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THE GRIEF CENTER OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA, INC.
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

July 26, 1999

The Grief Center of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.
Lafayette, LA 70505

I have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The Grief Center of Southwest Louisiana, Inc., as of December 31, 1998 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Grief Center of Southwest Louisiana, Inc., as of December 31, 1998 and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.



Pat Baham Dought, C.P.A.

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THE GRIEF CENTER OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 1998

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

PETTY CASH	\$	100.00
CASH IBERIA BANK		21,682.32
PREPAID INSURANCE		2,954.48

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		\$ 24,736.80
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PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT		3,598.43
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		(246.70)

TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		3,351.73
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 28,088.53
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

FICA & FIT PAYABLE	\$	541.00
STATE WITHHOLDING PAYABLE		263.92

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		\$ 804.92
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NET ASSETS

NET ASSETS-UNRESTRICTED		27,283.61
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TOTAL NET ASSETS		27,283.61
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		\$ 28,088.53
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SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE GRIEF CENTER OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

INCOME

GRANT - CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT	\$ 19,990.50
GRANT - JUNIOR LEAGUE	12,000.00
WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES & BOOKS	10,277.78
CONTRIBUTIONS	6,890.00
DONATED FACILITIES	3,600.00
INTEREST INCOME	498.40
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TOTAL INCOME	53,256.68
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EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES	29,624.50
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	6,482.79
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TOTAL EXPENSES	36,107.29
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INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	17,149.39
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	10,134.22
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UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 27,283.61
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SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE GRIEF CENTER OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$17,149.39
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:	
DEPRECIATION	246.70
(INCREASE) DECREASE IN PREPAID EXPENSES	(306.25)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	<u>804.92</u>
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	<u>745.37</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	17,894.76

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT	<u>(3,598.43)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	14,296.33
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING	<u>7,485.99</u>
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, ENDING	<u><u>\$21,782.32</u></u>

SEE NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE GRIEF CENTER OF SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA, INC.
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1998

(1) **Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

A. Nature of activities

The Grief Center of Southwest Louisiana, was incorporated on January 17, 1996. The Organization's primary purpose is to provide a safe place for grieving children, teens, and their families as they share their experiences and move through the healing process; and to extend education and support services into the community. The Organization provides support groups for children, and adults accompanying the children; and training opportunities for professionals and volunteers in health care, counseling, ministry, and related fields.

B. Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and are presented in accordance with SFAS No. 117. The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

C. Statement of Cash Flows

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid interest-bearing deposits with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

D. Grants Receivable/Deferred Revenues

Grants receivable and deferred revenues from grants and other support are recognized only to the extent that related expenses have been incurred.

E. Contributions

Contributions received and unconditional promises to give are measured at their fair values and are reported as an increase in net assets. The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated asset, or if they are designated as support for future periods. When a donor restrictions expires, that

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is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and are reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Donor restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support.

Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, the Organization reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

Unconditional promises to give due in subsequent years are reported at the present value of their net realizable value using risk-free discount rates applicable to the years in which the promises are to be received.

F. Income Tax Status

The Organization qualifies as a tax exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and, therefore, has no provision for federal income taxes. The Organization is not classified as a private foundation.

G. Donated Services and Materials

A substantial number of volunteers have donated time and/or materials to the Organization's program and supporting services. No amounts have been included in the financial statements for the donated services of volunteers because the criteria for recognition of such volunteer effort under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 116 have not been satisfied.

H. Equipment

Equipment is valued at cost, or fair market value if donated. Depreciable assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the individual assets as follows:

Equipment	7 years
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I. Functional Expenses

Expenses are charged to each program based on direct expenditures incurred. Any program expenditures not directly chargeable are allocated to programs based on units of service.

J. Estimates

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

(2) **Donated Facilities**

The use of the Grief Center of Southwest Louisiana, Inc.'s facilities has been donated by Martin & Castille Funeral Home. The estimated rental value of this facility has been reflected in the accompanying financial statements as public support with a like amount shown as facilities rent. The approximate fair value of rent is \$3,600.00.