

**BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS
OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Year Ended December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of
Southwest Louisiana, Inc.
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. as of December 31, 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit 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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management of the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 24, 2024, on our consideration of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s 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 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s 2022 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated June 8, 2023. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Steven M. DeRouen & Associates, LLC

Lake Charles, Louisiana
May 24, 2024

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**December 31, 2023
with comparative totals for 2022**

ASSETS

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,044,528	\$ 1,619,681
Unconditional promises to give	24,306	34,080
Grants receivable	1,411	463
Contracts receivable	19,500	8,500
Certificate of deposit	231,473	-
Accrued video revenue	417	417
Beneficial interest in the assets held by the Community Foundation of SWLA	144,276	120,980
Prepaid expenses	51,284	52,707
Prepaid unrelated business income taxes	-	3,023
Total current assets	<u>1,517,195</u>	<u>1,839,851</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Furniture and equipment	206,264	174,743
Building	991,435	984,985
	<u>1,197,699</u>	<u>1,159,728</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(541,813)</u>	<u>(479,755)</u>
	655,886	679,973
Land	20,052	20,052
Net property and equipment	<u>675,938</u>	<u>700,025</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,193,133</u>	<u>\$ 2,539,876</u>

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

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**December 31, 2023
with comparative totals for 2022**

LIABILITIES

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable-trade	\$ 35,815	\$ 54,162
Accrued expenses	34,586	37,955
Unrelated business income taxes payable	209	-
Total current liabilities	<u>70,610</u>	<u>92,117</u>
Total liabilities	<u>70,610</u>	<u>92,117</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	1,976,428	2,257,993
With donor restrictions	146,095	189,766
Total net assets	<u>2,122,523</u>	<u>2,447,759</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 2,193,133</u>	<u>\$ 2,539,876</u>

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

**Year Ended December 31, 2023
with comparative totals for 2022**

	2023			2022
	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT				
United Way of Southwest Louisiana	\$ 75,945	\$ 8,000	\$ 83,945	\$ 102,607
Grants	491,468	15,833	507,301	1,513,473
Contract fees	84,000	-	84,000	49,000
Contributions	42,134	11,884	54,018	25,455
In-kind contributions	24,240	-	24,240	26,665
Investment earnings	13,686	2,432	16,118	5,652
Other	6,356	-	6,356	4,790
Employee Retention Credit proceeds	-	-	-	37,242
Bingo revenues, net of awards and progressive	593,376	-	593,376	552,890
Fund-raising/special events	115,648	-	115,648	33,026
Insurance recoveries	-	-	-	718,571
Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness	-	-	-	95,795
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	4,066	7,347	11,413	(1,772)
Total revenues and gains	<u>1,450,919</u>	<u>45,496</u>	<u>1,496,415</u>	<u>3,163,394</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	89,167	(89,167)	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT	<u>1,540,086</u>	<u>(43,671)</u>	<u>1,496,415</u>	<u>3,163,394</u>
EXPENSES AND LOSSES				
Program service-community services	1,143,168	-	1,143,168	977,927
Management and general	162,684	-	162,684	147,679
Fund-raising/special events	196,629	-	196,629	165,976
Bingo	319,170	-	319,170	277,846
TOTAL EXPENSES AND LOSSES	<u>1,821,651</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,821,651</u>	<u>1,569,428</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(281,565)	(43,671)	(325,236)	1,593,966
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>2,257,993</u>	<u>189,766</u>	<u>2,447,759</u>	<u>853,793</u>
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,976,428</u>	<u>\$ 146,095</u>	<u>\$ 2,122,523</u>	<u>\$ 2,447,759</u>

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

**For the year ended December 31, 2023
with comparative totals for 2022**

	Program	Management	Fund	Bingo	Total Program and Supporting Service Expense	
	Services	and General	Raising		2023	2022
Activities	\$ 34,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,469	\$ 16,590
Bank fees	707	106	71	209	1,093	6,002
Dues	31,230	4,685	3,123	-	39,038	54,318
FGP Program	97,061	-	-	-	97,061	68,583
Hospitality/health benefits	35,672	5,351	3,567	-	44,590	26,929
Insurance	48,267	7,240	4,827	3,592	63,926	46,373
Meeting and training	31,415	4,712	3,142	-	39,269	24,055
Miscellaneous	13,676	2,051	1,368	-	17,095	11,527
Other programs	379	-	-	-	379	8,956
Payroll taxes	41,085	6,953	10,197	4,973	63,208	54,541
Postage	38	6	4	-	48	-
Professional fees	49,766	7,465	4,977	-	62,207	44,661
Publicity and promotion	34,579	5,187	3,458	384	43,608	32,102
Rent and occupancy	36,362	5,454	3,636	109,051	154,503	155,691
Retirement	16,581	2,799	2,153	-	21,534	17,225
Salaries	561,714	95,059	145,707	61,695	864,176	724,624
Security	-	-	-	10,568	10,568	6,645
Supplies	23,277	3,492	2,328	90,550	119,646	132,245
Taxes and licenses	-	16	-	38,148	38,164	38,218
Telephone	8,390	1,258	839	-	10,487	8,529
Travel and transportation	16,694	2,504	1,669	-	20,868	20,669
Utilities	5,990	898	599	-	7,487	8,185
Volunteer Screening	6,169	-	-	-	6,169	3,788
Total before depreciation and other expense	1,093,522	155,237	191,664	319,170	1,759,593	1,510,456
Depreciation	49,646	7,447	4,965	-	62,058	58,972
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,143,168	\$ 162,684	\$ 196,629	\$ 319,170	\$ 1,821,651	\$ 1,569,428

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

**Year Ended December 31, 2023
with comparative totals for 2022**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ (325,236)	\$ 1,593,966
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by (used) by operating activities		
Depreciation	62,058	58,972
(Increase) decrease in operating assets		
Grants receivable	(948)	2,091
Contracts receivable	(11,000)	4,000
Prepaid expenses	1,423	(24,528)
Unconditional promises to give	9,774	(6,028)
Prepaid income tax	3,023	(3,023)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities		
Accounts payable-trade	(18,347)	(4,004)
Accrued expenses	(3,369)	6,255
Income tax payable	209	(23,881)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>(282,413)</u>	<u>1,603,820</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of certificate of deposit	(231,473)	-
Fixed asset acquisitions	(37,971)	(28,403)
Cash additions to beneficial interest	(23,296)	(98,229)
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>(292,740)</u>	<u>(126,632)</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness	-	(95,795)
NET CASH FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>(95,795)</u>
 NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(575,153)	1,381,393
 BEGINNING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>1,619,681</u>	<u>238,288</u>
 ENDING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>\$ 1,044,528</u>	<u>\$ 1,619,681</u>

Supplemental Disclosure:

Income tax paid in year ended December 31, 2023 was \$37,364.

Income tax paid in year ended December 31, 2022 was \$37,359.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

**Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

1. Organization and Purpose

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization whose main purpose is to provide children from single-parent homes with the confidence and desire to develop into loving and productive adults through the warmth and friendship of a caring adult volunteer. The Organization's purpose is carried out through their office located in Southwest Louisiana.

2. Basis of Presentation

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in its Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. In accordance with this guidance, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalent

For purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, the Organization considers all unrestricted, highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

4. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. This will affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

5. Property and Equipment

The Organization follows the practice of capitalizing all furniture and fixtures acquired in excess of \$1,000. Donated fixed assets are recorded as support at their estimated fair value at the date of donation; all other fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method. Depreciation amounted to \$62,058 for the year ended December 31, 2023, based on an estimated useful life of five years for equipment and forty years for buildings.

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**Notes to Financial Statements
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

6. Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor or grantor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets available subject to donor-imposed or certain grantor-imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

The Organization reports contributions restricted by donors as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions 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 and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes or periods:

Subject to expenditure or deliverables for specified purpose:

Blue Cross Blue Shield – 2024 Special Events	\$	5,000
Endowment fund within Community Foundation		<u>122,262</u>
		<u>127,262</u>

Subject to the passage of time:

National Football League Inspire Change		10,833
United Way of Southwest Louisiana		<u>8,000</u>
	\$	<u>146,095</u>

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

**Notes to Financial Statements
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

7. Concentration of Revenue and Support

The Organization receives funding from the United Way of Southwest Louisiana, individual contributions, fundraisers, grants, bingo revenues, interest, and other income. A majority of the revenue for the Organization's programs is provided by bingo revenues (40%), federal and state grants (27%), and contributions/fundraising including funding from the United Way of Southwest Louisiana (21%). If the Organization no longer held the bingo sessions, or there were significant reductions in amounts received in funding or by donors, the operations of the Organization could be adversely impacted.

8. Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are charged to operations when incurred. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Organization incurred \$43,608 in publicity and promotion costs.

9. Revenue Recognition

Big Brothers Big Sisters of SWLA, Inc. adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, or Accounting Standards Codification Topic 606 ("ASC 606"). The guidance outlines a single, comprehensive model for accounting for revenue in exchange transactions from contracts with customers. The Organization's revenue derived from exchange transactions are for services performed under terms of various contracts, gaming, and special event revenue. The Organization applied Topic 606 to its revenue derived from exchange transactions as follows:

Transaction price - The transaction price of contract revenue and special event revenue are based on the cost expended to provide such goods and services.

Performance obligations – The Organization has identified the following performance obligations in exchange transactions: (1) services under terms of various contracts; and (2) fundraising services to obtain donations. The Organization applies the principles of materiality in the determination of the performance obligations.

Contract fee revenues are recognized over the time in which the support performance obligations are met. Contract payments are made the following month after billing and support performance documents have been submitted to the contractor. Expenses are recognized in the period incurred in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting. Fundraising revenues representing reciprocal transfers (exchange transactions) are recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied. The Organization's estimate of the transaction price is determined based on the cost expended to provide such goods or services.

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**Notes to Financial Statements
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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

9. Revenue Recognition (Continued)

Bingo revenues, which includes \$942,708 in gross revenues netted against \$349,332 in awards, are recognized when based on the outcome of an event either (1) the Organization retains the amount wagered by the customer or (2) the wager is returned to the customer along with an additional amount effectively representing the Organizations side of the wager in the agreement.

The following table presents the Organization's net revenue disaggregated based on the revenue source:

<u>For the year ended December 31,</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Contract fee income	\$ 84,000	\$ 49,000
Bingo revenues, net of awards and progressive	593,376	552,890
Fundraising event exchange transactions	17,401	20,042
Total revenue from contracts with customers	\$ 694,777	\$ 621,932

The following table presents the Organization's contract balances based on revenue from contracts with customers:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Receivables from contracts	\$ 19,500	\$ 8,500

10. Contributed Goods and Services

FASB ASC 958-605-50-1 states that for donated services to be recognized in the financial statements, the services must either (a) create or enhance a nonfinancial asset or (b) be specialized skills, provided by entities or persons possessing those skills that would be purchased if not donated. During the year, the value of these contributed services which consisted of answering services and advertising totaled \$11,050 and met the requirements for recognition in the financial statements. Donated goods which are recorded at fair market value include fundraiser prizes and supplies as well as foster grandparent program meals totaling \$13,190.

11. Comparative Totals

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, from which the summarized information was derived.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

**Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

12. Receivables

Grant and contract revenue are typically on cost-reimbursement arrangements and revenue is recognized after the program expenditures have been incurred. As such, the Organization recognizes revenue and records a receivable for the reimbursement amount from the respective agency. Grants and contracts receivable are stated at net realizable value. In determining whether or not to record an allowance for doubtful accounts, management makes a judgmental determination based on an evaluation of the facts and circumstance related to each account. At December 31, 2023, the Organization considers all receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required. If amounts become uncollectible, they will be charged to the change in net assets when the determination is made.

NOTE B - FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Organization has a number of financial instruments, none of which are held for trading purposes. The Organization estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments as of December 31, 2023, do not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying balance sheet. The estimated fair value amounts have been determined by the Organization using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. Considerable judgment is necessarily required in interpreting market data to develop the estimates of fair value, and, accordingly, the estimates are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the agency could realize in a current market exchange. The recorded values of cash and cash equivalents, grants receivable, contracts receivable, unconditional promises to give, accrued video revenue, prepaid expenses, accounts payable, accrued expenses, and unrelated business income taxes payable approximate their fair values based on their short-term nature. The recorded values of notes payable approximate their fair value, as interest is insignificant.

NOTE C - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

Expenses were allocated in the accompanying financial statements to program and support services functional expense groups. The methods of allocation were based on the Organization's estimates of the relative proportion of various staff members' time and effort between program and support services as well as the Organization's estimates of the amount of each expense utilized for program or support service functions.

NOTE D – NOTE PAYABLE

During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Organization received a loan in the amount of \$95,795 from the second round of the Paycheck Protection Program established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Organization applied for and has been notified that \$95,795 in eligible expenditures for payroll and other expenses described in the CARES Act has been forgiven. Loan forgiveness is reflected in the accompanying statement of activities.

NOTE E - RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization participated in a defined contribution retirement plan that covers all full-time employees fulfilling the eligibility requirements set by the plan underwriter. Contributions to the plan were three percent (3%) of gross wages during 2023 and amounted to \$21,534.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

**Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

NOTE F – BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ASSETS

During 2018, the Organization transferred \$10,000 of assets to the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana (the “Foundation”) which is holding them as an endowed component fund (“Fund”) for the benefit of non-related charitable organizations. During 2020, the Organization transferred an additional \$7,500 of assets to the Foundation. The Organization has granted the Foundation variance power which gives the Foundation’s Board of Trustees the power to use the Fund for the Foundation’s charitable purposes. The Fund is subject to the Foundation’s investment and spending policies which currently result in a distribution of 5% of the Fund as of the end of each calendar quarter. Any distributions from the Fund cannot cause the fair value of the Fund to drop below its Historic Dollar Value of \$17,500. The Organization has the ability to request termination of this agreement at any time. Upon termination the remainder of these funds would be return to Big Brothers Big Sisters of SWLA. The Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana charges a 0.25% quarterly administrative fee.

Changes in the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ 22,751
Amounts invested in the Fund	-
Share of appreciation of Fund	(2,174)
Administration Fees	(196)
Distributions made from Fund	-
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 20,381
Amounts invested in the Fund	-
Share of appreciation of Fund	2,222
Administration Fees	(589)
Distributions made from Fund	-
Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$ 22,014

During 2022, the Organization transferred \$100,000 of assets to the Community Foundation of Southwest Louisiana (the “Foundation”) to establish an endowment fund (“Fund”) for the benefit of the Organization. The Organization has granted the Foundation variance power which gives the Foundation’s Advisory Committee the power to use the Fund for other purposes in certain circumstances.

The Fund is subject to the Foundation’s investment and spending policies which currently result in a distribution to the Organization of 5% of the average quarterly value of the previous four quarters. The Organization reports the fair value of the Fund as Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by the Community Foundation of SWLA in the statement of financial position and reports distributions received as investment income. Changes in value of the Fund are reported as gains or losses in the statement of activities.

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**Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**

NOTE F – BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ASSETS (continued)

Changes in the Fund for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 are as follows:

Balance as of January 1, 2022	\$ -
Amounts (gifts) invested in the Fund	100,000
Share of appreciation of Fund	1,027
Administration Fees	(428)
Distributions made from Fund	-
Balance as of December 31, 2022	\$ 100,599
Amounts (gifts) invested in the Fund	11,884
Share of appreciation of Fund	10,647
Administration Fees	(868)
Distributions made from Fund	-
Balance as of December 31, 2023	\$ 122,262

The summary of changes in fair value of the beneficial interest in the assets held by the Community Foundation of SWLA has been prepared to reflect the activity in the same categories as those provided by the Community Foundation of SWLA. Net investment performance includes realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments, investment income, and administrative fees and is included in change in value of beneficial interest in assets held by others in the accompanying statements of activities. Typically, distributions decrease the Organization's respective financial asset and increase cash at the time of distribution.

NOTE G – INVESTMENTS

The Organization applies GAAP for fair value measurements of financial assets that are recognized at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to measurements involving significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of fair market hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities the Organization has the ability to access.

Level 2 inputs are inputs (other than quoted prices in Level 1) that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability and rely on management's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. (The unobservable inputs should be developed based on the best information available).

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NOTE G – INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation of SWLA: The fair value of the Organization’s beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation of SWLA is based on the fair value of fund investments as reported by the Community Foundation of SWLA. These are considered to be level 2 and 3 investments, depending on whether the Organization has the ability to redeem its investment (level 2). See Note F for a reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis using significant unobservable inputs (level 3) for the year ending December 31, 2023.

The beneficial interest in assets classified at level 3 and held at the Community Foundation of SWLA has been valued, as a practical expedient, at the fair value of the Organization’s share of the Foundation’s investment pool as of the measurement date. The Foundation values securities and other financial instruments on a fair value basis of accounting. The estimated fair values of certain investments of the Foundation, which includes private placements and other securities for which prices are not readily available, are determined by the management of the Foundation and may not reflect amounts that could be realized upon immediate sale, nor amounts that ultimately by be realized. According, these estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for these investments.

	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Certificate of Deposit Investment	\$ 231,473	\$ -	\$ 231,473	\$ -
Beneficial Interest in Assets	144,276	-	22,014	122,262

As of December 31, 2023, the Organization’s investments measured on a recurring basis consisted of investments (Level 2) and beneficial interest in assets (Level 3) with fair market value and cost bases as follows:

	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain (Loss)
Certificate of Deposit Investment (Level 2 Observable Inputs)	\$ 231,473	\$ 231,473	\$ -
Beneficial Interest in Assets (Level 2 and 3 Unobservable Inputs)	129,384	144,276	14,892

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NOTE G – INVESTMENTS (Continued)

As of December 31, 2022, the Organization’s investments measured on a recurring basis consisted of investments (Level 2) and beneficial interest in assets (Level 3) with fair market value and cost bases as follows:

	<u>Amortized Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Gain (Loss)</u>
Beneficial Interest in Assets (Level 2 and 3 Unobservable Inputs)	\$ 117,500	\$ 120,980	\$ 3,480

NOTE H – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Organization has \$1,321,218 of financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet cash needs for general expenditures consisting of substantially cash of \$1,044,528, unconditional promises to give of \$24,306, grants receivable of \$1,411, contracts receivable of \$19,500, and a certificate of deposit of \$231,473. None of the financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position. The unconditional promises to give are subject to implied time restrictions but are expected to be collected within one year. The Organization has a goal to maintain financial assets which consist of cash on hand to meet 60 days of normal operating expenses, which are, on average, approximately \$275,000. The Organization has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. In addition, as part of its liquidity management, the Organization deposits cash in excess of daily requirements in its interest-bearing savings accounts.

NOTE I - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. are entitled to paid vacation and personal days off depending on job classification, length of service and other factors. The value of these compensated absences is calculated based on the employee’s pay rate at the end of the year. Accrued compensated absences totaled \$30,274 as of December 31, 2023.

NOTE J - INCOME TAXES

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. was incorporated under the laws of the state of Louisiana. The Organization is operated exclusively for charitable services and has qualified for the exemption from Federal income taxes under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Organization has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service not to be a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a) of the Code. The Organization is subject to income tax on unrelated business income which includes the net pull tab profit received from the bingo operations. Income tax amounted to \$37,573 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. is required to file the applicable Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, and Form 990-T, *Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return*. Returns are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after they are filed.

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NOTE K - UNCONDITIONAL PROMISES TO GIVE

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Organization received its United Way allocation of \$16,000 for the period July 2023 through June 2024. The receivable of \$8,000 is the amount for January 2024 through June 2024. This allocation is donor restricted as to time of receipt and is properly reflected in the accompanying Statement of Activities as an increase in donor restricted net assets. Uncollectible allocations are expected to be insignificant.

NOTE L - LEASES

The Organization conducts its bingo sessions at various facilities. Rent is paid for each bingo session held. The lease is renewed annually and lease expense totaled \$44,200 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Effective, June 1, 2022, the Organization entered into a twelve-month lease for its DeRidder, Louisiana office. Beginning on June 1, 2023, the lease converted to a month-to-month basis at \$930 per month. Lease expense totaled \$11,160 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The Organization has made a policy election to not report lease contracts of 12 months or less in accordance with ASC 842 guidelines. The leases in force at time of audit are for 12 months and fit this criterion.

NOTE M – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Organization maintains the following cash accounts:

		December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022
Petty Cash Accounts	\$	260	\$	260
Operating Account		339,047		737,057
Savings Account		507,099		722,455
* Bingo/Pull Tab Accounts	\$	198,122	\$	159,909

* The Organization is required to maintain a separate bank account for the gaming accounts.

NOTE N - FUND-RAISING EXPENSE

Fund-raising expenses related to the Bowl for Kids' Sake (BFKS), Bags and Brews, and the golf tournament events totaled \$63,744 or 36% of the total special events revenues. Special events are shown net of these costs on the Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2023. The amount of salaries and related payroll taxes, and other expenses allocated to fund-raising are not included in the above total.

NOTE O – CONTINGENCIES

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agency reviews. Any disallowed expenditures, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability. Management is not aware of any disallowed expenditures as of December 31, 2023.

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NOTE P - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. maintains cash balances at several financial institutions located in Southwest Louisiana. Accounts at an institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), based on balances and interest rate terms. Amounts held in financial institutions occasionally are in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation limits. At December 31, 2023, the Organization's bank balances in excess of FDIC coverage totaled \$569,717. The Organization deposits its cash with high quality financial institutions, and management believes the organization is not exposed to significant credit risk on those amounts.

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist of promises to give receivable, grants receivable, contracts receivable, and \$144,276 in beneficial interest in assets held by the Community Foundation of SWLA. Amounts receivable from promises to give as of December 31, 2023 consist of \$24,306 from the United Way of Southwest Louisiana. Contracts receivable as of December 31, 2023 consist of \$12,500 from the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and \$7,000 from the State of Louisiana. Grants receivable consist of \$1,411 from the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund.

NOTE Q - SUBSEQUENT EVENT

The Organization evaluated its December 31, 2023 financial statements for subsequent events through the date of the audit report, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. The Organization is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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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*

Board of Directors
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.
Lake Charles, LA

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 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, 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 May 24, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s 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 Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'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.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'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.

Steven M. DeRouen & Associates, LLC

Lake Charles, Louisiana
May 24, 2024

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Year Ended December 31, 2023

We have audited the financial statements of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated May 24, 2024. We conducted our audit 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. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2023 resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Report

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weakness Yes No Other Conditions Yes No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

There were no current year financial statement findings.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

Year Ended December 31, 2023

NONE

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Executive Director

Paid from Public Funds

December 31, 2023

NO COMPENSATION PAID FROM PUBLIC FUNDS

Agency Head Name: Erin Davison, Executive Director

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 0.00
Benefits-health insurance	0.00
Benefits-retirement	0.00
Benefits-Life, ADD, LTD	0.00
Car allowance	0.00
Vehicle provided by government	0.00
Per diem	0.00
Reimbursements – Auto Mileage Reimb	0.00
Travel	0.00
Registration fees	0.00
Conference travel	0.00
Continuing professional education fees	0.00
Housing	0.00
Unvouchered expenses	0.00
Special meals	0.00