Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

United Service Organizations, Inc.

December 31, 2019

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Board of Governors United Service Organizations, Inc.

Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2019, and the related consolidated statement of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the USO's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated 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 USO'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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of United Services Organizations, Inc. as of December 31, 2019, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Arlington, Virginia May 28, 2020

Grant Thornton LLP

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, (in thousands of dollars)

	 2019
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,941
Contributions receivable, net	19,831
Grants receivable	6,036
Other receivables	828
Prepaid expenses and other assets	2,278
Inventory, net	2,920
Operating investments	24,850
Endowment investments	132,339
Fixed assets, net	 15,555
Total assets	\$ 230,578
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 10,351
Deferred rent	3,371
Total liabilities	13,722
NET ASSETS	
Without donor restrictions	136,095
With donor restrictions	80,761
Total net assets	216,856
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 230,578

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

Year ended December 31, 2019 (In thousands of dollars)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Revenue, gains and other support			
Contributions:			
Corporate, foundation and individual giving	\$ 25,516	\$ 12,598	\$ 38,114
Direct response	64,473	-	64,473
United Way and CFC	436	-	436
Contributed materials, facilities and services	98,448	557	99,005
Grants	20,712	-	20,712
USO center revenue	1,013	-	1,013
Investment return, net	980	101	1,081
Other income	103	-	103
Net assets released from restrictions	17,137	(17,137)	
Total operating revenue, gains, and other support	228,818	(3,881)	224,937
Program services expense			
USO centers	53,822	-	53,822
Transition programs	4,631	-	4,631
Military families & expeditionary programs	8,990	-	8,990
Contributed materials, facilities and services	98,526	-	98,526
Entertainment	3,983	-	3,983
Communications and public awareness outreach	15,049	-	15,049
Total program services expense	185,001	-	185,001
Supporting services expense			
Fundraising	26,319	-	26,319
Management and general	13,966	-	13,966
Contributed materials, facilities and services	360	-	360
Total supporting services expense	40,645	-	40,645
Total operating expenses	225,646	<u> </u>	225,646
Operating revenues in excess of operating			
expense, before nonoperating	3,172	(3,881)	(709)
Nonoperating:			
Contributions:			
Excess of assets acquired over liabilities assumed			
in the acquisition of other charitable organizations	11,955	3,910	15,865
Endowment investment return, net	8,398	9,986	18,384
Total nonoperating activity	20,353	13,896	34,249
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	23,525	10,015	33,540
Net assets, beginning of year	112,570	70,746	183,316
Net assets, end of year	\$ 136,095	\$ 80,761	\$ 216,856

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

Year ended December 31, 2019 (In thousands of dollars)

	Program Services								Supporting Services						
	USO Centers		Transition Programs	Fan Exp	filitary nilies and editionary rograms	Entertainment	A	nmunications and Public Awareness Outreach	Total		Fund- raising		agement General		Total perating xpenses
Salaries	\$ 24,38	1 \$	2,713	\$	1,262	\$ 974	\$	1,496	\$ 30,826	\$	5,043	\$	5,368	\$	41,237
Payroll taxes	1,95		212	,	90	69	·	115	2,440	•	356	·	343	•	3,139
Retirement plan	1,63		190		95	70		115	2,101		350		391		2,842
Employee benefits	2,69		167		97	107		114	3,176		398		451		4,025
Total salaries and related expenses	30,65		3,282		1,544	1,220		1,840	38,543		6,147		6,553		51,243
Program supplies and services	18,66	6	772		7,158	25,432		-	52,028		-		-		52,028
Office expenses	1,98	2	39		-	2		1	2,024		80		125		2,229
Information Technology	3,52	9	154		53	25		53	3,814		141		408		4,363
Printing and production	8	7	33		-	376		4,341	4,837		8,502		2,140		15,479
Marketing and promotion	1-	1	-		-	75		47,852	47,941		3,013		5		50,959
Awards and grants	50	5	-		-	-		-	505		-		-		505
Professional fees	1,39	5	2		14	604		1,514	3,529		3,387		1,776		8,692
Subscriptions, dues, and staff training	21)	1		-	17		19	247		114		140		501
Travel	1,59	1	78		91	1,105		56	2,921		390		217		3,528
General insurance	26)	3		17	26		29	335		61		66		462
Occupancy	17,67)	189		251	78		147	18,335		332		404		19,071
Rental and maintenance of equipment	59	7	8		1	1		2	609		8		38		655
Postage and shipping	45	2	6		1,272	5		4,283	6,018		2,595		1,763		10,376
Meetings, conferences and events	11:	2	1		1	1		35	150		1,217		105		1,472
Depreciation and amortization	2,69	2	78		44	39		73	2,926		167		209		3,302
Other expenses	18	7	-		14	38		-	239		416		126		781
Functional expenses, gross	80,60	3	4,646		10,460	29,044		60,245	 185,001		26,570		14,075		225,646
Note: In-kind expenses included in expenses															
listed above	26,78	<u> </u>	15		1,470	25,061		45,196	 98,526		251		109		98,886
Functional expenses, net	\$ 53,82	2 \$	4,631	\$	8,990	\$ 3,983	\$	15,049	\$ 86,475	\$	26,319	\$	13,966	\$	126,760

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended December 31, (in thousands of dollars)

	20	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets	\$	33,540
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash		
provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization		3,302
Contributed investments		(4,242)
Excess of assets acquired over liabilities assumed in the donation of		
other charitable organizations		(10,063)
Change in discount and allowance on contributions receivable		(413)
Change in allowance for inventory obsolescence		(18)
Realized/unrealized gain on investments		(15,769)
Contributions restricted for endowment		(100)
Revenue from contributed inventory, equipment and vehicles		(1,818)
Contributed inventory used		519
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		174
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Contributions receivable		5,318
Grants and other receivables		2,448
Prepaid expenses and other assets		1,347
Inventory		863
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(2,852)
Deferred rent		213
Net cash provided by operating activities		12,449
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Contributions restricted for endowment		120
Net cash provided by financing activities		120
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Cash received in acquisition of other charitable organizations		5,403
Purchase of fixed assets		(2,509)
Purchase of investments		(212,621)
Sales of investments		206,513
Net cash used in investing activities		(3,214)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		9,355
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year		16,586
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$	25,941

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE A - PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization

United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO) is a not-for-profit, congressionally chartered, private organization devoted exclusively to strengthening America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. The USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities. For over 75 years, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side.

Today's USO continuously adapts to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. The USO operates centers at or near military installations across the United States and throughout the world, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed service sites in places too dangerous for anyone but combat troops to occupy.

USO airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. The USO's trademark tours bring America and its celebrities to service members who are assigned far from home, to entertain them and convey the support of the nation. The USO's many specialized programs offer a continuum of support to service members throughout their journey of service, from the first time they don the uniform until the last time they take it off.

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements reflect the accounts of United Service Organizations, Inc., USO Foundation, and USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, Inc. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

Chartered stateside USO affiliates, with the exception of USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, Inc. (Liberty USO), are financially autonomous of the USO and are, therefore, excluded from the USO's consolidated financial statements. The USO oversees the operations and activities for the chartered centers to facilitate strategic alignment, deliver on the overarching mission-wide strategic objectives, and to ensure coverage for all geographic service areas; however, the chartered centers are each governed by separate boards that are independent of the USO Board of Governors. During the year ended December 31, 2019, USO acquired eight chartered centers to create a unified USO (Note L).

In addition, during 2019, a member of the USO's Board of Governors and two senior management employees of the USO, Inc. were elected to serve as the board of Liberty USO. Due to the change of control, the accounts of Liberty USO have been included in the consolidated financial statements as of January 1, 2019. The beginning net assets of the USO have been adjusted to reflect the consolidation of this controlled organization. Effective September 1, 2019, all assets and liabilities of Liberty USO were transferred to the USO in connection with an agreement of merger with Liberty USO (Note L).

The USO Foundation (Foundation) was incorporated as a supporting organization on March 22, 2007 to carry out and support the general charitable purposes of the USO. The Foundation's accounts are included in the consolidated financial statements.

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Foreign Currency

The USO operates centers at military installations around the world. The United States dollar is the functional currency of the USO; however, the USO maintains financial assets and liabilities in foreign currencies to meet the local obligations of the centers. The financial assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated using exchange rates in effect at the end of the period and revenue and costs are translated using weighted-average exchange rates for the period.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The USO considers all cash and highly liquid financial investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents.

Contributions Receivable

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are initially recorded at fair value using present value techniques incorporating risk-adjusted discount rates designed to reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset. In subsequent years, amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenue in the consolidated statements of activities. Allowances for uncollectible contributions are determined based on management's judgment and analysis of the creditworthiness of the donors, past collection experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. Contributions receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible.

Unconditional promises to give product inventory that are expected to be received within three months or less are recorded at their net realizable value, which is the estimated fair value based on a minimal timeframe between promise to give and receipt of goods. Inventory receivables are recorded at wholesale value. Wholesale value of the items donated is determined based on management's best estimate using information provided by donors and other third parties. The USO does not accept or record inventory receivables that are expected to be collected in greater than one year. Management considers all promises to give of product inventory to be fully collectible; therefore, no allowance is recorded. Contributions receivable included \$471 of unconditional promises to give product inventory at December 31, 2019.

Other Receivables

The carrying value of the USO's other receivables represents their estimated net realizable value. The USO determines the allowance for doubtful accounts based on historical experience, an assessment of economic conditions, and a review of subsequent collections. In addition, the USO records specific allowances based on facts that become known after revenue is earned. Other receivables are written off when deemed uncollectible. Management considers other receivables to be fully collectible; therefore, no allowance is recorded.

Inventory

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market determined on a first-in, first-out method.

Contributed product inventory is recorded at the fair value on the date received. Management periodically reviews inventory levels for slow-moving or obsolete inventory and adjusts the fair value, if necessary.

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Investments

The USO records investment purchases at cost, or if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Thereafter, investments are reported at their fair values in the consolidated statement of financial position. Net investment return/(loss) is reported in the statement of activities and consists of interest and dividend income, realized and unrealized capital gains and losses, less external and direct internal investment expenses.

Fair Value Measurements

The USO reports certain assets and liabilities at fair value in the consolidated financial statements. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques is used to measure fair value. The hierarchy maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. The hierarchy is broken down into the follow three levels, based on the reliability of inputs:

- Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that are observable at the measurement date;
- Level 2 Significant 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; and
- Level 3 Significant unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that reflect the reporting entity's own estimates about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Inputs are used in applying the various valuation techniques and broadly refer to the assumptions that market participants use to make valuation decisions, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may include price information, volatility statistics, specific and broad credit data, liquidity statistics, and other factors. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement; however, the determination of what constitutes observable requires significant judgment by USO. The USO considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market. The categorization of a financial instrument within the fair value hierarchy is based on the pricing transparency of the instrument and does not necessarily correspond to USO's assessment of the quality, risk, or liquidity profile of the asset or liability.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2019.

Investments with values that are based on quoted market prices in active markets classified within Level 1 include active listed equities, mutual funds, and fixed income funds. Money market funds held as investments are also classified within Level 1 as their carrying value approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments.

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Investments that trade in markets that are not considered to be active, but that are valued based on quoted market prices or if quoted market prices are not available or accessible, then fair values are estimated using pricing models, matrix pricing, or discounted cash flow models are classified within Level 2. The most significant inputs to the discounted cash flow model are the coupon, yield and expected maturity date. The fair values of corporate bonds, international bonds or government obligations that are estimated using pricing models or matrix pricing based on observable prices of the investments that trade in inactive markets are generally classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The USO uses net asset value (NAV) per share, or its equivalent, such as member units or an ownership interest in partners' capital, as a practical expedient to estimate the fair value of certain hedge funds, private equity funds, funds of funds and limited partnerships, which do not have readily determinable fair values. Investments that are measured at fair value using NAV per share as a practical expedient are not classified in the fair value hierarchy. The alternative investments consist of investments invested primarily in managed futures, foreign exchange and private investment companies to achieve diversification to provide for increased return and/or reduced volatility. The fair values of these investments are determined using the NAV per share as a practical expedient.

Fixed Assets

Furniture, fixtures, equipment, and other capitalized assets over \$5,000 are recorded at cost or, if donated, at fair value on the date of donation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets, which range from three to seven years. Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of the useful life of the improvement or the lease term. When assets are sold or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related depreciation or amortization are removed from the accounts, and any resulting gain or loss is included in the consolidated statement of activities. Costs of maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the respective assets are expensed when incurred.

Net Assets

Net assets, revenues, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Without Donor Restrictions - Net assets available for use in general operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The Board of Governors has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions, net assets for a board-designated endowment.

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

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Measure of Operations

The USO's operating revenues in excess of operating expenses include all operating revenues and expenses that are an integral part of its programs and supporting activities and net assets released from donor restrictions to support operating expenditures. The USO has presented net investment return on endowment investments and contribution revenue related to the excess of assets acquired over liabilities assumed in the acquisition of other charitable organizations as nonoperating in the consolidated statement of activities and change in net assets.

Revenue and Revenue Recognition

Contributions

Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the appropriate category of net assets in the period received or pledged. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been substantially met. All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use, unless specifically restricted by the donor.

Grant Revenue

The USO recognizes government and private contracts and grants as either contributions or exchange transaction revenues, depending on whether the transaction is reciprocal or nonreciprocal. For contributions, revenue is recognized when a contribution becomes unconditional. Typically, contract and grant agreements contain a right of return or right of release from the respective obligation provision on the part of the grantor and the USO has limited discretion over how funds transferred should be spent. As such, the USO recognizes revenue for these conditional contributions when the related barrier to entitlement has been overcome.

Amounts reported as grants receivable within the accompanying statement of financial position represent expenses incurred in advance of the receipt of funds. Funds received in advance of conditions being met are reported as deferred revenue within the accompanying statement of financial position.

Billed and unbilled receivables of grants receivable are expected to be collected within one year and are recorded at net realizable value as grant receivables in the consolidated statement of financial position. Federal grant awards are subject to independent audit under the Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance and review by grantor agencies. Such review could result in the disallowance of expenditures under the terms of the grant or reductions of future grant funds. Based on prior experience, the USO's management believes that costs ultimately disallowed, if any, would not materially affect the consolidated financial position of the USO.

At December 31, 2019, the USO has a conditional contribution associated with a federal grant award totaling \$13,964, which will be recognized as revenue as conditions are met.

Contributed Materials and Facilities

Donated facilities, equipment use, materials and supplies received from the United States Government and other donors are reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as support to the USO at the estimated fair value when received or when an unconditional pledge to contribute has been made.

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Contributed Services

The USO recognizes contributions of services received if such services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not contributed.

The USO receives contributions of services from celebrities in order to carry out its program of providing free celebrity entertainment tours for military personnel around the world. The USO also receives contributions of media air time to promote its public service announcements. These contributions of services are reflected in the accompanying consolidated financial statements as support to the USO at the estimated fair value when received. As these contributions of services are expended in the year that the services are provided, a corresponding expense equal to the estimated fair market value of the services provided is recognized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

In addition, USO receives services from a large number of volunteers who give significant amounts of time to the USO's programs. No amounts have been reflected for these types of donated services, as they do not meet the criteria outlined above.

USO Center Revenue

USO Center Revenue represents amounts collected for cultural tours, canteen operations, gift shops and a variety of other activities at USO centers located at military installations around the world. Revenue is recognized when earned. Amounts received in advance for tours and other activities are recorded as deferred revenue and included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

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

The consolidated financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributed to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include occupancy, depreciation, salaries and wages, benefits, payroll taxes, professional services, office expenses, information technology, insurance, and other, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

Financial Instruments and Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the USO to credit risk consist primarily of cash, accounts receivable, and investments. The USO manages deposit concentration risk by placing cash, money market accounts, and certificates of deposits with financial institutions believed to be creditworthy. Additionally, various cash accounts are maintained at financial institutions whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Cash deposits may exceed the FDIC insurable limits at times throughout the year due to anticipated large expenses under various projects. As of December 31, 2019, balances held in accounts in excess of the FDIC insurable limit were \$23,246. Amounts in foreign bank accounts total \$360 at December 31, 2019. The USO has not experienced any losses in these accounts

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and management does not consider this to be a significant credit risk. Credit risk associated with accounts receivable and promises to give is considered to be limited due to high historical collection rates and because substantial portions of the outstanding amounts are due from governmental agencies and donors supportive of the USO's mission.

Investments are made by diversified investment managers whose performance is monitored by the Foundation Board and the finance committee of the Board of Governors. The USO's investment policies also stipulate appropriate diversification of investment balances.

Income Taxes

The USO and Foundation are organized as District of Columbia nonprofit corporations, and Liberty USO is organized as a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation. USO, Foundation and Liberty USO have each been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) as organizations described in IRC Section 501(c)(3). Each organization is annually required to file a Return of Organizations Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) with the IRS. In addition, the organizations are subject to income tax on net income that is derived from business activities that are unrelated to their exempt purposes. The USO files an Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (Form 990-T) with the IRS to report its unrelated business taxable income. The Foundation and Liberty USO are not subject to unrelated business income tax and have not filed a Form 990-T with the IRS.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (US GAAP) requires that an income tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a "more likely than not" threshold. Each organization follows guidance that clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, including issues relating to financial statement recognition and measurement. This guidance provides that the tax effects from an uncertain tax position can only be recognized in the financial statements if the position is "more-likely-than-not" to be sustained if the position were to be challenged by a taxing authority. The assessment of the tax position is based solely on the technical merits of the position, without regard to the likelihood that the tax position may be challenged. The tax years ended December 31, 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016 are still open to audit for both federal and state purposes. USO has determined that there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements

In 2019, the USO adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2018-08, Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made. ASU 2018-08 clarifies and improves the scope and the accounting guidance for contributions received and made, including guidance to help an entity evaluate whether transactions should be accounted for as contributions (nonreciprocal transactions) or as exchange (reciprocal) transactions and determine whether a contribution is conditional. As required by ASU 2018-08, the USO applied the requirements of this standard to agreements that either were not completed as of December 31, 2018 or entered into after January 1, 2019. The USO noted no significant impact as a result of the adoption of the ASU.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842), which supersedes the guidance in former Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 840, *Leases*. The most significant change will result in the recognition of lease assets for the right to use the underlying asset, and lease liabilities for the obligation to make lease payments by lessees, for those leases classified as operating leases under current guidance. The new guidance will also require significant additional disclosures about the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows from leases. Upon adoption of ASU 2016-02, entities are required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The USO believes adoption of this standard will have a significant impact on the statement of financial position and is evaluating the impact this ASU will have on the statements of activities and cash flows. ASU 2019-10 delayed the effective date for this guidance until fiscal year ending December 31, 2021, with early adoption permitted.

NOTE B - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

The USO regularly monitors liquidity required to meet its operating needs and other contractual commitments, while also striving to maximize the investment of its available funds. The USO has various sources of liquidity at its disposal, including cash and cash equivalents and marketable debt and equity securities. For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over a 12-month period, the USO considers all expenditures related to its ongoing program activities as well as the conduct of services undertaken to support these activities to be general expenditures.

The USO receives significant contributions with donor restrictions to be used in accordance with the associated purpose restrictions. It also receives gifts to establish endowments that will exist in perpetuity; the income generated from such endowments is used to fund programs.

As of December 31, 2019, the following financial assets could readily be made available within one year of the balance sheet date to meet general expenditures:

Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next 12 months	\$ 71,511
Operating investments Less: Restricted trusts included in operating investments	 24,850 (737)
Contribution, grant and other receivables	21,457
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,941

In addition to the above, the USO's Board of Governors has designated a portion of its unrestricted resources for an endowment. As of December 31, 2019, the board-designated value is \$73,559. These funds are invested for long-term appreciation but remain available and may be spent at the discretion of management, with approval of the Board of Governors.

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NOTE C - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE, NET

Contributions receivable, net consist of the following unconditional promises to give as of December 31:

Contributions receivable, her consist of the following unconditional profiles to give		2019
Less than one year One to five years More than five years	\$	14,593 5,282 737 20,612
Less: Discount to net present value at rates ranging from 1% to 4% Allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable		(561) (220)
	\$	19,831
NOTE D - INVESTMENTS		
At December 31, investments consist of the following:		
		2019
Corporate and commercial obligations U.S. Treasury securities and other government obligations Corporate equity securities Mutual funds Money market holdings Alternative investments	\$	25,060 34,527 35,650 45,474 12,845 3,633
	\$	157,189
Investments have been classified as operating and endowment investments in the position as follows:	e statemer	nt of financia
		2019
Operating investments Endowment investments	\$	24,850 132,339

157,189

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Investments, excluding alternative investments, were recorded at fair value as of December 31, 2019 based on the following level of hierarchy:

		Total		Total		Reported at NAV		Level 1	Level 2		Le	vel 3
Corporate and commercial												
Obligations	\$	25,060	\$	-	\$	25,060	\$	-	\$	-		
U.S. Treasury securities and												
other government obligations		34,527		-		34,527		-		-		
Corporate equity securities		35,650		-		35,650		-		-		
Mutual funds		45,474		-		45,474		-		-		
Money market holdings		12,845		-		12,845		-		-		
Alternative investments		3,633		3,633		-		-		-		
	\$	157,189	\$	3,633	\$	153,556	\$		\$			

The following table details certain attributes pertaining to the investments reported at fair value using a NAV, or its equivalent, as of December 31, 2019. These disclosures are required for all investments that are eligible to be valued using the practical expedient regardless of whether the practical expedient has been applied.

	 ir Value at cember 31, 2019	Unfunded Commitments	Expected Liquidation Term	Redemption Terms	Redemption Restrictions at December 31, 2019
Limited Partnership	\$ 2,706	\$675	Not applicable	Upon liquidation Weekly on Wednesday, except first week of the month, when it's	Not applicable
Bond fund	 927	None	Not applicable	the 1 st business day, upon 3 days' prior notice	None
	\$ 3,633				

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NOTE E - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Operating Leases

The USO leases office space and equipment under various long-term lease agreements expiring 2020 through 2027. Lease incentives are amortized and recognized as expense over the term of the lease on a straight-line basis. Unamortized amounts are recorded as deferred rent in the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position.

Future minimum payments under operating leases with terms of one year or more are as follows:

Years ending December 31,	
2020	\$ 2,139
2021	1,970
2022	1,934
2023	1,939
2024	1,972
2025 and thereafter	 5,408
	\$ 15,362

For the year ended December 31, 2019, total rental expense under all operating leases was \$1,707 (excluding related in-kind support).

Other

The USO is subject to claims and suits arising in the ordinary course of its operations. In the opinion of management, the ultimate resolution of any outstanding legal proceedings will not have a material effect on the USO's financial position, change in net assets, or cash flows.

NOTE F - FIXED ASSETS

At December 31, fixed assets consist of the following:

		2019
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment Leasehold improvements	\$	13,645 21,772
Internally developed software		1,168
Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization	<u>-</u>	(21,030) 15.555
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For the year ended December 31, 2019, depreciation and amortization expense totaled \$3,302.

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NOTE G - NET ASSETS

Net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes specified by the donors or by the passage of time during the year ended December 31, 2019 as follows:

	 2019
Education fund Military families and expeditionary programs USO centers Transition programs Other programs Passage of time Appropriation of endowment earnings	\$ 18 2,336 5,257 4,608 182 4,683 53
	\$ 17,137
At December 31, 2019, net assets consisted of the following:	
	 2019
Without donor restrictions	
Operating	\$ 62,536 73,559
Board designated endowment Total without donor restrictions	 136,095
With donor restrictions, subject to expenditure for specified purpose or passage of time Education fund Military families and expeditionary programs USO centers Transition programs Promises to give that are not restricted by donors, but which are unavailable for expenditure until due Total with donor restrictions, subject to expenditure	737 1,447 9,393 1,345 8,712
for specified purpose or passage of time Endowments subject to USO endowment spending	 21,034
policy and appropriation: Spirit of Hope endowment Other endowments Promises to give, restricted to endowment Total endowments	 58,360 667 100 59,127
Total net assets with donor restrictions	 80,761
Total net assets	\$ 216,856

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NOTE H - ALLOCATION OF JOINT COSTS

The USO conducts activities that include appeals for contributions. These activities primarily include direct-response campaigns. The costs of conducting those joint activities were allocated as follows in 2019:

	 2019	
Programs Management and general Fundraising	\$ 10,995 4,009 10,955	
	\$ 25,959	

NOTE I - CONTRIBUTED MATERIALS, FACILITIES AND SERVICES

A summary by category of in-kind support donated for the year ended December 31 is as follows:

	 2019
Celebrity entertainment Center facilities Public service announcements	\$ 25,059 17,021 45,192 11,733
Materials and other	\$ 99,005

NOTE J - RETIREMENT PLAN

The USO maintains a 401(a) with a 401(k) component plan named the United Service Organizations Retirement Savings Plan (RSP). The RSP allows eligible participants to contribute both pre-tax and Roth contributions to the RSP, as well as allowing the USO to contribute both employer matching contributions and safe harbor non-elective contributions. Employer matching contributions vest 100% over a period of five years, whereas safe harbor non-elective contributions vest 100% over a period of 2 years. Additionally, in 2019, the USO contributed a discretionary employer matching contribution equal to 100% of the employee's salary deferral contributions, up to a maximum of 5% of the employee's compensation.

The USO's policy is to fund retirement plan costs as accrued. Retirement plan expense was \$2,842 for the year ended December 31, 2019.

NOTE K - ENDOWMENT

The USO's endowment consists of the Spirit of Hope endowment and other individual funds established for a variety of purposes. The Spirit of Hope endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board of Governors to function as endowments. As required by US GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board of Governors to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

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The District of Columbia Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (DC-UPMIFA) imposes guidelines on the management and investment of endowment funds. Management of the USO has interpreted DC-UPMIFA as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, the USO classifies as net assets with donor restrictions to be maintained in perpetuity (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) 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 net assets with donor restrictions to be maintained in perpetuity is classified as net assets with donor restrictions subject to expenditure for specified purpose until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by DC-UPMIFA.

Annually, the USO Foundation's Board of Governors approves an annual appropriation of the USO's Spirit of Hope endowment to cover administrative costs of the USO Foundation. In addition, during 2019, the USO adopted a spending policy establishing a spending rate of up to 2.5% on its all other endowments. This policy allows the Board to adjust this spending rate or make the determination to not spend funds in any given year.

The USO has adopted an investment policy for the endowment fund. This investment policy is based on growing the endowment fund to provide financial stability for the USO in perpetuity with no short-terms plans for withdraws from the fund. The USO's ability to tolerate risk and volatility should be consistent with that of a conservative growth portfolio, with investments made in companies that demonstrate consistent growth over time. Asset allocations are developed in accordance with this long-term, conservative growth strategy.

The following illustrates endowment net asset composition by type of fund and the changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31:

2019	 		ith Donor estrictions	 Total	
Board-designated endowment	\$ 73,559	\$	-	\$ 73,559	
Donor-restricted endowment: Original donor-restricted gift amount and amounts required to be					
maintained in perpetuity by donor	-		26,168	26,168	
Accumulated net investment return	 -		32,859	32,859	
	\$ 73,559	\$	59,027	\$ 132,586	

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2019	Without Donor With Donor Restrictions Restrictions		Total		
Endowment net assets, beginning of year Investment income, net Contributions Appropriation of endowment net assets	\$	41,123 8,398 24,038	\$ 48,974 9,986 120	\$	90,097 18,384 24,158
pursuant to spend-rate policy			(53)		(53)
Endowment net assets, end of year	\$	73,559	\$ 59,027	\$	132,586

NOTE L - ACQUISITION OF CHARTERED CENTERS

At December 31, 2018, there were 18 chartered stateside USO affiliates which are financially autonomous of the USO and are, therefore, excluded from the USO's consolidated financial statements. The USO oversees the operations and activities for the chartered centers to facilitate strategic alignment, deliver on the overarching mission-wide strategic objectives, and to ensure coverage for all geographic service areas; however, the chartered centers are each governed by separate boards that are independent of the USO Board of Governors. During the year ended December 31, 2019, the USO executed merger agreements with eight of these chartered centers accounted for as an acquisition to create a unified USO.

As the USO is predominately supported by contributions and returns on investments and this is not expected to change as a result of this acquisition, the excess of the fair value of assets acquired over the fair value of liabilities assumed as a result of the acquisition has been recognized as a surplus in the statement of activities on the effective date of the acquisition as follows:

Cash Contributions receivable Investments Fixed assets Other assets (prepaid expenses, security deposit, etc.) Liabilities assumed	\$ 5,811 2,763 6,578 4,272 265 (3,824)
Excess of assets acquired over liabilities assumed acquisition of USO Chartered Centers	\$ 15,865

NOTE M - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to year-end, the United States and global markets experienced significant declines in value resulting from uncertainty caused by the worldwide coronavirus pandemic. The USO is closely monitoring its investment portfolio and its liquidity and are actively working to minimize the impact of these declines. There has been no immediate material impact to the USO's operations. The USO's consolidated financial statements do not include adjustments to fair value that have resulted from these declines.

The USO evaluated its December 31, 2019 consolidated financial statements for subsequent events through May 28, 2020, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued, and concluded that no other additional disclosures are required.