

**Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc.**

**Financial Statements**

**As of December 31, 2023**

**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors  
Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc.  
Orlando, FL

### **Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc., (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc. as of December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 required to be independent of Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### **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 of 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 absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Schafer, Tschopp, Whitcomb, Mitchell & Sheridan, LLP*

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March 7, 2024

**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**December 31, 2023**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 230,150
Cash and cash equivalents restricted to fund scholarships	<u>6,869</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	237,019
Investments	974,681
Accounts receivable	8,000
Prepaid expenses	1,784
Property and equipment - net of \$1,278 of accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>
 <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	 <b><u><u>\$ 1,221,484</u></u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ <u>2,904</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,904</u>
 <b>Net Assets</b>	
Without donor restrictions	355,751
With donor restrictions	<u>862,829</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,218,580</u>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	 <b><u><u>\$ 1,221,484</u></u></b>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements



**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	<b>Without Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>With Donor Restrictions</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Contributions	\$ 335,672	\$ 14,100	\$ 349,772
Investment income	14	102,589	102,603
Net assets released from restrictions	-	-	-
	<u>335,686</u>	<u>116,689</u>	<u>452,375</u>
Total Unrestricted Revenues			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Program Services	278,459	-	278,459
Support Services			
Management and general	116,609	-	116,609
Fundraising	10,132	-	10,132
	<u>405,200</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>405,200</u>
Total Expenses			
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(69,514)	116,689	47,175
<b>Net Assets at Beginning of Year</b>	<u>425,265</u>	<u>746,140</u>	<u>1,171,405</u>
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 355,751</u>	<u>\$ 862,829</u>	<u>\$ 1,218,580</u>

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**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2023**

Increase in net assets	\$ 47,175
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows from operating activities:	
Depreciation	-
Realized and unrealized gains on investments	(77,355)
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Increase in accounts receivable	(3,500)
Increase in prepaid expenses	(761)
Decrease in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(645)
Net Cash Provided Used by Operating Activities	<u>(35,086)</u>
 <b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>	
Purchase of investments	(217,372)
Proceeds from sale of investments	170,894
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	<u>(46,478)</u>
 <b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>	 <u>-</u>
Net decrease in Cash	(81,564)
<b>Cash at Beginning of year</b>	<u>318,583</u>
<b>Cash at End of Year</b>	<u><u>\$ 237,019</u></u>
 Cash paid during the year for:	
Interest	\$ -
Income taxes	\$ -

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**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**  
For the year ended December 31, 2022

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fund Raising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Scholarships	\$ 222,662	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 222,662
Salaries	\$ -	\$ 83,315	\$ -	83,315
Scholarship administration	8,429	-	-	8,429
Advertising	-	-	5,852	5,852
Event expenses	38,525	-	4,280	42,805
Insurance	-	1,557	-	1,557
Office expenses	-	15,000	-	15,000
Occupancy	-	10,395	-	10,395
Professional fees	8,843	4,762	-	13,605
Travel and meetings	-	1,580	-	1,580
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Total	<u>\$ 278,459</u>	<u>\$ 116,609</u>	<u>\$ 10,132</u>	<u>\$ 405,200</u>

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**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The summary of significant accounting policies is presented to assist in the understanding of the financial statements of the Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund, Inc. (the Organization), formally known as Hispanic Heritage Scholarship Fund of Metro Orlando, Inc. The financial statements and notes are representation of management who are responsible for their integrity and objectivity. These accounting policies conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and have been consistently applied in the preparation of the financial statements.

**Organization** – The Organization is a non-profit organization in Central Florida dedicated to providing scholarships to Hispanic students pursuing a college or university degree. It was incorporated in 2003 under the laws of the State of Florida.

**Basis of Accounting** – The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) in its Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 958.

**Revenue recognition** – Contributions received are recorded as net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions if the restrictions expire in the fiscal year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in net assets with donor restrictions depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions.

Non-cash contributions received by the Organization are recorded at management's estimate of the fair market value at the date received.

**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Cash and cash equivalents** – Cash and cash equivalents include cash invested in liquid instruments with an original maturity of three months or less.

**Receivables** - Receivables are primarily for corporate sponsorships. Management considers all receivables to be collectible.

**Property and equipment** - Fixed assets are recorded at cost or, if donated, at the fair market value on the date of receipt. Depreciation of fixed assets is calculated using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets.

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

**Functional Expenses** - The costs of providing the various functions and other activities have been detailed in the statement of functional expenses. Salaries and other expenses which are associated with a specific function are charged directly to that function. Other expenses which benefit more than one function are allocated to the various functions based on the percentage of each function's salary expense to total salary expense or upon area usage.

**NOTE 2 – Contributed Services**

A number of unpaid volunteers have made contributions of their time in the management, administration and scholarship selection process of the organization. The value of this contributed time is not reflected in these financial statements because they did not meet the criteria for recognition as contributed services.

**NOTE 3 – Property and Equipment:**

Property and equipment consist of the following:

Furniture and equipment	\$ <u>1,278</u>
	1,278
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,278)</u>
	<u>\$ -</u>

**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 4 – Investments and Fair Value Measurements**

Cost and fair value of investments at December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Gain (Loss)</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Equity Funds	\$ 256,857	\$ 31,957	\$ 288,814
Exchange Traded Products	592,282	39,608	631,890
Bond Funds	<u>56,041</u>	<u>(2,064)</u>	<u>53,977</u>
	<u>\$ 905,180</u>	<u>\$ 69,501</u>	<u>\$ 974,681</u>

Generally accepted accounting principles provide a framework for measuring fair value and require expanded disclosure about fair value measurements of certain assets and liabilities.

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurements date. Generally accepted accounting principles also establish a fair value hierarchy which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The standard describes three levels of input that may be used to measure fair value:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2 – 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.

Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

The Organization utilizes Level 1 inputs to measure the fair value for all of the marketable securities.



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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 4 – Investments and Fair Value Measurements (continued)**

At December 31, 2023, investment income consisted of the following:

Interest and dividend income	\$ 31,598
Net realized gains	6,218
Net unrealized gains	71,137
Investment expenses	<u>(6,350)</u>
	<u>\$ 102,603</u>

**NOTE 5 – Restrictions on Net Assets**

**Endowment Fund**

Net assets with donor restrictions at December 31, 2023 consist of an endowment fund established in 2016 to support the scholarship program. Contributions to the endowment fund are subject to donor restrictions that stipulate the original principal of the gift is to be held and invested by the Organization indefinitely and income from the fund is to be expended for the scholarship program. 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.

The Organization has interpreted the State Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (SPMIFA) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the Organization classifies as permanently restricted net assets (1) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (2) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (3) 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. 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 the Organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by SPMIFA. In accordance with SPMIFA, 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 various

**HISPANIC HERITAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 5 – Restrictions on Net Assets (continued)**

**Endowment Fund**

funds, (2) the purposes of the donor-restricted endowment funds, (3) general economic conditions, (4) the possible effect of inflation and deflation, (5) the expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments, (6) other resources of the Organization, and (7) the Organization’s investment policies.

The Organization has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to subject the fund to low investment risk and provide its scholarship program with current income. Endowment assets are invested in equity and bond funds and in exchange traded products. The Organization seeks to build endowment assets through additional contributions. The Organization has a policy of appropriating for scholarship distributions from the investment income of the endowment fund that is permanently restricted. This is consistent with the Organizations’ objectives to provide income for its scholarship program and preserve endowment assets without subjecting them to substantial risk.

The composition of endowment net assets for this fund and the changes in endowment net assets as of December 31, 2023 are as follows:

	Income	Principal	Total
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2022	\$ (3,860)	\$ 750,000	\$ 746,140
Contributions	-	14,100	14,100
Investment income	31,452	-	31,452
Net appreciation	71,137	-	71,137
Amounts appropriated for expenditure	-	-	-
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 98,729</u>	<u>\$ 764,100</u>	<u>\$ 862,829</u>

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**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 5 – Restrictions on Net Assets (continued)**

Restricted net assets, which are not available for operating purposes, are included on the statement of financial position as follows:

Cash and cash equivalents restricted	\$ 6,869
Investments	<u>841,874</u>
	<u>\$ 848,743</u>

**NOTE 6 – Lease Obligations**

The Organization conducts its operations from a leased office facility, which is leased month-by-month. Rent expense was \$9,000 in 2023.

**NOTE 7 – Income Taxes**

The Organization is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on income related to its tax-exempt purpose. The Organization had no unrelated business income during the year ended December 31, 2023, accordingly, no tax liability or provision has been provided for in the accompanying financial statements.

The Organization has adopted the provisions of ASC 740, Income Taxes. These provisions clarify the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions and prescribe guidance related to the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The tax benefit from an uncertain tax position is only recognized in the statement of financial position if the tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon an examination, based on the technical merits of the position. Interest and penalties, if any, are included in expenses in the statement of activities. As of December 31, 2023, the Organization had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

The Organization's income tax returns are subject to review and examination by federal authorities. The Organization is not aware of any activities that would jeopardize its tax exempt status. The tax returns for the fiscal years ended from 2019 forward are open to examination by federal authorities.



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**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**NOTE 8 – Concentration of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash. The Organization places its cash with financial institutions and limits the amount on deposit to less than the amount covered by federal insurance.

**NOTE 9 – Subsequent Events**

**Management Evaluation** - The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through March 7, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were issued. All subsequent events requiring recognition as of March 7, 2024 have been incorporated into these financial statements.