FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2014 and 2013



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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty Washington, D.C.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2014, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

# Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the 2014 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty as of December 31, 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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# **Prior Period Financial Statements**

The financial statements of National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty as of December 31, 2013, were audited by other auditors whose report dated June 17, 2014, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

Wegner CPAs LLP

Wegner CPAs, LLP Alexandria, Virginia April 8, 2015

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS Cash Contributions receivable Prepaid expenses	\$ 183,502 16,050 2,739	\$ 121,810 33,561 14,051
Total current assets	202,291	169,422
EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS Furniture and equipment Computers Software Leashold improvements	25,451 17,438 9,000 9,651	25,451 16,663 9,000 9,651
Equipment and leasehold improvements Accumulated depreciation	61,540 (44,333)	60,765 (35,834)
Equipment and leashold improvements-net	17,207	24,931
OTHER ASSETS Deposits	23,465	23,453
Total assets	\$ 242,963	\$ 217,806
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT LIABILITIES Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued vacation	\$     33,421 19,041	\$       38,143 19,435
Total liabilities	52,462	57,578
NET ASSETS Unrestricted Temporarily restricted	129,840 60,661	122,400 37,828
Total net assets	190,501	160,228
Total liabilties and net assets	\$ 242,963	\$ 217,806

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended December 31, 2014

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUE			
Foundation grants	\$ 358,894	\$ 60,661	\$ 419,555
Corporate contributions	110,476	-	110,476
Law firms	183,200	-	183,200
Individual contributions	202,522	-	202,522
Contributed legal and professional services	3,377,779	-	3,377,779
Contributed materials	7,342	-	7,342
Other revenue	143,323	-	143,323
Interest income	57		57
Total revenue	4,383,593	60,661	4,444,254
Net assets released from restrictions	37,828	(37,828)	
Total revenue, gains, and other support	4,421,421	22,833	4,444,254
EXPENSES			
Program services	4,196,992	-	4,196,992
Management and general	96,353	-	96,353
Fundraising	120,636		120,636
Total expenses	4,413,981		4,413,981
Change in net assets	7,440	22,833	30,273
Net assets - beginning of year	122,400	37,828	160,228
Net assets - end of year	\$ 129,840	\$ 60,661	\$ 190,501

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year ended December 31, 2013

REVENUE	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Foundation grants	\$ 242,839	\$ 165,250	\$ 408,089
Corporate contributions	81,931	φ 100,200 -	81,931
Law firms	152,133	-	152,133
Individual contributions	205,159	25,000	230,159
Contributed legal and professional services	3,947,554	-	3,947,554
Contributed materials	1,500	-	1,500
Other revenue	14,634	-	14,634
Interest income	71	-	71
Rental income	1,150	-	1,150
Realized gain	199		199
Total revenue	4,647,170	190,250	4,837,420
Net assets released from restrictions	192,422	(192,422)	
Total revenue, gains, and other support	4,839,592	(2,172)	4,837,420
EXPENSES			
Program services	4,576,981	-	4,576,981
Management and general	134,955	-	134,955
Fundraising	190,123		190,123
Total expenses	4,902,059		4,902,059
Change in net assets	(62,467)	(2,172)	(64,639)
Net assets - beginning of year	184,867	40,000	224,867
Net assets - end of year	\$ 122,400	\$ 37,828	\$ 160,228

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES Year ended December 31, 2014

	Right to Housing	Youth and Education	Civil Rights	Law and Policy	Communic- ation and Outreach	Total Program Services	Manage- ment and General	Fundraising	Total
Personnel	\$ 171,416	\$ 82,690	\$ 84,730	\$ 43,834	\$ 138,964	\$ 521,634	\$ 41.648	\$ 49,165	\$ 612,447
Accounting	8,138	4,010	3,909	2,411	5,877	24,345	2,255	2,949	29,549
Temporary help	2,131	1,050	1,024	631	1,539	6,375	1,299	773	8,447
Professional fees	3,467	2,223	1,937	963	61,663	70,253	900	45,677	116,830
Bank charges	-	_,	-	-	933	933	1,599	-	2,532
Interest	-	_	-	-	-	-	249	-	249
Insurance	1,075	530	517	3,742	777	6,641	2.752	389	9.782
Rent	39,283	19,356	18,871	11,639	28,371	117,520	10,883	14,236	142,639
Office supplies	924	455	444	371	1,109	3,303	1,221	334	4,858
Leased equipment	3,471	1,710	1,667	1,028	3,347	11,223	962	1,257	13,442
Depreciation	2,341	1,153	1,124	694	1,690	7,002	648	849	8,499
Telephone and internet	2,549	1,256	1,306	1,727	2,183	9,021	1,093	929	11,043
Postage and delivery	150	61	133	63	1,437	1,844	202	927	2,973
Printing and reproduction	419	207	201	562	3,379	4,768	365	1,957	7,090
Travel	7,364	1,196	1,138	65	1,532	11,295	-	43	11,338
Food and beverage	31	-	-	105	28,458	28,594	87	-	28,681
Event production	-	-	-	-	3,192	3,192	-	-	3,192
Fees, dues, subscriptions	447	326	358	4,451	7,445	13,027	5,043	376	18,446
Staff development	69	34	33	20	950	1,106	19	25	1,150
Recruitment and advertising	-	80	-	50	615	745	810		1,555
Other							1,460		1,460
Subtotal	243,275	116,337	117,392	72,356	293,461	842,821	73,495	119,886	1,036,202
Contributed legal and professional services	193,388	85,961	3,056,729	<u>-</u>	18,093	3,354,171	22,858	750	3,377,779
Total expenses	\$ 436,663	\$ 202,298	\$ 3,174,121	\$ 72,356	\$ 311,554	\$ 4,196,992	\$ 96,353	\$ 120,636	\$ 4,413,981

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES Year ended December 31, 2013

	Right to Housing	Youth and Education	Civil Rights	Law and Policy	Communic- ation and Outreach	Total Program Services	Manage- ment and General	Fundraising	Total
Personnel	\$ 231,734	\$ 73,030	\$ 62,200	\$ 40,101	\$ 80,635	\$ 487,700	\$ 52,639	\$ 54,816	\$ 595,155
Accounting	10,865	3,303	2,846	1,944	3,552	22,510	3,158	2,704	28,372
Temporary help	1,168	312	93	485	4,544	6,602	2,159	5,863	14,624
Professional fees	5,643	1,685	1,452	992	11,530	21,302	1,440	89,566	112,308
Bank charges	752	229	197	135	358	1,671	943	406	3,020
Interest	632	192	165	113	301	1,403	793	341	2,537
Insurance	1,815	552	475	4,090	593	7,525	2,535	452	10,512
Rent	28,424	8,639	7,445	5,086	9,293	58,887	6,065	7,075	72,027
Office supplies	2,776	844	727	497	1,011	5,855	1,901	782	8,538
Leased equipment	5,346	1,625	1,400	957	1,748	11,076	429	1,331	12,836
Depreciation	536	163	141	96	175	1,111	6,788	134	8,033
Telephone and internet	4,146	1,260	1,086	1,995	1,470	9,957	1,138	1,073	12,168
Postage and delivery	554	243	104	71	696	1,668	116	1,759	3,543
Printing and reproduction	670	156	201	194	1,384	2,605	109	2,988	5,702
Travel	5,539	682	2,367	66	504	9,158	-	314	9,472
Food and beverage	63	19	16	179	12,765	13,042	378	12,662	26,082
Event production	-	-	-	-	679	679	-	679	1,358
Conference registration	350	-	-	150	510	1,010	-	-	1,010
Fees, dues, subscriptions	967	308	372	5,220	4,588	11,455	109	6,143	17,707
Publications and resource									
materials	-	-	-	412	-	412	74	-	486
Staff development	-	-	-	295	-	295	-	-	295
Recruitment and advertising	-	-	-	240	35	275	150	35	460
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10
Fellowship and grants	6,500	1,750				8,250			8,250
Subtotal	308,480	94,992	81,287	63,318	136,371	684,448	80,934	189,123	954,505
Contributed legal and professional services	315,553	375,187	3,003,882	142,911	55,000	3,892,533	54,021	1,000	3,947,554
Total expenses	\$ 624,033	\$ 470,179	\$ 3,085,169	\$ 206,229	\$ 191,371	\$ 4,576,981	\$ 134,955	\$ 190,123	\$ 4,902,059

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years ended December 31,	2014 and 2013
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	 2014	 2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash	\$ 30,273	\$ (64,639)
flows from operating activities Depreciation (Increase) decrease in assets	8,499	8,033
Contributions receivable Prepaid expenses Deposits Increase (decrease) in liabilities	17,511 11,312 (12)	22,476 1,630 (12,610)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses Accrued vacation Sublease security deposits	 (4,722) (394) -	 (957) 2,695 (700)
Net cash flows from operating activities	62,467	(44,072)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Proceeds from sales of investments Purchase of equipment	 - (775)	 168 (18,680)
Net cash flows from investing activities	 (775)	 (18,512)
Net change in cash	61,692	(62,584)
Cash-beginning of year	 121,810	 184,394
Cash-end of year	\$ 183,502	\$ 121,810
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION Cash paid for interest	\$ 249	\$ 2,537

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014 and 2013

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (Law Center) is a nonprofit organization, incorporated in the District of Columbia in June 1989. The Law Center is the only national organization dedicated solely to using the power of the law to end and prevent homelessness. With support of a large network of pro bono lawyers, we address the immediate and long-term needs of people who are homeless or at risk through outreach and training, advocacy, impact litigation, and public education.

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# Basis of Presentation

The Law Center is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net asse:

Unrestricted net assets-Net assets that are not restricted by donors. Designations are voluntary board-approved segregations of unrestricted net assets for specific purposes, projects, or investments.

*Temporarily restricted net assets*–Net assets whose use has been limited by donor-imposed time restrictions or purpose restrictions.

*Permanently restricted net assets*–Net assets that have been restricted by donors to be maintained by the Law Center in perpetuity.

# Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable are recognized as revenue or gains in the period received and as assets, decreases of liabilities, or expenses depending on the form of the benefits received. Conditional contributions are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the receivable become unconditional. All contributions receivable are receivable within one year.

#### Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

Acquisitions of equipment and leasehold improvements in excess of \$750 are capitalized. Purchases of equipment and leasehold improvements are recorded at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over three to seven years, the estimated useful lives of the assets.

### Contributions

Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished) in the reporting period in which the revenue is recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014 and 2013

# NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# **Donated Materials and Services**

Donated materials are recorded as contributions at fair market value at the date of donation.

Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are performed by people with those skills, and would otherwise be purchased by the Law Center.

# Expense Allocation

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program services and supporting activities benefited.

The following program services are included in the accompanying financial statements:

# Right to Housing

The Law Center is working to change the way policy makers and the American people think about housing, with one goal in mind: creating an enforceable right to safe, affordable housing. We fight to prevent homelessness for renters, create homes and communities for homeless people using surplus government property, and prevent economically vulnerable domestic violence survivors from becoming homeless.

#### Youth and Education Rights

To ensure stability for homeless children, the federal McKinney-Vento Act gives them the right to remain in school, receive free transportation to and from school, receive free school meals and access to extracurricular activities. The Law Center provides training and technical assistance to schools and advocates, making sure they understand homeless children's rights, as well as advance legal protections for families.

# Civil Rights of People Experiencing Homelessness

The Law Center strives to make sure people who are homeless aren't arrested and punished for their misfortune and that they can retain their dignity and rights. The civil rights program has two main focuses: ending the criminalization of homelessness and protecting the right to vote for homeless people.

#### Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenue and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014 and 2013

### NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

# Income Taxes Status

The Law Center is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Law Center qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization other than a private foundation under Section 509(a)(2). The Law Center's federal exempt organization returns are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally for three years after they are filed. With few exceptions, the Law Center is no longer subject to such examinations for tax years before 2011.

#### Date of Management's Review

Management has evaluated subsequent events through April 8, 2015, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

### NOTE 2 – LINE OF CREDIT

The Law Center has a \$50,000 commercial line of credit, of which \$50,000 was available on December 31, 2014 and 2013. Bank advances carry an effective interest rate of 8.5%.

# NOTE 3 – TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	 2014		2013
Right to Housing Program	\$ 24,991	\$	-
Youth and Education Program	-		12,078
Community and Outreach	19,991		-
Other programs	15,679		-
Management and general	 		25,750
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$ 60,661	\$	37,828

#### NOTE 4 – DONATED SERVICES

The fair value of donated services included as contributed legal and professional services was \$3,377,779 and \$3,949,054 for 2014 and 2013.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS December 31, 2014 and 2013

### NOTE 5 – LEASES

The Law Center leases office space under a lease which expires December 31, 2023. This lease requires monthly payments of \$11,716. The Law Center also leases equipment under a lease which expires August 18, 2016. This lease requires monthly payments of \$976.

Rent expenses for these leases totaled \$154,351 and \$84,863 for 2014 and 2013.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

2015	\$ 140,589
2016	140,589
2017	140,589
2018	140,589
2019	140,589
Thereafter	562,356