COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROGRAM, INC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT JUNE 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc. Concord, California

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, cash flows and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc. as of June 30, 2023, 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 (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc. 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 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'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 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 GAAS and Government 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 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'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 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 6, 2023 on our consideration of Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'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 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Skowron & Bunning LLP

Sacramento, California October 6, 2023

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROGRAM, INC. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 887,928
Grants and contributions receivable	114,356
Prepaid expenses	 33,824
Total Current Assets	1,036,108
Furniture and equipment, net	15,728
Right-of-use asset	179,971
Security deposits	 5,770
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,237,577
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 8,438
Accrued vacation	70,055
Accrued payroll	 42,292
Total Current Liabilities	120,785
Lease liability	196,762
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	 317,547
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	867,862
With donor restrictions	 52,168
TOTAL NET ASSETS	 920,030
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,237,577

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROGRAM, INC. STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Support, revenues, and gains	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support			
Foundation	253,250	-	253,250
Individual and community	164,979	750	165,729
Special events	256,938		256,938
Total support	675,167	750	675,917
Revenues and gains			
Government contracts	895,434	_	895,434
Interest and other	643	_	643
Total revenues and gains	896,077	-	896,077
Net assets released from restrictions	2,750	(2,750)	-
Total support, revenue, and gains	1,573,994	(2,000)	1,571,994
Expenses			
Program	1,181,300	_	1,181,300
Management and general	138,822	-	138,822
Fundraising	246,967		246,967
Total expenses	1,567,089		1,567,089
Change in net assets	6,905	(2,000)	4,905
Net assets, beginning of year	860,957	54,168	915,125
Net assets, end of year	\$ 867,862	\$ 52,168	\$ 920,030

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROGRAM, INC. STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Cash flows from operating activities

Change in net assets	\$ 4,905
Adjustments to reconcile net assets to net cash	
provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	6,084
Operating lease interest	16,791
Decrease (Increase) in:	
Grants receivable	41,009
Prepaid expenses	(2,337)
Increase (Decrease) in:	
Accounts payable	5,219
Accrued vacation	19,418
Accrued payroll	42,292
Net cash provided by operating activities	133,381
Net change in cash	133,381
Cash at the beginning of the year	754,547
Cash at the end of the year	\$ 887,928

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROGRAM, INC. STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Supporting Services					
	Program	Management					
	 Services	and	l General	Fu	ndraising		Total
Salaries	\$ 778,676	\$	36,000	\$	89,333	\$	125,333
Payroll taxes	63,343		2,754		6,700		9,454
Employee benefits	88,396		154		300		454
Retirement contributions	18,770		-		1,000		1,000
Total salaries and related expenses	949,185		38,908		97,333		136,241
Accounting	_		39,633		_		39,633
Professional fees	790		-		_		-
Marketing and donor development	-		_		24,480		24,480
Supplies and office expenses	6,730		1,721		205		1,926
Equipment and maintenance	23,783		1,026		350		1,376
Occupancy	62,609		10,011		-		10,011
Dues, subscriptions, and licenses	1,633		246		86		332
Depreciation	-		6,084		_		6,084
Insurance	_		17,083		-		17,083
Interest	_		16,791		-		16,791
Staff support	7,046		-		3,142		3,142
Volunteer recruitment	24,630		-		-		-
Volunteer training and support	25,465		-		-		-
Telephone and Internet	6,771		856		-		856
Other expenses	472		2,708		-		2,708
Postage	862		27		1		28
Bank charges	-		3,728		1,558		5,286
Fundraising costs	-		-		119,812		119,812
Program costs	71,324		<u>-</u>				-
Total expenses	\$ 1,181,300	\$	138,822	\$	246,967	\$	385,789

NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc. (CASA or Organization) is a nonprofit corporation incorporated under the laws of California. CASA's purpose is to provide a loving and caring consistency for children who are involved in a confusing Social Services system; to enhance the time a child spends in the system by monitoring case plans; to help the Courts make timely, sound, heartfelt decisions; and carry forth the urgency that the child's life is passing and this should not and cannot be forgotten.

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all cash, money market funds and highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less, which are neither held for, nor restricted by donors for long-term purposes, to be cash equivalents.

Grants and Contributions Receivable

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized when received. All contributions are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless the contributed assets are specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are restricted by the donor to use in future periods or for specific purposes are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. Unconditional promises with payments due in future years have an implied restriction to be used in the year the payment is due, and therefore are reported as restricted until payment is due, unless the contribution is clearly intended to support activities of the current fiscal year. Conditional promises are not recognized until they become unconditional, that is, until all conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Property and Equipment

Property, improvements, and equipment in excess of \$5,000, are recorded at acquisition cost if purchased and fair value if donated. Depreciation of the property is computed using the straight-line method over estimated useful lives of the assets. Maintenance and repair costs are charged to expense as incurred. Upon retirement or other disposition of property, any gain or loss is included in earnings. Impairment tests of long-lived assets are made when conditions indicate a possible loss. Such impairment tests are based on a comparison of undiscounted cash flows to the recorded value of the assets. If an impairment is indicated, the asset value is written down to its fair market value. Uses of restricted operating funds for property and equipment acquisitions with an estimated economic life in excess of one year are accounted for as expenses of the program purchasing the equipment. Purchases of property and equipment with unrestricted funds having an estimated economic life in excess of one year have been capitalized.

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Net Assets

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

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor- (or certain grantor-) imposed restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for an operating reserve and board-designated reserve.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor-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. We report contributions restricted by donors as increases in net assets with donor restrictions if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished, 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.

We report contributions restricted by donors as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) 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 nature of the restrictions.

Revenue Recognition

All revenues and net gains are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities unless the donor specified the use of the related resources for a particular purpose or in a future period. All expenses and net losses are reported as decreases in net assets without donor restrictions.

Contributed Services

Contributed services are reflected in the financial statements at the fair value of the services received only 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 Organization. There were no contributed services meeting these criteria for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Organization's work is supported by a substantial number of volunteers and their efforts are more fully described in Note 10.

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expense Recognition and Allocation

The cost of providing the Organization's programs and other activities is summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and statement of functional expenses. Expenses that can be identified with a specific program or support service are charged directly to that program or support service. Costs common to multiple functions have been allocated among the various functions using a reasonable allocation method that is consistently applied as follows:

Salaries and wages, benefits, and payroll taxes are allocated based on timesheets prepared by all employees every pay period that are signed by the employee and approved by the employee's supervisor. Certain operations staff may allocate time to a shared cost pool which is then allocated on a pro-rata basis to the major functional expense categories.

Occupancy and depreciation are allocated based on the programs and supporting activities occupying the space.

Office expenses and supplies, insurance, and other expenses that cannot be directly identified are allocated on the basis of staff allocations for each program and supporting activity.

Management and general expenses include those costs that are not directly identifiable with any specific program, but which provide for the overall support and direction of the Organization.

Fundraising costs are expensed as incurred, even though they may result in contributions received in future years. The Organization generally does not conduct fundraising activities in conjunction with its other activities.

Income Taxes

CASA is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from state taxes under Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. In addition, CASA qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2). CASA believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, it does not have any material unrecognized tax benefits or liabilities as of June 30, 2023.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 – SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

On January 1, 2022, CASA adopted ASU No. 2016-02 *Leases (Topic 842)*, and subsequent amendments thereto, which requires lessees to recognize leases on the balance sheet and disclose key information about leasing arrangements.

Adoption of the leasing standard resulted in the recognition of operating right-of-use assets of \$259,335, and operating lease liabilities of \$278,232 as of January 1, 2022. These amounts were determined based on the present value of remaining minimum lease payments, discounted using the Organization's incremental borrowing rate as of the date of adoption. There was no material impact to the timing of expense or income recognition in the Organization's Statement of Activities. Prior periods were not restated and continue to be presented under legacy GAAP. Disclosures of leasing activities are presented in Note 8.

NOTE 3 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of June 30, 2023 are:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 887,928
Accounts receivable	114,356
Less net assets with donor restriction –	
specific purpose	(52,168)
Less board designated funds	 (302,098)
Total	\$ 648,018

As part of the Organization's liquidity management plan, the Organization may invest cash in excess of immediate requirements in certificates of deposit or other interest bearing accounts. While board designated funds are intended to be held for longer term use, the board may redesignate such funds in the event of the need.

NOTE 4 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment activity was as follows:

	06	/30/2022	Ac	lditions	Dis	posals	06/	30/2023
Leasehold Improvements	\$	32,952	\$	-	\$	-	\$	32,952
Furniture and Equipment		45,630		-		-		45,630
		78,582		-		-		78,582
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(56,770)		(6,084)		-		(62,854)
	\$	21,812	\$	(6,084)	\$	-	\$	15,728

Depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$6,084 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTE 5 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions were available as follows as of June 30, 2023:

Franko fund	\$ 50,018
Lynch Scholarship Fund	 2,150
Total	\$ 52,168

NOTE 6 – CONCENTRATIONS AND RISKS

Support and Revenue

Approximately 17% of the Organization's total support and revenue came from four donors during the year ended June 30, 2023.

Geographic Concentration

The Organization conducts operations in Concord, California. Participants and volunteers in the Organization's programs are largely located in the surrounding area. The Organization may be subject to a concentration risk related to changes in local economic or physical conditions such as fires, earthquakes or local health emergencies.

NOTE 7 – FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Fair Value Measurements - Fair value is defined as "the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date." A hierarchy has been established to prioritize the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value as follows:

- Level 1 Values are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in active markets accessible at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Inputs include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices from those willing to trade in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by market data for the term of the instrument. Such inputs include market interest rates and volatilities, spreads and yield curves.
- Level 3 Certain inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity) and significant to the fair value measurement. Unobservable inputs reflect the Organization's best estimate of what hypothetical market participants would use to determine a transaction price for the asset or liability at the reporting date.

Management's disclosures about fair value of financial instruments, although not required, are based on pertinent information available to management as of June 30, 2023. Accordingly, the estimates presented in these statements are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that could be realized on disposition of the financial instruments.

Management estimates the fair value of cash, receivables, deposits, accounts payable, and accrued expenses approximate the respective carrying value.

NOTE 8 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Grant awards require the fulfillment of certain conditions as set forth in the instrument of grant. Failure to fulfill the conditions could result in the return of the funds to the grantors. The Organization's management is of the opinion that the Organization has complied with the terms of all grants.

The Organization leases office space with various terms through July 31, 2026. The Organization also leases office equipment at a monthly rent of \$245 per month through October 2026.

Future minimum lease payments were as follows for the years ended June 30:

2024	68,915
2025	70,645
2026	72,377
2027	6,777
Total	\$ 218,714

The Organization paid rent of \$72,620 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTE 9 – SPECIAL EVENTS

The Organization held a special fundraising event during year. Activity related to the event was as follows during the year ended June 30, 2023:

Donations and sponsorships	\$ 256,938
Less: Costs of direct donor benefit	 (119,812)
Total	\$ 137,126

NOTE 10 – VOLUNTEER EFFORT

In addition to the financial activities reflected on the financial statements, the Organization's work is supported by the substantial efforts of approximately 200 volunteers who donated 23,128 hours of service as court appointed special advocates or in certain other roles. Volunteers have a wide variety of professional and personal backgrounds such as teachers, attorneys, retirees, parents and business people. Such services are generally provided directly to the children served by the volunteers as a result of court appointment.

The California Judicial Council estimates the value of such volunteer services at a \$35.56 per hour, which would total \$822,432 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

NOTE 11 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through October 6, 2023, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc. Concord, California

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 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 6, 2023.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'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 financial statements. 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*.

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 Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'s internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Court Appointed Special Advocates Program, Inc.'s internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Skowron & Bunning LLT

Sacramento, California October 6, 2023