

CKNW Kids' Fund

Financial statements
December 31, 2024



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Independent auditor's report

To the Members of
CKNW Kids' Fund

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **CKNW Kids' Fund** [the "Fund"], which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statement of changes in net assets, statement of operations and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for qualified opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as at December 31, 2024, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for qualified opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the Fund derives revenue from contributions, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Fund. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions revenue, other fundraising revenue, excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses for the year, and cash provided by (used in) operating activities for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, current and total assets as at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2024 and 2023 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, in the Community Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

The Community Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of the auditor's report. If, based on the work we will perform on this other information, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact to those charged with governance.



Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Fund's financial reporting process.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

As required by the *Societies Act* (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles in Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Vancouver, Canada
June 11, 2025

Ernst & Young LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

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Statement of financial position

As at December 31

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Assets		
Current		
Cash	1,635,272	1,741,149
Amounts receivable	8,215	10,722
Investments <i>[note 3]</i>	4,434,420	4,018,741
Total current assets	6,077,907	5,770,612
Restricted investments <i>[note 3]</i>	2,157,797	2,038,443
	8,235,704	7,809,055
Liabilities and net assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,457,474	1,203,046
Deferred contributions <i>[note 4]</i>	510,826	405,473
Total current liabilities	1,968,300	1,608,519
Net assets		
Endowment funds <i>[note 5]</i>	1,552,208	1,552,208
Unrestricted	4,715,196	4,648,328
Total net assets	6,267,404	6,200,536
	8,235,704	7,809,055

See accompanying notes

On behalf of the Board:

Director

Director

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Statement of changes in net assets

Year ended December 31

	2024			2023	
	Endowment funds	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	1,552,208	—	4,648,328	6,200,536	4,691,840
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	—	—	66,868	66,868	1,508,696
Restricted investment income	—	105,353	—	105,353	101,710
Deferred contributions	—	(105,353)	—	(105,353)	(101,710)
Balance, end of year	1,552,208	—	4,715,196	6,267,404	6,200,536

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Statement of operations

Year ended December 31

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Contributions	1,654,760	1,676,370
Bequests	352,897	1,591,097
Other fundraising revenue	336,703	225,062
	<u>2,344,360</u>	<u>3,492,529</u>
Expenses		
Direct disbursements and assistance	2,126,366	1,844,569
Bursary endowments and special projects	30,000	25,500
Administration	531,625	433,050
Fundraising	86,264	127,064
	<u>2,774,255</u>	<u>2,430,183</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses before the following	(429,895)	1,062,346
Investment income		
Interest	69,636	105,124
Dividends	89,644	80,260
Pooled fund income	173,087	116,820
Realized and unrealized gain on investments	204,128	172,533
Investment management fees	(39,732)	(28,387)
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	<u>66,868</u>	<u>1,508,696</u>

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Statement of cash flows

Year ended December 31

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Operating activities		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	66,868	1,508,696
Add (deduct) items not affecting cash		
Gain on unrestricted investments	(204,128)	(172,533)
Deferred contributions recognized as revenue	(45,297)	(42,415)
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
Amounts receivable	2,507	(8,341)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	254,428	98,062
Cash provided by operating activities	74,378	1,383,469
Investing activities		
Short-term investments	—	750,000
Net investment income reinvested – unrestricted	(177,920)	(126,665)
Net investment income reinvested – restricted	(45,297)	(42,415)
Transfer from restricted investments	30,000	25,500
Transfer (to) from unrestricted investments	12,962	(1,525,370)
Cash used in investing activities	(180,255)	(918,950)
Net increase (decrease) in cash during the year	(105,877)	464,519
Cash, beginning of year	1,741,149	1,276,630
Cash, end of year	1,635,272	1,741,149
Supplementary cash flow information		
Increase in restricted investments	(119,354)	(122,707)

See accompanying notes

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Notes to financial statements

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1. Nature of operations

CKNW Kids' Fund [the "Fund"], formerly CKNW Orphans Fund, was incorporated on November 23, 1949 under the *Society Act* (British Columbia) to promote the mental and physical health and welfare of children and certain adults who are disadvantaged and reside within the Province of British Columbia. The Fund transitioned to the *Societies Act* (British Columbia) in 2017.

The Fund is a registered charity within the meaning of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and is exempt from income taxes.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

Accounting standards

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Part III of the *CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting*, "Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations".

Cash

Cash consists of cash on deposit with banks and highly liquid short-term investments with a term to maturity of three months or less from the date of purchase, unless they are held for investment rather than liquidity purposes, in which case they are classified as investments.

Revenue recognition

The Fund follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Contributions are non-reciprocal transfers to the Fund of cash or other assets or a non-reciprocal settlement or cancellation of its liabilities. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Externally restricted contributions for which the related restriction is unfulfilled at the statement of financial position date, as well as contributions for expenses of one or more future periods, are deferred and recognized as revenue in the same period or periods in which the restriction is fulfilled or the related expenses are recognized. Restricted contributions for the purchase of property and equipment that will be amortized are deferred and recognized as revenue on the same basis as the amortization expense related to the acquired property and equipment. Restricted contributions for the purchase of property and equipment that will not be amortized are recognized as direct increases in net assets. Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in net assets in the current period.

Investment income comprises interest, dividends, and pooled fund income. Interest is recognized with the passage of time, dividends are recognized as of the ex-dividend date, and pooled fund income is recognized on the date the distribution is declared by the Fund.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated into Canadian dollars at the rate of exchange at the statement of financial position date. Unrealized exchange gains and losses on foreign currency are included in the realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments in the statement of operations.

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Government assistance

Amounts received or receivable resulting from government assistance programs are reflected as a reduction of aggregate expenses when the Fund becomes eligible to accrue them, provided there is reasonable assurance the benefits will be realized.

Financial instruments

The Fund initially records a financial instrument that was originated, issued or assumed in an arm's length transaction at fair value.

Related party financial instruments that have repayment terms are initially recorded at cost, representing the undiscounted cash flows of that instrument, excluding interest and dividend payments. Related party financial instruments that do not have repayment terms are recorded as cost, determined using the consideration transferred or received by the Fund; consideration with repayment terms is measured as described above while consideration without repayment terms is recorded at the carrying or exchange amount, depending on the circumstances.

The Fund recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred. However, arm's length financial instruments that will not be subsequently measured at fair value are adjusted by the transaction costs and financing fees that are directly attributable to their origination, issuance or assumption; in the case of financial instruments subsequently measured at amortized cost, these transaction costs and financing fees are amortized on a straight-line basis.

Subsequently, the Fund measures financial instruments as follows:

- Cash and amounts receivable at amortized cost;
- Investments and restricted investments at fair value; and
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at amortized cost.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, when there are indications of possible impairment, the Fund determines if there has been a significant adverse change to the expected timing or amounts of future cash flows expected from the financial asset. The amount of any impairment loss is determined by comparing the carrying amount of the financial asset with the highest of three amounts:

- [i] For an arm's length financial asset, the present value of the cash flows expected to be generated by holding the asset, discounted using a current market rate of interest appropriate to that asset, and for a related party debt instrument, the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by holding the asset, excluding interest and dividend payments;
- [ii] The amount that could be realized by selling the asset at the statement of financial position date; and
- [iii] The amount the Fund expects to realize by exercising its right to any collateral held to secure repayment of the asset, net of all costs necessary to exercise those rights.

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A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed to the extent that the improvement can be related to an event occurring after the impairment was recognized, but the adjusted carrying amount of the financial asset shall be no greater than the amount that would have been reported at the date of the reversal had the impairment not been recognized.

Forgiveness of all or part of a related party financial asset can only occur after assessing for and recognizing any impairment. This forgiveness is then recognized in net assets when the transaction that resulted in the origination or acquisition of the financial asset was not in the normal course of operations or in the statement of operations when the transaction was in the normal course of operations or when it is impracticable to determine whether or not the forgiven related party financial asset was originated or was acquired in the normal course of operations.

Contributed materials and services

Contributed materials and services are recorded at fair value when fair value can be reasonably estimated.

Volunteers contribute an indeterminable number of hours per year. Because of the difficulty in determining their fair value, volunteer hours are not recognized in the financial statements.

Allocation of expenses

The costs of personnel and other expenses directly related to functions are allocated to each function on the basis of hours incurred directly in undertaking a function. Fundraising and general support expenses are not allocated.

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Management believes that the estimates utilized in preparing its financial statements are reasonable and prudent; however, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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3. Investments

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Unrestricted		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,421	12,189
Fixed income	2,608,452	2,443,831
Canadian equities	759,493	639,042
Foreign equities	1,059,054	923,679
	4,434,420	4,018,471
Restricted		
Cash and cash equivalents	19,976	14,433
Fixed income	719,762	750,817
Canadian equities	606,491	544,309
Foreign equities	811,568	728,884
	2,157,797	2,038,443
	6,592,217	6,056,914

Investments in pooled funds have been allocated among the asset classes based on the underlying investments held in the pooled funds.

4. Deferred contributions

Deferred contributions represent unspent resources that are restricted for the Youth at Risk program.

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	405,473	303,763
Net investment income	105,353	101,710
Balance, end of year	510,826	405,473

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5. Endowment funds

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
Josias Vandriel Fund	1,069,829	1,069,829
Griffiths Fund	482,379	482,379
	1,552,208	1,552,208

The Josias Vandriel Fund was established by bequests subject to a restriction that the principal amount be maintained in perpetuity. Investment income earned on the principal amount is restricted for use in the Youth at Risk program and is initially recognized in deferred contributions and subsequently recognized as revenue in the same period in which the related expenses are incurred for the Youth at Risk program.

The Griffiths Fund was established by bequest in 2019 subject to a restriction that the principal amount be maintained in perpetuity. Investment income earned on the principal amount is unrestricted for use.

6. Related party transactions

Corus Entertainment Inc. is considered a related party as it established the Fund. Corus Entertainment Inc. donates promotional services to the Fund. No amounts were recorded in the financial statements of the Fund with respect to these services as the fair value was not readily determinable.

7. Financial instruments and risk management

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Fund's cash and short-term investments earn interest at market rates and the Fund has investments in certain fixed income securities. The Fund does not use derivative financial instruments to manage the effects of this risk.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Fund is exposed to credit risk in the event of non-performance by counterparties primarily in connection with its cash, short-term investments, and investments. The Fund mitigates its credit risk with respect to cash and short-term investments by dealing with Canadian financial institutions with no publicly known liquidity problems and in terms of investments by investing in investment grade securities recommended by a professional investment advisor.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Fund will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Fund is exposed to liquidity risk through its accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

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Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Fund has investments denominated in US dollars [2024 – US\$834,606; 2023 – US\$764,336] and thus the Fund is exposed to the risk of fluctuations in income and cash flows arising from changes in the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and the US dollar and the degree of volatility in that rate.

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices [other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk], whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Fund is exposed to other price risk from investments held by the Fund for which future prices are uncertain. The Fund manages price risk by allocating its investments across different types of investments and underlying industries.

8. Remuneration to directors, employees and contractors

The directors of the Fund are not remunerated.

The employees or contractors of the Fund with remuneration greater than \$75,000 include the Executive Director and Director of Grants of the Fund. The total remuneration paid for these positions in the year was \$222,084 [2023 – \$198,253].