**DECEMBER 31, 2023** 

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
with
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. St. Louis, Missouri

### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. (a nonprofit organization or the "Organization"), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years 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 the Organization as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Organization and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. 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 the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

### Auditors' 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 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 judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment 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 the Organization'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 judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
  raise substantial doubt about the Organization'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.

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### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### December 31, 2023 and 2022

December 31, 2023 and 2022		
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 395,190	\$ 437,267
Grants receivable	293,298	235,386
Prepaid assets	22,321	8,926
Other current assets	**	1,027
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	710,809	682,606
Property and equipment, held for sale	90,000	-
Property and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	951,441	790,541
Right-of-use asset-operating leases, net of accumulated amortization	347,012	359,312
Deposit on leased property	3,534	3,534
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,102,796	\$ 1,835,993
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		4 400 070
Accounts payable	\$ 41,065	\$ 108,270
Accrued expenses	37,436	15,448 34,590
Accrued payroll	24,610 38,150	34,590
Lease liability-operating, current	8,972	8,621
Note payable, current	0,372	0,021
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	150,233	166,929
Lease liability-operating, noncurrent	344,767	338,416
Note payable, noncurrent	99,579	108,485
TOTAL LIABILITIES	594,579	613,830
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions	1,508,217	1,222,163
TOTAL NET ASSETS	1,508,217	1,222,163
	\$ 2,102,796	\$ 1,835,993

### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

### Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS		
REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT		
Grants	\$ 1,549,544	\$ 1,233,011
Contributions - cash	628,410	535,484
Contributions of nonfinancial assets - food and supplies	1,531,750	1,611,473
Other income	76	27,892
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(28,310)	-
Impairment loss on held for sale assets	(237,500)	-
TOTAL REVENUES AND SUPPORT	3,443,970	3,407,860
EXPENSES		
Program services	2,829,690	2,886,777
Support services	328,226	253,477
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,157,916	3,140,254
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	286,054	267,606
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,222,163	954,557
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,508,217	\$ 1,222,163

### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Р	rogram					4044	
	S	ervices		Support Services				
			Ma	ınagemeni				
	Co	nmunity		and	Fund-			
		ervices		general	raising	Total		Total
Salaries	\$	586,395	\$	68,988	\$ 34,494	\$ 103,482	\$	689,877
Payroll taxes		44,084		5,186	2,593	7,779		51,863
Retirement plan benefits		9,683		1,139	570	1,709		11,392
Total salaries and related expenses		640,162		75,313	37,657	112,970		753,132
Specific assistance to individuals	1,	773,407		_	-	_		1,773,407
Accounting and other professional fees		-		134,425	-	134,425		134,425
Events and other fundraising expenses		-		-	17,285	17,285		17,285
Office expense		56,817		6,684	3,342	10,026		66,843
Education and conferences		5,700			-	-		5,700
Telephone		3,608		424	212	636		4,244
Occupancy		33,849		1,047	-	1,047		34,896
Travel		34,797		530	-	530		35,327
Insurance		26,733		3,145	1,573	4,718		31,451
Advertising		9,046		1,064	532	1,596		10,642
Interest		3,904		459	230	689		4,593
Building repairs and maintenance		89,715		10,555	5,277	15,832		105,547
Computer and technology		44,438		5,228	2,614	7,842		52,280
Bank fees				1,657	H	1,657		1,657
Total expenses before depreciation	2,	722,176		240,531	68,722	309,253	3	3,031,429
Depreciation	,	107,514		12,649	6,324	18,973		126,487
Total expenses	\$ 2,1	829,690	\$	253,180	\$ 75,046	\$ 328,226	\$ 3	,157,916

### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year Ended December 31, 2022

		gram		0	and Carrie			
	Se	rvices	NA:	Supp anagement	ort Servic	es		
	Com	munity	1711	and	Fund-			
		vices		general	raising	Total		Total
Salaries	\$ 4	18,846	\$	49,276	\$ 24,638	\$ 73,914	\$	492,760
Payroll taxes		30,801		3,624	1,812	5,436		36,237
Retirement plan benefits		10,886		1,281	640	1,921		12,807
Total salaries and related expenses	4	160,533		54,181	27,090	81,271		541,804
Specific assistance to individuals	2.1	38,716			_	-	2	2,138,716
Accounting and other professional fees	,	,		121,803	-	121,803		121,803
Events and other fundraising expenses		_			5,691	5,691		5,691
Office expense		24,113		2,837	1,418	4,255		28,368
Telephone		4,203		494	247	741		4,944
Occupancy		27,017		836	-	836		27,853
Travel		21,860		333	-	333		22,193
Insurance		19,741		2,323	1,161	3,484		23,225
Advertising		6,789		799	399	1,198		7,987
Interest		2,214		261	130	391		2,605
Building repairs and maintenance	1	05,590		12,422	6,212	18,634		124,224
Computer and technology		30,076		3,538	1,770	5,308		35,384
Bank fees		-		1,428		1,428		1,428
Total expenses before depreciation	2,8	40,852		201,255	44,118	245,373	3	3,086,225
Depreciation	b	45,925	•	5,403	2,701	8,104		54,029
Total expenses	\$ 2,8	86,777	\$	206,658	\$ 46,819	\$ 253,477	\$ 3	3,140,254

### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

		2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	,		
Increase in net assets	\$	286,054	\$ 267,606
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash			
provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation		126,487	54,029
Loss on disposition of property and equipment		28,310	-
Impairment loss		237,500	(00.000)
Noncash operating lease expense		56,801	(20,896)
Effects of changes in:		(BB 040)	00.407
Grants receivable		(57,912)	68,437
Prepaid assets		(13,395)	(3,084)
Other current assets		1,027	499
Deposits on leased property		04 000	(3,534)
Accrued expenses		21,988	(1,974)
Accrued payroll	•	(9,980)	23,044
Accounts payable	•//	(67,205)	35,296
Net cash provided by operating activities		609,675	419,423
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of property and equipment		(643,197)	(438,352)
Net cash used by investing activities	<del></del>	(643,197)	(438,352)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayment of note payable	,	(8,555)	(9,446)
Net cash used by financing activities		(8,555)	(9,446)
NET DECREASE IN CASH		(42,077)	(28,375)
BEGINNING CASH	4	437,267	465,642
ENDING CASH	\$	395,190	\$ 437,267
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES			
Cash paid during the year for interest	\$	4,593	\$ 2,605
Noncash financing and investing activities: Right-of-use asset acquired through operating lease obligation	\$	21,788	\$ 375,886

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### December 31, 2023 and 2022

#### 1. ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE

Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. (the "Organization") is a Missouri not-for-profit that provides uplifting and supportive services that empower individuals to become financially secure and with a stable home in the Greater St. Louis area. The organization achieves this goal by providing homeless and prevention services that help break the cycle of homelessness and offer hope for a better tomorrow. Cash, clothing, food, and other contributions are received from churches, other tax-exempt organizations, individuals, businesses, and governmental agencies.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Financial statement presentation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants <u>Audit and Accounting Guide for Not-for-Profit Organizations</u>. The Organization uses the accrual method of accounting for its operations.

The Organization reports its information regarding financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets depending upon the existence or nature of any donor restriction. The following is a description of these classes of net assets:

<u>Net assets without donor restrictions</u> - Those resources over which the Board of Directors has discretionary control. Designated amounts represent those revenues that the Board has set aside for a particular purpose.

<u>Net assets with donor restrictions</u> - Those resources subject to donor-imposed restrictions that will be satisfied by actions of the Organization or the passage of time, or the Organization will maintain in perpetuity.

### Cash

Cash consists of commercial checking accounts maintained in financial institutions, which provide Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") coverage on the first \$250,000 at each bank. There was \$150,951 and \$137,041 in excess of FDIC coverage at December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### Grants receivable

Grants receivable are reported at the amount management expects to collect on balances outstanding at year-end. Based on management's assessment of collection history, it has concluded that realized losses on balances outstanding at year-end will be immaterial. All receivables are collectable within one year.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### December 31, 2023 and 2022

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

### Revenue recognition

Revenues and expenses are recorded on an accrual basis. Donations are recognized as revenues in the period received. Grants are recognized in the period in which the service has been performed. The Organization records increases in net assets with donor restrictions whose restrictions are met in the same period as increases in net assets without donor restriction. There were no net assets with donor restrictions for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### Income taxes

Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. is tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization can only be taxed on the income from any activities unrelated to its charitable purposes. There was no unrelated business taxable income for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022; therefore, the statements do not include any provision for income taxes.

Management believes that tax positions taken by the Organization regarding its tax-exempt status and unrelated business income meet the "more likely than not" criteria of GAAP. Management does not anticipate any significant changes in its tax positions in the near term.

The Organization files annual information returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction. The Federal information returns of the Organization are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after the statutory due dates of the returns.

#### Contributed goods and services

The Organization recognized revenues and expenses in the financial statements for contributed food and supplies for its homeless shelter and food pantry of \$1,531,750 and \$1,611,473 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The value of food items is calculated at \$1.92 per pound, which is dictated by St. Louis Community Food Warehouse. The food and supplies would need to be purchased if not provided by donation if the program were to continue. The policy related to gifts-in-kind is to utilize the assets given to carry out the mission of the Organization.

The Organization was also the recipient of services from food pantry volunteers valued at \$73,185 and \$49,188 for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which did not meet the criteria for inclusion in the accompanying financial statements but without which certain programs could not be operated. In addition, the Organization received goods from the general public that were distributed to the needy. The value of these donated goods is not recorded in the financial statements.

#### Use of estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting standards. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – CONTINUED

### Property and equipment

Purchased property and equipment is stated at cost and donated assets are recorded at fair value at the date of donation. Such donations are reported as increases in net assets without donor restrictions unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Major additions and improvements are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred. When assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts. Any gain or loss arising from such disposition is included as income or loss in the year of disposition. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

### Allocated expenses

The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. These expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. Expenses by function have been allocated among program and support classifications on the basis of estimates by the Organization's management. Compensation and benefits are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort. Depreciation, occupancy, and utilities are allocated on a square footage basis.

#### Leases

#### General

The determination of whether an arrangement is a lease is made at the lease's inception. Under Topic 842, a contract is (or contains) a lease if it conveys the right to control the use of an identified asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control is defined under the standard as having both the right to obtain substantially all of the economic benefits from use of the asset and the right to direct the use of the asset. Management only reassesses its determination if the terms and conditions of the contract are changed.

#### Lessee accounting

The Organization leases its office space under an operating lease with an unrelated party. Right-of-use (ROU) assets represent the Organization's right to use an underlying asset for the lease term and lease liabilities represent the Organization's obligation to make lease payments. Operating lease ROU assets and liabilities are recognized at the lease commencement date based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term. The Organization uses the risk-free interest rate for all leases due to the implicit rate not being readily determinable. Lease expense for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. The Organization's lease terms may include options to extend or terminate the lease when it is reasonably certain that the Organization will exercise the option.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023 and 2022

### 3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 is as follows:

		2023					
	L	***************************************	Accumulated				
	Cost	Life-Years	depreciation	Book Value			
Vehicles	\$ 106,222	5	\$ 52,990	\$ 53,232			
Computer equipment	9,431	3	9,431				
Furniture and equipment	298,794	5-10	63,030	235,764			
Building improvements	412,386	5-30	69,032	343,354			
Leasehold improvements	206,943	5-10	42,703	164,240			
Buildings	415,648	30	337,797	77,851			
Land	77,000	•		77,000			
	\$ 1,526,424		\$574,983	\$ 951,441			
			2022				
	<del>-</del>	*****	Accumulated				
	Cost	Life-Years	depreciation	Book Value			
Vehicles	\$ 106,222	5	\$ 37,410	\$ 68,812			
Computer equipment	9,431	3	9,431	-			
Furniture and equipment	236,106	5-10	70,840	165,266			
Building improvements	328,044	5-30	147,229	180,815			
Leasehold improvements	206,943	5-10	_	206,943			
Buildings	415,648	30	323,943	91,705			
Land	77,000	-	•	77,000			
	\$ 1,379,394		\$ 588,853	\$ 790,541			

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was \$126,487 and \$54,029, respectively.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### December 31, 2023 and 2022

#### 4. NOTE PAYABLE

The organization has a note payable with St. Louis Bank with monthly payments of \$1,096, including principal and interest at 4%, and a final lump sum payment of the remaining balance due in June 2026. The note is secured by the property of the Organization.

Scheduled maturities are as follows:

2024	\$ 8,972
2025	9,338
2026	 90,241
	\$ 108,551

#### 5. CONCENTRATIONS

One in-kind, food donor accounted for approximately 31% and 32% of total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

St. Louis County grants accounted for approximately 39% and 35% of total revenue for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### 6. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflects the Organization's financial assets as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year or amounts set aside by the Board for future use.

	2023	2022
Financial assets at year-end		
Cash	\$395,190	\$437,267
Grants receivable	293,298	235,386
Other current assets		1,027
Total financial assets	688,488	673,680
Less amounts not available to be used within one year:		
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year.	\$688,488	\$673,680

As part of the Organization's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure financial assets to be available for general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations as they become due.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### December 31, 2023 and 2022

### 7. LEASE COMMITMENTS

In July 2022, the Organization entered into an operating lease with an unrelated party for its administration offices and food pantry with a termination date of September 2032. The lease provides an option to extend five years past the initial term. The option to extend would be based on fair value lease rates at the time of renewal. Management is reasonably certain they will exercise the renewal option. The risk-free discount rate of 2.88% and five year renewal period were included in the calculation of the Right of Use Asset and Lease Liability. In 2023, the Organization received a \$25,000 cash allowance to offset leasehold improvement costs, which resulted in a net increase of cash flows.

In August 2023, the Organization entered into an operating lease with an unrelated party for the use of office printers with a termination date of July 2028. The implicit rate was not stated, so the risk-free discount rate of 4.38% was used in the calculation.

The Organization recognized the following activity associated with their leases:

	2	023	2022
Lease expense recognized		*******	
Operating lease expense	\$	44,841	\$ 21,408
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities:			
Operating cash flow from operating leases	\$ (	11,960)	\$ 42,303
Non-cash investing and finance activities:			
ROU assets obtained from operating leases	\$	21,788	\$ 375,886
Weighted average remaining lease term			
Operating leases	8.8	53 years	9.75 years
Weighted average discount rate			
Operating leases		2.96%	2.88%
Future payments for the operating lease are as follows:			
2024	\$	48,850	
2025		50,185	
2026		51,567	
2027		52,603	
2028		50,578	
Thereafter		179,036	<b>⊸</b>
		432,819	
Less imputed interest		(49,902)	····
	\$	382,917	<u></u>

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 8. RETIERMENT PLAN

Full time employees of the Organization may participate in an Internal Revenue Code section 401(k) retirement savings plan, established in 2022. The Organization contributes matching funds to eligible employees at year end. Contributed matching funds are subject to a six-year graded vesting schedule. The percentage of matching contributions is at the discretion of the Organization and varies from year to year. Contribution expenses for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$11,392 and \$12,807, respectively, in addition to the elective deferrals made by employees.

#### INSURANCE PROCEEDS

On July 26, 2022, the Organization experienced a flood that damaged the shelter basement. The Organization recognized approximately \$29,632 in damages related to the clean-up and repairs. Upon the consummation of negotiations with its insurer, the Organization received insurance proceeds of \$27,629 which was recorded as other income. This resulted in a net decrease to change in net assets of \$2,003.

### 10. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - HELD FOR SALE

The Organization purchase a customized vehicle in 2023 to meet homeless needs for \$327,500. The vehicle was not completed to the required specifications, and the vendor subsequently went out of business. The Organization intends to sell the vehicle and estimates it could receive \$90,000. The Organization recognized an impairment loss of \$237,500 in 2023 based on their estimate.

#### 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through August 28, 2024, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.



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### REPORT ON MATTERS RELATED TO INTERNAL CONTROL

Board of Directors and Management Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. St. Louis, Missouri

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. (the "Organization") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Organization's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Organization's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, Board of Directors, and others within the Organization, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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#### REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE

Board of Directors Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. St. Louis, Missouri

We have audited the financial statements of Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. (the "Organization") for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated August 28, 2024. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated July 24, 2024. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Organization are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. No new policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ending December 31, 2023. We noted no transactions entered into by the Organization during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the allocation of expenses between program and support which is based on history of similar types of assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the time estimate in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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The disclosure of contributed goods and services in Note 2 to the financial statements which outlines the non-cash donations and services received during the year.

The disclosure of liquidity and availability of financial assets in Note 6 to the financial statements describes the Organization's ability to meet current obligations.

The disclosure of property and equipment, held for sale of financial assets in Note 10 to the financial statements which state the property and equipment, held for sale and the recognized impairment loss during the year.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. All adjusting entries are attached to this letter.

### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditors' report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated August 28, 2024.

### Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

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This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of Loaves and Fishes for St. Louis, Inc. and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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