. This free online tool is available at <a href="http://irregardless.ly">http://irregardless.ly</a>.

RedPen is funded by proceeds earned by the Chief Executive Officer for public speaking engagements. The Chief Executive Officer has contributed to DonorsChoose.org a 20% equity interest in RedPen, which was deemed to have nominal value at the time of donation. Beginning in fiscal year 2014, RedPen began donating at least 30% of its revenue to DonorsChoose.org to fund classroom projects. No donations were made during the years ended June 30, 2020 or 2019.

### Note 14 - Significant Event

In March 2020, the United States declared the global pandemic novel coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. New initiatives were launched to put materials in the hands of teachers and students directly, while many schools were physically closed. Management continues to evaluate the potential impact that the resulting economic uncertainties will have on the DonorsChoose.org's operations.