# EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

August 31, 2015 and 2014

#### EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc. Nashville, Tennessee

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of August 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility 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; this includes 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.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc. as of August 31, 2015 and 2014, 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.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Other Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards and state financial assistance 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.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

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In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 17, 2015, on our consideration of Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Nashville, Tennessee

November 17, 2015

#### EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC. STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION August 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Assets		·
Current assets:	Ф 202 422	Ф 247 044
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 202,422	\$ 347,044
Prepaid expenses and other	736,609 74,054	662,654
repart expenses and other	74,034	71,912
Total current assets	1,013,085	1,081,610
Property and equipment, net	344,708	299,808
Beneficial interest in assets at		
Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee	13,947	(4)
Total assets	\$ 1,371,740	\$ 1,381,418
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Liabilities and Net Assets	(Delicit)	n
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 67,514	\$ 45,116
Accrued expenses	348,091	314,237
Advanced payments - State of Tennessee	360,000	360,000
Notes payable, current	38,592	31,744
Total current liabilities	814,197	751,097
Advanced payments - State of Tennessee,		
net of current portion	276,066	636,066
Notes payable, net of current portion	133,700	121,648
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Total liabilities	1,223,963	1,508,811
Net assets (deficit):		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	133,830	(127,393)
Designated for endowment	12,783	n <del>=</del>
Total unrestricted net assets	146,613	(127,393)
Permanently restricted	1,164	
Total net assets (deficit)	147,777	(127,393)
Total liabilities and net assets (deficit)	\$ 1,371,740	\$ 1,381,418

See accompanying notes, -3-

# EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC. STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES For the Years Ended August 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Change in unrestricted net assets: Public support and revenue:	,	
Public support: Contributions Special events, net of event costs of	\$ 133,901	\$ 148,601
\$31,381 and \$31,992, respectively	87,520	72,058
Total public support	221,421	220,659
Revenue: Government fees and grants Contract services Camp fees Gain (loss) on sale of property and equipment	6,161,326 534,642 102,857 417	5,869,746 111,548 86,451 (1,995)
Total revenue	6,799,242	6,065,750
Total public support and revenue	7,020,663	6,286,409
Expenses: Program services: Direct services	6,163,546	5,338,693
Public health education	17,406	15,105
Total program services	6,180,952	5,353,798
Supporting services:  Management and general  Fundraising	380,550 136,497	328,328 171,093
Total supporting services	517,047	499,421
National program fee	48,658	50,933
Total expenses	6,746,657	_5,904,152
Change in unrestricted net assets	274,006	382,257
Change in permanently restricted net assets: Permanently restricted contributions	1,164_	
Change in permanently restricted net assets	1,164	
Change in net assets (deficit)	275,170	382,257
Net assets (deficit) at beginning of year	(127,393)	(509,650)
Net assets (deficit) at end of year	\$ 147,777	\$(127,393)

See accompanying notes.

EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

	Pr	Program Services	ces	<b>3</b> 2	uppor	Supporting Services	Si		
		Public		Management	=			National	
	Direct	Health		and				Program	Total
	Services	Education	Total	General	된	Fundraising	Total	Fee	Expenses
Salaries and related expenses	\$ 5,101,251	\$ 15,350	\$ 5,116,601	\$ 222,397	2	119,153	\$ 341,550	€9	\$ 5,458,151
Occupancy	166,754	•	166,754	78,079	6	Ť	78,079	139	
Insurance	196,902	592	197,494	4,072	2	2,036	6,108		203,602
Supplies	200,304	1	200,304	2,367	7	575	2,942	•	203.246
Professional fees	150,868	454	151,322	49,486	9	1,859	51,345		202,667
Travel and transportation	146,047	439	146,486	3,538	00	299	3,837	31	150,323
Depreciation	100,093	301	100,394	7,808	00	3,346	11,154		111,548
National program fee	*	1	ı	,		•	(*)	48,658	
Telephone	36,004	108	36,112	3,495	ν.	726	4.221		
Rental and maintenance				•					
of equipment	17,602	53	17,655	1,683	3	1,431	3,114	1	20.769
Utilities	16,849	51	16,900			î			16.900
Membership and support payments	10,802	ij.	10,802	1,540	0	926	2.496	.,	13.298
Conferences, conventions				•					
and meetings	10,586	32	10,618	1,313	3	58	1,371	13	11.989
Postage and shipping	1,900	9	1,906	2,888	∞	3,872	6,760	*	8.666
Building and grounds maintenance	3,610	11	3,621	e		ı		:•	3,621
Printing and publications	- 297	1	298	595	5	2,186	2,781	91	3,079
Advertising	2,579	∞	2,587			Ki	<b>i</b> )	*5	2.587
Miscellaneous	400		400	1,289	6	5.	1,289	<b>(8</b> )	1,689
Specific assistance	869		869				ě		869
Total expenses	\$ 6,163,546	\$ 17,406	\$ 6,180,952	\$ 380,550	<i>\$</i>	136,497	\$ 517,047	\$ 48,658	\$ 6,746

See accompanying notes.

EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC.
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

	Pr	Program Services	seo	nS	Supporting Services	es		
		Public		Management			National	
	Direct	Health		and			Program	Total
	Services	Education	Total	General	Fundraising	Total	Fee	Expenses
Salaries and related expenses	\$ 4,422,124	\$ 13,306	\$ 4,435,430	\$ 184,922	\$ 148,123	\$ 333,045	69	\$ 4,768,475
Occupancy	157,828	1	157,828	73,313	(4)	73,313	х	
Travel and transportation	164,647	495	165,142	3,923	449	4,372	ì	169.514
Professional fees	118,695	357	119,052	36,652	2,699	39,351	Ť	158,403
Insurance	150,940	454	151,394	3,183	3,183	6,366	õ	157,760
Supplies	149,340	ı	149,340	1,287	1,478	2,765	10	152,105
Depreciation	75,730	228	75,958	5,908	2,532	8,440		84.398
National program fee	•	ı	79	**	Ü	. 1	50,933	50,933
Telephone	36,657	110	36,767	3,296	1,169	4.465	ű	41 232
Rental and maintenance				`				70761
of equipment	15,749	47	15,796	1,558	1,449	3.007	•	18.803
Utilities	18,197	55	18,252	•	×	1	•	18 252
Conferences, conventions								10,474
and meetings	10,338	31	10,369	2,854	108	2.962	î	13 331
Membership and support payments	8,310	39	8,310	2,323	633	2,956	i	11,266
Postage and shipping	2,008	9	2,014	2,553	5,342	7,895	ù	606'6
Miscellaneous	20	r	1,	6,012	•	6,012	76	6.012
Printing and publications	1,393	4	1,397	167	3,928	4,095	i e	5,492
Specific assistance	2,687	*	2,687	90	f			2 687
Building and grounds maintenance	2,130	9	2,136	i	٠	*	<b>(</b> ≰	2,136
Advertising	1,920	9	1,926	ì	Ĩ		15	1.926
Interest	•	9	(96)	377		377		377
Total expenses	\$ 5,338,693	\$ 15,105	\$ 5,353,798	\$ 328,328	\$ 171,093	\$ 499,421	\$ 50,933	\$ 5,904,152

See accompanying notes.

#### EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended August 31, 2015 and 2014

	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 275,170	\$ 382,257
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net		
cash (used in) provided by operating activities:  Depreciation	111,548	84,398
(Gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment	(417)	1,995
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	(417)	1,773
Accounts receivable	(73,955)	(134,813)
Prepaid expenses and other	(2,142)	(22,591)
Beneficial interest in assets held by others	(13,947)	0=
Accounts payable	22,398	35,339
Accrued expenses	33,854	38,767
Advanced payments - State of Tennessee	(360,000)	(350,000)
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(7,491)	35,352
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net proceeds from disposal of property and equipment	600	1,899
Purchases of property and equipment	(105,987)	(31,365)
Net cash used in investing activities	(105,387)	(29,466)
Cash flows from financing activities: Payments on notes payable	(21.744)	(22.770)
Draws on line of credit	(31,744) 120,000	(22,770)
Repayments on line of credit	(120,000)	-
. ,	(120,000)	T.
Net cash used in financing activities	(31,744)	(22,770)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(144,622)	(16,884)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	347,044	363,928
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 202,422	\$ 347,044
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$	\$ 377
Non-cash investing and financing activity:	<b>J</b>	J 311
Notes payable incurred due to purchase of		
property and equipment	\$ 50,644	\$ 95,000
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#### NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc. ("Easter Seals") is a not-for-profit organization organized in Nashville, Tennessee in 1923. Easter Seals provides programs and services to children and adults with disabilities throughout Tennessee.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Net assets and revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, the net assets of Easter Seals and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

#### Unrestricted net assets:

*Undesignated* – net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations or designated by Easter Seals' board of directors.

Designated – net assets designated by Easter Seals' board of directors for particular purposes, presently designated by the board for endowment.

<u>Temporarily restricted net assets</u> – net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of Easter Seals and/or the passage of time. Easter Seals currently has no temporarily restricted net assets.

<u>Permanently restricted net assets</u> – net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by Easter Seals. Generally, donors of these assets may permit Easter Seals to use all or part of the income earned for general or specific purposes. Permanently restricted net assets totaled \$1,164 at August 31, 2015 and are restricted for endowment.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, Easter Seals considers all cash funds, cash bank accounts and highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity when purchased of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

#### **Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are considered fully collectible. Accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been provided.

#### NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Property and Equipment**

Easter Seals generally capitalizes an asset if its life is estimated to be one year or greater and the cost is \$500 or greater. Property and equipment are recorded at cost when purchased or at estimated fair value as of the date contributed. Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

#### **Income Taxes**

Easter Seals is exempt from federal and state income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is not a private foundation. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made.

Easter Seals follows Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification guidance that clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an entity's financial statements. This guidance prescribes a minimum probability threshold that a tax position must meet before a financial statement benefit is recognized. The minimum threshold is defined as a tax position that is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefit to be recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that is greater than fifty percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. Easter Seals has no tax penalties or interest reported in the accompanying financial statements. Tax years that remain open for examination include years ended August 31, 2012 through August 31, 2015.

#### **Use of 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 the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Contributions**

Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to Easter Seals that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor restrictions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

#### NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### **Donated Services**

The services of volunteer workers are not assigned a value as such services do not generally meet the criteria for recognition. However, Easter Seals uses the services of volunteers in carrying out its program efforts. The donations of professional services are recorded at fair market value as gifts-in-kind, if a measurable basis of the value exists. There were no such donations in fiscal 2015 and 2014.

#### **Subsequent Events**

Easter Seals evaluated subsequent events through November 17, 2015, when these financial statements were available to be issued. Management is not aware of any significant events that occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date but prior to the filing of this report that would have a material impact on the financial statements.

#### **NOTE 2 – ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable consists of the following at August 31:

	-	2015	 2014
Accounts receivable Fees receivable from state agencies	\$	190,956 545,653	\$ 110,591 552,063
Total accounts receivable	\$	736,609	\$ 662,654

#### NOTE 3 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consists of the following at August 31:

	2015	2014
Leasehold improvements	\$ 6,624	\$ 6,624
Vehicles	832,079	692,117
Equipment	200,621	213,299
	1,039,324	912,040
Less accumulated depreciation	(694,616)	(612,232)
Net property and equipment	\$ 344,708	\$ 299,808

Depreciation expense totaled \$111,548 and \$84,398 for the years ended August 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

#### NOTE 4 – BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN ASSETS AT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE

The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (the "Community Foundation") maintains agency investments on behalf of Easter Seals. Under the terms of the agreement, the Community Foundation has variance power and is the legal owner of the investments. However, Easter Seals is the beneficiary of the fund and receives distributions of income, subject to the Community Foundation's spending policy. The investments resulted from unrestricted amounts transferred by Easter Seals to the Community Foundation, in addition to other donor contributions and earnings. Easter Seals has recorded the related asset "beneficial interest in assets at Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee" in the accompanying statements of financial position totaling \$13,947 at August 31, 2015.

#### NOTE 5 – ADVANCED PAYMENTS – STATE OF TENNESSEE

Advanced payments – State of Tennessee ("State") totaled \$636,066 and \$996,066 at August 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and is currently payable in monthly installments of \$30,000 as agreed upon by Easter Seals and the State. Monthly installments are subject to change based on future agreements between Easter Seals and the State. The amount to be recouped cannot exceed the profit derived from the provision of the services covered under the provider agreement.

#### **NOTE 6 – NOTES PAYABLE**

Notes payable is comprised of the following at August 31:

	_	2015	_	2014
Note payable, due in 72 monthly installments beginning June 2013, interest at 0% per annum.	\$	44,946	\$	56,970
Note payable, due in 36 monthly installments beginning May 2013, interest at 0% per annum.		2,256		6,432
Note payable, due in 72 monthly installments beginning April 2014, interest at 0% per annum.		54,966		66,990
Note payable, due in 72 monthly installments beginning October 2014, interest at 0% per annum.		19,480		23,000
Note payable, due in 72 monthly installments beginning July 2015, interest at 0% per annum.	-	50,644	-	
	\$	172,292	\$	153,392

#### **NOTE 6 – NOTES PAYABLE (Continued)**

The following represents principal maturities of notes payable as of August 31, 2015:

Year ending		
August 31,		
2016	\$	38,592
2017		36,336
2018		36,336
2019		33,186
2020		19,158
Thereafter		8,684
Total principal maturities		172,292
Less current portion	// <del></del>	(38,592)
Long-term obligations	\$	133,700

#### **NOTE 7 – LINE OF CREDIT**

At August 31, 2015 and 2014, the Organization had available a revolving line-of-credit with a bank, with interest rates at the prime rate plus 0.50%, not to be less than 5.00%. During 2015, the arrangement was extended through January 9, 2016. The agreement provides for short-term borrowings of up to \$175,000 with interest payable monthly. The line-of-credit is secured by all assets of Easter Seals, primarily accounts receivable and property. The Organization had no outstanding borrowings under this agreement at August 31, 2015 or 2014.

#### NOTE 8 – ALLOCATION OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among program and supporting services based on estimates made by management.

#### **NOTE 9 – CONCENTRATIONS**

Easter Seals maintains its cash in bank accounts that at times may exceed federally insured limits. Easter Seals has not experienced any losses in such accounts. Deposits are insured by the FDIC up to statutory limits. Management believes Easter Seals is not exposed to any significant credit risk regarding cash balances. Uninsured balances at August 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$0 and \$115,589, respectively.

#### **NOTE 9 – CONCENTRATIONS (Continued)**

Easter Seals receives a substantial amount of its support from governmental grants and contracts. During fiscal 2015 and 2014, Easter Seals received approximately 90% of its support and revenue from government grants and contracts. A significant reduction in the level of this support, if this were to occur, could have an adverse impact on Easter Seals' programs and services. At August 31, 2015 and 2014, Easter Seals had \$537,782 and \$552,063, respectively, due in grants and fees receivable from government entities.

#### NOTE 10 - EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

During 2003, Easter Seals implemented a defined contribution retirement plan for the benefit of all employees. Employees are allowed to make contributions on a pre-tax basis. The plan provides for Easter Seals to make a discretionary contribution to the plan. No employer contributions were made to the plan during 2015 or 2014.

#### NOTE 11 – LEASE COMMITMENTS

Easter Seals leases certain buildings under noncancelable lease agreements, all of which are considered operating leases.

During October 2014, Easter Seals entered into an operating lease for its administrative offices. The lease provides for monthly payments ranging from \$5,650 to \$6,236 over a 60 month period.

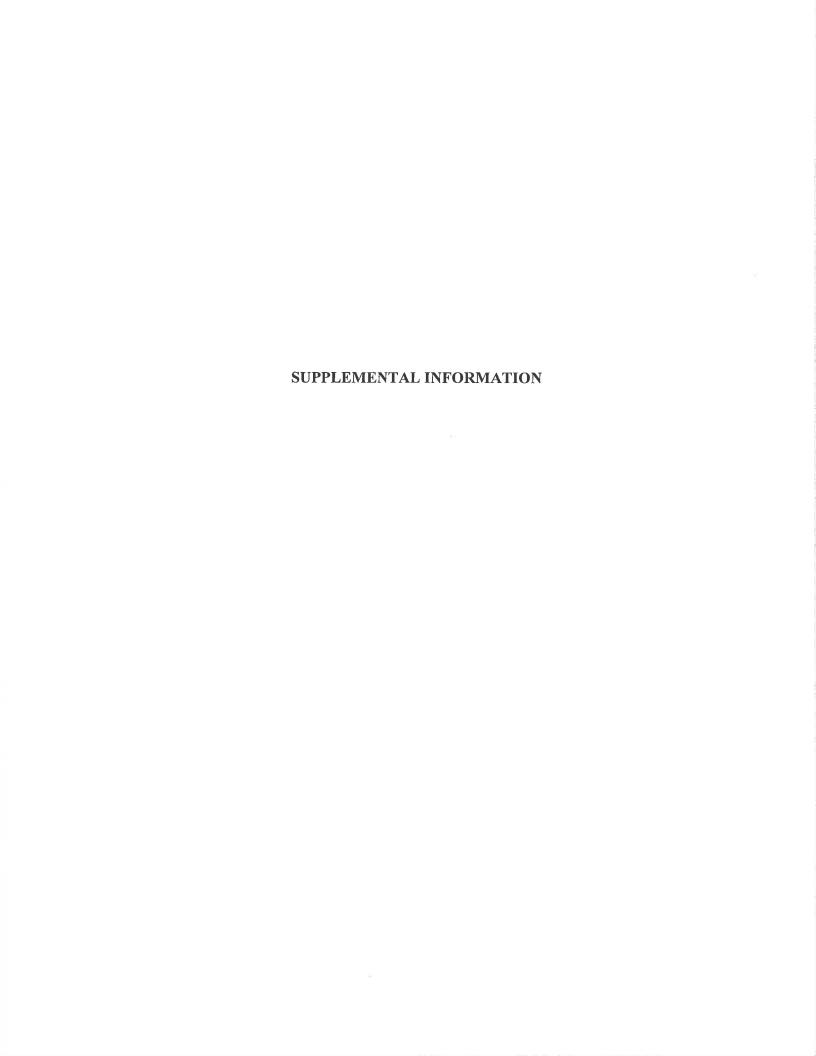
Minimum payments for these lease commitments, including the new lease for administrative offices, are as follows:

Year ending		
August 31,		
2016	\$ 69,076	6
2017	70,803	3
2018	72,573	3
2019	74,38	7
2020	18,71	1
Thereafter		-
	\$305,550	)

Rent expense under all operating leases amounted to \$259,764 and \$245,114 for the years ended August 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

#### **NOTE 12 – CONTINGENCIES**

Easter Seals is subject to various claims and legal actions which arise in the ordinary course of business. Easter Seals has professional liability insurance to protect against such claims or legal actions on a claims-made basis. In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution of any claims will be adequately covered by the insurance and will not have a material adverse effect on Easter Seals' financial position or results of operations.



# EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC.

# SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS AND STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

# For the Year Ended August 31, 2015

Grant Description	CFDA Number	Contract Number	Receivable August 31, 2014	Cash	Ях	xnenditures	Rece Augu	Receivable August 31,
Federal Awards: None							î	
State Financial Assistance:								
State of Tennessee, Department of Health								
Traumatic Brain Injury Program Traumatic Brain Injury Program	n/a n/a	GR15-40596 GR-16-45153-00	\$ 17,200	\$ 30,440	<del>\$</del>	13,240	69	i i
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I otal State of I ennessee Department of Health			17,200	50,140	~	32,940		í
Total State Financial Assistance			17,200	50,140		32,940		
Total Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance			\$ 17,200	\$ 50,140	s	32,940	8	i

# NOTE 1 - BASIS OF PRESENTATION

governments for the year ended August 31, 2015. The schedule is presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Grant revenues are recognized when the related program expenditures are incurred. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards and State Financial Assistance summarizes the expenditures of Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc. under programs of the federal and state



# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors of Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc. Nashville, Tennessee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2015, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 17, 2015.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Easter Seals Tennessee, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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November 17, 2015

# EASTER SEALS TENNESSEE, INC. SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS AUGUST 31, 2015

None.