CHILDHOOD ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH ALLIANCE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024



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Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Directors Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, 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 referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance as of December 31, 2024, 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. 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 Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance and to meet other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the 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 for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance'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 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 Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance'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 Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance'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 Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance's December 31, 2023, financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated June 15, 2024. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

RITZHOLMAN LLP Certified Public Accountants

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin June 23, 2025

CHILDHOOD ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2024

(With Summarized Totals for December 31, 2023)

ASSETS

		2024		2023
CURRENT ASSETS	_		_	
Cash	\$	14,989,247	\$	14,686,074
Accounts Receivable		2,259,279		2,604,039
Prepaid Expenses		72,796 4,985		23,105
Biobank Supplies Total Current Assets	Φ.		Φ.	1,979
Total Current Assets	\$	17,326,307	Φ	17,315,197
INTANGIBLE ASSETS				
Intangible Assets	\$	135,168	\$	135,168
Less: Accumulated Amortization		(67,836)		(43,346)
Net Intangible Assets	\$	67,332	\$	91,822
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	17,393,639	\$	17,407,019
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts Payable	\$	2,075,342	\$	1,349,866
Accounts Fayable Accrued Liabilities	φ	92,734	φ	69,434
Current Portion of Grants Payable		1,434,694		926,234
Current Portion of Deferred Revenue		1,014,627		625,664
Total Current Liabilities	\$	4,617,397	\$	2,971,198
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LONG-TERM LIABILITIES				
Deferred Revenue	\$	1,633,722	\$	1,864,524
Less: Current Portion of Deferred Revenue		(1,014,627)		(625,664)
Grants Payable		1,893,351		1,424,861
Less: Current Portion of Grants Payable	_	(1,434,694)	_	(926,234)
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$</u> \$	1,077,752	\$	1,737,487
Total Liabilities	\$	5,695,149	\$	4,708,685
NET ASSETS				
Without Donor Restrictions	\$	11,698,490	\$	12,698,334
Total Net Assets	\$	11,698,490	\$	12,698,334
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	17,393,639	\$	17,407,019

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

CHILDHOOD ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Without Donor 2024		or Re	r Restrictions 2023	
REVENUE					
General Revenue					
Membership Dues	\$	57,145	\$	44,010	
Corporate Council Membership Dues		18,204		33,334	
Interest Income		676,150		565,525	
Donations		193,241		85,552	
Registration		400		1,500	
Sponsorships		50,000			
In-Kind Revenue		486,404			
Rebates/Commissions				541	
Total General Revenue	\$	1,481,544	\$	730,462	
Grant and Contract Revenue					
Grant Revenue	\$	632,603	\$	438,907	
Contract Revenue		7,963,974		9,671,635	
Total Grant and Contract Revenue	\$	8,596,577	\$	10,110,542	
Total Revenue	<u>\$</u>	10,078,121	\$	10,841,004	
EXPENSES					
Program Services	\$	9,554,329	\$	10,030,574	
Management and General	Ψ	1,228,724	Ψ	1,313,636	
Fundraising		294,912		190,141	
Total Expenses	\$	11,077,965	\$	11,534,351	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$	(999,844)	\$	(693,347)	
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Net Assets, Beginning of Year		12,698,334		13,391,681	
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$</u>	11,698,490	\$	12,698,334	

CHILDHOOD ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	Progran Services			nagement and General	_Fı	undraising	2024 Total	2023 Total
Advertising/Marketing	\$		\$	7,507	\$		\$ 7,507	\$ 2,863
Amortization Expense				24,490			24,490	24,437
Audio Visual and Equipment	8,	560					8,560	79,966
Bank and Credit Card Fees				8,077			8,077	7,392
Bio Sample	386,	626					386,626	279,721
Dues/Subscriptions				3,805			3,805	3,814
Employee Recruitment and Retention				61			61	1,649
Executive Committee Management	153,	282		51,094			204,376	224,722
Food and Beverage				1,323			1,323	197,415
Conferences and Meetings	1,	150				49,255	50,405	47,815
Grant Support to Others	1,917,	390					1,917,390	1,281,719
Informatics Contracts	421,	903					421,903	247,393
Insurance				34,503			34,503	39,277
Manuscripts	85,	400					85,400	5,710
Member Travel		190					190	182,682
Miscellaneous Expenses				9,273			9,273	17,472
Office Supplies				2,009			2,009	1,096
Postage and Shipping				1,276			1,276	235
Printing and Copying	7,	590		107			7,697	3,264
Professional Fees	582,	263		112,394		5,350	700,007	244,650
Registry Operations	3,314,	635					3,314,635	4,484,090
Salary Support	734,	632		639,981		195,825	1,570,438	1,339,382
Payroll Taxes	54,	316		47,318		14,479	116,113	91,511
Employee Benefits	112,	556		98,054		30,003	240,613	176,536
Site Payments	1,320,	115					1,320,115	1,806,473
Software	13,	854		100,665			114,519	99,254
Staff Travel				18,604			18,604	22,124
Staff Training and Development				238			238	
Website				67,945			67,945	97,369
Work Effort - Contracts	395,	818					395,818	490,395
Work Effort - Mentorship	44,	049					 44,049	 33,925
TOTALS	\$ 9,554,	329	\$ -	1,228,724	\$	294,912	\$ 11,077,965	\$ 11,534,351

CHILDHOOD ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	 2024	2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Change in Net Assets Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ (999,844)	\$ (693,347)
Amortization Expense (Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable (Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses (Increase) Decrease in Biobank Supplies Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable Increase (Decrease) in Grants Payable Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Liabilities Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Revenue	24,490 344,760 (49,691) (3,006) 725,476 468,490 23,300 (230,802)	24,437 2,572,408 4,619 (1,979) 397,227 175,799 16,524 436,898
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 303,173	\$ 2,932,586
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of Intangible Assets	\$ 	\$ (1,050)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	\$ 	\$ (1,050)
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 303,173	\$ 2,931,536
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	14,686,074	 11,754,538
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 14,989,247	\$ 14,686,074

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance's (the "Organization") purpose is to conduct collaborative research to prevent, treat and cure pediatric rheumatic diseases.

Accounting Method

The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Basis of Presentation

The Organization reports 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid debt instruments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased.

Accounts Receivable and Credit Losses

Accounts receivable on trade and other receivables are stated at unpaid balances, less an allowance for credit losses. The expected credit losses are updated by management at each reporting date to reflect changes in credit risk since the financial instrument was initially recognized. The expected credit losses on trade or other receivables are estimated based on historical credit loss experience, aging analysis, and management's assessment of current conditions and reasonable and supportable expectations of future conditions. The Organization assesses collectability by pooling receivables where similar characteristics exist and evaluates receivables individually when specific customer balances no longer share those risk characteristics and are considered at risk or uncollectible. Accounts receivable balances are charged off against the allowance for credit losses after recovery efforts have ceased. The expense associated with the allowance for expected credit losses is recognized in bad debts expense. As of December 31, 2024, accounts receivable are expected to be collected in full; therefore, no allowance for credit losses has been recorded.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. All tangible personal property with a useful life of more than one year and a unit acquisition cost of \$10,000 or more will be capitalized and depreciated over its useful life using the straight-line method of depreciation.

Intangible Assets

The Organization capitalizes all expenditures for intangible assets that have a useful life greater than one year. The intangible assets are recorded at cost and amortized over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis.

NOTE A - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Contributions and Grant Revenue

Contributions received and unconditional promises to give are measured at their fair values and are reported as increases in net assets. Contributions are considered available for the Organization's general programs unless specifically restricted by the donor. Contributions received with restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as revenue without donor restrictions and increase net assets without donor restrictions. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until they become unconditional. A conditional contribution is one that has both a barrier that must be overcome and an agreement requiring advance payment to be returned or future payment not to be obligated whence the barrier is not overcome. Amounts received for which the donor has limited the use of the asset or designated the gift as support for future periods are considered restricted support and included in net assets with donor restrictions.

When a donor 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. When the restriction on a contribution is met in the same reporting period as the contribution is received, the contribution is reported in net assets without donor restrictions. Net assets restricted for acquisition of building or equipment are reported as net assets with donor restrictions until the specified asset is placed in service when the net assets are released to net assets without donor restrictions. When a donor requires the investment of a contribution and restricts the use of investment income, the investment income is reported as net assets with donor restrictions until appropriated for the designated time or use when the net assets are released to net assets without donor restrictions.

Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of the gift. Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services create or enhance nonfinancial assets or the services require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Organization. Accordingly, the value of contributed time that does not meet these requirements has not been determined and is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and 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.

Functional Expenses

The Organization allocates costs directly to program and management when appropriate. Certain expenses are attributable to one or more programs or supporting functions of the Organization. Those expenses are allocated based on estimates of time and effort.

NOTE B - Comparative Financial Information

The financial information shown for 2023 in the accompanying financial statements is included to provide a basis for comparison with 2024. The comparative information is summarized by total only, not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity to generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, from which the summarized information was derived.

NOTE C - Concentration of Risk

The Organization maintains its cash balances at several financial institutions. Accounts at each institution are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. At December 31, 2024, the Organization's uninsured cash balances total \$14,697,679.

One source of the Organization's accounts receivable is 61% of the balance. Of the accounts payable balance, 70% comes from one source. Four sources of grants payable represent 48% of the grants payable balance.

NOTE D - Liquidity

Financial assets available for use are those assets considered liquid and expected they could be readily convertible to cash within one year of the statement of financial position date to meet cash needs for general expenditures and to pay obligations as they become due. Financial assets that are restricted by contract or the donor are considered unavailable for general expenditures and excluded from financial assets available for use. The Organization has credit cards with available credit of \$200,000, of which \$-0- was in use as of December 31, 2024. The Organization monitors liquidity by tracking financial ratios and cash flow to determine their ability to meet short-term obligations.

Financial assets available for use consist of the following as of December 31, 2024:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents Accounts Receivable	\$14,989,247 <u>2,259,279</u>
Available for Use	<u>\$17,248,526</u>

NOTE E - Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consists of \$2,259,279 related to contract revenue as of December 31, 2024. All amounts are expected to be collected in 2025.

NOTE F - Intangible Assets

Intangible assets presented on the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, consists of the following:

Amortized Asset	Gross <u>Value</u>	Accumulated Amortization	Residual <u>Value</u>	<u>Life</u>
Website Website Redesign Mobile App App Trademark	\$ 12,719 96,399 25,000 	\$12,719 40,166 14,583 <u>368</u>	\$ 56,233 10,417 <u>682</u>	3 years 5 years 5 years 5 years
Total	<u>\$135,168</u>	\$67,83 <u>6</u>	\$67,332	

Estimated amortization expense for next years are as follows:

For the Year Ending December 31,	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$24,490
2026	24,490
2027	18,300
2028	52
Total	\$67,332

NOTE G - Grants Payable

The Organization has \$1,893,351 of grants payable as of December 31, 2024, which is related to the contracts signed with various corporations.

Future grants payable payments are as follows:

Ending December 31,	<u>Amount</u>
025 026	\$1,434,694 <u>458,657</u>
Total	\$1,893,351

NOTE H - Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue consists of the following amounts as of December 31, 2024:

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Grant and Contract Revenue Sponsorships Membership Dues Corporate Council Membership Dues	\$ 973,595 5,000 17,570 18,462
Total Current Portion of Deferred Revenue	\$1,014,627
Source	<u>Amount</u>
Contract Revenue Membership Dues	\$ 613,900 5,195

Future recognition of deferred revenue is expected as follows:

For the Year Ending December 31,	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$1,014,627
2026	465,247
2027	153,848
Total Deferred Revenue	\$1,633,722

NOTE I - Revenue from Contracts with Customers

Conventions and Meetings

The Organization hosts an annual convention and various conferences and meetings for professionals in the industry. Registration fees for these events are billed to the participant at the time of registration. The event revenue is reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the Organization expects to be entitled in exchange for providing the registrant access to the event and event materials. Revenue from these events are recognized at the point in time the event is held and the Organization's performance obligation to hold the event is completed.

Beginning Deferred Convention Revenue	\$
Revenue Recognized from Prior Year Deferred	
New Convention Revenue	55,400
Revenue Recognized on Conventions	<u>(50,400</u>)
Ending Deferred Convention Revenue	<u>\$ 5,000</u>

NOTE I - Revenue from Contracts with Customers (continued)

Membership Dues

The Organization offers a membership which provides members with a package of benefits. In general, membership in the Organization provides the member with the ability to apply for CARRA grants and travel awards, have access to the CARRA members only collaboration site, receive travel support to attend the annual scientific meeting, and opportunities to engage with CARRA research committees. The member dues revenue is reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the Organization expects to be entitled in exchange for providing the member access to the requisite member benefits. The Organization's membership dues are billed annually in advance of the membership year which runs from January 1 to December 31 and are recorded as a contract liability (deferred membership dues) until earned. These revenues are recognized over a period of time which corresponds with the membership year.

Beginning Deferred Membership Dues	\$ 52,726
Revenue Recognized from Prior Year Deferred	(52,726)
New Memberships Issued	63,850
Revenue Recognized on New Membership	(22,623)

Ending Deferred Membership Dues \$41,227

Contract Service Fee Revenue

Contract service fee revenue is reported at the amount that reflects the consideration to which the Organization expects to be entitled in exchange for contract services. The Organization bills the customer for fees after the services are completed. Revenue from the services are recognized at the point in time the service is provided and the Organization's performance obligation to provide the service is completed. The Organization signed multi-year contracts relating to future services. As of December 31, 2024, the Organization has available contract funds of \$7,505,446, which are available through 2031. The Organization had receivables of \$2,259,279 and \$2,604,039 for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Beginning Deferred Contract Service Fees	\$ 1,811,798
Revenue Recognized from Prior Year Deferred	(1,811,798)
New Contract Service Fee Revenue	7,739,671
Revenue Recognized on Contract Service Fees	<u>(6,152,176</u>)

Ending Deferred Contract Service Fees \$ 1,587,495

NOTE J - Conditional Contributions

The Organization has contracts with governmental agencies which include specific use stipulations requiring funds be used only on qualifying expenses determined by the grant contract and allowable cost policies. The Organization will not receive the grant funds unless spent on the required activity and within the allowable cost guidance. As of December 31, 2024, the Organization has grant funds of \$553,420 available for its programs through September 30, 2025.

NOTE K - In-Kind Contributions

The Organization received total in-kind services of \$486,404. Services were utilized during the year and value was based on fair market value.

Type of Service	<u>Amount</u>
Legal ERP Implementation	\$461,404
Total	\$486,404

NOTE L - Retirement Plan

The Organization maintains a 401(k) retirement plan covering employees who worked at least six months. The contributions are immediately vested upon employee eligibility. The Organization made contributions of 5% of eligible employees' monthly gross wages for January through December of 2024. Total retirement expense for the year ended December 31, 2024, was \$72,072.

NOTE M - Income Taxes

The Organization is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of Internal Revenue Code and is classified as other than a private foundation. Management has reviewed all tax positions recognized in previously filed tax returns and those expected to be taken in future tax returns. As of December 31, 2024, the Organization had no amounts related to unrecognized income tax benefits and no amounts related to accrued interest and penalties. The Organization does not anticipate any significant changes to unrecognized income tax benefits over the next year.

NOTE N - Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated events and transactions occurring after December 31, 2024, the date of the most recent statement of financial position, through the date financial statements are available to be issued, June 23, 2025, for possible adjustment to the financial statements or disclosure and determined that no subsequent events need to be disclosed.