Writers Series of Traverse City

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

December 31, 2025 and 2024

Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
Writer's Series of Traverse City

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the ***Writer's Series of Traverse City*** (the "Organization") (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2025 and 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagements in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the Organization and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our reviews.

Board of Directors of
Writer's Series of Traverse City

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth

Certified Public Accountants
Traverse City, Michigan

July 6, 2026

Writers Series of Traverse City

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31,

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and equivalents	$ 159,667	$ 135,012
Investments	582,253	525,533
Accounts receivable	2,000	7,806
Total current assets	743,920	668,351
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, net	5,292	7,560
OTHER ASSETS		
Endowment investments	23,643	23,160
Total assets	$ 772,855	$ 699,071
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$ 13,709	$ 5,688
Accrued expenses	12,273	15,372
Unearned grant revenue	53,500	36,389
Total liabilities	79,482	57,449
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	669,730	618,462
With donor restrictions		
Perpetual in nature	23,643	23,160
Total net assets	693,373	641,622
Total liabilities and net assets	$ 772,855	$ 699,071

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Writers Series of Traverse City

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ended December 31,

	2025			2024		
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUES AND PUBLIC SUPPORT						
Program service fees	$ 426,780	$ -	$ 426,780	$ 449,372	$ -	$ 449,372
Contributions and fundraising	344,936	-	344,936	310,418	-	310,418
Contributions of non-financial assets	15,954	-	15,954	29,360	-	29,360
Grants	94,589	-	94,589	12,400	13,611	26,011
Government grants	-	-	-	8,750	-	8,750
Special fundraising events, net expenses of $26,975 and $17,785, respectively	43,760	-	43,760	8,923	-	8,923
Net investment income	26,895	8,522	35,417	20,934	15,861	36,795
Other revenue	3,801	-	3,801	252	-	252
Net assets released from restrictions	8,039	(8,039)	-	157,871	(157,871)	-
Total revenues and support	964,754	483	965,237	998,280	(128,399)	869,881
EXPENSES						
Program services	750,479	-	750,479	585,488	-	585,488
Management and general	108,728	-	108,728	261,152	-	261,152
Fundraising	54,279	-	54,279	36,359	-	36,359
Total expenses	913,486	-	913,486	882,999	-	882,999
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	51,268	483	51,751	115,281	(128,399)	(13,118)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	618,462	23,160	641,622	503,181	151,559	654,740
NET ASSETS, end of year	$ 669,730	$ 23,643	$ 693,373	$ 618,462	$ 23,160	$ 641,622

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	Program Services	Supporting Services: Management and General	Supporting Services: Fundraising	Total Expenses
Wages and salaries	$ 221,087	$ 23,277	$ 26,948	$ 271,312
Payroll taxes	25,112	2,644	3,061	30,817
Depreciation	2,268	-	-	2,268
Event expenses	372,031	-	-	372,031
Contracted services	127,981	4,069	24,270	156,320
Equipment rental	-	680	-	680
Supplies	-	220	-	220
Scholarship and awards	2,000	-	-	2,000
Bank fees	-	10,256	-	10,256
Professional fees	-	26,678	-	26,678
Meals and entertainment	-	5,607	-	5,607
Office expenses	-	12,353	-	12,353
Occupancy	-	5,732	-	5,732
Postage	-	3,909	-	3,909
Printing	-	5,822	-	5,822
Telephone	-	3,989	-	3,989
Insurance	-	2,399	-	2,399
Miscellaneous	-	1,093	-	1,093
Total	$ 750,479	$ 108,728	$ 54,279	$ 913,486

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

For the year ended December 31, 2024

	Program Services	Supporting Services: Management and General	Supporting Services: Fundraising	Total Expenses
Wages and salaries	$ 195,405	$ 83,889	$ 4,469	$ 283,763
Payroll taxes	10,729	15,754	-	26,483
Employee benefits	-	4,009	-	4,009
Depreciation	2,268	-	-	2,268
Event expenses	375,736	-	-	375,736
Consultant fees	-	44,428	29,370	73,798
Contracted services	3,067	12,645	2,520	18,232
Equipment rental	-	1,376	-	1,376
Supplies	-	5,586	-	5,586
Scholarships and awards	2,351	-	-	2,351
Bank fees	-	15,776	-	15,776
Professional fees	-	14,731	-	14,731
Meals and entertainment	-	2,197	-	2,197
Office expenses	-	11,373	-	11,373
Occupancy	-	5,728	-	5,728
Postage	-	3,989	-	3,989
Printing	-	22,384	-	22,384
Telephone	-	2,138	-	2,138
Insurance	-	2,749	-	2,749
Miscellaneous	-	12,400	-	12,400
Credit loss recovery	(4,068)	-	-	(4,068)
Total	$ 585,488	$ 261,152	$ 36,359	$ 882,999

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the years ended December 31,

	2025	2024
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	$ 51,751	$ (13,118)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities		
Depreciation	2,268	2,268
Net realized (gain) loss on investments	(4,417)	335
Net unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(8,766)	8,694
Changes in operating assets and liabilities which affect cash		
Accounts receivable	5,806	3,674
Accounts payable	8,021	(12,821)
Unearned revenue	17,111	36,389
Accrued expenses	(3,099)	(21,037)
Net cash flows from operating activities	68,675	4,384
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from the sale of investments	70,730	80,881
Purchase of investments	(114,750)	(204,624)
Net cash flows from investing activities	(44,020)	(123,743)
Net change in cash and equivalents	24,655	(119,359)
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	135,012	254,371
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, end of year	$ 159,667	$ 135,012

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NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Business

The Writers Series of Traverse City (the "Organization") is a nonprofit organization dedicated to engaging world-renowned authors in meaningful conversations in the Traverse City area that create a deeper understanding of life and literature. The Organization also hosts Raising Writers, a free program for regional students that instills the joy of reading and writing, while honing the literacy skills of area youth.

Basis of Presentation

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

Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions – Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor (or certain grantor) restrictions.

Net Assets With Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor (or certain grantor) - imposed restrictions. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both.

Cash and Equivalents

Cash and equivalents include demand deposits in a bank, money market funds and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of three months or less. Money market funds and certificates of deposit included in investment portfolios are classified as investments.

Investments

Investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values are measured at fair value in the statements of financial position. Fair value of marketable equity securities is based on quoted market prices as of the date of the statements of financial position. Contributed securities are recorded at fair value at the date of receipt and generally sold shortly thereafter. Changes in fair value of investments are recorded in the accompanying statements of activities as investment gains and losses. Realized gains and losses are determined based on specific cost identification.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and investments. The Organization maintains its cash in various bank accounts that, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Organization's cash accounts have been placed with high credit quality financial institutions. The Organization has not experienced, nor does it anticipate, any losses with respect to such accounts.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable represent program guide sponsorships and are stated at the amount management expects to collect. No allowance for credit losses was recorded at December 31, 2025 or 2024.

Property and Equipment

Land, building and equipment in excess of $5,000 are recorded at cost for purchased items and estimated fair value at date of donation for donated assets. Repair and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets as follows:

Furniture, fixtures and equipment	5 - 10 years

Revenue Recognition

The Organization derives its revenues primarily from contributions and sponsorships, author event ticket sales and program service fees.

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor.

Contributions of noncash assets are recorded at their fair values in the period received. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their estimated value.

The Organization receives a significant amount of donated services from unpaid volunteers who assist in fund-raising, special events and office assistance. No amounts have been recognized in the statements of activities for such volunteer services.

Program service fees primarily consist of revenues from author events, writing classes and workshops. Revenues are recognized when the Organization satisfies its performance obligations. Performance obligations are satisfied over time for education classes as classes are taught throughout the fiscal year. Performance obligations are met at a point in time at the date of the author event or where control of merchandise from sales transfers to the customer. The Organization is generally not obligated to accept returned merchandise, so no allowance has been recorded.

Revenue from grants earned on a cost-reimbursement basis and program fees are recognized as revenue in the period in which the service is provided. Funds received in advance are deferred as liabilities and recognized when the related costs are incurred.

The Organization reports donor-restricted support whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period as support without donor restrictions.

Advertising and Promotion Costs

Advertising and promotional costs are expensed as incurred.

Fair Value Measurements

The Organization follows FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and enhances disclosures about fair value measurements. FASB ASC 820, applies whenever other financial reporting standards require or permit assets or liabilities to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or more advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction (i.e., not a forced transaction, such as a liquidation or distressed sale) between market participants at the measurement date. FASB ASC 820, clarifies that fair value should be based on the assumptions market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability and establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the information used to develop those assumptions. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable data. For assets and liabilities recorded at fair value, it is the Organization's policy to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when developing fair value measurements for those financial instruments for which there is an active market.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of program and supporting services activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification detail of expenses by function. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Income Taxes

The Organization is a tax-exempt organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Organization was granted income tax exemption by the Internal Revenue Service, such exemption does not apply to "unrelated business taxable income". The Organization files information returns in the U. S. Federal jurisdiction. Management believes that all positions taken on such returns are supportable. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. Federal examinations by tax authorities for years before December 31, 2022.

Use of Estimates in the Preparation of Financial Statements

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE B - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, are comprised of the following at December 31:

	2025	2024
Cash and equivalents	$ 159,667	$ 135,012
Investments	582,253	525,533
Accounts receivable	2,000	7,806
Available for general expenditures	$ 743,920	$ 668,351

Endowment funds consist of donor-restricted endowments. Income from donor-restricted endowments is restricted for programs or projects critical to the mission, financial health, and growth of the Organization. Donor-restricted endowment funds are not available for general expenditure.

NOTE C - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash and Equivalents

The Organization maintains its cash balances at a financial institution. The accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to $250,000. The Organization's cash balances were fully insured at December 31, 2025 and 2024.

Investments

Brokerage accounts have insurance of $500,000 per broker, provided by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPC"). The Organization's uninsured brokerage account balances were $105,896 and $0 at December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

NOTE D - INVESTMENTS

The investments of the Organization are carried at fair value and consisted of the following at December 31:

	2025	2024
Cash equivalent	$ 1,233	$ 2
Certificate of deposit	60,173	60,230
Mutual funds - bond funds	520,847	465,301
Common stock	23,643	23,160
Total investments	$ 605,896	$ 548,693
Financial statement presentation:		
Investments	$ 582,253	$ 525,533
Endowment investments	23,643	23,160
	$ 605,896	$ 548,693

Investment return (losses) consisted of the following as of December 31:

	2025	2024
Interest and dividends	$ 22,234	$ 27,766
Realized gains (losses)	4,417	335
Unrealized gains (losses)	8,766	8,694
Net investment return	$ 35,417	$ 36,795

NOTE E - FAIR VALUE

The Organization utilizes fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to investments and to determine fair value disclosures. These assets are recorded at fair value on a recurring basis.

Fair Value Hierarchy

Under FASB ASC 820, the Organization groups its investments at fair value into three levels, based on the markets in which the investments are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are:

Level 1: Valuation is based upon quoted prices for identical instruments traded in active markets. Level 1 securities include those traded on an active exchange, such as the New York Stock Exchange.

Level 2: Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3: Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use at least one significant assumption not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect estimates that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Organization's assets and liabilities at fair value:

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2025

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Mutual funds - bond funds	$ 520,847	$ -	$ -	$ 520,847
Common stock	23,643	-	-	23,643
Total	$ 544,490	$ -	$ -	$ 544,490

Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Mutual funds - bond funds	$ 465,301	$ -	$ -	$ 465,301
Common stock	23,160	-	-	23,160
Total	$ 488,461	$ -	$ -	$ 488,461

NOTE F - ENDOWMENT

The Organization's endowment consists of a donor restricted individual stock donation, and has been established with the stipulation that the principal remain in a restricted fund that shall function as a quasi-endowment, or a fund functioning as an endowment. Quarterly yields from the quasi-endowment are to be reserved on a permanent or long-term basis for programs or projects critical to the mission, financial health and growth of the Organization. However, if or when the stock endowment becomes necessary to dissolve, it will require the unanimous vote of the Organization's Board of Directors. 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 restrictions.

Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Organization is subject to the Michigan Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA) (Act 87 of 2009), and, thus, classifies amounts in its donor restricted endowment funds as net assets with donor restrictions because those net assets are restricted until the Organization appropriates such amounts for expenditure. The Organization has interpreted UPMIFA as not requiring the maintenance of purchasing power of the original gift amount contributed to an endowment fund, unless a donor stipulates the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, when reviewing its donor restricted endowment funds, the Organization considers a fund to be underwater if the fair value of the fund is less than the sum of (a) the original value of initial and subsequent gift amounts donated to the fund, and (b) any accumulations to the fund that are required to be maintained in perpetuity in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument. The Organization has interpreted UPMIFA to permit spending from underwater funds in accordance with prudent measures required under law. Additionally, in accordance with UPMIFA, the Organization considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

1. The duration and preservation of the fund;
2. The purpose of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment fund;
3. General economic conditions;
4. The possible effect of inflation and deflation;
5. The expected total return from income and the appreciation (depreciation) of investments;
6. Other resources of the organization;
7. The investment policies of the foundation.

Following is a summary of the changes in the endowment net assets:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Endowment net assets as of January 1, 2024	$ -	$ 151,559	$ 151,559
Investment return:			
Investment income	-	410	410
Net realized and unrealized gain	-	15,451	15,451
Net investment gain	-	15,861	15,861
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	144,260	(144,260)	-
Expenditure of endowment assets or approval of distribution	(144,260)	-	(144,260)
Changes to endowment net assets	-	(128,399)	(128,399)
Endowment net assets as of December 31, 2024	-	23,160	23,160
Investment return:			
Investment income	-	180	180
Net realized and unrealized gain	-	8,342	8,342
Net investment gain	-	8,522	8,522
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	8,039	(8,039)	-
Expenditure of endowment assets or approval of distribution	(8,039)	-	(8,039)
Changes to endowment net assets	-	483	483
Endowment net assets as of December 31, 2025	$ -	$ 23,643	$ 23,643

NOTE G - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consisted of the following at December 31:

	2025	2024
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	$ 11,340	$ 11,340
Less accumulated depreciation	(6,048)	(3,780)
Total property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	$ 5,292	$ 7,560

Depreciation expense was $2,268 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024.

NOTE H - NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for the following purposes as of December 31:

	2025	2024
Perpetual in nature - Endowment	$ 23,643	$ 23,160

NOTE I - CONTRIBUTIONS OF NON-FINANCIAL ASSETS

The Organization receives donated services and materials from vendors that have been recorded in the financial statements as in-kind contributions. Donated services and materials were used for program services. The following is the value of the in-kind contributions recognized for the years ended December 31:

	2025	2024
Professional services	$ 13,754	$ 29,360
Materials	2,200	-
Total in-kind contributions	$ 15,954	$ 29,360

NOTE J - RELATED PARTIES

A co-founder and member of the board of directors has a familial relationship with the Executive Director and has a contractual agreement with the Organization for consulting services, consisting of guest hosting responsibilities at events, among other consulting work. Payment for these services were paid directly to him and his company, for a total consulting expense of $39,996 and $20,349 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

NOTE K - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition and disclosure through July 6, 2026, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

In March 2026, the Organization executed a non-cancelable lease, with an option to renew, for office space expiring December 31, 2030. The lease requires base rent of $3,633 per month and is subject to a maximum annual increase of 5% beginning in the second year.