# JEFFERSON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER JEFFERSON, LOUISIANA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2021



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#### Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center Jefferson, Louisiana

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center (the Center), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center, as of December 31 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

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

#### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center'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 Responsibility**

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures
  that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center'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 Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center'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.

#### **Report on Supplementary Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information 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 information 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 25, 2022 on our consideration of the Center's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 the Center's internal control over financial reporting or compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Center's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Metairie, Louisiana May 25, 2022

Richard CPAS

# <u>JEFFERSON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER</u> <u>STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION</u> <u>DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020</u>

#### ASSETS

		2021	2020
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash	\$	116,426	\$ 113,490
Grants receivable		15,827	24,637
Prepaid expenses		16,750	16,750
Deposits		650	 650
Total current assets		149,653	155,527
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT, NET		13,627	 18,050
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	163,280	\$ 173,577
LIABILITIES AND NE	ET A	SSETS	
Accounts payable	\$	27,335	\$ 23,409
Total current liabilities		27,335	23,409
NET ASSETS			
Without donor restrictions		135,945	150,168
With donor restrictions		-	-
Total net assets		135,945	150,168
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	163,280	\$ 173,577

# JEFFERSON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

		2021			2020	
	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total	Without donor restrictions	With donor restrictions	Total
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT		_				
Contributions	\$ 52,024	\$ -	\$ 52,024	\$ 60,504	\$ -	\$ 60,504
Operating support and grants	3,000	106,061	109,061	-	73,178	73,178
Investment return	1,098	=	1,098	2,821	=	2,821
Donated salaries and benefits	275,471	-	275,471	282,034	-	282,034
Donated facilities	15,000	-	15,000	15,000	-	15,000
Miscellaneous income	<u> </u>			38	<u> </u>	38
	346,593	106,061	452,654	360,397	73,178	433,575
Net assets released from restrictions	106,061	(106,061)	-	73,178	(73,178)	-
Total revenues and other support	452,654		452,654	433,575		433,575
EXPENSES						
	357,466		357,466	330,705		330,705
Program expenses	18,835	=	18,835	1,067	=	1,067
Fundraising expenses	90,576	-	90,576	1,067	=	100,920
Management and general						
Total expenses	466,877		466,877	432,692	<del></del>	432,692
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(14,223)	-	(14,223)	883	-	883
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	150,168		150,168	149,285		149,285
NET ASSETS, END OF THE YEAR	\$ 135,945	\$	\$ 135,945	\$ 150,168	\$	\$ 150,168

## JEFFERSON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

2021 2020 Management Management and General Total Program and General Program Fundraising Fundraising Total \$ \$ Salaries and benefits 213,018 \$ 62,453 275,471 198,595 83,439 282,034 Professional fees 5,000 5,000 2,250 2,250 Agency supplies 9,125 9,125 3,046 3,046 Bank charges 171 171 235 235 344 344 1.068 1.068 Children's needs - general \_ Counseling program 19,960 19,960 15,300 15,300 Community education -Computer supplies 422 180 602 331 142 473 247 Computer software 106 353 Depreciation 3,096 1.327 4,423 3,203 1.373 4,576 Dues 680 680 1,780 1,780 133 57 190 Equipment repairs Forensic interview program 31,538 31,538 28,225 28,225 Fundraising expenses 18,835 18,835 1,067 1,067 861 700 700 Insurance 861 MDT supplies 78 78 10 10 Miscellaneous expenses 5,473 (12)5,461 6,644 72 6,716 16,883 9,373 26,256 15,688 6,888 22,576 Occupancy 474 Office expense and postage 436 188 624 203 677 Prevention and education program 486 486 900 900 902 3,008 683 Printing and copier costs 2,106 1.595 2,278 Public relations Training 1,172 1,172 Travel 383 165 548 254 109 363 Victims Advocacy Program Professional fees 849 849 Salaries and benefits (match) 18,238 18,238 17,147 17,147 Youth Trafficking Coordinator Professional fees 44,625 44,625 38,921 38,921 329 Education and training 329 357,466 18,835 90,576 466,877 330,705 1,067 100,920 432,692

# JEFFERSON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 AND 2020

	2021		 2020	
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			 	
Change in net assets	\$	(14,223)	\$ 883	
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net				
cash provided by (used in) operating activities:				
Depreciation		4,423	4,576	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		8,810	(21,259)	
Prepaid expenses		-	(10,000)	
Accounts payable		3,926	 14,917	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		2,936	(10,883)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES				
Purchases of equipment		-	(2,177)	
Net cash used in investing activities		-	(2,177)	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		2,936	(13,060)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		113,490	 126,550	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	116,426	\$ 113,490	

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Organization

Established in 1991 as Louisiana's first Children's Advocacy Center (CAC), the Jefferson CAC is a nationally accredited, non-profit organization dedicated to providing comprehensive, compassionate services to child abuse survivors and breaking the cycle of abuse. The Center's mission is to assist in the investigation, treatment and prevention of child victimization by utilizing a Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) approach that includes Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Social Services, Mental Health and Medical Professionals.

All of the Center's services are provided free of charge and include: legally defensible and developmentally sensitive, digitally recorded forensic interviews of children that have reported sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect or exposure to violence; evidence-based, trauma-focused mental health services; forensic medical exam referrals and accompaniment; case management and advocacy; MDT case reviews and trainings; court testimony and community based child sexual abuse prevention education.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements of the Center have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities. Under this method, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when incurred. Contributions are recognized when received or when unconditionally promised.

#### **Financial Statement Presentation**

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

<u>Net assets without donor restrictions</u> – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions. The governing board may designate, from net assets without donor restrictions net assets for an operating reserve or board-designated endowment.

Net assets with donor restrictions — Net assets subject to donor- (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 that 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. At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Center held net assets with donor restrictions in the amount of \$0 and \$0, respectively.

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

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Center's cash consists of cash on deposit with banks. Cash equivalents represent money market funds or short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of purchase. Included in cash and cash equivalents is certificates of deposit of \$20,320 and \$26,202 at December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

#### Grants Receivable

Grants receivable consist of amounts due from the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers (LACAC). Receivables are charged to bad debt expense when they are determined to be uncollectible based upon a periodic review of the accounts by management. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the allowance method be used to recognize bad debts; however, management believes the effect of using the direct write-off method is not materially different from the results that would have been obtained under the allowance method.

#### Property and Equipment

The Center follows the practice of capitalizing, at cost, all expenditures for fixed assets in excess of \$500. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Furniture and fixtures 7 years
Office equipment 3-7 years
Security system 7 years
Leasehold improvements 7 years
Computers 5 years

Donations of property and equipment are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets unless the donor has restricted the donated assets to a specific purpose, time, or event. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions of cash that must be used to acquire property and equipment are reported as restricted contributions. The cost of maintenance and repairs is expensed as incurred. Significant renewals and improvements are capitalized.

#### Contributions and Grants

Contributions and grants represent cash donations to the Center from foundations, organizations and individuals and are recognized as support when received or unconditionally pledged. Contributions and grants are recorded as increases in net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire 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 specific 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 statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

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

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Donated Use of Space, Services, Materials and Equipment

Donated use of space and services are reflected as contributions at their estimated value and are recorded as expense when determinable. Donated salaries and related fringe benefits, materials and equipment are reflected as contributions at their estimated values as of the date of receipt and are recorded as expense when they are used or consumed.

#### Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities based on time and effort of those activities. The statements of functional expenses present the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs, such as salaries, benefits, contracted services, and professional fees have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Occupancy is allocated based on square footage used for supporting and program services. After allocating all direct program and administrative expenses, percentages are determined to allocate the remaining indirect costs.

#### Income Tax Status

The Center is exempt from income tax under IRC section 501 (c)(3), though it is subject to tax on income unrelated to its tax-exempt purpose, unless that income is otherwise excluded by the Code. The Center has processes presently in place to ensure the maintenance of its tax-exempt status: to identify and report unrelated income: to determine its filing and tax obligations in jurisdictions for which it has nexus: and to identify and evaluate other matters that may be considered tax positions. The Center is not classified as a private foundation.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that could affect reported amounts of assets at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results and the results of future periods could differ from those estimates.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

#### 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Accounting Pronouncements Issued but Not Yet in Effect

On September 17, 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2020-07, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958), Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets.* The ASU requires nonprofits to change their financial statement presentation and disclosure of contributed nonfinancial assets, or gifts-in-kind. The FASB issued the update in an effort to improve transparency in reporting non-profit gifts-in-kind. The ASUE requires the new standard to be applied retrospectively, with amendments taking effect for the Center's fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*. This accounting standard requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities related to lease arrangements longer than 12 months on the balance sheet as well as additional disclosures. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, *Leases (Topic 842)*: Targeted Improvements, to simplify the lease standard's implementation. The amended guidance relieves businesses and other organizations of the requirement to present prior comparative years' results when they adopt the new lease standard. On June 3, 2020, the FASB deferred the effective date of this standard for certain entities. This standard will be effective for the Center's fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

#### 2. Liquidity and Availability

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following:

	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 116,426	\$ 113,490
Accounts receivable	15,827	24,637
Total financial assets	132,253	138,127
Less; amounts not available to be used within one year: Funds restricted by donors for grant purposes		
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months.	\$ 132,253	\$ 138,127

As part of the Center's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. In addition, the Center invests cash in excess of daily requirements in short-term investments (when available). The Center has no line of credit on which to draw in case of unanticipated liquidity needs; therefore, short-term cash flows are carefully monitored.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

#### 3. Grants Receivable

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, grants receivable consists of the following amounts.

Program / Source Title	<u> </u>	2021	2020
LACAC - Office for Victims of Crime	\$	6,455	\$ 13,235
LACAC - Youth Trafficking Coordinator		8,510	7,269
LACAC - NCA 2020		-	4,133
LACAC - NCA 2021	<u></u>	862	 _
Total grants receivable	\$	15,827	\$ 24,637

#### 4. Furniture and Equipment

Furniture and equipment is summarized as follows at December 31:

	2021		2020	
Furniture and fixtures	\$	18,667	\$	18,667
Office equipment		18,558		18,558
Security system		1,390		1,390
Leasehold improvements		10,567		10,567
		49,182		49,182
Less: accumulated depreciation		(35,555)		(31,132)
	\$	13,627	\$	18,050

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

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

#### 5. Net Assets with Restrictions

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Center reports \$0 net assets with donor restrictions. During the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, the Center received restricted grant revenue. A listing of the amounts received and released/spent as follows:

Program / Source Title	2021	2020
LACAC – NCA	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,852
LACAC - OVC YTC Grant	47,143	39,348
City of Kenner VOCA Grant	-	507
Gretna - VOCA Grant	1,674	-
State of Louisiana Legislative Funding	50,244	26,471
Total restricted revenue	\$ 106,061	\$ 73,178

As a nonprofit organization authorized to subcontract for the provision of Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) services across Louisiana, the Louisiana Alliance of Children's Advocacy Centers (LACAC) serves as the administrator of numerous grants and funding resources for the Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center. Such funds have included the National Children's Alliance hardship grants (\$7,000 and \$6,852 in 2021 and 2020, respectfully), Louisiana Child & Youth Trafficking Collaborative (LCYTC) during the years ending December 31, 2021 & 2020, Child Abuse Prevention & Treatment Act Funds (CAPTA) during the 2021 year, and Louisiana Legislative Funds (\$50,244 and \$26,471 in 2021 and 2020, respectfully). All of the aforementioned monies have been used for operational cost reimbursements, trainings, office supplies, court approved interpreter services, a Youth Trafficking Coordinator, as well as federal (VOCA) grant cash matches for a forensic interviewer, community care coordinator and two licensed mental health clinicians.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

#### 6. <u>Donated Employees, Goods, and Facilities</u>

For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, donated employees, goods and facilities are included as follows in the accompanying financial statements:

Year ended December 31, 2021	Amount Provided	Less: Matching Funds Paid	Amount Recorded
Donated salaries and benefits			
District Attorney	\$ 127,166	\$ (19,552)	\$ 107,614
City of Gretna	185,495	(17,638)	167,857
	312,661	(37,190)	275,471
Donated facilities			
Jefferson Parish/District Attorney	15,000		15,000
	\$ 327,661	\$ (37,190)	\$ 290,471
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Expenses	e 212 ((1	e (27.100)	Ф 275 471
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 312,661	\$ (37,190)	\$ 275,471
Facilities (Occupancy)	15,000		15,000
	\$ 327,661	\$ (37,190)	\$ 290,471
Year ended December 31, 2020	Amount Provided	Less: Matching Funds Paid	Amount Recorded
Year ended December 31, 2020 Donated salaries and benefits		Matching	
		Matching	
Donated salaries and benefits	Provided	Matching Funds Paid	Recorded
Donated salaries and benefits District Attorney	Provided \$ 144,751	Matching Funds Paid \$ (17,607)	Recorded \$ 127,144
Donated salaries and benefits District Attorney City of Gretna  Donated facilities	Provided  \$ 144,751	Matching Funds Paid  \$ (17,607)	Recorded  \$ 127,144  154,890  282,034
Donated salaries and benefits District Attorney City of Gretna	Provided  \$ 144,751	Matching Funds Paid  \$ (17,607) (17,147) (34,754)	Recorded \$ 127,144
Donated salaries and benefits District Attorney City of Gretna  Donated facilities	Provided  \$ 144,751	Matching Funds Paid  \$ (17,607)	Recorded  \$ 127,144  154,890  282,034
Donated salaries and benefits District Attorney City of Gretna  Donated facilities Jefferson Parish/District Attorney  Expenses	Provided  \$ 144,751	Matching Funds Paid  \$ (17,607)	Recorded  \$ 127,144
Donated salaries and benefits District Attorney City of Gretna  Donated facilities Jefferson Parish/District Attorney  Expenses Salaries and Benefits	Provided  \$ 144,751	Matching Funds Paid  \$ (17,607) (17,147) (34,754)	Recorded  \$ 127,144
Donated salaries and benefits District Attorney City of Gretna  Donated facilities Jefferson Parish/District Attorney  Expenses	Provided  \$ 144,751	Matching Funds Paid  \$ (17,607)	Recorded  \$ 127,144

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### **DECEMBER 31, 2021**

#### 7. Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Center has concentrated its credit risk for cash by maintaining deposits in financial institutions in New Orleans, Louisiana, which may at times exceed amounts covered by insurance provided by the U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). As of December 31, 2021, and 2020, the Center's cash and cash equivalent balances are not in excess of FDIC insurance limits.

#### 8. Outbreak of COVID-19

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" and on March 10, 2020, declared it to be a pandemic. Actions taken around the world to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus include restrictions on travel, and quarantines in certain areas, and forced closures for certain types of public places and businesses. The coronavirus and actions taken to mitigate it have had an adverse impact on the economies and financial markets in the local area and around the world. The Center is uncertain how long these conditions will last and what the complete financial effect will be.

#### 9. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, May 25, 2022, and determined no items that require additional disclosure. No events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.



# JEFFERSON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO THE AGENCY HEAD FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Agency Head Name: Erika Dupepe, Executive Director

Salary	\$ -
Benefits - Healthcare	-
Benefits - Retirement	-
Cell Phone	-
Mileage	436
Reimbursements	80
Travel	-
Other	1,500
Total	\$ 2,016

The Executive Director function is performed by an employee of the Jefferson Parish District Attorney. The Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center does not have any employees.

See accompanying independent auditors' report





# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center Jefferson, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Jefferson Children's Advocacy Center (the Center), a nonprofit entity, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Center's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 25, 2022.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Center's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Center's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2021-01 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **The Center's Response to Findings**

The Center's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Center's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### **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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Metairie, Louisiana

Richard CPAS

May 25, 2022

#### **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

#### 1. Summary of Independent Auditors' Results

#### Financial Statements

- (a) The type of report issued on the basic financial statements: **Unmodified**
- (b) Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified: None reported

Significant deficiency(ies) identified: Yes

(c) Noncompliance which is material to the basic financial statements: **None reported** 

### 2. <u>Findings relating to the basic financial statements reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards</u>

#### 2021-01 Amounts for Donated Services and Facilities not Recorded in a Timely Manner

<u>Condition:</u> The Center receives donated services and facilities from various entities throughout the year. The Center does not currently capture the information on donated services and facilities until year end.

<u>Criteria:</u> U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require that these amounts be captured and recorded on the books of the Center (typically as revenue source offset by an expense).

<u>Cause:</u> The services donated are in the form of salaries and benefits coming from local government agencies (the City of Gretna and the Jefferson Parish District Attorney). There is no procedure in place for those agencies to gather and report the salaries and benefits of employees assigned to the Center on a monthly or quarterly basis.

Effect: The amounts donated are not being recorded in a timely manner.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Center should approach these agencies to determine whether they could provide salary and benefit data on at least a quarterly basis. As an alternative, the Center should consider recording an estimate on at least a quarterly basis.

<u>Response:</u> The Center's Director will contact the agencies concerned to determine whether this is possible.

#### SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

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#### 2020-01 Amounts for Donated Services and Facilities Not Recorded in a Timely Manner

<u>Recommendation</u>: The Center should approach these agencies to determine whether they could provide salary and benefit data on at least a quarterly basis. This would allow the Center to record the donated services in a timelier manner.

Response: The Center's Director will contact the agencies concerned to determine whether this is possible.

Current Status: Not Resolved. See 2021-01.