COMBINED FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation
The Beck Foundation of DSAET
Duluth, Minnesota

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying combined financial statements of Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation (a nonprofit organization) and Affiliate, which comprise the combined statement of financial position as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related combined statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation and Affiliate as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, 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.

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 Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation and Affiliate 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 Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation and Affiliate'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 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 Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation and Affiliate '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 Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation and Affiliate '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 Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The schedule of assets, liabilities and net assets by grantee, schedule of revenues and expenses by grantee, schedules of assets, liabilities, and net assets - Beck Foundation of DSAET, and the schedules of revenues and expenses - Beck Foundation of DSAET is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Esterbrooks Certified Public accountants, Ital.

Duluth, Minnesota February 7, 2025

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	 2024	2023		
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash	\$ 332,159	\$	283,595	
Certificates of deposit	372,342		350,000	
Underwriting revenue receivable	40,076		42,330	
Grants receivable	424,976		312,083	
Prepaid expenses	 49,013		92,408	
Total current assets	 1,218,566		1,080,416	
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:				
Land	13,863		13,863	
Buildings	1,665,167		1,665,167	
Broadcasting equipment	8,400,516		8,338,378	
Office equipment	206,356		195,134	
Vehicles	 162,671		162,671	
Total cost	10,448,573		10,375,213	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	 (9,085,661)		(8,781,047)	
Net property and equipment	 1,362,912		1,594,166	
OTHER ASSETS:				
Operating lease right-of-use asset, net	192,797		238,695	
Investments	19,704,613		17,000,641	
Promise to give, use of facilities	3,801		26,604	
FCC license	 66,547		66,547	
Total other assets	 19,967,758		17,332,487	
Total assets	\$ 22,549,236	\$	20,007,069	

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		2024	2023		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:					
Accounts payable	\$	125,214	\$	98,305	
Accrued expenses		225,163		158,524	
Deferred revenue		35,676		64,763	
Current portion of operating lease liability		42,889		-	
Amounts held on behalf of others		14,925		14,925	
Total current liabilities		443,867		336,517	
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:					
Operating lease liability, net of current portion		149,410		238,945	
Total liabilities		593,277		575,462	
NET ASSETS:					
Without Donor Restrictions:					
Available for operations		1,726,333		2,205,134	
Designated for long-term investment		19,728,169		16,771,916	
Total net assets without donor restrictions		21,454,502		18,977,050	
With Donor Restrictions		501,457		454,557	
Total net assets		21,955,959		19,431,607	
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$</u>	22,549,236	\$	20,007,069	

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

	2024					
	Wit	thout Donor	٧	Vith Donor		
OPERATING	R	estrictions	Restrictions			Total
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:						
Contributions and grants	\$	1,532,180	\$	2,091,961	\$	3,624,141
Legacies and bequests		5,000		-		5,000
Underwriting		264,390		-		264,390
Production and other income		62,233		-		62,233
Rental income		43,277		-		43,277
Investment income, net		453,236		-		453,236
Contributions of nonfinancial assets		41,893		-		41,893
Net assets released from restriction		2,045,061		(2,045,061)		
Total revenues and other support		4,447,270		46,900		4,494,170
EXPENSES:						
Program services -						
Programming and production		2,561,621		-		2,561,621
Broadcasting		1,024,681		-		1,024,681
Program information		323,831				323,831
Total program services		3,910,133				3,910,133
Supporting services -						
Management and general		736,601		-		736,601
Fundraising and membership		488,016		_		488,016
Total supporting services		1,224,617				1,224,617
Total expenses		5,134,750			_	5,134,750
Change in net assets from operating activities		(687,480)		46,900		(640,580)
<u>NONOPERATING</u>						
Contributions and grants		-		60,744		60,744
Gains on investments		3,104,188		_		3,104,188
Gain on asset disposition		-		-		_
Net assets released from restriction		60,744		(60,744)		
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities		3,164,932				3,164,932
Change in net assets		2,477,452		46,900		2,524,352
NET ASSETS:						
Beginning of year		18,977,050		454,557		19,431,607
End of year	\$	21,454,502	\$	501,457	\$	21,955,959

			2023					
W	ithout Donor	V	With Donor					
F	Restrictions	F	Restrictions		Total			
\$	1,150,802	\$	1,973,796	\$	3,124,598			
	232,000		-		232,000			
	246,072		-		246,072			
	90,382 41,252		-		90,382 41,252			
	416,657		-		416,657			
	40,912		-		40,912			
	2,608,944		(2,608,944)		-			
	4,827,021		(635,148)		4,191,873			
	2,217,550		-		2,217,550			
	1,020,182		-		1,020,182			
	601,665				601,665			
	3,839,397				3,839,397			
	851,108		_		851,108			
	559,672		-		559,672			
	1,410,780				1,410,780			
	5,250,177		_		5,250,177			
			(635 149)					
	(423,156)		(635,148)		(1,058,304)			
			212,069		212,069			
	- 1,744,154		212,009		1,744,154			
	200		-		200			
	212,069		(212,069)					
	1,956,423		<u>-</u>		1,956,423			
	1,533,267		(635,148)		898,119			
	17,443,783		1,089,705		18,533,488			
\$	18,977,050	\$	454,557	\$	19,431,607			

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Program Services					Supporting Services			
						Fundraising	Total		
	Program and		Program Total Program		Management	and	Supporting		
	Production	Broadcasting	Information	Services	and General	Membership	Services	Total	
Salaries, payroll taxes									
and employee benefits	\$ 1,176,442	\$ 509,029	\$ 180,155	\$ 1,865,626	\$ 318,972	\$ 202,541	\$ 521,513	\$ 2,387,139	
Professional services	68,790	51,169	14,685	134,644	191,232	7,515	198,747	333,391	
Program acquisition	677,595	-	-	677,595	5,495	-	5,495	683,090	
Program production	340,329	5,588	410	346,327	-	2,166	2,166	348,493	
Membership	-	-	35	35	32,513	4,026	36,539	36,574	
Fundraising	11,478	-	3,594	15,072	8,443	202,963	211,406	226,478	
Advertising	6,000	247	108,989	115,236	6,444	1,185	7,629	122,865	
Office, postage and printing	33,716	24,985	8,599	67,300	26,058	46,385	72,443	139,743	
Insurance	-	-	-	-	112,632	-	112,632	112,632	
Rent	54,314	54,804	400	109,518	9,635	-	9,635	119,153	
Repairs and maintenance	914	49,172	259	50,345	441	16,025	16,466	66,811	
Utilities	607	196,163	-	196,770	-	-	-	196,770	
Travel	4,176	1,450	3,233	8,859	12,505	1,238	13,743	22,602	
Miscellaneous	28,292	100	-	28,392	5,935	68	6,003	34,395	
Depreciation and amortization	158,968	131,974	3,472	294,414	6,296	3,904	10,200	304,614	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,561,621	\$ 1,024,681	\$ 323,831	\$ 3,910,133	\$ 736,601	\$ 488,016	\$ 1,224,617	\$ 5,134,750	

COMBINED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

	Program Services					Supporting Services			
						Fundraising	Total		
	Program and		Program	Total Program	Management	and	Supporting		
	Production	Broadcasting	Information	Services	and General	Membership	Services	Total	
Salaries, payroll taxes				,					
and employee benefits	\$ 1,047,617	\$ 444,320	\$ 347,588	\$ 1,839,525	\$ 342,403	\$ 344,510	\$ 686,913	\$ 2,526,438	
Professional services	153,026	36,630	24,065	213,721	214,863	3,931	218,794	432,515	
Program acquisition	694,040	-	-	694,040	4	-	4	694,044	
Program production	63,217	220	-	63,437	-	4,004	4,004	67,441	
Membership	517	-	-	517	74,707	2,010	76,717	77,234	
Fundraising	9,880	51	6,174	16,105	2,733	82,675	85,408	101,513	
Advertising	9,995	132	192,270	202,397	6,915	1,800	8,715	211,112	
Bad debt	-	-	9,497	9,497	-	-	-	9,497	
Office, postage and printing	11,362	12,277	18,219	41,858	21,494	73,740	95,234	137,092	
Insurance	-	489	-	489	97,130	-	97,130	97,619	
Rent	-	67,720	-	67,720	40,912	-	40,912	108,632	
Repairs and maintenance	4,548	65,182	359	70,089	974	21,937	22,911	93,000	
Utilities	-	228,676	-	228,676	11,321	-	11,321	239,997	
Travel	13,117	9,135	230	22,482	28,324	15,693	44,017	66,499	
Miscellaneous	2,568	582	-	3,150	2,794	313	3,107	6,257	
Depreciation and amortization	207,663	154,768	3,263	365,694	6,534	9,059	15,593	381,287	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,217,550	\$ 1,020,182	\$ 601,665	\$ 3,839,397	\$ 851,108	\$ 559,672	\$ 1,410,780	\$ 5,250,177	

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

		2024		2023
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Reconciliation of change in net assets to net cash				
used for operating activities:				
Change in net assets	\$	2,524,352	\$	898,119
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided:				
Depreciation and amortization		304,614		381,287
Amortization of operating lease right-of-use asset		3,769		3,769
Gain on sale of assets		-		(200)
Loss (gain) on investments		(3,104,188)		(1,744,154)
(Increase) decrease in:		0.054		(5.470)
Underwriting revenue receivable		2,254		(5,178)
Grants receivable		(112,893)		(26,435)
Prepaid expenses		43,395		23,236
Promise to give, use of facilities		22,803		22,803
Increase (decrease) in: Accounts payable and accrued expenses		93,548		(21,782)
Deferred revenue		(29,087)		59,700
Operating lease liability		(4,517)		(3,519)
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Net cash used for operating activities		(255,950)		(412,354)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:				
Capital expenditures		(73,360)		(229,751)
Purchase of certificates of deposit		(22,342)		(350,000)
Proceeds from sale of investments		1,321,429		1,748,565
Purchases of investments		(921,213)		(1,737,624)
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		304,514		(568,810)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		10 EG1		(001 164)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		48,564		(981,164)
CASH - Beginning of year		283,595		1,264,759
CASH - End of year	\$	332,159	\$	283,595
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFOR	MΔ	TION		
Lease assets obtained in exchange for lease liabilities:				
Operating leases	\$	-	\$	242,464
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NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Organization -

The Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation is a non-profit Minnesota corporation which operates the non-commercial public television station WDSE and the noncommercial educational radio station The North 103.3 FM in Duluth, Minnesota. The financial statements include the accounts of The Beck Foundation of DSAET, a non-profit Minnesota corporation which provides financial support for WDSE. All significant inter-organization accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Basis of Presentation -

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

WDSE is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions. A description of the two net asset categories follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions - Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. The governing board has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a board-designated endowment.

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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents -

WDSE considers all highly liquid investments, except for those held for long-term investment, with maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. At September 30, 2024 and 2023 WDSE had no cash equivalents.

Certificates of Deposit -

Certificates of deposit with initial maturities of three months or more that are not debt securities are included in "Certificates of deposit" on the statement of financial position. WDSE reports all certificates of deposit, regardless of maturity as current assets

Accounts and Underwriting Receivables -

Receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Based on historical experience, assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections management has concluded that the realization of losses on balances outstanding at year-end will be immaterial

Grants Receivable -

WDSE receives grants from federal, state, and private agencies for various programs. Grants receivable represents amounts requested from granting agencies for services performed. Grants receivable is reduced once the cash has been received from the granting agencies.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

Property and Equipment -

Expenditures for minor additions of equipment are charged to expense when incurred. Expenditures for land, buildings, major improvements and equipment additions are capitalized and recorded as additions to net assets without donor restrictions. Property and equipment are stated at cost, except for those assets acquired by donation, which are stated at fair value at the date of the gift. Depreciation is calculated by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets. Depreciation recorded during the fiscal years ending September 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$304,614 and \$378,115, respectively.

Donated Equipment -

Gifts of land, buildings, and equipment are recorded as contributions at their fair value at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as support without donor restrictions unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, expirations of donor restrictions are reported when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

Investments -

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are stated at their fair values based on quoted prices in active markets (Level 1 measurements) in the statements of financial position. The net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments are reflected in the statements of activities.

Fair Value Measurements -

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

- Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that WDSE has the ability to access.
- Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

FCC License -

The FCC license purchased in November 2021 for KUMD-FM is considered an indefinite-lived intangible asset and is recorded at cost. Such intangible assets are not amortized but instead are subject to annual impairment tests or more frequently if an event occurs or circumstances change that would indicate an impairment in accordance with ASC Topic 350, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other.*

WDSE tests the license for impairment by first assessing qualitative factors to determine the existence of events and circumstances that may indicate it is more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible assets could be impaired. If, after assessing the totality of events and circumstances, WDSE concludes that it is not more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible assets are impaired, then no further action is taken. However, if WDSE concludes otherwise, then it determines the fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible assets and performs a quantitative impairment test by comparing the fair value with the carrying amount.

There were no indications of impairment noted in the annual test performed for the year ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

Pledges -

WDSE engages in fundraising campaigns manifested by offering special television programs and on-air and mail fundraising appeals. These appeals encourage supporters, both individuals and organizations, to provide financial contributions for enhancement of program offerings and other operating expenses. Financial contributions are frequently evidenced by pledges received from responding viewers. However, uncollected pledges that are not enforceable against contributors are not shown as assets on the statements of financial position. Contributions and collected pledges are reported as without donor restriction inasmuch as their usage is not limited to specific activities. This usage is consistent with appeals for contributions and pledges.

Revenue Recognition -

Contributions and grants are recognized when cash, securities or other assets, or an unconditional promise to give is received. Conditional contributions and grants are recognized as revenue when the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. Contributions and grants are classified as conditional if a barrier must be overcome to be entitled to the funds or if a right of return of assets transferred or a right of release of a promisor's obligation to transfer assets exists. As of September 30, 2024 and 2023, WDSE has received conditional grants totaling \$2,439,145 and \$1,936,792, respectively, for which the conditions stipulated by the grantor have not yet been met.

WDSE reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support 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.

Underwriting revenue includes amounts received in exchange for recognition within WDSE's programming. WDSE recognizes underwriting revenue as the performance obligation is satisfied over the contract period. The contract period is the timeframe in which the agreed-upon number of underwriting spots occur. Payment terms vary by contract and may be received all at once or over the term of the contract.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

Revenue Recognition (continued) -

Production and other income include various production and content activities, as well as royalty payments received. Production activity is recognized as revenue as the performance obligations are satisfied over the contract period.

Deferred revenue represents revenues received in advance, which will be recognized in future periods as they are earned. Program underwriting revenues recorded as deferred revenue at September 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$105,774 and \$64,763, respectively.

Advertising Costs -

WDSE uses advertising to promote its programs among the audiences it serves. Advertising costs are expensed as incurred.

Leases -

WDSE determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception. Leases are included in right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities in the combined statement of financial position. ROU assets and lease liabilities reflect the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term, and ROU assets also include prepaid or accrued rent. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. WDSE does not report ROU assets and leases liabilities for short-term leases (leases with a term of 12 months or less). Instead, the lease payments of those leases are reported as lease expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Functional Expenses -

Expenses incurred for a specific function are assigned directly to that function by management. Expenses that affect more than one specific function are allocated among the functions using a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses allocated include salaries, payroll taxes and benefits which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort, as well as depreciation, utilities, office expenses, and other, which are allocated on the basis of estimated usage.

Income Taxes -

WDSE is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and similar provisions of Minnesota statutes. However, income from certain activities not directly related to WDSE's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. There was no required provision for income taxes for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Uncertain Tax Positions -

WDSE follows the recognition requirements of uncertain tax positions as required by generally accepted accounting principles. WDSE believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. WDSE is generally no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2021.

Reclassification -

Certain amounts in the 2023 financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the current year financial statements. Such reclassification had no effect on net earnings or net assets as previously reported.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED):

Estimates -

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

Operations -

WDSE has reported its activities as operating or non-operating. Operating activities are an integral part of the programs, services and mission of WDSE. Non-operating activities do not directly affect the programs and services of WDSE such as items associated with acquisition of property and equipment and gain (loss) on investments.

Subsequent Events -

In preparing these financial statements, WDSE has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through February 7, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were issued.

Accounting Standards Adopted -

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments*. ASU 2016-13 revises the accounting requirements related to the measurement of credit losses and requires organizations to measure all expected credit losses for financial assets based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts about collectability. Assets must be presented in the financial statements at the net amount expected to be collected. The FASB has subsequently issued additional ASUs amending certain aspects of ASU 2016-13.

On October 1, 2023, WDSE adopted the new accounting standard and the related amendments using the modified retrospective method. There was no effect on the opening balance of net assets from applying the new standard. Results for reporting periods beginning after October 1, 2023 are presented under ASC 326. The comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those reporting periods. There was no impact to WDSE's change in net assets for the current period due to this standard update.

2. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIQUIDITY RESOURCES:

WDSE manages its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. Additionally, as described in Note 4, WDSE may request funds for capital projects or operating expenses from the Beck Foundation, which holds a board-designated endowment of \$19,728,169 and \$16,771,916 as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

2. FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIQUIDITY RESOURCES (CONTINUED):

As of September 30, 2024 and 2023, financial assets available within one year of the statement of financial position for general expenditures, such as operating expenses, are as follows:

	2024	2023
Financial assets:		
Cash	\$ 332,159	\$ 283,595
Certificates of deposit	372,342	350,000
Underwriting receivable	40,076	42,330
Grants receivable	424,976	 312,083
Total financial assets available within one year	1,169,553	988,008
Less amounts unavailable for general expenditure		
with one year:		
Donor-imposed restrictions	(501,457)	(454,557)
Amounts held on behalf of others	(14,925)	(14,925)
Financial assets available to meet cash needs		
for general expenditures within one year	\$ 653,171	\$ 518,526

3. INVESTMENTS:

The fair values of investments at September 30, 2024 and 2023 were as follows:

	2024		2023
Money market funds	\$	2,089,650	\$ 1,695,199
U.S. Government and agency			
bonds and notes		1,178,142	1,053,344
Corporate bonds		961,258	810,739
Mutual bond funds		1,748,057	1,560,312
Real estate funds		299,559	915,342
Mutual stock funds		7,259,081	5,975,540
Publicly held corporate stock		4,841,885	3,803,861
Alternative investments		1,326,981	1,186,304
Totals	<u>\$</u>	19,704,613	\$ 17,000,641

Investments are measured at fair value on a recurring basis using Level 1 inputs. For additional information on how WDSE measures fair value refer to Note 1.

4. BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT:

Investment assets held by The Beck Foundation have been designated by the boards of WDSE and the Foundation to be functioning as an endowment. As required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Directors to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

4. BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT (CONTINUED):

The Beck Foundation's investment policies for endowment assets have the following goals:

- (1) to preserve the purchasing power of the investment assets without putting the funds at imprudent risk,
- (2) to support current and future operations of WDSE through a flow of investment income, and
- (3) to provide long-term growth in principal through additional contributions and capital appreciation.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Foundation relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The Foundation targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

Duluth-Superior Area Educational Television Corporation has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year up to 10 percent of its endowment funds at value of the preceding fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. In establishing this policy, WDSE considered the long-term expected investment return on its endowment. Accordingly, over the long term, WDSE expects the current spending policy to allow its endowment funds to grow at an average of 4 percent annually. This is consistent with the WDSE's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return.

Composition of and Changes in Endowment Net Assets for the Years Ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

	 2024	 2023
Board-designated endowment net assets, beginning of year	\$ 16,771,916	\$ 15,263,703
Contributions Investment return, net Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	 27,281 3,532,972 (604,000)	12,000 2,159,713) (663,500)
Board-designated endowment net assets, end of year	\$ 19,728,169	\$ 16,771,916

5. PREPAID LEASE EXPENSE:

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003, WDSE entered into a lease agreement for use of fiber cables over a 20-year period. The total required payments under the lease agreement of \$130,000 were paid in full on that date. This amount is being amortized over the life of the agreement on a straight-line basis. During the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, amortization expense charged against this lease were \$0 and \$3,172, respectively.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

6. CONTRIBUTIONS OF NONFINANCIAL ASSETS:

Contributions of nonfinancial assets included in the statement of activities are comprised of the following as of September 30, 2024 and 2023:

	 2024	 2023
Contributed rent valued at estimated fair value		
based on rates used to charge other renters of		
similar spaces.		
Leased land	\$ 41,893	\$ 40,912

7. RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS ON NET ASSET BALANCES:

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes or periods:

	 2024	2023		
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:				
Future program activities	\$ 501,457	\$	454,557	

A portion of the net assets without donor restrictions has been designated by the Board of Directors for specific purposes, as follows:

	 2024	2023		
Long-term investment	\$ 19,728,169	\$	16,771,916	

8. NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS:

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by occurrence of the passage of time or other events specified by the donors as follows for the year ended September 30, 2024 and 2023.

	2024	2023		
Operating activities - Program expenditures Non-operating activities	\$ 2,045,061	\$	2,608,944	
Acquisition of property and equipment	 60,744		212,069	
Total	\$ 2,105,805	\$	2,821,013	

9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEASING TO OTHERS:

WDSE leases transmitter equipment to customers under operating leases. Equipment cost under operating leases was \$77,895 each year, respectively, and is included in broadcasting equipment in the accompanying statement of financial position. Accumulated depreciation on equipment under operating leases was \$77,895 each year at September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. During the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 rental income recognized under these agreements was \$43,277 and \$41,252, respectively.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

9. ARRANGEMENTS FOR LEASING TO OTHERS (CONTINUED):

Minimum future rental income at September 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	<u>A</u>	<u>mount</u>
2025	\$	42,294
2026		43,140
2027		21,748

10. TAX DEFERRED ANNUITY RETIREMENT PLANS:

WDSE contributes to a voluntary tax-sheltered annuity plan covering participating employees meeting certain service and age requirements. Contributions to the plan of \$25,605 and \$36,506 were charged to operations for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

11. CONCENTRATION OF REVENUE:

For the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, approximately 29% and 29% respectively, of WDSE's operating revenue was provided by grants from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, and approximately 23% and 25% respectively, was provided by the State of Minnesota.

12. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK:

WDSE maintains its cash balances at institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). These cash balances, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. At September 30, 2024 and 2023 total uninsured cash balances were \$122,342 and \$100,000, respectively. WDSE has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk.

13. LEASE COMMITMENTS:

Lease Site for Building -

A 99-year lease was entered into on January 2, 1976 (effective February 1, 1976) between WDSE and the Regents of the University of Minnesota for a building construction site on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Duluth. The lease was made in consideration of one dollar and the recognized benefit to be derived by the University from the proximity of an educational television station.

The lease contains, among other things, various significant restrictions and requirements concerning easement rights, use of the facility, potential tax assessments, and conditions of lease termination.

The lease provision relative to default of the lease covenants provides that in the event of default in any of the covenants of the lease to be kept by WDSE, the University may terminate the lease by thirty days' notice specifying such default and, if at the end of such period such default is not cured, the lease shall terminate and the University may re-enter and take possession within a reasonable time thereafter.

During the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, in-kind income and rental expense recognized under this agreement were \$41,893 and \$40,912, respectively.

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

13. LEASE COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED):

Use of Radio Studio Facilities -

WDSE received the free use of the radio station studios for three years as part of the purchase of KUMD-FM. Activity under this agreement are included in these financial statements for the years ending September 30, 2024 and 2023 as follows:

	;	2024			
Promise to give, use of facilities	\$	3,801	\$	26,604	
Rent expense	\$	22,803	\$	22,803	

Operating Lease of Tower and Building Space –

WDSE evaluated current contracts to determine which met the criteria of a lease. The right-of-use (ROU) assets represent WDSE's right to use underlying assets for the lease term, and the lease liabilities represent WDSE's obligation to make lease payments arising from these leases. The ROU assets and lease liabilities, all of which arise from operating leases, were calculated based on the present value of future lease payments over the lease terms. WDSE's has made an accounting policy election to use a risk-free rate in lieu of its incremental borrowing rate to discount future lease payments.

On September 2, 2008, WDSE entered into a 5-year lease with the option of one 5-year renewal of tower and building space. The lessor is WDIO-TV, LLC and the tower and building are located in Hibbing, Minnesota. The lease was amended as of September 1, 2018 for a term of 5 years with the option to renew for five additional 5-year terms. The lease agreement requires monthly payments of \$3,771 for the first year of the lease with inflation adjustments annually. The lease contains, among other things, requirements and restrictions regarding insurance, easement rights, and conditions of lease termination.

For the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, total lease cost, included in program expenses, was \$54,457 and \$44,917, respectively. As of September 30, 2024, the weighted-average remaining lease term for WDSE's operating lease was approximately 4 years and weighted average discount rate was 2.88%.

Right to use assets are as follows at September 30:

	2024			2023			
ROU Assets	\$	242,464	\$	242,464			
Less: Accumulated amortization		(49,667)		(3,769)			
Total	\$	192,797	\$	238,695			

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

13. LEASE COMMITMENTS (CONTINUED):

Minimum future rentals at September 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30,	<u>Amount</u>		
2025	\$	46,508	
2026		52,258	
2027		53,960	
2028		50,821	
Total lease payments		203,547	
Less present value discount		(11,248)	
Total lease obligations	\$	192,229	

14. NONMONETARY TRANSACTIONS:

WDSE enters into exchange transactions to provide program underwriting for operating expenses such as advertising and supplies. During the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, nonmonetary transactions recorded as underwriting revenue and associated expenses totaled \$37,395 and \$868, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS BY GRANTEE SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

<u>ASSETS</u>		WDSE-TV	W	DSE-FM		Total
CURRENT ASSETS:						
Cash	\$	332,074	\$	85	\$	332,159
Certificates of deposit		372,342		-		372,342
Underwriting revenue receivable		30,254		9,822		40,076
Grants receivable		355,866		69,110		424,976
Prepaid expenses		48,503		510		49,013
Due from WDSE-TV				25,213		25,213
Total current assets	_	1,139,039		104,740		1,243,779
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:						
Land		13,863		_		13,863
Buildings		1,665,167		_		1,665,167
Broadcasting equipment		8,114,603		285,913		8,400,516
Office equipment		206,356		, -		206,356
Vehicles		116,858		45,813		162,671
Total cost		10,116,847		331,726		10,448,573
Less: Accumulated depreciation		(8,983,136)		(102,525)		(9,085,661)
-		1,133,711		229,201		
Net property and equipment	_	1,133,711		229,201	_	1,362,912
OTHER ASSETS:						
Operating lease right-of-use asset, net		192,797		-		192,797
Investments		19,704,613		- -		19,704,613
Promise to give, use of facilities		-		3,801		3,801
FCC license	_			66,547		66,547
Total other assets		19,897,410		70,348		19,967,758
Total assets	\$	22,170,160	\$	404,289	\$	22,574,449
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
CURRENT LIABILITIES:						
Accounts payable	\$	97,259	\$	27,955	\$	125,214
Accrued expenses		199,195		25,968		225,163
Deferred revenue		28,049		7,627		35,676
Current portion of operating lease liability		42,889		-		42,889
Due to WDSE-FM		25,213		-		25,213
Amounts held on behalf of others		14,925				14,925
Total current liabilities		407,530		61,550		469,080
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:						
Operating lease liability, net of current portion		149,410		_		149,410
7,						
Total liabilities	_	556,940		61,550	_	618,490
NET ASSETS:						
Without Donor Restrictions:						
Available for operations		1,561,026		165,307		1,726,333
Designated for long-term investment		19,728,169	_			19,728,169
Total net assets without donor restrictions		21,289,195		165,307		21,454,502
With Donor Restrictions		324,025		177,432		501,457
Total net assets		21,613,220		342,739		21,955,959
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Total liabilities and net assets	\$	22,170,160	\$	404,289	\$	22,574,449

See independent auditor's report.

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES BY GRANTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

OPERATING	WDSE-TV	,	DSE-FM		Total		
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:							
Contributions and grants	\$ 3,220,030	\$	404,111	\$	3,624,141		
Legacies and bequests	5,000		-		5,000		
Underwriting	198,376		66,013		264,389		
Production and other income	54,029		8,204		62,233		
Rental income	43,165		113		43,278		
Investment income, net	271,236		182,000		453,236		
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	 41,893		<u>-</u>		41,893		
Total revenues and other support	3,833,729		660,441		4,494,170		
EXPENSES:							
Program services -							
Programming and production	2,133,519		428,102		2,561,621		
Broadcasting	976,693		47,988		1,024,681		
Program information	312,007		11,824		323,831		
Total program services	3,422,219		487,914		3,910,133		
Supporting services -							
Management and general	503,711		232,890		736,601		
Fundraising and membership	455,684		32,332		488,016		
Total supporting services	959,395		265,222		1,224,617		
Total expenses	4,381,614		753,136	_	5,134,750		
Change in net assets from operating activities	(547,885)		(92,695)		(640,580)		
NONOPERATING							
Contributions and grants	60,399		345		60,744		
Gains on investments	3,104,188		-		3,104,188		
Gain on asset disposition	<u> </u>				<u>-</u>		
Change in net assets from nonoperating activities	 3,164,587		345		3,164,932		
Change in net assets	2,616,702		(92,350)		2,524,352		
NET ASSETS:							
Beginning of year	 18,996,518		435,089		19,431,607		
End of year	\$ 21,613,220	\$	342,739	\$	21,955,959		

THE BECK FOUNDATION OF DSAET

SCHEDULES OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	 2024	 2023			
Investments Accrued investment income Due from WDSE-TV	\$ 19,678,796 25,817 27,281	\$ 16,975,106 25,535			
Total assets	\$ 19,731,894	\$ 17,000,641			
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Due to WDSE-TV	\$ 3,725	\$ 228,725			
Total liabilities	 3,725	 228,725			
Net assets - Without Donor Restrictions:					
Designated for long-term investment	19,728,169	16,771,916			
Total net assets	 19,728,169	16,771,916			
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 19,731,894	\$ 17,000,641			

THE BECK FOUNDATION OF DSAET

SCHEDULES OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND 2023

		2024	2023		
REVENUE:					
Contributions and bequests	\$	27,281	\$ 12,000		
Interest		165,944	106,283		
Dividends		320,299	362,491		
Net gains on investments		3,104,188	1,744,154		
Less: Investment fees		(57,459)	(53,215)		
Total revenues		3,560,253	2,171,713		
EXPENSES:					
Program services					
Grants to Duluth-Superior Area Educational					
Television Corporation		604,000	663,500		
Total expenses		604,000	663,500		
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Change in net assets		2,956,253	1,508,213		
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NET ASSETS, Beginning of year		16,771,916	15,263,703		
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NET ASSETS, End of year	\$	19,728,169	<u>\$ 16,771,916</u>		