



***THE SHEPHERD AND MOTHER OF LIGHT FOR THE NEEDY
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***FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023***

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
The Shepherd and Mother of Light for the Needy
d/b/a Care 4 Needy Copts
Plainview, New York 11803

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Shepherd and Mother of Light for the Needy d/b/a Care 4 Needy Copts (a not-for-profit corporation, "C4NC"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related 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 accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of C4NC as of December 31, 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 audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of C4NC and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. 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 C4NC's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits 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 auditors' 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 GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, 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 C4NC'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 C4NC'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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

Cerini & Associates LLP

Bohemia, New York
August 8, 2025

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**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31,**

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents.....	\$ 804,871	\$ 645,054
Investments.....	526,816	366,674
Pledges receivable.....	5,721	5,821
Prepaid expenses and other current assets.....	8,898	7,348
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,346,306	1,024,897
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.....	4,496	6,744
Operating lease right-of-use assets - building, net of accumulated amortization.....	68,963	95,171
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,419,765	\$ 1,126,812
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....	\$ 21,486	\$ 100,274
Payroll and related payables.....	11,758	3,739
Grants payable.....	451,839	256,000
Current portion of operating lease liability.....	25,466	24,044
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	510,549	384,057
Operating lease liability, net of current portion.....	46,588	73,477
TOTAL LIABILITIES	557,137	457,534
Net Assets:		
Net assets without donor restrictions.....	862,628	669,278
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 1,419,765	\$ 1,126,812

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

2024

2023

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

Contributions.....	\$ 2,131,490	\$ 1,875,563
In-kind donations.....	53,100	53,100
Fundraising events and campaign funds, net of direct expenses.....	562,072	477,558
Other income.....	40,819	30,973

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,787,481	2,437,194
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EXPENSES:

Program services.....	2,413,795	2,394,847
Management and general.....	94,296	67,909
Fundraising.....	86,040	56,710

TOTAL EXPENSES	2,594,131	2,519,466
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CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	193,350	(82,272)
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Net assets, beginning of year.....	669,278	751,550
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Net assets, end of year.....	<u>\$ 862,628</u>	<u>\$ 669,278</u>
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**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries.....	\$ 125,422	\$ 19,356	\$ 48,775	\$ 193,553
Employee benefits and payroll taxes.....	10,505	1,622	4,085	16,212
Occupancy.....	20,538	3,169	7,987	31,694
Equipment and repairs.....	2,923	3,766	1,057	7,746
Supplies.....	1,000	502	506	2,008
Postage and printing.....	10,283	356	3,584	14,223
Depreciation.....	1,457	225	566	2,248
Travel and meetings.....	680	149	-	829
Professional fees.....	5,900	36,512	3,563	45,975
Program expenses - funds sent to Copts.....	2,172,952	-	-	2,172,952
Telephone and internet.....	2,013	311	783	3,107
Bank card and other fees.....	35,601	428	11,994	48,023
Promotion.....	1,841	-	620	2,461
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,391,115	66,396	83,520	2,541,031
In-kind professional fees.....	22,680	27,900	2,520	53,100
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,413,795	\$ 94,296	\$ 86,040	\$ 2,594,131

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**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Salaries.....	\$ 78,055	\$ 11,479	\$ 25,253	\$ 114,787
Employee benefits and payroll taxes.....	13,469	1,981	4,358	19,808
Occupancy.....	20,032	2,946	6,481	29,459
Equipment and repairs.....	3,080	3,558	930	7,568
Supplies.....	740	349	307	1,396
Postage and printing.....	9,928	329	2,893	13,150
Depreciation.....	853	125	276	1,254
Travel and meetings.....	1,431	-	-	1,431
Professional fees.....	12,837	17,800	2,387	33,024
Program expenses - funds sent to Copts.....	2,192,725	-	-	2,192,725
Telephone and internet.....	6,167	907	1,996	9,070
Bank card and other fees.....	32,460	535	9,199	42,194
Promotion.....	390	-	110	500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,372,167	40,009	54,190	2,466,366
In-kind professional fees.....	22,680	27,900	2,520	53,100
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,394,847	\$ 67,909	\$ 56,710	\$ 2,519,466

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**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

2024

2023

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Change in net assets.....	\$	193,350	\$	(82,272)
<u>Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:</u>				
Proceeds from donated stock.....		-		(14,975)
Net unrealized gains/realized gains and losses on investments.....		(6,975)		(4,695)
Depreciation expense.....		2,248		1,254
Amortization of operating right-of-use asset.....		26,208		25,494
<u>Changes in operating assets and liabilities:</u>				
Pledges receivable.....		100		11,709
Prepaid expenses and other current assets.....		(1,550)		691
Accounts payable and accrued expenses.....		(78,788)		74,228
Payroll and related payables.....		8,019		3,739
Grants payable.....		195,839		112,926
Operating lease liability.....		(25,467)		(24,044)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		312,984		104,055

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Purchases of property and equipment		-		(6,937)
Purchases of investments.....		(164,731)		(218,380)
Proceeds from sales of investments.....		11,564		266,416
NET CASH (USED IN)/PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(153,167)		41,099
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		159,817		145,154
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year.....		645,054		499,900
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year.....	\$	<u>804,871</u>	\$	<u>645,054</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This summary of significant accounting policies of The Shepherd and Mother of Light for the Needy, d/b/a Care 4 Needy Copts ("C4NC") is presented to assist in understanding C4NC's financial statements. The financial statements and notes are representations of C4NC's management, who is responsible for the integrity and objectivity of the financial statements. These accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

Organization: C4NC was incorporated in 2007 as a not-for-profit corporation, organized under the laws of the State of New York. Its primary purpose is to raise public awareness for the needy Copts in Egypt who are suffering from hunger and disease. The Copts are a minority population in Egypt who follow the Christian faith of the Coptic Church (primarily based in Egypt, Africa, and the Middle East). C4NC's goal is to serve the Coptic population that lives in extreme poverty, barely meeting their basic needs, to lift these individuals from their state of extreme poverty to a humane level of existence by providing both financial support and aid in improving the health and economic condition of these men, women, and children. C4NC sends money raised through contributions and fundraising events in the United States of America to Oskofiat El-Khadamat El-Amma (the "Egypt organization"), for the benefit of the Shepherd and Mother of Light ("SML"), an organization in Egypt that disburses the money to the Copts in need. C4NC has regular communication with this organization and makes frequent visits to ensure its mission is being fulfilled.

Income Tax Status: C4NC is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is publicly supported, as described in section 509(a). Donors may deduct contributions made to C4NC within the limits of the Internal Revenue Code.

C4NC evaluated its activities for uncertain tax positions and has determined that there were no uncertain tax positions for 2024 and 2023.

C4NC files an IRS form 990 and respective state and local tax returns. These tax returns are subject to review and examination by Federal, State, and local taxing authorities. C4NC has determined that it has registered in all states where it is required to be registered.

Basis of Accounting: These financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred.

Basis of Presentation: Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board as they apply to not-for-profit organizations. C4NC is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to the following net asset classifications:

Net assets without donor restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Basis of Presentation (continued):

Net assets with donor restrictions - Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors, and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of C4NC or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby donors may stipulate that the funds be maintained in perpetuity. There were no net assets to be held in perpetuity as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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 statements of activities.

Donated Services: C4NC records the value of donated services when there is an objective basis available for measuring their value. C4NC benefits from volunteer services in program and administrative duties from its Executive Director and Board of Directors. The estimated value of the Executive Director's donated services is reflected in the accompanying statements of activities as in-kind donations and is shown as in-kind professional fees on the accompanying statements of functional expenses since they meet the criteria for recognition and create or enhance C4NC's nonfinancial assets. Donated services are recognized at fair value. The fair value of donated services is determined by the average time spent working for the Organization.

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents: C4NC considers all highly liquid financial instruments with original maturities of three months or less from the dates of purchase to be cash equivalents. From time to time, C4NC may have cash or deposits with financial institutions that are in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Limits.

Receivables: Receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. C4NC 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. Receivables are amounts pledged but not yet collected. All receivables were collected subsequent to year-end. As such, no allowance for doubtful accounts was established as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments: C4NC reports investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statements of financial position. Investment income and gains and losses on investments are reported in the statements of activities as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restrictions unless donors or relevant laws place restrictions on its use. C4NC's investments are exposed to risks such as interest rate and market risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment vehicles, it is possible that changes in the values of investment holdings could occur in the near term and that such changes could affect the amounts reported in the statements of financial position.

Property, Equipment, and Depreciation: Property and equipment are stated at original cost or at estimated fair market value, if donated. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense and betterments over \$1,000 are capitalized. Depreciation expense is computed using the straight-line method over each asset's estimated useful life. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Furniture and equipment.....	3 - 7 years
Software.....	3 years

Revenue Recognition: Contributions are recognized when donors make promises to give to C4NC that are, in substance, unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by donors are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year that the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions. When restrictions expire, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions. Conditional contributions are accounted for as liabilities or are not recognized as revenue initially, until the barriers to entitlement are overcome, at which point revenue is recognized as unconditional and classified as either net assets with donor restrictions, or net assets without donor restrictions.

For all contributions made, C4NC utilizes the guidance set forth by ASU 2018-08 *Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made* (collectively, "ASC 958") to determine if contributions should be recognized as net assets with or without donor restrictions, or as liabilities until a specified condition is met by C4NC. ASC 958 guidance assists entities in evaluating whether contributions made are subject to additional guidance, such as ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, or determining whether contributions are conditional.

C4NC follows the revenue recognition standards set forth by ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASC 606"). One of C4NC's revenue streams falls within the scope of ASC 606: net proceeds from special events.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Special Events: C4NC holds fundraising events and campaigns to provide additional support for its mission. Revenue from these events is recorded as performance obligations are met, at points in time, as the events take place. Costs incurred for which donors receive direct benefits, exchange transactions, have been offset against the revenue earned in the statements of activities. Other costs related to the events for which the donors do not receive direct benefits are included within fundraising costs in the statements of functional expenses.

Functional Expenses: The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and functional expenses. Accordingly, the direct costs of providing programs have all been allocated to program services. Management and general expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any other specific function but provide for the overall support and direct of C4NC.

The material expenses that are allocated, and their respective allocation methods, include the following:

- Salaries – Time and effort
- Employee benefits and payroll taxes – Time and effort
- Professional fees – Time and purpose

Promotion: C4NC uses newsletters to promote its mission among the audiences it serves. The production costs of promotional materials are expensed as incurred.

Events Occurring After the Report Date: C4NC has evaluated events and transactions that occurred between January 1, 2025 and August 8, 2025, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued, for possible disclosure and recognition in the financial statements.

NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS

C4NC presents investments in the statements of financial position at fair value. A fair value hierarchy has been established based on the observability of inputs to the evaluation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three-level valuation techniques are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value levels (Level 1, 2, and 3):

- Level 1: Level 1 instruments are valued using observable inputs that reflect quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that C4NC has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 1 assets include highly liquid U.S. Treasury securities and exchange-traded equity securities.

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NOTE 2 - INVESTMENTS (continued)

- Level 2: Level 2 instruments are valued using observable inputs, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, for the asset or liability or prices for similar assets and liabilities. Most debt securities and some preferred stocks are model-priced by vendors using observable inputs and are classified within Level 2. Also included in the Level 2 category are derivative instruments that are priced using models with observable market inputs, including interest rates, foreign currency, and certain credit swap contracts.
- Level 3: Level 3 instruments are valued using valuations that are derived from techniques in which one or more of the significant inputs are unobservable (including assumptions about risk). Level 3 securities include less liquid securities such as highly structured and/or lower quality, asset-backed securities ("ABS") and commercial mortgage-backed securities ("CMBS"), including ABS backed by sub-prime loans, and private placement debt and equity securities.

Because Level 3 fair values, by their nature, contain unobservable market inputs, as there is no observable market for these assets and liabilities, considerable judgment is used to determine the Level 3 fair values. Level 3 fair values represent C4NC's best estimate of an amount that could be realized in a current market exchange absent actual market exchanges.

The fair values of C4NC's investments by major security types were as follows as of December 31, 2024:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market.....	\$ 9,290	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,290
Equities	16,910	-	-	16,910
Certificates of deposit	-	449,950	-	449,950
Mutual funds	50,666	-	-	50,666
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 76,866</u>	<u>\$ 449,950</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 526,816</u>

The fair values of C4NC's investments by major security types were as follows as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Money market.....	\$ 4,061	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,061
Equities	15,041	-	-	15,041
Certificates of deposit	-	299,969	-	299,969
Mutual funds	47,603	-	-	47,603
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 66,705</u>	<u>\$ 299,969</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 366,674</u>

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NOTE 3 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Board of Directors can elect to make contributions to C4NC and its mission. For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, Board member donations totaled \$26,850 and \$25,950 respectively. All Board donations are included in contributions on the accompanying statements of activities.

NOTE 4 - GRANTS PAYABLE

C4NC collects contributions from individuals, corporations, and fundraising events throughout the United States. On a monthly basis, C4NC transfers these contributions to the Egypt organization, for the benefit of SML, to support its mission of providing financial support, education, child development, health care, employment, food, clothing, building of a hospital, and other seasonal services to Copts in need. Contributions collected during the year that are not transferred to the Egypt organization by the end of the year are classified as grants payable. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, there was \$451,839 and \$256,000, respectively, in grants payable. Subsequent to each year-end, these outstanding grants were paid in full to the Egypt organization. Grant expenses incurred for the Egypt organization totaled \$2,172,952 and \$2,192,725 during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

NOTE 5 - OPERATING LEASE

C4NC entered into a lease agreement for office space in Jericho, New York on July 1, 2022. The lease expires on June 30, 2027. At the end of the lease term, C4NC has the option to renew for an additional five-year term. The monthly rent is \$2,235, with increases of 3% on each anniversary date thereafter, through the end of the lease.

Operating lease costs incurred during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, inclusive of right-of-use asset amortization, totaled \$26,207 and \$29,495, respectively, and are included as part of occupancy expense in the statements of functional expenses for the years then ended.

The following is a maturity analysis of the annual undiscounted cash flows of the operating lease liabilities for the years ending December 31,:

2025	\$	28,605
2026		31,158
2027		14,870
Total		74,633
Less: present value discount.....		(2,579)
Total lease liabilities.....	\$	<u>72,054</u>

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NOTE 5 - OPERATING LEASE (continued)

The remaining lease term (in months) and discount rates for the above-mentioned lease were as follows for the year ended December 31, 2024:

Remaining lease term.....	30.00
Discount rate	2.88%

NOTE 6 - AVAILABILITY AND LIQUIDITY

The following represents C4NC's financial assets at December 31,:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 804,871	\$ 645,054
Investments	526,816	366,674
Pledges receivable	5,721	5,821
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months	<u>\$ 1,337,408</u>	<u>\$ 1,017,549</u>

C4NC's goal is generally to maintain financial assets to meet ninety days of operating expenses (approximately \$626,000).