

THE SAVANNAH COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION, INC.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
The Savannah Community Foundation, Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Savannah Community Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) (a Georgia nonprofit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Savannah Community Foundation, Inc. as of June 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 the Foundation 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 these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Foundation'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 the Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Foundation'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.



Holland, Bromley, Barnhill & Brett, LLP
Savannah, Georgia
November 7, 2024

THE SAVANNAH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.
(a Georgia nonprofit corporation)

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

ASSETS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,048,218	\$ 5,609,542
Prepaid expenses	-	20,901
Investments	<u>80,532,836</u>	<u>50,406,258</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 85,581,054</u>	<u>\$ 56,036,701</u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Total liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Without donor restrictions	<u>85,581,054</u>	<u>56,036,701</u>
Total net assets	<u>85,581,054</u>	<u>56,036,701</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 85,581,054</u>	<u>\$ 56,036,701</u>

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

THE SAVANNAH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.
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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
REVENUES AND SUPPORT		
Contributions	\$ 28,307,168	\$ 4,818,174
Net investment income	1,660,483	1,245,318
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	5,339,317	3,013,373
Miscellaneous revenue	1,209	-
Total revenues and support	<u>35,308,177</u>	<u>9,076,865</u>
EXPENSES		
Grants and scholarships awarded	5,507,313	6,923,224
General and administrative	256,511	290,732
Total expenses	<u>5,763,824</u>	<u>7,213,956</u>
Change in net assets	29,544,353	1,862,909
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>56,036,701</u>	<u>54,173,792</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 85,581,054</u>	<u>\$ 56,036,701</u>

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

THE SAVANNAH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.
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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 29,544,353	\$ 1,862,909
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:		
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	(5,339,317)	(3,013,373)
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses	<u>20,901</u>	<u>(20,901)</u>
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	<u>24,225,937</u>	<u>(1,171,365)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	18,436,368	14,330,356
Purchases of investments	<u>(43,223,629)</u>	<u>(13,539,033)</u>
Net cash (used for) provided by investing activities	<u>(24,787,261)</u>	<u>791,323</u>
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(561,324)	(380,042)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>5,609,542</u>	<u>5,989,584</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 5,048,218</u>	<u>\$ 5,609,542</u>

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

No cash was paid during either year for interest or taxes.

(The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.)

THE SAVANNAH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC.
(a Georgia nonprofit corporation)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 - NATURE OF FOUNDATION

The Savannah Community Foundation, Inc. (the "Foundation") is a tax-exempt organization which receives gifts, grants, and bequests for the purpose of making charitable contributions to organizations approved by the Board of Directors. Contributions are generally received from businesses and individuals in Savannah, Georgia, and the surrounding areas.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The Foundation's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). The Foundation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: with donor restrictions and without donor restrictions. No net assets with donor restrictions existed at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Foundation considers cash and cash equivalents to include all certificates of deposits, money market funds, and investments purchased with an original maturity of ninety days or less.

Restricted and unrestricted revenue and support

Contributions received are recorded as "with donor restrictions" or "without donor restrictions," depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or when the purpose of the 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. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in "without donor restrictions" if the restriction expires in the reporting year in which the support is recognized.

The Foundation has determined its net assets do not meet the definition of an endowment under the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA).

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Contributions

Contributions are subject to the variance power established by the Foundation's governing documents. The variance provision gives the Board of Directors the authority, whenever any restriction or condition on the distribution of funds becomes, in effect, unnecessary or incapable of fulfillment, to modify any restriction or condition placed on the distribution of funds and to apply the whole or any part of the principal or income of funds that in its judgment is necessary to serve more effectively the charitable and educational purposes of the Foundation. Based on this provision, all contributions and assets are classified as without donor restrictions and are available to meet the Foundation's cash needs for general operating expenditures in the next twelve months.

The Foundation's assets consist of approximately 200 individual funds established by donors for a variety of purposes. As noted above, the Foundation classifies these funds as net assets without donor restrictions. The Foundation further classifies its net assets without donor restrictions into the following internal fund classifications:

Donor Advised - funds created by donors who wish to remain active in their philanthropy and have access to the Foundation's professional advice and management. Donors may suggest charitable distributions from funds they have established, although the Foundation's Board of Directors or its designee is required to make final decisions on all grants.

Donor Designated - funds established to provide grants to a specific charitable agency or project. The Board of Directors accepts the donor's designation as long as the agency or project continues to serve the public interest.

Endowment - funds established by or for nonprofit organizations for the purpose of generating income in perpetuity for their charitable purpose. Endowment funds may also receive gifts from the general public.

Scholarships - funds established to provide grants to qualifying students enrolled in various post-secondary education institutions.

Unrestricted/Discretionary - funds not designated for a specific charitable beneficiary. These funds are disbursed at the discretion of the Foundation's Board of Directors in response to requests from nonprofit organizations and based on an assessment of the most pressing needs. Unrestricted funds are also used to pay administrative expenses.

Field of Interest/Discretionary - funds to be used at the discretion of the Foundation for a particular charitable endeavor such as literacy, social services, or preservation.

Income taxes

The Foundation is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, except on net income, if any, derived from unrelated business activities. A tax position is recognized as a benefit only if it is "more likely than not" that the tax position would be sustained in a tax examination, with a tax examination being presumed to occur. Once the threshold is met, the amount recognized in the financial statements is the largest amount of tax benefit likely realized on examination. For tax positions not meeting the "more likely than not" test, no tax benefit is recorded. The Foundation is no longer subject to examination by taxing authorities for the years ending before July 1, 2020.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

The Foundation does not expect the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits to significantly change in the next twelve months. If incurred, the Foundation would recognize interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense. The Foundation has no amounts accrued for interest or penalties as of June 30, 2024 and 2023. Additionally, no interest or penalties were recorded for the years then ended.

Subsequent events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through November 7, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - MARKET RISK

Cash

At times during the years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation maintained cash deposits with one financial institution that exceeded amounts guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). In order to reduce credit risk associated with these uninsured deposits, the financial institution has pledged, under a security agreement with the Foundation, U.S. government-sponsored enterprise debt securities as collateral. The amount of uninsured cash in excess of securities pledged at June 30, 2024 and 2023 was approximately \$83,000 and \$214,000, respectively.

Investments

The Foundation maintains various types of investments that encompass many different investment funds and companies with varied industry and geographical characteristics. Investment securities are subject to various risks, such as interest rate and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with such investments and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investments, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term could materially affect investment balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

NOTE 4 - MANAGEMENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

The Foundation entered into a management services agreement with Simpson Law, PC for administrative personnel services and office space, including utilities and various other office expenses, for an approximate monthly fee of \$17,230 and \$16,892 for years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively. Expenses totaled \$206,762 and \$202,708 under this agreement during the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

In July 2023, the monthly fee under the management services agreement with Simpson Law, PC increased to \$17,230. In accordance with the agreement, the fee shall be increased by two percent in July of each calendar year, and the agreement is in effect until either the Board of Directors of the Foundation gives notice of termination at the annual meeting, or the current President of the Foundation becomes unable to perform the duties. The sole principal of Simpson Law, PC serves on the Executive Committee of the Foundation, ex-officio as President of the Foundation, but is not a director of the Foundation.

NOTE 5 - REMAINDER BENEFICIARY IN TRUST AGREEMENTS

The Foundation was named the remainder beneficiary of the Jack Golden Trust which was opened August 2016 with a beginning value of \$300,000. The income beneficiaries are entitled to all income and principal for their reasonable support, maintenance, and healthcare needs in their accustomed manner of living. Because this remainder beneficiary interest is not susceptible to valuation due to the possibility of exhaustion of the trust by principal distributions to the life beneficiaries, it is not reflected on the accompanying statements of financial position. The value of the Jack Golden Trust was \$365,341 and \$359,067 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Foundation was named the remainder beneficiary of the Jack Golden Settlement Trust which was opened June 2023 with a beginning value of \$55,254. This trust has been established to fund the transfer of the deed to land in New York state, of which the Foundation will be entitled to the remainder after accounting and executor fees. Because this remainder beneficiary interest is not susceptible to valuation due to the possibility of exhaustion of the trust by principal distributions, it is not reflected on the accompanying statements of financial position. The value of the Jack Golden Settlement Trust was \$58,539 and \$55,496 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The Foundation is named as the 50% remainder beneficiary of a trust known as the HSR GSTT Exempt Trust F/B/O MAR U/A DTD 07/03/01 (the "Trust") which was opened in January 2020 with a beginning value of \$3,558,148. South State Bank, a South Carolina corporation authorized to act as trustee in Georgia, is the trustee (the "Trustee") and is to make distributions to the life beneficiary (the "Beneficiary") as the Trustee, "in the Trustee's absolute and uncontrolled discretion", deemed in the Beneficiary's "best interest, taking into account all other sources of support and resources available to/for" the Beneficiary. The Trust further provides that "no remainder beneficiary shall have any right or standing to question or contest any distribution by the Trustee to the Beneficiary or for his benefit". Because this remainder beneficiary interest is not susceptible to valuation due to the possibility of exhaustion of the trust by principal distributions to the Beneficiary, it is not reflected on the accompanying statements of financial position. The value of the Trust was \$4,685,428 and \$4,141,760 at June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 6 - GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Grants and scholarships, including multi-year awards, are recorded as an expense and a payable when approved and communicated to the recipients. Refunds are recorded as a reduction of grant and scholarship expense at the time the Foundation receives the refund.

NOTE 7 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements", defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability, in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability, in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. ASC 820 also establishes a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

NOTE 7 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

Level 1	Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Foundation has the ability to access.
Level 2	<p>Inputs to the valuation methodology include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;• Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in inactive markets;• Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;• Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means. <p>If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.</p>
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 should maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompanying statements of financial position at June 30, 2024 and 2023:

Common and preferred stocks, corporate obligations, and exchange traded funds are valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Private equity and hedge funds are valued quarterly by independent valuation firms and based on estimated portfolio values provided by the underlying fund sponsor.

Mutual funds are valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Foundation are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Foundation are deemed to be actively traded.

Government agency obligations are valued using matrix pricing or market corroborated pricing and inputs such as yield curves.

Limited partnerships are valued by allocating the aggregate fair values of the underlying securities to each partner based on the number of units held by the partner.

NOTE 7 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (CONTINUED)

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Foundation's investments measured at fair value as of June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	June 30, 2024			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Common and preferred stocks	\$40,604,459	\$ -	\$ -	\$40,604,459
Mutual funds	23,046,947	-	-	23,046,947
Private equity and hedge funds	-	4,246,168	-	4,246,168
Fixed income:				
U.S. government agency obligations	-	6,881,947	-	6,881,947
U.S. corporate obligations	<u>5,753,315</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,753,315</u>
Total	<u>\$69,404,721</u>	<u>\$11,128,115</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$80,532,836</u>

	June 30, 2023			
	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Common and preferred stocks	\$17,095,579	\$ -	\$ -	\$17,095,579
Mutual funds	20,570,775	-	-	20,570,775
Private equity and hedge funds	-	4,269,256	-	4,269,256
Fixed income:				
U.S. government agency obligations	-	4,813,635	-	4,813,635
U.S. corporate obligations	<u>3,657,013</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,657,013</u>
Total	<u>\$41,323,367</u>	<u>\$ 9,082,891</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$50,406,258</u>

Investment expenses, including custodial and investment advisory fees, totaled \$322,380 and \$253,278 for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and have been netted against investment income on the statements of activities.