Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 (with Summarized Comparative Totals for 2021)



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors The Korea Society

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The Korea Society (the "Society") which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2022 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 accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as of December 31, 2022 and the result of its activities 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 the Society 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 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 the Society'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 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, 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 the Society'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 the Society'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 the Society's 2021 financial statements, and our report dated March 23, 2022, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

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Statement of Financial Position

Assets

	December 31			
	2022	2021		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,849,881	\$ 2,986,138		
Investments, at fair value	19,169,173	21,824,713		
Accounts receivable	124,593	33,250		
Contributions receivable, net	825,427	404,503		
Prepaid expenses	24,854	24,149		
Leasehold improvements and furniture, fixtures and				
equipment, net	881,202	1,010,652		
Right to use asset	3,665,702	4,291,182		
Total assets	<u>\$ 27,540,832</u>	<u>\$ 30,574,587</u>		
Liabilities and Net Assets				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 83,847	\$ 118,727		
Lease liability	3,978,520	4,617,902		
Total liabilities	4,062,367	4,736,629		
Net assets				
Without donor restrictions	12,422,382	12,871,742		
With donor restrictions	11,056,083	12,966,216		
Total net assets	23,478,465	25,837,958		
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 27,540,832</u>	<u>\$ 30,574,587</u>		

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2022 (with Summarized Comparative Totals for the year ended December 31, 2021)

	Without Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	Total	2021 <u>Total</u>
Operating activities				
Contributions	\$ 1,137,199	\$ 918,649	\$ 2,055,848	\$ 1,751,711
Program revenue	281,177	-	281,177	207,280
Special events, net of direct costs of \$287,659				
and \$251,318 for 2022 and 2021, respectively	1,000,765	-	1,000,765	1,053,162
Government grant	-	-	-	146,100
Employee retention credits	54,900	-	54,900	-
Contributed nonfinancial assets	4,606	75,000	79,606	56,000
Net assets released from restrictions	887,548	(887,548)		
Total operating activities	3,366,195	106,101	3,472,296	3,214,253
Expenses				
Program services	2,403,527		2,403,527	2,036,677
Supporting activities				
Management and general	497,535	-	497,535	475,246
Development	575,915		575,915	477,870
Total supporting activities	1,073,450		1,073,450	953,116
Total expenses	3,476,977		3,476,977	2,989,793
Change in net assets from operating				
activities	(110,782)	106,101	(4,681)	224,460
Non operating activities				
Investment return - net	(338,578)	(2,016,234)	(2,354,812)	3,099,032
Increase (decrease) in net assets	(449,360)	(1,910,133)	(2,359,493)	3,323,492
Net assets, beginning of year	12,871,742	12,966,216	25,837,958	22,514,466
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 12,422,382</u>	<u>\$11,056,083</u>	<u>\$23,478,465</u>	<u>\$25,837,958</u>

See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2022 (with Summarized Comparative Totals for the year ended December 31, 2021)

	2022						2021						
	Program Services Supporting Activities												
	Policy	<u>Corporate</u>	<u>Congressional</u>	Education	Arts and Culture	Media	Total	General	Management and <u>Development</u>	Events	Direct Cost of Special Total	Total	Total
Program costs	\$ 222,747	\$ 53,970	\$ 120,781	\$ 173,337	\$ 68,193	\$ 34,487	\$ 673,515	\$ -	\$ 58,545	\$ -	\$ 58,545	\$ 732,060	\$ 384,152
Contributed airline tickets	2,396	5,000	-	11,709	5,712	-	24,817	-	29,598	3,500	33,098	57,915	-
Contributed supplies	-	216	-	-	-	-	216	-	-	-	-	216	-
Salaries and related expenses	224,055	120,436	19,675	111,143	125,934	313,682	914,925	297,241	290,339	-	587,580	1,502,505	1,449,802
Consulting and professional fees	15,000	-	-	-	-	55,000	70,000	29,150	-	-	29,150	99,150	112,050
Occupancy	123,238	44,863	3,665	100,908	91,440	190,918	555,032	133,864	153,466	-	287,330	842,362	806,161
Travel, lodging and entertainment	1,295	517	23	991	802	2,016	5,644	1,405	1,623	9,940	12,968	18,612	13,913
Equipment rental and maintenance	762	333	22	687	581	1,223	3,608	862	970	-	1,832	5,440	15,626
Office supplies	1,904	623	56	1,519	1,406	2,931	8,439	2,036	2,345	-	4,381	12,820	7,096
Telephone and communication	2,244	780	72	1,934	1,499	3,432	9,961	2,390	2,467	-	4,857	14,818	14,178
Insurance	2,692	1,247	71	2,820	1,352	4,596	12,778	3,102	2,265	-	5,367	18,145	17,808
Venue rental and catering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	231,426	231,426	231,426	201,050
Other	6,713	2,685	200	5,700	5,088	10,514	30,900	4,878	8,337	42,793	56,008	86,908	79,307
Depreciation and amortization	20,820	7,554	619	17,007	15,448	32,244	93,692	22,607	25,960		48,567	142,259	139,968
Total expenses	623,866	238,224	145,184	427,755	317,455	651,043	2,403,527	497,535	575,915	287,659	1,361,109	3,764,636	3,241,111
Less: expenses deducted													
directly on the statement													
of activities	-									(287,659)	(287,659)	(287,659)	(251,318)
Total expenses reported by function on the statement of activities	\$ 623,866	\$ 238,224	\$ 145,184	\$ 427,755	\$ 317,455	\$ 651,043	\$ 2,403,527	\$ 497,535	\$ 575,915	s -	\$ 1,073,450	<u>\$ 3,476,977</u>	\$ 2,989,793
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See notes to financial statements.

Statement of Cash Flows

	Year Ended			
	December 31			
	2022	2021		
Cash flows from operating activities				
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$(2,359,493)	\$ 3,323,492		
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets				
to net cash provided by operating activities				
Depreciation and amortization	142,259	139,968		
Right to use asset amortization	(13,902)	(13,902)		
Net realized and unrealized (gain) loss on investments	2,952,165	(2,624,515)		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(91,343)	122,400		
(Increase) in contributions receivable	(420,924)	(85,777)		
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	(705)	40,472		
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and				
accrued expenses	(34,880)	79,772		
Net cash provided by operating activities	173,177	981,910		
Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of investments	(3,277,668)	(112,379)		
Proceeds from sale of investments	2,981,043	-		
Expenditures for furniture, fixtures and equipment	(12,809)	(12,454)		
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(309,434)	(124,833)		
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash				
equivalents	(136,257)	857,077		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	2,986,138	2,129,061		
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 2,849,881</u>	<u>\$ 2,986,138</u>		

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 1 – Summary of significant accounting policies

Organization

The Korea Society (the "Society") is dedicated to strengthening the bonds of awareness, understanding and cooperation between the United States and Korea, and among Koreans, Korean-Americans and all other Americans. The Society's efforts extend to the arts, business, education and the media.

The Society is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). In addition, the Society has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be a publicly supported organization, and not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509(a)(1) of the Code.

Basis of accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America. Net assets consist of revenue and other support that are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Without donor restrictions

Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Such support includes contributions without restrictions and restricted contributions whose donor-imposed restrictions were met during the year. Also included is the Board Designated Endowment Fund, which consist of operating funds set aside by the Board of Directors.

With donor restrictions

Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be met either by their use in specific programs or the passage of time. Items that affect this net asset category are gifts for which donor-imposed restrictions have not been met in the year of receipt. Restrictions that have been met on net assets with donor restrictions are reported as net assets released from restrictions in the statement of activities.

Perpetual restricted net assets consist of contributions that are restricted by the donor in that the principal must remain in perpetuity but the investment income earned on such funds may be spent in accordance with the donor's terms.

Revenue recognition

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenue when pledged. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 1 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Cash equivalents

The Society considers highly liquid instruments with original maturities of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents include money market funds included in the investment portfolio.

Investments

Investments are recorded in the statement of financial position at fair value based on quoted market prices with the resulting change in unrealized gains or losses included in the statement of activities. Purchases and sales of securities are reflected on a trade-date basis. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments are credited (charged) to unrestricted net assets. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date.

Allowance for doubtful accounts

The Society has not provided for an allowance for doubtful accounts for any potentially uncollectible receivables. Such estimate is based on management's experience, the aging of the receivables, subsequent receipts and current economic conditions.

Leasehold improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment

Leasehold improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment are recorded at cost. The Society capitalizes expenditures for assets in excess of a nominal amount with an estimated life of greater than one year. Depreciation of furniture, fixtures and equipment is being provided for by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets ranging from three to fifteen years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of the improvements' estimated useful life or the lease term.

Contributed nonfinancial assets

Contributed nonfinancial assets are estimated at their fair value and reported as revenue. Contributed nonfinancial assets are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Society.

Functional allocation of expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting activities benefited. Expenses attributable to more than one functional expense category are allocated using a variety of cost allocation techniques including time and effort spent, number of staff and office space usage.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 1 – Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Concentrations of credit risk

The Society's financial instruments that are potentially exposed to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents and investments. The Society places its cash and cash equivalents with what it believes to be quality financial institutions. The Society has not experienced any losses on these accounts to date. Investments are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market volatility, liquidity and credit. Due to the uncertainty related to the foregoing risks, it is reasonably possible that changes in these risks could materially affect the fair value of the investments reported in the statement of financial position at December 31, 2022. The Society routinely assesses the financial strength of its cash, cash equivalents and investment portfolio. As a consequence, concentrations of credit risk are limited.

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 affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Subsequent events

The Society has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through March 9, 2023, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 2 – Liquidity and availability of financial assets

The Society's working capital and cash flows have seasonal variations during the year attributable to the annual cash receipts from contributions and other revenue items.

The following is a summary of the Society's financial assets as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 for general use within one year of the statement of financial position date.

	2022	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,849,881	\$ 2,986,138
Investments, at fair value	19,169,173	21,824,713
Accounts receivable	124,593	33,250
Contributions receivable	582,604	250,329
Sub-total	22,726,251	25,094,430
Less: net assets with perpetual		
donor restrictions	9,684,859	9,684,859
Total	\$ 13,041,392	<u>\$ 15,409,571</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 3 – Investments

The following is a summary of investments at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	 2022			2021			
	 Cost		Fair Value		Cost		Fair Value
Common stocks Mutual funds	\$ 563,262	\$	640,236	\$	272,519	\$	176,658
Domestic	11,753,757		15,662,943		12,548,831	-	20,355,675
International	3,067,260		2,694,035		1,067,260		1,292,380
Fixed income Total	\$ <u>170,451</u> 15,554,730	\$	<u>171,959</u> 19,169,173	\$	- 13,888,610	\$ 2	- 21,824,713

Mutual funds invest mainly in stocks, bonds and short-term investments.

The components of investment return for the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 are as follows:

		2022	 2021
Interest and dividends	\$	482,622	\$ 392,368
Capital gain distributions on investments		114,731	82,149
Realized gain on sale of investments		1,369,495	-
Unrealized gain on investments	((4,321,660)	 2,624,515
Total	<u>\$</u> ((2,354,812)	\$ 3,099,032

The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) established a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels. The Society's investments are measured using Level 1 inputs, which are defined as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Note 4 – Contributions receivable

The Society discounts its non-current contributions receivable to their present value using a rate of 5.0% per annum. As of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Society's contributions receivable are expected to be received as follows:

		2022	 2021
Due within one year	\$	582,604	\$ 250,329
Due within one to five years		315,000	 200,000
Sub-total		897,604	450,329
Less: amount to reduce contributions receivable			
to their present value (discount rate -5%)		72,177	 45,826
Total	<u>\$</u>	825,427	\$ 404,503

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 5 – Leasehold improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment

	2022	2021
Leasehold improvements	\$ 1,180,100	\$ 1,180,100
Furniture, fixtures, equipment and other	391,646	384,777
Sub-total	1,571,746	1,564,877
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	(690,544)	(554,225)
Total	<u>\$ 881,202</u>	<u>\$ 1,010,652</u>

During the 2022 fiscal year, \$5,940 of fully depreciated assets were written off the books of the Society.

Note 6 – Assets restricted for long-term investment

Assets restricted for long-term investment at December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021 are available solely for investment of permanent endowment funds and consist of investments totaling \$9,684,859.

Note 7 – Net assets without donor restrictions

Net assets without donor restrictions consist of the following as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	2022	2021
Operating fund	\$ 9,764,852	\$ 9,888,300
Board-designated endowment fund	2,657,530	2,983,442
Total	<u>\$ 12,422,382</u>	<u>\$ 12,871,742</u>

Note 8 – Net assets with donor restrictions

A summary of the transactions in net assets with temporary donor restrictions for 2022 are as follows:

		Support		
	Balance at	and Net	Released	Balance at
	December 31	, Investment	from	December 31,
	2021	Return	Restrictions	2022
Kim Koo Endowment	\$ 140,512	\$ (70,396)	\$ (10,008)	\$ 60,108
Sherman Family Endowment	9,628	(4,813)	(4,815)	-
Korea Foundation Endowment	2,726,714	(1,941,025)	(300,000)	485,689
Contributions to various programs	354,174	877,086	(500,000)	731,260
Grant to Young Professional's				
Network program	4,200	-	(4,200)	-
Grant to Education program	-	41,563	(15,000)	26,563
Airline eTickets for programs and				
other activities	46,129	75,000	(53,525)	67,604
Total	<u>\$3,281,357</u>	<u>\$(1,022,585</u>)	<u>\$ (887,548)</u>	<u>\$1,371,224</u>

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 8 - Net assets with donor restrictions (continued)

Net assets with perpetual donor restrictions consist of the following as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

	Total
Korea Foundation Endowment	\$ 8,400,000
Kim Koo Endowment	1,000,000
Philip D. Sherman Endowment	175,000
Other permanent endowment funds	109,859
Total	<u>\$ 9,684,859</u>

A summary of the transactions in net assets with donor restrictions are as follows:

	Temporary Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	Perpetual Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	Total
Net assets, beginning of year Support and net investment	\$ 3,281,357	\$ 9,684,859	\$ 12,966,216
return Net assets released	(1,022,585)	-	(1,022,585)
from restriction Net assets, end of year	<u>(887,548</u>) <u>\$ 1,371,224</u>	<u>-</u> <u>\$ 9,684,859</u>	<u>(887,548</u>) <u>\$ 11,056,083</u>

<u>Note 9 – Endowment</u>

The Society's endowment consists of various individual funds established for a variety of purposes. Its endowment includes donor-restricted funds and funds designated by the Society. As required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Society to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Statutory Law

The Society follows the laws of the New York State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (NYPMIFA) when adhering to donor-restricted contributions. The Society considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate restricted funds:

- (1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- (2) The purposes of the Society and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- (3) General economic conditions
- (4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- (5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- (6) Other resources of the Society
- (7) If appropriate and circumstances warrant, alternatives to endowment expenditures
- (8) The investment policies of the Society

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 9 – Endowment (continued)

Investment objectives

The Society's primary investment objective of the endowment shall be to obtain investment returns higher than the rate of inflation while maintaining safety of the funds. High investment returns shall be sought to support the programs of the Society. Returns in the form of capital gains shall be sought to protect the purchasing power of the funds over time. Transaction costs shall be minimized at all times to the extent possible. It is recognized that there may be time of market volatility, which may lead to negative returns.

Spending policy

Decisions to appropriate endowment funds are made on a fund-by-fund basis and in accordance with any specific directives on spending that the donor has imposed.

Endowment net assets consist of the following as of December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021:

		2022	
	Without	With	
	Donor	Donor	
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
Donor-restricted endowment			
funds	\$ -	\$10,230,656	\$ 10,230,656
Board-designated endowment			
fund	2,657,530		2,657,530
Total	<u>\$ 2,657,530</u>	<u>\$10,230,656</u>	<u>\$ 12,888,186</u>
		2021	
	Without	2021 With	
	Without Donor		
		With	Total
Donor-restricted endowment	Donor	With Donor	Total
Donor-restricted endowment funds	Donor	With Donor	<u>Total</u> \$ 12,561,713
	Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	
funds	Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	With Donor <u>Restrictions</u>	

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 9 – Endowment (continued)

A summary of the transactions in endowment net assets for 2022 are as follows:

	Without	With	
	Donor	Donor	
	Restrictions	Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets,			
beginning of year	\$ 2,983,442	\$12,561,713	<u>\$15,545,155</u>
Investment return:			
Interest and dividends	75,255	403,912	479,167
Realized gain	1,787	1,357,720	1,359,507
Capital gain distributions			
on investments	-	114,732	114,732
Unrealized (loss) on			
investments	(412,153)	(3,892,598)	(4,304,751)
Total investment return	(335,111)	(2,016,234)	(2,351,346)
Appropriation of endowment			
assets for expenditure		(314,823)	(314,823)
Other changes			
Transfer to Board-designated			
endowment fund	9,199		9,199
Endowment net assets,			
end of year	<u>\$ 2,657,530</u>	<u>\$10,230,656</u>	<u>\$12,888,186</u>

Note 10 – Government grants

During March 2021, the Society received a loan in the amount of \$146,100 from the Small Business Administration ("SBA") under the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") which is a business loan program. The loan is forgivable provided the proceeds are spent on allowable expenditures and the Society maintains employment levels, as more fully described in the provisions of the PPP. In September 2021, the Society was notified that the full amount of the loan was forgiven. The \$146,100 was reflected as a government grant in 2021.

Note 11 – Employee retention credits

In response to the coronavirus emergency, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act and subsequent acts (the "Acts") were signed into law. The Acts provided, among other things, a refundable credit of certain qualified wages per employee for wages paid or incurred from March 13, 2020 through September 30, 2021. In connection therewith, the Society received credits totaling \$54,900 during 2022.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued) December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021

Note 12 – Lease agreement

During November 2016, the Society signed a new lease for New York office space, for the term of ten years and six months, with an option to renew for an additional five years. The Society took possession of the new space during June 2017. Under the terms of the lease, the Society received rent abatement for the first six months of the lease term. The Society is required to pay a minimum rental of \$778,560 per annum for the first five years of the lease term after the initial six months and \$827,220 per annum during the balance of the lease. In addition to the minimum rental, the Society is responsible for its proportionate share of operating expenses, electricity charges and real estate taxes. As security for this lease, the Society obtained an irrevocable standby letter of credit from a bank in the amount of \$735,982 in favor of the landlord.

The Society has recognized in the statement of financial position, a liability to make lease payments (the lease liability) and a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying asset for the lease term and is required to do the following:

- 1. Recognize a right-of-use asset and a lease liability, initially measured at the present value of the lease payments, in the statement of financial position.
- 2. Recognize a single lease cost, calculated so that the cost of the lease is allocated over the lease term on a generally straight-line basis.

The following is a summary of the required annual lease payments over the term of the lease:

Year		 Amount
2023		\$ 827,220
2024		827,220
2025		827,220
2026		827,220
2027		 827,220
Total		4,136,100
Less: amount to red	ace lease payments to	
their present value	(discount rate – 5%)	 157,580
Net		\$ 3,978,520

<u>Note 13 – 401(k) plan</u>

The Society has a 401(k) plan (the "Plan") whereby eligible employees can contribute to the Plan in accordance with IRS regulations. The Society matches 100% of the employee's elective deferral up to 6% of eligible earnings, and both the employee's elective deferral and employer's matching contribution become immediately fully vested. The Society made contributions totaling \$60,785 and \$50,078 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, respectively. Forfeitures of non-vested contributions are used to reduce the Society's contributions to the Plan.