International Rett Syndrome Foundation (dba Rettysyndrome.org)

Financial Statements December 31, 2014 and 2013, and Independent Auditors' Report

INTERNATIONAL RETT SYNDROME FOUNDATION (DBA RETTSYNDROME.ORG) December 31, 2014 and 2013

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Trustees International Rett Syndrome Foundation Cincinnati. Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of International Rett Syndrome Foundation (dba Rettysyndrome.org) (a nonprofit organization), which comprise of the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 International Rett Syndrome Foundation (dba Rettysyndrome.org) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

April 29, 2015 Cincinnati, Ohio

Statements of Financial Position December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
Assets	 	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,618,116	\$ 1,209,722
Investments	3,564,425	3,520,385
Pledges receivable, net	966,779	752,463
Other	99,624	112,879
		
Total assets	\$ 6,248,944	\$ 5,595,449
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 172,310	\$ 75,772
Grants payable to researchers, net	3,652,834	3,361,552
Total liabilities	3,825,144	3,437,324
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	343,751	351,409
Temporarily restricted	1,059,841	785,981
Permanently restricted	1,020,208	1,020,735
Total net assets	2,423,800	2,158,125
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 6,248,944	\$ 5,595,449

Statements of Activities Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

2014 2013

		14		2013						
		Temporarily	Permanently			Temporarily	Permanently			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Total		
Revenues:				_						
Special events	\$ 2,280,019	\$ 64,501	\$ -	\$ 2,344,520	\$ 2,094,874	\$ 223,517	\$ -	\$ 2,318,391		
Contributions and grants	1,995,280	802,105	-	2,797,385	1,619,523	814,151	-	2,433,674		
In-kind revenue	171,383	-	-	171,383	177,250	-	-	177,250		
Conference registrations	139,002	-	-	139,002	60,066	-	-	60,066		
Investment return	40,055	23,176	(527)	62,704	(34,048)	(15,553)	1,267	(48,334)		
Released from restriction	615,922	(615,922)			469,455	(469,455)				
Total revenues	5,241,661	273,860	(527)	5,514,994	4,387,120	552,660	1,267	4,941,047		
Operating expenses	5,249,319			5,249,319	4,585,563			4,585,563		
Operating income (loss)	(7,658)	273,860	(527)	265,675	(198,443)	552,660	1,267	355,484		
Loss on inventory					7,000			7,000		
Change in net assets	(7,658)	273,860	(527)	265,675	(205,443)	552,660	1,267	348,484		
Net assets, beginning of year	351,409	785,981	1,020,735	2,158,125	556,852	233,321	1,019,468	1,809,641		
Net assets, end of year	\$ 343,751	\$ 1,059,841	\$ 1,020,208	\$ 2,423,800	\$ 351,409	\$ 785,981	\$ 1,020,735	\$ 2,158,125		

Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Program							Fundraising							
	Research		Family powerment	_E	ducation	Total	Adn	ninistration		Appeals and General		Direct Special Events		Total	Total
Direct program costs	\$2,743,423	\$	-	\$	-	\$2,743,423	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$2,743,423
Personnel related costs	381,817		177,018		-	558,835		130,609		124,536		-		124,536	813,980
Special events costs	-		-		-	-		-		7		633,722		633,729	633,729
Professional fees	-		114,998		9,199	124,197		82,909		69,260		-		69,260	276,366
Outside services	21,760		47,310		48,937	118,007		8,892		72,577		-		72,577	199,476
Conferences	72,033		-		96,804	168,837		-		-		-		-	168,837
Travel and entertainment	104,737		4,355		-	109,092		13,119		30,735		-		30,735	152,946
Miscellaneous costs	3,398		1,790		882	6,070		46,274		46,804		-		46,804	99,148
Office costs	4,307		14,772		12,889	31,968		10,980		38,699		-		38,699	81,647
Occupancy costs	44,189		4,381			48,570		12,900		18,297				18,297	79,767
Total expenses	\$3,375,664	\$	364,624	\$	168,711	\$3,908,999	\$	305,683	\$	400,915	\$	633,722	\$ ^	1,034,637	\$5,249,319

Statement of Functional Expenses Year Ended December 31, 2013

	Program Program							Fundraising							
	Research		Family powerment	Ec	ducation	Total	Adn	ninistration		Appeals and General		Direct Special Events		Total	Total
Direct program costs	\$2,181,963	\$	-	\$	-	\$2,181,963	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	\$	_	\$2,181,963
Personnel related costs	443,523		265,651		-	709,174		79,278		128,777		-		128,777	917,229
Special events costs	-		-		-	-		-		242		629,370		629,612	629,612
Professional fees	-		116,358		230	116,588		58,675		58,547		-		58,547	233,810
Outside services	20,262		1,753		24,972	46,987		28,552		41,793		-		41,793	117,332
Conferences	6,302		-		85,968	92,270		-		-		-		-	92,270
Travel and entertainment	149,646		4,790		-	154,436		9,231		3,069		-		3,069	166,736
Miscellaneous costs	2,470		1,077		-	3,547		65,442		34,872		65		34,937	103,926
Office costs	4,080		11,172		5,745	20,997		12,090		30,956		-		30,956	64,043
Occupancy costs	40,733		9,980		-	50,713		12,900		15,029				15,029	78,642
Total expenses	\$2,848,979	\$	410,781	\$	116,915	\$3,376,675	\$	266,168	\$	313,285	\$	629,435	\$	942,720	\$4,585,563

Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities		
Change in net assets	\$ 265,675	\$ 348,484
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to		
net cash from operating activities:		
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(18,998)	149,820
Change in:		
Pledges receivable	(214,316)	(537,041)
Other	12,728	(2,523)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	96,538	13,361
Grants payable to researchers	291,282	(737,371)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	432,909	(765,270)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of investments	(3,630,404)	(1,258,462)
Sales of investments	3,605,889	35,797
Net cash used by investing activities	(24,515)	(1,222,665)
Change in cash and cash equivalents	408,394	(1,987,935)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	1,209,722	3,197,657
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,618,116	\$ 1,209,722

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

International Rett Syndrome Foundation (dba Rettsyndrome.org) (IRSF) was founded as a not-for-profit organization in 1999 as The Rett Syndrome Research Foundation under the laws of the State of Ohio. The name was changed to International Rett Syndrome Foundation on July 1, 2007 when the organization was merged with International Rett Syndrome Association (IRSA) and commenced operations as IRSF. IRSF's mission is to fund research for treatments and a cure for Rett syndrome while enhancing the overall quality of life for those living with Rett syndrome by providing information, programs, and services. IRSF's revenue consists primarily of private donations in order to fund research grants and provide education.

International Rett Syndrome Foundation operates the following programs:

- **Research programs** include activities focused on finding a treatment and cure for Rett Syndrome and include items such as research grants, new studies/transitional research, medical symposiums and support of Natural History Study Clinics.
- **Family empowerment program** includes activities focused on enhancing the overall lives of those afflicted with Rett Syndrome and their families and includes items such as an 800 phone number, regional representatives and family advisory boards.
- **Education** activities focused on providing information about and raising awareness of Rett Syndrome and includes activities such as the website, newsletters, and an annual family conference.
- Administrative and general include operating activities such as corporate, executive, finance and human resource activities.
- Appeals and General includes activities of fundraising such as general contributions and appeals, fundraising office costs and personnel.
- **Direct Special Events** include activities of specific fundraising events such as dinners, parties, golf outings and strollathons.

Financial Statement Presentation

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). IRSF is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets which have no donor-imposed restriction; temporarily restricted net assets which have donor-imposed restrictions that will expire in the future; and permanently restricted net assets which have donor-imposed restriction which do not expire.

Fair Value Measurements

Under applicable GAAP for fair value measurements and disclosures, a three-level hierarchy is established for fair value measurements based on transparency of valuation inputs as of the measurement date. The hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels are defined as follows: Level 1 – Inputs are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in active markets; Level 2 – Inputs are observable quoted prices for similar assets in active markets; Level 3 – Inputs are unobservable and reflect management's best estimates of what market participants would use as fair value.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Cash and Cash Equivalents

IRSF considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, cash equivalents consisted primarily of a money market account. IRSF maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts which, at times, exceed federally insured limits. IRSF has not experienced any losses in such accounts and management believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk.

Investments and Investment Return

Investments in money market funds and debt securities are carried at fair value. Investments in certificates of deposit are carried at amortized cost. Investment return includes dividends, interest and realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments.

Investment return that is initially restricted by donor stipulation and for which the restriction will be satisfied in the same year is included in unrestricted net assets. Other investment return is reflected in the statements of activities as unrestricted, temporarily restricted or permanently restricted based upon the existence and nature of any donor or legally imposed restrictions. IRSF's investments do not have a significant concentration of credit or market risk within any industry, specific institution or group of investments.

Grants Payable to Researchers

Grants payable to researchers is comprised of research and post-doctoral grants approved by the Board of Trustees but not yet distributed. Grants payable extended over a year as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 were recorded at their fair value and reported as liabilities in accordance with applicable GAAP for not-for-profit entities which is estimated by discounting using rates less than one percent.

Contributions

IRSF records gifts of cash and other assets at their fair value as of the date of contribution. Such donations are recorded as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts received with a donor stipulation that limits their use are reported as temporarily or permanently restricted revenue and net assets. When a donor stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Gifts that are originally restricted by the donor and for which the restriction is met in the same time period are recorded as temporarily restricted and then released from restriction.

Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long-lived assets must be maintained, IRSF reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

Unconditional promises to give expected to be collected within one year are reported at their net realizable value. Unconditional gifts expected to be collected in future years are reported at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The resulting discount is amortized and reported as contribution revenue. Conditional promises to give are recognized as revenues when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

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

Donated Services

IRSF records donated services as revenues in the period received only if the services received create or enhance non-financial assets or required specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation.

In-kind Donations

IRSF receives certain in-kind donations during the year, which are recorded at fair value as contribution revenue and an expense in the financial statements.

Income Taxes

IRSF is exempt from income taxes under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code and a similar provision of Ohio law. However, the IRSF is subject to federal income tax on any unrelated business taxable income.

IRSF's IRS Form 990 is subject to review and examination by federal and state authorities. IRSF believes it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and therefore, does not have any uncertain income tax positions that are material to the financial statements. IRSF is generally no longer subject to examinations by tax authorities for years before 2011.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of supporting the various programs and other activities have been reported on a functional basis in the accompanying statement of functional expenses. Expenses have been classified based upon the actual direct expenditures and cost allocations based upon estimates of time spent by IRSF personnel.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain 2013 figures have been reclassified to conform to the 2014 presentation.

Subsequent Event Evaluation

In preparing its financial statements, IRSF has evaluated events subsequent to the statement of financial position date through April 29, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS AT FAIR VALUE

NOTE 3

Investments consisted of the following:

	2014	 2013
Level 1:		
Fixed income securities and mutual funds	\$ 3,138,277	\$ 2,791,549
Equity securities	304,413	-
Level 2:		
Money market funds	121,735	 728,836
	\$ 3,564,425	\$ 3,520,385

There were no valuations using Level 3 inputs.

Fixed income securities, mutual funds and equity securities: Fair values are determined by reference to quoted market prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions. Fixed income securities, mutual funds and equity securities are categorized using Level 1 inputs.

Money market funds: Fair values for money market funds are estimated by using pricing models or quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics.

Investment return is comprised of the following:

	 2014		2013
Interest and dividend income Net realized and unrealized gains (losses)	\$ 43,706 18,998	\$	101,486 (149,820)
	\$ 62,704	\$	(48,334)
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE			
Pledges receivable consisted of the following:			
	 2014		2013
Due in one year Due in future years	\$ 271,319 750,000	\$	383,635 400,000
Gross pledges receivable Less allowance for uncollectible pledges Less discount on pledges receivable	 1,021,319 (10,000) (44,540)		783,635 (12,500) (18,672)
	\$ 966,779	\$	752,463

Discount rates ranging from 1.37% to 1.42% were applied to long-term pledges receivable at December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 4 GRANTS PAYABLE TO RESEARCHERS

Grants payable to researchers consisted of the following:

	2014	2013
Due in one year Due in future years	\$ 2,471,660 1,193,611	\$ 2,376,208 992,409
Gross grants payable to researchers Less discounts on long-term grants	3,665,271 (12,437)	3,368,617 (7,065)
Grants payable to researchers, net	\$ 3,652,834	\$ 3,361,552

Discount rates of 0.67% and 0.46% were applied to long-term grants payable at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

NOTE 5 IN-KIND DONATIONS AND DONATED SERVICES

IRSF obtains in-kind donations for special event costs as well as administrative expenses. Generally, the in-kind special event costs represent donated items to be used as auction items for events.

In-kind donations and donated services have been recorded as the following expenses:

	2014		 2013
Special event costs	\$	83,483	\$ 163,795
Office space		12,900	12,900
Professional services		75,000	 555
	\$	171,383	\$ 177,250

NOTE 6 OPERATING LEASES

IRSF leases office space in New York, New York and Bethesda, Maryland under non-cancelable operating leases that expire at various times through January 31, 2015. Rent expense for these leases was \$66,867 in 2014 and \$65,742 in 2013. These leases were not renewed upon expiration.

NOTE 7 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS AND RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Temporarily restricted net assets consisted of the following:

	2014		_	2013
For periods after December 31	\$	421,319		\$ 673,635
Research		613,000		110,000
Helen M. McLoraine Endowment Fund Earnings		25,522	_	 2,346
	\$	1,059,841	=	\$ 785,981

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 7 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS AND RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS (Continued)

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

	2014		2014			2013
Research	\$	328,411	\$	333,517		
Time restrictions expired		287,511		135,938		
	\$	615,922	\$	469,455		

NOTE 8 HELEN M. MCLORAINE ENDOWMENT FUND

In 2010, IRSF established the Helen M. McLoraine Endowment Fund. IRSF's endowment consists of donor-restricted contributions established for a variety of purposes. The beneficial interest in perpetual trust is not considered a component of the endowment. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets associated with endowment funds, including any funds designated by the Board of Trustees to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Interpretation of Relevant Law

The IRSF Board of Trustees follows the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA). UPMIFA provides guidance on matters concerning the governance and management of donor-restricted endowment funds. Under UPMIFA, the original value of donated gifts to the permanent endowment, the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument are classified as permanently restricted net assets. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified as permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Board of Trustees.

Endowment Net Asset Composition and Changes in Endowment Net Assets

The endowment net assets consist of donor contributors that are permanently restricted. The changes in these endowment net assets were as follows:

	Unrestricted		Temporarily Restricted		Permanently Restricted		Total	
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2012	\$	-	\$	17,899	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,017,899
Investment return		_		(15,553)		-		(15,553)
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2013		-		2,346		1,000,000		1,002,346
Investment return				23,176		_		23,176
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2014	\$		\$	25,522	\$	1,000,000	\$	1,025,522

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

NOTE 8 HELEN M. MCLORAINE ENDOWMENT FUND (Continued)

Investment Policy

Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that IRSF must hold in perpetuity. Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Trustees, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that exceed the price and yield results of the S&P 500 index while assuming a moderate level of investment risk.

Spending Policy

IRSF's spending policy is to transfer all investment return into unrestricted net assets or temporarily restricted net assets if directed by the donor. The endowments are maintained at their historic value annually. If the endowments have investment losses, they are replenished to their historic value from unrestricted net assets.

IRSF's Board of Trustees, by majority vote, may withdraw for IRSF's general operating purposes up to 5% of the endowment each calendar year. This withdrawal may be authorized if a specific extraordinary opportunity arises that merits such additional distribution. However, the additional distribution may not cause the endowment value to fall below the original contribution amount. The value of the endowment shall be based on the average monthly value of the endowment as of the preceding 12 months of the prior calendar year, or otherwise calculated in accordance with Ohio law.

NOTE 9 SIGNIFICANT CONCENTRATIONS

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require disclosure of current vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations. One donor represented approximately 21% of contributions and grants in 2013. This same donor represented approximately 41% and 66% of pledges receivable at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. No individual donors represented more than 10% of contributions and grants in 2014.