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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
Van Cortlandt Park Alliance

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2023, and the related statement of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance 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

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of Van Cortlandt Park Alliance and to meet my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my 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 Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My 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 my 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, I:

- 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 Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Van Cortlandt Park Alliance's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am 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 I identified during the audit.

City Island, New York December 20, 2023

VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets Cash and cash equivalents Grants receivable Pledges receivable Prepaid expenses Total Current Assets	\$	175,585 533,582 2,100 10,997 722,264
Other Assets Right of use asset - operating lease	-	102,569
Total Assets	\$ <u>_</u>	824,833
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilites Accounts payable and accrued expenses Operating lease liability Total Current Liabilities	\$	46,320 23,728 70,048
Long-Term Liabilities Operating lease liability, net of curent portion	<u>-</u>	78,841
Net assets: with donor restrictions without donor restrictions Total Net Assets	- -	520,145 155,799 675,944
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	824,833

VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	With Donor Restrictions	Without Donor Restrictions		Total
Income				
Grants - Foundation and organizations	\$ 226,170 \$	220,477	\$	446,647
- Government	302,443	181,703		484,146
- Corporation	5,000	90,195		95,195
- Corporation - match	0	950		950
- Corporation - membership	0	46,045		46,045
Contributions	0	36,230		36,230
Membership	0	25,485		25,485
Fundraising	0	120,893		120,893
Program and other income	0	21,583		21,583
In-kind contributions	0	337,392		337,392
Interest	0	16		16
Net assets released from donor restrictions	(79,459)	79,459		0
Total Income	454,154	1,160,428		1,614,582
Expenses				
Program	0	895,690		895,690
Management and General	0	233,066		233,066
Fundraising	0	150,377		150,377
Total Expenses	0	1,279,133		1,279,133
Change in net assets before opening net assets released from donor restrictions	454,154	(118,705))	335,449
Opening net assets released from donor restrictions	(244,810)	244,810		0_
Net changes in net assets	209,344	126,105		335,449
Net assets - July 1, 2022	310,801	29,694		340,495
Net assets - June 30, 2023	\$ 520,145 \$	155,799	\$	675,944

VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

				Program Ex	penses			Supporting	Services	
	_	Cultural	Environmental Education	Field and Trails	Natural Areas	Outreach	Total Program Expenses	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Expenses
Staff and intern compensation	\$	12,239 \$	159,837 \$	47,149 \$	99,316 \$	5,209 \$	323,750 \$	74,270 \$	21,791 \$	419,811
Payroll taxes and employee benefits		958	27,198	6,944	14,195	659	49,954	4,805	1,519	56,278
Consultants		29,572	3,390	100	6,465	0	39,527	1,190	63,960	104,677
Professional fees		0	0	0	0	0	0	100,015	0	100,015
Rent expense		13,349	243	4,369	5,825	0	23,786	243	243	24,272
Program and related supplies		9,361	42,946	47,718	8,632	71	108,728	1,437	1,046	111,211
Marketing, advertising, and website		3,882	1,764	998	503	20,775	27,922	1,155	2,046	31,123
Computer software and subscriptions		192	1,872	192	1,348	0	3,604	6,419	436	10,459
Board, liability, and volunteer insurance		0	0	0	0	0	0	7,610	0	7,610
Event expenses		2,038	1,425	0	233	0	3,696	0	37,688	41,384
Telephone and internet		0	52	0	0	0	52	3,142	0	3,194
Payroll expense and processing		56	1,770	490	909	46	3,271	868	95	4,234
Office supplies and expenses		198	2,524	392	2,524	0	5,638	1,204	783	7,625
Postage		141	217	141	141	0	640	407	1,752	2,799
Staff travel, development, and meetings		0	2,043	0	30	0	2,073	764	44	2,881
Printing and publications		1,728	863	1,194	467	0	4,252	531	4,884	9,667
Finance and bank service charges		0	0	0	0	0	0	2,052	0	2,052
In-kind expenses		53,802	122,274	53,302	59,500	9,655	298,533	24,987	13,872	337,392
Other	_	66	66	66	66	0	264	1,967	218	2,449
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	127,582 \$	368,484_\$	163,055 \$	200,154 \$	36,415 \$	895,690 \$	233,066 \$	150,377 \$	1,279,133

VAN CORTLANDT PARK ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Cash Flows From Operating Activities Net change in net assets	\$	335,449
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to cash used in operating activities: (Increase) in grants receivable Decrease in pledges receivable (Increase) in prepaid expenses Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	-	(245,992) 14,539 (3,100) 11,246 112,142
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		112,142
Cash and cash equivalents - July 1, 2022	-	63,443
Cash and cash equivalents - June 30, 2023	\$_	175,585
Non-cash Transaction Recording of operating lease asset and related liability	\$_	102,569
Supplemental Cash Flow Information Operating cash flows used in operating leases	\$	24,271

Note 1 - Nature of the Organization

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (the "Organization" or "VCPA") is a 501(c)3 organization that preserves, supports, and promotes the recreational, ecological, and historical value of Van Cortlandt Park, in Bronx, New York. The Organization's revenues are derived primarily from grants, contributions, memberships, fundraising events, and fee for services for educational programs. VCPA offers youth internships, school programs, volunteer stewardship programs, cultural programming, ecological restoration, maintenance, and scientific research, all with a strong focus on community engagement, youth development, STEM education, and the environment.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to not-for-profit entities. The accrual basis recognizes income when earned and expenses when incurred. The Organization is required to report its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

<u>Net Assets with Donor Restrictions:</u> Net assets that are subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by the actions of the Organization or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Organization's management and the board of directors. The only limits on the use of net assets without donor restrictions are the broad limits resulting from the nature of the organization, the environment in which it operates, the purposes specified in its corporate documents and its application for tax-exempt status, and any limits resulting from contractual agreements with creditors and others that are entered into in the course of its operations. Board-designated funds represent funds without donor restrictions which may, from time to time, be designated by the board of directors for specific purposes.

Management Estimates

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consists of all cash in bank accounts and any highly liquid financial instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less.

Receivables

Receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Organization considers receivables past due or delinquent when payments have not been received in a timely manner, and receivables are written off when management deems the possibility of collecting amounts due as completely unlikely. The Organization closely monitors outstanding balances for all receivables and adheres to a standard set of protocols for collection activities to be undertaken at certain times based upon delinquency status.

Allowances are based on the length of time that receivables were outstanding at year-end and on historical collection patterns of receivables in years past. Management determined that no allowance for doubtful accounts receivable was necessary at June 30, 2023.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Leases

The Organization assesses whether an arrangement qualifies as a lease (i.e., conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration) at inception and only reassesses its determination if the terms and conditions of the arrangement are changed. Leases with an initial term of 12 months or less are not recorded on the Statement of Financial Position. Lease expense is recognized for these leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Most leases include one or more options to renew, with renewal terms that can extend the lease term from one to 20 years or more. The exercise of lease renewal options is at the Organization's sole discretion. Certain leases also include options to purchase the leased property. The depreciable life of assets and leasehold improvements are limited by the expected lease term unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise.

Leases result in the recognition of right of use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities on the statement of financial position. ROU assets represent the right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease, measured on a discounted basis.

At lease inception, the lease liability is measured at the present value of the lease payments over the lease term. The ROU asset equals the lease liability adjusted for any initial direct costs, prepaid or deferred rent, and lease incentives. The Organization uses the implicit rate when readily determinable. As most of the leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Organization uses incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the commencement date to determine the present value of the lease payments. Incremental borrowing rates used to determine the present value of lease payments were derived by reference to the secured-debt yields the Organization would receive to finance each lease transaction or needed to borrow the amount of the undiscounted future payments over the term of the lease.

Donations and Promises to Give

Donations and promises to give (pledges) are recorded as revenue when either unsolicited cash is received or when donors make a promise to give. All donations are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Donor restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets are reclassified from net assets with donor restrictions to net assets without donor restrictions in the statement of activities.

Donations of property and services are recorded at the fair market value of the property and services at the time of contribution.

Revenue Recognition

The Organization recognizes contributions when cash, a noncash asset, or an unconditional promise to give is received. Conditional promises to give, which have a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met. Amounts received prior to the meeting of these conditions are reported as deferred revenue in the statement of financial position. As of June 30, 2023 the Organization did not have any conditional pledges that were not recognized.

All contributions are considered available for the Organization's general programs unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor are reported as support with donor restrictions and increases in net assets with donor restrictions. Contributions received with donor restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as support without donor restrictions and increases in net assets without donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition (continued)

The Organization may receive grants from governmental agencies. Depending upon the terms of the grant, it can be either an exchange transaction or a contribution. In accordance with grant provisions, the grant can be an expense reimbursement grant which requires that approved expenses be incurred prior to reimbursement by the grantor. Other grants permit advances of grant funds or full payment of grant funds at the start of the grant. If the grant is an exchange type grant, all unreimbursed expenses, for approved purposes, as of year-end are recorded as receivables and any unexpended advances are recorded as refundable advances. If the grant is a contribution, it is recognized in accordance with the contribution policy described above.

Program service revenue relates to fees received in exchange for program services. Revenue is recognized when the program service is provided. Fees received which have not been earned are recorded as deferred revenue.

Fees for service revenue is recognized based on approved rates when the Organization satisfies their performance obligations by providing services to individuals. Performance obligations for all the Organization's services are provided and consumed at a point in time, not over time, and therefore these types of fees allocated to performance obligations are not left unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period.

Fundraising revenue relates to ticket sales or sponsorships for special events. Revenue is recognized when the event takes place. Any revenue received which has not been earned is recorded as deferred revenue. Performance obligations for all the Organization's events are provided and consumed at a point in time (when the event occurs), not over time. Therefore, fundraising revenue allocated to performance obligations is not left unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period.

Revenue includes monies received from board members totaling \$116,506 for the fiscal year.

Expense Allocation

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and in detail on the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services directly benefited. Most expenses are allocated based upon time and effort of staff. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any specific program but provide for the overall support and direction of the Organization.

Program Expenses and Related Supplies

In order to provide environmental education, stewardship and cultural programs for the community the Organization must purchase supplies which are funded through various grants. This year, these items included: tools, shirts and supplies for Urban Eco-Teen Internships, supplies for the Youth Run Farm Stand including a weekly produce order, plants and shirts, supplies for volunteer and natural areas programs including tools, gloves, and snacks and a new stage, podium and tents for cultural events. The Organization will be able to use several of these items for programs in future years. VCPA hires performers, rents sound equipment, and hires a sound tech for cultural events.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising costs were \$31,123 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Organization deposits money with credit worthy institutions that are insured with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation which limits the amount of coverage, currently, to \$250,000 in aggregate. The Organization occasionally maintains deposits which exceed this FDIC limit. The risk is managed by maintaining all deposits in high quality financial institutions. Cash at June 30, 2023 did not exceed insured limits.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Tax Status

The Organization is exempt from federal, state, and local income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code").

The Organization recognizes the effect of income tax positions only if those positions are more likely than not to be sustained. Management has determined that the Organization had no uncertain tax positions that would require financial statement recognition or disclosure. The Organization did not conduct unrelated business activities during the year ended June 30, 2023. As a result of the forgoing, no provision for income taxes has been made in these financial statements.

The Organization files an IRS form 990 and respective state tax return. These tax returns are subject to review and examination by federal and state taxing authorities. The Organization has determined that it has registered in all states where it is required to be registered.

Note 3 - Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The following reflects the Organization's financial assets at June 30, 2023 available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months:

Financial assets, at year-end:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 175,585
Grants receivable	533,582
Pledges receivable	2,100
Total financial assets	 711,267
Less amounts not available for general use:	
Restricted by donor with time or purpose restrictions	(520,145)
Total financial assets available to meet general expenditures	_
within one year	\$ 191,122

The Organization regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations as they become due.

Note 4 - Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses are primarily accrued payroll expenses and audit fee.

Note 5 - Restrictions on Net Assets

Net assets with donor restrictions at June 30, 2023 are available for the following purposes:

Cultural	7,800
Environmental education	288,477
Natural areas	148,868
Management and general	75,000
	\$ 520,145

Note 6 - Commitment and Contingencies

The Organization entered into an operating lease on March 1, 2023 for office space which expires on February 29, 2028. The operating lease cost is \$2,045 per month during the five years. Termination of the lease is generally prohibited unless there is a violation under the lease agreement.

The Organization used the incremental borrowing rate at inception of 4.27% to determine the present value of the lease payments.

Estimated projected future minimum lease payments and reconciliation to Statement of Financial Position at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027 July 1, 2027 to February 29, 2028	\$	24,540 24,540 24,540 24,540 16,360
Total future undiscounted lease payments Less: present value discount		114,520 (11,951)
Operating lease liability	_	102,569
Percentage of total leases Months remaining Weighted average discount rate		100% 56 4.27%

The Organization entered into an agreement on May 4, 2023 with Rooftop Films, Inc. for five outdoor screenings in Van Cortlandt Park beginning July 11, 2023. The total cost is \$23,960. As of June 30, 2023 the organization had not paid anything towards this agreement nor included this amount in accounts payable and accrued expenses. The total cost will be paid and recognized in the upcoming fiscal year.

The Organization has store credit cards with Pitney Bowes with a \$10,000 spending limit and Staples with an indeterminable spending limit.

Note 7 - Compensated Absences

Employees of the Organization are entitled to paid vacation, paid sick days, and personal days off, depending on job classification, length of service, and other factors. It is impracticable to estimate the amount of compensation for future absences, and accordingly, no liability has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. The Organizations policy is to recognize the costs of compensated absences when actually paid to employees.

Note 8 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers

All of the revenue derived from contracts with customers during the year ended June 30, 2023 was fully earned in the same annual reporting period with no allowance for returns. Detail of revenue from contracts with customers for the year ended June 30, 2023 is as follows:

Special event ticket sales	\$ 28,755
Youth farm stand	10,082
Fee for service – school programs	 7,253
Total	\$ 46,090

Note 9 - Volunteers

Volunteers contributed 3,246 hours for the year ended June 30, 2023. These donated services are valued at \$53,559. Even though these donated services are valuable to the Organization, and help advance its mission, no amounts have been reflected in the financial statement for volunteer hours because they do not meet the requirement for recording in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Note 10 - In-Kind Contributions

The Organization records various types of in-kind contributions. Contributed services are reported in the financial statements at fair value, if those services create or enhance non-financial assets or require specialized skills provided by individuals possessing those skills and that would typically be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributions of tangible assets are recognized at fair value when received. The amounts reflected in the accompanying financial statements as in-kind contributions are offset by like amounts included in expenses. The Organization also benefits from volunteer services in program, administrative, and fundraising from Board members and other volunteers.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, in-kind contributions are as follows:

Program support	\$ 195,536
Professional fees	108,645
Event supplies and space	14,872
Office space	13,781
Equipment and services	4,558
	\$ 337,392

The Organization's policy related to in-kind contributions is to utilize the assets given to carry out the mission of the Organization.

The Organization was provided personnel support which included work study students who assisted with programming in the park, outside organizations assisting with leading educational programs, and donations of coupons for distribution at our Youth Run Farm Stand to allow more people to receive produce. The estimated fair value of this support is \$195,536 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The Organization was provided professional services including the executive director's salary and fringe, park maintenance crew salaries and fringe, discounted audit services, and legal services to assist with drafting a licensing agreement with the NYC Parks Department provided at no cost. Based on salaries and current market rates the Organization would have paid \$108,645 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The Organization was provided with event room rentals and event supplies including food, beverages, and raffle prizes. The Organization would have paid \$14,872 for these items for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The Organization required the use of office space in Ranaqua and Van Cortlandt Park to conduct its programs. The space is provided at no cost to the Organization but based on the fair value per square foot the Organization would have paid \$13,781 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

The Organization required the use of equipment and services in Van Cortlandt Park to conduct its programs. This equipment is provided at no cost to the Organization but based on fair value would have cost \$4,558 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

All contributions in-kind received by the Organization for the year ended June 30, 2023 were considered without donor restrictions and able to be used by the Organization as determined by the board of directors and management.

Note 11 - Pension Expense

The Organization instituted a contributory Simple IRA plan. Pension expense included in employee benefits was \$4,882 for the year ending June 30, 2023.

Note 12 - Related Party

Van Cortlandt Park Alliance ("VCPA") works in close partnership with New York City's Department of Parks and Recreation ("NYC Parks") to administer Van Cortlandt Park.

In the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, NYC Parks donated \$228,849 to VCPA which is included in in-kind contributions of \$337,392 (See Note 10). Donated services include shared office space in Ranaqua & Van Cortlandt Park, equipment in Van Cortlandt Park, vehicle usage, and personnel services which include the executive director's salary. The Executive Director of the Van Cortlandt Park Alliance holds a dual role as the Van Cortlandt Park Administrator.

Note 13 - Subsequent Events

In preparing the financial statements, the organization has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through December 20, 2023, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.