FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016

AND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors National Education for Assistance Dog Services, Inc. West Boylston, Massachusetts

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Education for Assistance Dog Services, Inc. which comprise the statement of financial position as of August 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year 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 audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 National Education for Assistance Dog Services, Inc. as of August 31, 2016, 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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#### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 16 of the financial statements, in 2015, the Organization adopted new accounting guidance, FASB ASU 2015-07: Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent). Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

### **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited National Education for Assistance Dog Services, Inc.'s 2015 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated December 8, 2015. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended August 31, 2015, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Ballus Lynch, LLP

Worcester, Massachusetts November 21, 2016

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# AUGUST 31, 2016 (With Summarized Financial Information for 2015)

				To	tals
	Operating	Restricted	Endowment	2016	2015
Assets					
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 159,438	\$ 92,137	\$ -	\$ 251,575	\$ 418,354
Accounts receivable, net	φ 137,436	φ	φ - -	φ 251,575	9,989
Grants and other receivables	60,697	_		60,697	7,767
Pledges receivable, net	60,000	_		60,000	138,000
Prepaid expenses	11,006	_	_	11,006	9,327
Other current assets	4,013	-	-	4,013	9,860
Other current assets	4,013			4,013	9,800
Total current assets	295,154	92,137	-	387,291	585,530
Investments	271,025	921,258	1,880,407	3,072,690	2,932,967
Long-term pledges receivable	55,000	-	-	55,000	110,000
Property, plant, and equipment, net	3,598,335	-	-	3,598,335	3,468,874
Due (to) from other funds	(827,366)	827,366			
Total assets	\$ 3,392,148	\$ 1,840,761	\$ 1,880,407	\$ 7,113,316	\$ 7,097,371
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Current Liabilities					
Line of credit	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 160,000	\$ 175,000
Current maturities of long-term debt	30,847	Ψ -	· -	30,847	28,920
Current maturities of capital lease obligation	4,426	_	_	4,426	5,118
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	155,568			155,568	143,167
Total current liabilities	350,841	-	-	350,841	352,205
Long-term liabilities					
Long-term debt, less current maturities	179,637	_	_	179,637	210,622
Long-term capital lease obligation,	177,007			177,007	210,022
less current maturities					4,426
Total long-term debt	179,637	-	-	179,637	215,048
Net assets					
Unrestricted					
Operating	1,185,090	_	_	1,185,090	1,223,313
Board designated for investment	-,,	_	304,866	304,866	173,921
Plant	1,676,580			1,676,580	1,676,580
Total unrestricted	2,861,670	-	304,866	3,166,536	3,073,814
Temporarily restricted	_	1,840,761	_	1,840,761	1,880,763
Permanently restricted	-		1,575,541	1,575,541	1,575,541
1 cimalicity restricted			1,3/3,341	1,373,341	1,373,341
Total net assets	2,861,670	1,840,761	1,880,407	6,582,838	6,530,118
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 3,392,148	\$ 1,840,761	\$ 1,880,407	\$ 7,113,316	\$ 7,097,371

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

# YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016 (With Summarized Financial Information for 2015)

		Temporarily	Permanently	To	tals
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted Restricted		2015
Support and revenue					
General fees and contributions	\$ 1,137,135	\$ 671,854	\$ -	\$ 1,808,989	\$ 2,019,156
Contributed goods and services	204,222	-	-	204,222	182,183
Grants and foundation gifts	124,000	318,116	-	442,116	699,200
Interest income	2,531	-	-	2,531	4,725
Investment return	135,592	-	-	135,592	(203,406)
Other income	-	-	-	-	1,615
Net assets released from restrictions	1,029,972	(1,029,972)			
Total support and revenue	2,633,452	(40,002)		2,593,450	2,703,473
Expenses					
Program	2,116,832	-	-	2,116,832	1,990,554
Management and general	224,436	-	-	224,436	198,015
Fund raising	199,462			199,462	162,032
Total expenses	2,540,730			2,540,730	2,350,601
Change in net assets	92,722	(40,002)	-	52,720	352,872
Net assets, beginning of year	3,073,814	1,880,763	1,575,541	6,530,118	6,177,246
Net assets, end of year	\$ 3,166,536	\$ 1,840,761	\$ 1,575,541	\$ 6,582,838	\$ 6,530,118

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

# YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016 (With Summarized Financial Information for 2015)

		Management	Fund	To	tals
	Program	and General	Raising	2016	2015
Salaries and benefits	\$ 1,146,651	\$ 171,591	\$ 123,056	\$ 1,441,298	\$ 1,403,539
Kennel supplies and dog care	102,987	φ 1/1,3/1 -	φ 125,050 -	102,987	102,623
Veterinary fees	169,839	_	_	169,839	148,439
Purchase of dogs	124,162	_	_	124,162	100,158
Education	5,139	_	_	5,139	4,621
Eddediton	3,137			3,137	4,021
Repairs and maintenance	29,183	317	2,220	31,720	26,565
Motor vehicles	27,116	-	-	27,116	28,228
Rent expense	2,097	-	-	2,097	3,209
Utilities	43,456	472	3,306	47,234	56,177
Telephone	12,554	756	1,815	15,125	11,789
Insurance	37,701	3,603	1,410	42,714	43,564
Fund raising expense	-	-	18,879	18,879	4,869
Advertising and printing	50,934	7,034	27,039	85,007	71,299
Office supplies	51,923	1,668	3,071	56,662	54,011
Postage	9,939	58	7,465	17,462	18,521
Professional services	92,186	34,298	7,525	134,009	127,545
Travel and entertainment	19,834	200	_	20,034	33,107
Bank fees	3,074	259	370	3,703	5,083
Interest expense	19,674		-	19,674	-
Depreciation Depreciation	163,874	472	3,306	167,652	101,973
Bad debt expense	-	3,000	-	3.000	-
Miscellaneous	4,509	708	_	5,217	5,281
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Total Expenses	\$ 2,116,832	\$ 224,436	\$ 199,462	\$ 2,540,730	\$ 2,350,601

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

# YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2016 (With Summarized Financial Information for 2015)

	 2016	 2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ 52,720	\$ 352,872
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	167,652	101,973
Bad debt expense	3,000	-
Gain on disposition of property, plant, and equipment	-	(100)
Investment (gains) losses	(135,592)	203,406
Contributions restricted for capital improvement	(60,459)	(442,364)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts, grants, pledges, and other receivables	29,292	(116,418)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4,168	(278)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	 30,569	 9,971
Net cash provided by operating activities	 91,350	 109,062
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of investments	(760,767)	(2,926,096)
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	756,636	3,141,465
Proceeds from disposition of property, plant, and equipment	-	100
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment	 (315,281)	 (1,445,406)
Net cash used in investing activities	 (319,412)	 (1,229,937)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from contributions restricted for:		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	110,459	524,864
Proceeds from draws on line of credit	-	175,000
Payments on line of credit	(15,000)	-
Principal payments of long-term debt	(29,058)	(24,787)
Principal payments of capital lease obligation	 (5,118)	 (4,917)
Net cash provided by financing activities	 61,283	 670,160
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(166,779)	(450,715)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	 418,354	869,069
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 251,575	\$ 418,354

See accompanying independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Nature of business

National Education for Assistance Dog Services, Inc. (NEADS) is a non-profit organization that was established in 1976 to provide canine assistance for people who are deaf or have a disability. These assistance dogs become an extension of their handlers and bring freedom, physical autonomy, and relief from social isolation to their human partners.

#### Accounting 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 disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Subsequent events

NEADS has evaluated the financial statement impact of subsequent events occurring through November 21, 2016, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

## Method of accounting

The financial statements of NEADS have been prepared on the accrual basis. Accordingly, assets are recorded when the organization obtains the rights to ownership or is entitled to claims for receipt and liabilities are recorded when the obligations are incurred.

### Financial statement presentation

NEADS presents information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classifications of net assets described as follows:

<u>Unrestricted</u> - All resources over which the governing board has discretionary control. The governing board may elect to designate such resources for specific purposes. This designation may be removed at the board's discretion.

<u>Temporarily Restricted</u> - Resources accumulated through donations or grants for specific operating or capital purposes. Such resources will become unrestricted when the requirements of the donor or grantee have been satisfied through expenditure for the specified purpose or program or through the passage of time.

<u>Permanently Restricted</u> - Endowment resources accumulated through donations or grants that are subject to the restriction in perpetuity that the principal be invested. Investment income may be either an unrestricted or temporarily restricted resource when earned, determined according to the gift instruments.

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with NEADS financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2015, from which the summarized information was derived.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Concentration of credit risk

NEADS maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. NEADS has not experienced any losses in such accounts and does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

#### Accounts receivable

Receivables are reflected on the statement of financial position net of allowances for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts is determined based upon an annual review of account balances, including the age of the balance and the historical experience with the clients.

#### Pledges receivable

Pledges receivable are unconditional promises to give, that are recognized as contributions when the promise is received. Pledges receivable that are expected to be collected in less than one year are reported at net realizable value. Pledges receivable that are expected to be collected in more than one year are recorded at fair value at the date of promise. That fair value is computed using a present value technique applied to anticipated cash flows. Amortization of the resulting discount is recognized as additional contribution revenue. The allowance for uncollectable pledges receivable is determined based on management's evaluation of the collectability of individual promises. Promises that remain uncollected more than one year after their due dates are written off unless the donors indicate that payment is merely postponed

#### **Investments**

Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all debt securities are presented at fair value. Alternative investments are generally comprised of debt securities that are traded on a private over-the-counter market for institutional investors. These alternative investments are carried at estimated fair values as provided by the investment manager. NEADS reviews and evaluates the values reported on statements and audits provided by the investment manager and agrees with the valuation methods and assumptions used in determining the fair value of the alternative investments. Those estimated fair values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for these securities existed. Gains or losses on investments are reported in the statement of activities as increases or decreases in unrestricted net assets unless their use is temporarily or permanently restricted by explicit donor stipulations or by law.

Investment income is recorded in unrestricted assets unless its use is temporarily or permanently restricted by explicit donor stipulations.

#### Endowment funds

NEADS's endowment consists of donor restricted funds established for a variety of purposes. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed or legal restrictions.

The Board of Directors has interpreted state law as allowing the utilization of appreciation on permanently restricted assets unless explicit donor stipulations specify how net appreciation must be used. As a result of this interpretation, NEADS classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Endowment funds (continued)

The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by NEADS in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by state law.

In accordance with the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act, NEADS may consider the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds: the duration and preservation of the fund; the purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund; general economic conditions; the possible effect of inflation and deflation; the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments; other resources of the organization; and the investment policies of the organization.

NEADS has adopted investment and spending policies for its endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding for its programs while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Under this policy, as approved by the Board, NEADS's Investment Committee shall seek to invest the endowment funds in such a manner that the investments will provide a spendable return consistent with a long-term goal of preserving the funds in real terms. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this policy.

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

NEADS has a policy of appropriating for distribution each quarter actual income plus realized and unrealized gains. In establishing this policy, NEADS considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. This is consistent with NEADS' objective to maintain the purchasing power of its endowment.

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor imposed restrictions require NEADS to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, deficiencies of this nature are reported in unrestricted net assets. Such deficiencies amounted to \$533,075 as of August 31, 2016.

## Property, plant, and equipment

Property, plant, and equipment is recorded at cost. Donated assets are recorded at fair value as of the date of the gift. Depreciation is computed using the straight line method. The cost of maintenance and repairs is charged to income as incurred.

### Dog training fees

NEADS receives fees and contributions from its clients for training assistance dogs. These funds are recognized as revenue upon completion of the training program. Funds received in advance for a dog that has not completed training are included in temporarily restricted general fees and contributions.

#### Contributions, gifts, and grants

Contributions, gifts, and grants received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and nature of any donor restrictions. Contributions may include actual gifts or promises to give. Such contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor or grantor. Contributions of assets other than cash are recorded at their estimated fair value on the date of the gift.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 1 - <u>SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES</u> (Continued)

#### Contributions, gifts, and grants (Continued)

Contributions that the donor requires to be used to acquire long-lived assets (for example, land, buildings, furniture, fixtures, and equipment) are reported as temporarily restricted until the long-lived assets have been acquired, at which time the entity reflects the expiration of the donor-imposed restriction as a reclassification included in net assets released from restrictions. Restricted gifts or promises to give are required to be reported as restricted support in the period received and are then reclassified to unrestricted net assets upon satisfaction of the donor restriction. Conditional promises to give, which depend on the occurrence of a specified future and uncertain event to bind the promisor, are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

#### Functional expenses

Expenses are charged to each program based upon direct expenditures incurred. Expenditures not directly chargeable are allocated to each function.

#### Advertising and promotion

All costs associated with advertising and promoting NEADS are expensed in the year incurred.

#### Donated goods and services

Donated goods and services with a clearly measurable monetary value, which the organization would have been required to purchase, are recorded as unrestricted support and expense in the period received. Other services and those which are not clearly measurable are not recorded in the financial statements.

#### 2 - PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

Payments of pledges as of August 31, 2016 are expected to be received as follows:

2017	\$ 63,000
2018	 55,000
Less: Reserve for uncollectible pledges	118,000 3,000
	\$ 115,000

#### 3 - **INVESTMENTS**

Investments are included in the following classes of net assets:

	2016	2015
Donor restricted endowments		
Unrestricted	\$ (533,075)	\$ (533,075)
Permanently restricted	1,575,541	1,575,541
Board designated endowment	837,941	706,996
Temporarily restricted	921,258	921,258
Unrestricted	271,025	262,247
	\$ 3,072,690	\$ 2,932,967

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 3 - <u>INVESTMENTS</u> (Continued)

Investments are comprised of the following:

	2016	2015
Money market funds Taxable bonds	\$ 447,455 993,161	\$ 52,393 1,008,715
Equity based mutual funds Alternative investments	1,529,498 102,576,	1,369,062 98,985
Managed investments at fair value	3,072,690	2,529,155
Certificate of deposit		403,812
	\$ 3,072,690	\$ 2,932,967
Investment return is reflected in the financial statements for 2016 and 2015 as follows:	ows:	
	2016	2015
Interest and dividend income Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) Investment management fees	\$ 61,119 93,913 (19,440)	\$ 77,830 (260,570) (20,666)
Total return on investments	\$ 135,592	\$ (203,406)

As discussed in Note 1, NEADS's investments are reported at fair value. The investment markets have been volatile since August 31, 2016. As a result, the fair value of the NEADS's investment portfolio as of the date of the independent auditor's report may be different than amounts reported at August 31, 2016.

## 4 - ENDOWMENT ASSETS

Endowment assets include board designated and donor restricted funds. Changes in endowment assets for the year ended August 31, 2016 are as follows:

	U	nrestricted	mporarily estricted	Permanently Restricted	_	Total
Endowment assets, beginning of year	\$	173,921	\$ -	\$ 1,575,541	\$	1,749,462
Investment return						
Interest and dividend income		12,692	28,766	-		41,458
Net investment gains		28,438	 64,452	 -	_	92,890
Total investment return		41,130	93,218	-		134,348
Appropriation for expenditure		93,218	(93,218)	-		-
Contributions		116,597	-	-		116,597
Withdrawals		(120,000)	 	 	_	(120,000)
Endowment assets, end of year	\$	304,866	\$ 	\$ 1,575,541	\$	1,880,407

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 5 - PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant, and equipment, together with estimated useful lives, consist of the following:

	Estimated		
	Useful Lives	2016	2015
Land	-	\$ 172,890	\$ 172,890
Buildings and improvements	15 - 39 years	4,381,849	2,356,612
Furniture and equipment	3 - 7 years	554,305	526,047
Motor vehicles	5 years	142,888	144,085
Construction in process	-	93,369	1,848,554
		5,345,301	5,048,188
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		1,746,966	1,579,314
		\$ 3,598,335	\$ 3,468,874

Depreciation expense for property, plant, and equipment was \$167,652 and \$101,973 in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Interest costs of \$0 and \$16,823 were capitalized as part of construction in progress in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

## 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

	 2016		2015
Note payable, secured by property, due in monthly principal installments of \$1,840, including interest at 6%, through August 2021.	\$ 97,442	\$	113,302
Note payable, secured by property, due in monthly installments of \$716, including interest at 6%, through August 2022.	42,018		47,832
Note payable, secured by property, due in monthly installments of \$716, including interest at 6%, through August 2025.	59,604		64,563
Note payable, secured by property, due in monthly installments of \$256, including interest at 3.49%, through August 2020.	 11,420	<u> </u>	13,845
Less: Current maturities of long-term debt	 210,484 30,847		239,542 28,920
	\$ 179,637	\$	210,622
Maturities of long-term debt in subsequent years are as follows:			
2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 Thereafter	\$  30,847 32,717 34,661 36,721 37,989 37,549 210,484		

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

## 6 - LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

NEADS has a revolving line of credit agreement with its bank to meet the needs of construction currently in progress. This line of credit is available through March 2017. The agreement has a borrowing limit of \$175,000, secured by certain assets of NEADS. The interest rate to be charged on the principal balance is a variable rate which is 0.25% over the Commerce Bank & Trust Company Base Rate which is currently at 3.50%. Outstanding advances on this line of credit were \$160,000 and \$175,000 at August 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

### 7 - NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets as of August 31, 2016 and 2015 are available for the following purposes:

	2016	2015
Capital acquisition	\$ 556,286	\$ 629,626
Dog training programs	1,284,475	1,251,137
	\$ 1,840,761_	\$ 1,880,763

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose or by the occurrence of other events specified by the donors as follows:

	2016	2015
Expansion project Capital acquisition Completion of dog training programs	\$ 60,459 73,340 896,173	\$ 962,694 126,266 854,302
	\$ 1,029,972	\$ 1,943,262
Permanently restricted net assets are restricted to:		
	2016	2015
Investment in perpetuity, the income and appreciation from which is expendable for general operating needs	\$ 392,906	\$ 392,906
Investment in perpetuity, the income and appreciation from which is temporarily restricted to the Service Dogs for Veterans program	1,182,635	1,182,635
	\$ 1,575,541	\$ 1,575,541

The Board of Directors has designated \$188,269 and \$173,921 of unrestricted net assets for long-term investment as of August 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

#### 8 - ENDOWMENT

During 1992, a donation of \$50,000 was made to the Greater Worcester Community Foundation to benefit NEADS. This donation is managed by the Community Foundation Distribution Committee. NEADS will be entitled to the net income and as much of the principal as the Distribution Committee deems necessary to support the operational and/or needs of NEADS. NEADS will recognize this support when it is received. No support has been recognized in these financial statements.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 9 - DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES

Donated goods and services were comprised of the following:

	 2016	_	2015
Goods  Kennel supplies and dog care	\$ 83,527	\$	54,114
Services Veterinary fees	 120,694		128,069
	\$ 204,221	\$	182,183

#### 10 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

NEADS follows the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 820, "Fair Value Measurements" (ASC Topic 820). This standard defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements.

#### Determination of Fair Value

NEADS uses fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. In accordance with ASC Topic 820, the fair value of a financial instrument is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is best determined based on quoted market prices. In cases where quoted market prices are not available, fair values are based on estimates using present value or other valuation techniques. Those techniques are significantly affected by the assumptions used, including the discount rate and estimates of future cash flows. Accordingly, the fair value estimates may not be realized in an immediate settlement of the instrument.

#### Fair Value Hierarchy

In accordance with ASC Topic 820, NEADS groups its financial assets and financial liabilities generally measured at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value.

- Level 1: Valuation is based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Valuation is based on observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 10 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

### Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

Level 3: Valuation is based on unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. Level 3 assets and liabilities include financial instruments whose value is determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques, as well as instruments for which the determination of fair value requires significant management judgment or estimation.

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at August 31, 2016 and 2015.

Money market, mutual funds, bonds, and equities: Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

Alternative investments - NEADS, as a practical expedient, estimates the fair value of its alternative investments based on the net asset value (or its equivalent) as reported by the fund manager. NEADS has evaluated the audited financial statements of its holdings as of the balance sheet date and believes that reported net asset value (or its equivalent) is calculated consistent with the guidance of ASC 820-10-35-59.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although NEADS believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

NEADS's financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis were recorded using the fair value hierarchy at August 31, 2016 as follows:

	August 31, 2016							
		Level 1	L	evel 2	L	evel 3		Total
Investments								
Money market funds	\$	447,455	\$	-	\$	-	\$	447,455
Taxable bonds		993,161		-		-		993,161
Equity based mutual funds		1,529,498						1,529,498
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$	2,970,114	\$		\$			2,970,114
Investments measured at net								
asset value								102,576
Total investments at fair value							\$	3,072,690

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 10 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

#### Fair Value Hierarchy (continued)

NEADS's financial assets that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis were recorded using the fair value hierarchy at August 31, 2015 as follows:

	August 31, 2015							
		Level 1	L	evel 2	I	evel 3		Total
Investments								
Money market funds	\$	52,393	\$	-	\$	-	\$	52,393
Taxable bonds		1,008,715		-		-		1,008,715
Equity based mutual funds		1,369,062						1,369,062
Total assets in the fair value hierarchy	\$	2,430,170	\$	_	\$	_	2	2,430,170
Investments measured at net								
asset value								98,985
Total investments at fair value							\$ 2	2,529,155

NEADS does not measure any liabilities at fair value on a recurring or non-recurring basis on the statement of financial position.

As discussed above in the financial statements, NEADS estimates the fair value of its investments in certain entities using the net asset value per share of the investment. Further information about these investments is presented below:

			Frequency	
		Unfunded	(If Currently	Redemption
	Fair Value	Commitments	Eligible)	Notice Period
Private equity funds	\$ 102,576	\$ -	Quarterly	None

The private equity funds are closed end funds with an indeterminate liquidation period. Prior to liquidation, NEADS is eligible to have their investments purchased back through a limited repurchase program at a price that may reflect a discount from the purchase price paid for the shares being repurchased. NEADS intends to hold these investments until liquidation by the fund and does not intend to take part in the repurchase program.

## 11 - <u>RETIREMENT PLAN</u>

NEADS has a 403(b) retirement plan covering substantially all employees. NEADS made matching contributions to the plan in the amount of \$4,330 and \$4,247 in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 12 - LEASES

NEADS leases certain capital assets under a capital lease agreement. This lease is classified as a capital lease in the financial statements.

Property, plant, and equipment includes the following equipment acquired under capital lease agreements:

	 2016
Furniture and fixtures Less: Accumulated depreciation	\$ 15,361 6,656
	\$ 8,705

Future minimum lease payments under this capital lease, together with the present value of future minimum lease payments as of August 31, 2016 are as follows:

Total minimum lease payments	\$ 4,506
Less: Amount representing interest	 80
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 4,426

NEADS also leases equipment under a long-term lease agreement classified as an operating lease for financial statement purposes.

Future minimum lease payments as of August 31, 2016 are as follows:

Year Ending

2017	\$ 15,228
2018	 6,345
	\$ 21,573

#### 13 - STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Supplemental disclosures of cash flows information is as follows:

Non-cash investing activities

During 2015, NEADS financed the purchase of property and equipment in the amount of \$14,061.

#### 14 - TAX-EXEMPT STATUS

NEADS qualifies as a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for federal income tax is required. Management annually reviews for uncertain tax positions along with any related interest and penalties and believes that NEADS has no uncertain tax positions that would have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate upon NEADS's statements of financial position, or the related statements of activities, or cash flows. NEADS's files income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction. NEADS is no longer subject to U.S. federal income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2013.

# NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

#### 15 - COMMITMENTS

During 2015, NEADS entered into a contract to construct a new client facility aimed at providing additional client bedrooms, improving client living quarters, and adding classrooms and training areas. The total cost of this project was estimated at \$1,600,000. Expenditures of approximately \$2,000,000 related to this contract have been incurred as of August 31, 2016. The project was completed in 2016 and all assets were placed into service.

#### 16 - ACCOUNTING CHANGES

In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-07, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent). This ASU removes the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy all investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient. This ASU also removes the requirement to make certain disclosures for all investments that are eligible to be measured at fair value using the net asset value practical expedient. Rather, these disclosures are limited to investments for which the entity has elected to measure the fair value using the practical expedient. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 31, 2016, with early adoption permitted. Management has elected to adopt the ASU early.

## 17 - RECLASSIFICATION

Certain amounts in the 2015 financial statements have been reclassified to conform with the 2016 presentation. Such reclassifications had no effect on change in net assets as previously reported.