

READ AHEAD, INC. For the Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees Read Ahead, Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Read Ahead, Inc. (the "Organization"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Read Ahead, Inc. as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, 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.

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New York, NY February 7, 2018

READ AHEAD, INC. Statements of Financial Position September 30, 2017 and 2016

		2017		2016	
ASSETS					
Current assets: Cash Contributions receivable Prepaid expenses	\$	693,792 37,125 33,747	\$	644,205 4,310 25,327	
Total current assets		764,664		673,842	
Office equipment (less accumulated depreciation of \$46,114 and \$42,237 at September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively) Security deposits Total assets	\$	2,632 21,918 789,214	\$	6,509 21,918 702,269	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Deferred income	\$	61,647 91,455	\$	35,102 28,996	
Total current liabilities		153,102		64,098	
Deferred rent		34,072		43,703	
Total liabilities		187,174		107,801	
Commitments					
Net assets: Unrestricted		602,040		594,468	
Total net assets		602,040		594,468	
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	789,214	\$	702,269	

READ AHEAD, INC. Statement of Activities For the year ended September 30, 2017

Revenue	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2017
Revenue: Contributions Grants - Foundation	\$ 527,032 45,000	\$ - 	\$ 527,032 45,000
	572,032	<u> </u>	572,032
Event income Less: costs of direct benefits to donors	750,345 91,051	-	750,345 91,051
Net event income	659,294	<u> </u>	659,294
Interest income	352	<u> </u>	352
Other income	1,333	<u> </u>	1,333
Net gain on sale of investments	1,254	<u> </u>	1,254
Contributed goods and services	72,443	<u> </u>	72,443
Total revenue	1,306,708	<u> </u>	1,306,708
Expenses: Program services: Reading and mentoring activities			
with schoolchildren Supporting activities:	904,043	-	904,043
Management and general Fundraising	138,512 256,581	-	138,512 256,581
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Total expenses			1,200,100
Change in net assets	7,572	-	7,572
Net assets - unrestricted: Beginning of year	594,468		594,468
End of year	\$ 602,040	<u>\$</u> -	\$ 602,040

READ AHEAD, INC. Statement of Activities (Continued) For the year ended September 30, 2016

_	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2016
Revenue: Contributions Grants - Foundation	\$ 484,237 25,000	\$	\$ 484,237 25,000
	509,237		509,237
Event income Less: cost of direct benefits to donors	651,192 102,341	-	651,192 102,341
Net event income	548,851		548,851
Interest income	397	<u> </u>	397
Other income	1,298	<u> </u>	1,298
Net gain on sale of investments	1,447	<u> </u>	1,447
Contributed goods and services	102,000	<u> </u>	102,000
Total revenue	1,163,230	<u> </u>	1,163,230
Expenses: Program services: Reading and mentoring activities			
with schoolchildren Supporting activities:	705,681	-	705,681
Management and general Fundraising	173,526 232,430	- 	173,526 232,430
Total expenses	1,111,637	<u> </u>	1,111,637
Change in net assets	51,593	-	51,593
Net assets - unrestricted: Beginning of year	542,875		542,875
End of year	<u>\$ 594,468</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 594,468</u>

READ AHEAD, INC. Statements of Cash Flows For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

		2017		2016
Cash flows from operating activities: Change in net assets	\$	7,572	\$	51,593
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	Ŧ	.,	Ŧ	
Depreciation		3,877		4,477
Net (gain) on sale of investments Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		(1,254)		(1,447)
(Increase) decrease in contributions receivable		(32,815)		32,119
(Increase) in prepaid expenses Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and		(8,420)		(18,891)
accrued expenses		26,545		(774)
Increase in deferred income		62,459		11,558
(Decrease) in deferred rent		(9,631)		(7,182)
Net cash provided by operating activities		48,333		71,453
Cash flows from investing activities:				
(Purchase of) office equipment		-		(2,171)
Sale of investments		12,472		11,439
(Purchase of) investments		(11,218)		(9,992)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		1,254		(724)
Net increase in cash		49,587		70,729
Cash:				
Beginning of year		644,205		573,476
End of year	<u>\$</u>	693,792	\$	644,205

READ AHEAD, INC. Statement of Functional Expenses For the year ended September 30, 2017

						Supporting	g Act	ivities
			F	Program	Ma	nagement		
		Total	5	Services	and	d General	Fu	ndraising
Salaries	\$	770,219	\$	538,460	\$	63,851	\$	167,908
Payroll taxes		75,339		52,669		6,246		16,424
Payroll expenses		4,530		3,167		376		987
Rent		88,484		61,859		7,335		19,290
Telephone		13,580		10,864		679		2,037
Stationery, printing and postage		1,211		969		61		181
Insurance		22,364		15,635		1,854		4,875
Employee benefits		91,844		64,208		7,614		20,022
Promotional materials		6,685		6,685		-		-
Depreciation		3,877		-		3,877		-
Books and program materials		962		962		-		-
Pension processing fees		2,441		-		2,441		-
School buses		10,860		10,860		-		-
School recognition events		3,815		3,815		-		-
Subscriptions		2,757		2,206		138		413
Professional fees		64,344		25,751		37,083		1,510
Meals and entertainment		637		363		274		-
Meetings		419		140		140		139
Travel		6,500		5,200		650		650
Staff training		6,673		6,673		-		-
Filing fees		144		-		144		-
Credit card fees		15,120		-		-		15,120
Computer and website services		1,603		1,121		133		349
Office supplies		22,055		17,644		2,206		2,205
In-kind expense		72,443		72,443				
Miscellaneous		10,230		2,349		3,410		4,471
Total expenses	<u>\$</u> ^	1,299,136	\$	904,043	\$	138,512	\$	256,581

READ AHEAD, INC. Statement of Functional Expenses (Continued) For the year ended September 30, 2016

						Supporting	g Acti	vities
			F	Program	Ma	nagement		
		Total		Services		d General	Fu	ndraising
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Salaries	\$	623,829	\$	390,954	\$	76,107	\$	156,768
Payroll taxes		67,112		42,059		8,188		16,865
Payroll expenses		4,180		2,620		510		1,050
Rent		86,732		54,355		10,581		21,796
Telephone		17,391		12,695		1,566		3,130
Stationery, printing and postage		2,245		1,640		202		403
Insurance		20,778		-		20,778		-
Employee benefits		72,917		45,697		8,896		18,324
Promotional materials		5,337		5,337		-		-
Depreciation		4,477		-		4,477		-
Books and program materials		646		646		-		-
Pension processing fees		2,303		-		2,303		-
School buses		14,212		14,212		-		-
School recognition events		2,476		2,476		-		-
Subscriptions		2,439		561		1,585		293
Professional fees		44,720		13,285		31,435		-
Meals and entertainment		2,773		1,580		1,193		-
Meetings		1,480		-		1,480		-
Travel		4,178		1,838		1,880		460
Staff training		2,061		2,061		-		-
Filing fees		143		-		143		-
Credit card fees		10,708		-		-		10,708
Computer and website services		203		139		37		27
Office supplies		14,657		11,139		1,173		2,345
In-kind expense		102,000		102,000		-		-
Miscellaneous		1,640		387		992		261
Total expenses	<u></u>	1,111,637	\$	705,681	<u>\$</u>	173,526	\$	232,430

Note 1 - Nature of Operations

Read Ahead, Inc. (the "Organization"), formerly named Everybody Wins Foundation Inc., is a corporation which was organized in the State of New York as a not-for-profit entity on March 7, 1991.

The purpose of the Organization is to recruit, train and supervise corporate employees and other members of the community who engage in reading and mentoring activities with schoolchildren.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

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

Basis of Presentation

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following three classes of net assets:

- a. <u>Unrestricted net assets</u> have no donor restrictions and have met all legal and donor requirements.
- b. <u>Temporarily restricted net assets</u> are temporarily restricted by donor stipulations and requirements.
- c. <u>Permanently restricted net assets</u> are permanently restricted by donor stipulations and requirements.

On September 17, 2010, the Organization adopted the New York Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act ("NYPMIFA"). Accordingly, the Organization classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") No. 958-205, *Not-for-Profit Entities*, requires the portion of a donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified as permanently restricted to be classified as temporarily restricted net assets until appropriated for expenditure.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Organization had no temporarily or permanently restricted net assets.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation

Investment in common stock is stated at fair value as determined by quoted market prices.

Contributions Receivable

The Organization carries its contributions receivable at cost, less an allowance for doubtful accounts as needed. On a periodic basis the Organization evaluates its contributions receivable and establishes an allowance for doubtful accounts, when deemed necessary, based on its history of past write-offs and collections, and current credit conditions. There was no allowance for doubtful accounts deemed necessary by management as of September 30, 2017 and 2016.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Equipment

It is the Organization's policy to capitalize equipment over \$1,000. Lesser amounts are expensed. Purchased equipment is capitalized at cost. Donations of equipment are recorded as contributions at their estimated fair value. Such donations are reported as unrestricted contributions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Assets donated with explicit restrictions regarding their use and contributions. Equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is 3-5 years for furniture and computer equipment, and the life of the lease for the leasehold improvements.

Contributions of Securities

Contributions of securities are recorded at their fair value at the date of the contribution.

Sources of Revenue

Sources of revenue for the Organization's services are provided by contributions from individuals, corporations and private foundations, its annual fundraising event, as well as from other fundraising events.

Functional Classification of Expenses

In the accompanying statements of activities, expenses have been reported by their functional classification, a method of grouping expenses according to the purpose for which they were incurred. The primary functional classifications are program services and supporting activities. Program services are the activities that result in services being provided that fulfill the purposes or mission for which the organization exists. Supporting activities are all activities of an organization other than program services.

Contributed Goods and Services

Contributed goods and services are recognized if the goods or services received: (a) create or enhance long-lived assets, or (b) required specialized skills are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Contributed Goods and Services (Continued)

The Organization recognizes contributed goods and services for professional fees and books that were utilized principally in the Organization's program operations during the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. These contributed goods and services have been recorded at their approximate fair value. Contributed goods and services for the year ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 totaled \$72,443 and \$102,000, respectively.

Income Taxes

The Organization files an annual Form 990, *Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax*, with the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"). At September 30, 2017, the Organization's Form 990s for the years 2014 through 2017 remain eligible for examination by the IRS.

Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events and transactions through February 7, 2018, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 3 - Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk include cash. The Organization maintains an account at a high quality financial institution and its deposit balance may, at times, exceed federally insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses on this account.

Note 4 - Tax Status

The Organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note 5 - Commitments

The Organization moved during the year ended September 30, 2009 from its previous location and currently leases office space under an operating lease which expires in February 2020. Total rent expense was \$88,484 and \$86,732 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

The future minimum annual rental commitments as of September 30, 2017 are as follows:

Years Ending <u>September 30,</u>	Amount
2018 2019 2020	\$ 86,612 89,211 <u>38,191</u>
Total	<u>\$ 214,014</u>

Note 6 - Retirement Plan

Beginning in November 2013, the Organization sponsors a defined contribution 403(b) plan (the "Plan") covering all eligible employees of the Organization. The Organization makes annual contributions to the Plan equal to a percentage determined by the Organization prior to the end of each year. The Organization made a contribution of \$10,591 and \$3,844 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.