

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For**  
**FIRST ASSIST**  
**For year ended**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the directors of

**FIRST ASSIST**

*Qualified Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of First Assist (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at December 31, 2023 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

*Basis for Qualified Opinion*

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Organization derives revenue from fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Organization. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenue, net revenue, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, current assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2023 and 2022 years. Our audit opinion for the year ended December 31, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

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

*Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance  
for the Financial Statements*

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

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

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

## *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

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

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

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

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

Welch LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants


Ottawa, Ontario  
July 16, 2024.

**FIRST ASSIST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 184,109	\$ 164,477
Short-term investments (note 4)	8,000	-
Accounts receivable	19,230	51,180
Prepaid expenses	<u>18,470</u>	<u>5,490</u>
	<u>\$ 229,809</u>	<u>\$ 221,147</u>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 16,248	\$ 6,500
Deferred revenue	<u>5,750</u>	<u>16,373</u>
	21,998	22,873
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	<u>207,811</u>	<u>198,274</u>
	<u>\$ 229,809</u>	<u>\$ 221,147</u>

Approved by the Board:

  
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(See accompanying notes)

**FIRST ASSIST**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Programming	\$ 167,963	\$ 156,625
Corporate donations	100,500	181,377
Individual donations	14,921	31,916
Interest income	2,526	-
Fundraising revenue	<u>538</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>286,448</u>	<u>369,918</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Programming		152,773
Staffing	138,234	39,000
Travel	101,180	24,851
Office and other	15,998	6,955
Professional fees	10,040	4,027
Supplies	5,575	16,795
Honorariums	3,000	978
Administrative travel	2,538	127
Bank fees	<u>346</u>	<u>245,506</u>
	<u>276,911</u>	
<b>Net revenue</b>	9,537	124,412
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<u>198,274</u>	<u>73,862</u>
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 207,811</u>	<u>\$ 198,274</u>

(See accompanying notes)

**FIRST ASSIST**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM (USED IN)</b>		
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net revenue	\$ 9,537	\$ 124,412
Changes in non-cash working capital components:		
Accounts receivable	31,950	(4,592)
Prepaid expenses	(12,980)	(5,490)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	9,748	(1,500)
Deferred revenue	<u>(10,623)</u>	<u>16,373</u>
	27,632	129,203
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of short-term investments	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>	19,632	129,203
<b>CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>164,477</u>	<u>35,274</u>
<b>CASH AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 184,109</u>	<u>\$ 164,477</u>

(See accompanying notes)

**FIRST ASSIST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS**

First Assist (the "Organization") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated on April 9, 2013 under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. The Organization's mandate is to further education in indigenous communities through the use of sport.

The Organization became a registered charity effective January 1, 2021 and is exempt from income taxes under section 149(1)(l) of the Income Tax Act.

**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

*Basis of accounting*

The accounting policies of the Organization are in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

*Revenue recognition*

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions for not-for-profit organizations. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue when the underlying expenses have been incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Programming revenue is recognized in the period in which the activity occurs. Receipts of these revenues which relate to the subsequent fiscal year is recorded as deferred revenue.

*Donated goods and services*

Certain donated goods and services are recognized in these financial statements as both an in-kind revenue and expense when:

- their fair value can be reasonably estimated;
- they would be used in the normal course of the Organization's operations; and
- when the item contributed would otherwise have been purchased.

*Use of estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Management makes accounting estimates when determining significant accrued liabilities and when determining the collectibility of accounts receivable. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

*Financial instruments*

The Organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value at the date of the statement of financial position.

The Organization subsequently measures cash and short-term investments at fair value and all other financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost at the date of the statement of financial position.

**FIRST ASSIST**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Cont'd.**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The Organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the Organization's risk exposure and concentrations at December 31, 2023.

*Credit risk*

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

The Organization is exposed to credit risk on its cash, short-term investments and accounts receivable. The Organization's cash and short-term investments are deposited with a Canadian chartered bank and as a result the risk of loss on these instrument is remote. The Organization assesses, on a continuous basis, the accounts receivable and as at December 31, 2023, the Organization has determined no allowance for doubtful accounts is required (2022 - \$nil).

*Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Organization is exposed to this risk mainly in respect of its accounts payable and accrued liabilities and manages this risk through its budgeting process.

*Market risk*

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of currency risk, interest rate risk, and other price risk.

i) *Currency risk*

Currency risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate relative to the Canadian dollar due to changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Organization is not exposed to significant currency risk.

ii) *Interest rate risk*

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates.

The Organization is exposed to interest rate risk on its short-term investments, however, this risk is minimal as these investments are short-term in nature and renew at prevailing market rates.

iii) *Other price risk*

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows from a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The Organization is not significantly exposed to other price risk.

*Changes in risk*

There have been no significant changes in the Organization's risk exposures from the prior year.

**4. SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS**

Short-term investments consist of a Guaranteed Investment Certificate purchased at a cost of \$8,000 to use as collateral on a credit card. This certificate has an interest rate of 4.90% and matures on August 1, 2024.