

**COMMON GROUND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND 2018**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of  
Common Ground

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Common Ground (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free 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 audits. We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 organization'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 organization's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Common Ground as of September 30, 2019 and 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 3, 2020, on our consideration of Common Ground's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Common Ground's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Common Ground's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Boisvenu & Company, P.C.*

January 3, 2020

COMMON GROUND  
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,548,212	\$ 2,320,093
Contracts receivable	384,186	259,097
Pledge receivable	-	86,727
Prepaid expenses	<u>73,091</u>	<u>44,567</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>3,005,489</u>	<u>2,710,484</u>
Non-current Assets		
Cash - restricted	78,460	-
Property, equipment and leasehold improvements - net	99,135	114,205
Beneficial interest in perpetual endowment	<u>25,534</u>	<u>25,929</u>
Total Non-current Assets	<u>203,129</u>	<u>140,134</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 3,208,618</u>	<u>\$ 2,850,618</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 277,911	\$ 355,457
Accrued salaries and payroll taxes	<u>245,558</u>	<u>356,734</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>523,469</u>	<u>712,191</u>
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	2,091,949	1,809,830
With Donor Restrictions	<u>593,200</u>	<u>328,597</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,685,149</u>	<u>2,138,427</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 3,208,618</u>	<u>\$ 2,850,618</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND 2018

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2019 Total	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	2018 Total
<b>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>						
Governmental agency contracts	\$ 13,401,038	\$ -	\$ 13,401,038	\$ 13,063,231	\$ -	\$ 13,063,231
Gifts and contributions	357,507	504,267	861,774	336,438	74,393	410,831
United Way contributions	-	-	-	-	106,000	106,000
Volunteer and in-kind support	243,235	-	243,235	265,292	-	265,292
Program income	384,051	-	384,051	236,100	-	236,100
Investment income	8,225	-	8,225	8,547	-	8,547
	<u>14,394,056</u>	<u>504,267</u>	<u>14,898,323</u>	<u>13,909,608</u>	<u>180,393</u>	<u>14,090,001</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>239,664</u>	<u>(239,664)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>330,656</u>	<u>(330,656)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT</b>	<u>14,633,720</u>	<u>264,603</u>	<u>14,898,323</u>	<u>14,240,264</u>	<u>(150,263)</u>	<u>14,090,001</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
Program Services						
Responding to crisis	8,597,865	-	8,597,865	8,556,770	-	8,556,770
Providing safety and advocacy	4,209,307	-	4,209,307	4,137,336	-	4,137,336
Building communities of support	89,655	-	89,655	96,435	-	96,435
Total Program Services	<u>12,896,827</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,896,827</u>	<u>12,790,541</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,790,541</u>
Supporting Services						
Management and general	1,245,579	-	1,245,579	1,129,202	-	1,129,202
Fund raising	209,195	-	209,195	225,016	-	225,016
Total Supporting Services	<u>1,454,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,454,774</u>	<u>1,354,218</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,354,218</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<u>14,351,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,351,601</u>	<u>14,144,759</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,144,759</u>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS</b>	282,119	264,603	546,722	95,505	(150,263)	(54,758)
<b>OTHER CHANGES</b>						
Gain on sale of property	-	-	-	28,812	-	28,812
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	282,119	264,603	546,722	124,317	(150,263)	(25,946)
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>1,809,830</u>	<u>328,597</u>	<u>2,138,427</u>	<u>1,685,513</u>	<u>478,860</u>	<u>2,164,373</u>
<b>NET ASSETS, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 2,091,949</u>	<u>\$ 593,200</u>	<u>\$ 2,685,149</u>	<u>\$ 1,809,830</u>	<u>\$ 328,597</u>	<u>\$ 2,138,427</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

	Program Services			Supporting Services		Total
	Responding to Crisis	Providing Safety and Advocacy	Building Communities of Support	Management and General	Fund Raising	
Salaries and wages	\$ 5,569,876	\$ 2,256,475	\$ 59,490	\$ 834,422	\$ 138,809	\$ 8,859,072
Fringes and personnel costs	1,083,750	487,253	14,364	202,255	33,515	1,821,137
Contract services	329,252	171,108	1,150	26,167	2,683	530,360
Occupancy	625,193	602,110	2,396	41,730	5,592	1,277,021
Telephone	101,204	26,990	890	15,238	2,078	146,400
Other communications	28,080	14,359	3,864	1,191	9,016	56,510
Information and education	70,393	32,954	944	28,808	2,203	135,302
Supplies and materials	286,315	215,868	2,450	60,191	6,445	571,269
Specific assistance	3,870	223,934	312	-	-	228,116
Transportation and travel	97,521	66,420	641	15,911	1,496	181,989
Equipment, rental, and maintenance	36,726	14,698	389	6,115	907	58,835
Insurance	165,086	53,822	707	6,020	1,650	227,285
Volunteer services and in-kind materials	190,246	39,204	2,023	7,043	4,719	243,235
Total Functional Expenses						
Before Depreciation	8,587,512	4,205,195	89,620	1,245,091	209,113	14,336,531
Depreciation	10,353	4,112	35	488	82	15,070
Total Functional Expenses	<u>\$ 8,597,865</u>	<u>\$ 4,209,307</u>	<u>\$ 89,655</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,579</u>	<u>\$ 209,195</u>	<u>\$ 14,351,601</u>

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STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

	Program Services			Supporting Services		Total
	Responding to Crisis	Providing Safety and Advocacy	Building Communities of Support	Management and General	Fund Raising	
Salaries and wages	\$ 5,596,367	\$ 2,192,350	\$ 61,578	\$ 766,670	\$ 143,682	\$ 8,760,647
Fringes and personnel costs	1,113,358	469,372	14,856	189,519	34,665	1,821,770
Contract services	140,504	167,587	2,697	11,336	6,293	328,417
Occupancy	701,581	634,849	3,277	45,099	7,646	1,392,452
Telephone	79,675	24,118	888	10,177	2,073	116,931
Other communications	30,072	21,527	2,732	3,171	6,374	63,876
Information and education	55,893	37,590	2,173	21,980	5,070	122,706
Supplies and materials	314,613	227,712	2,917	45,293	7,207	597,742
Specific assistance	6,726	185,059	172	-	-	191,957
Transportation and travel	100,001	73,359	808	15,583	1,887	191,638
Equipment, rental, and maintenance	40,508	14,477	483	5,634	1,126	62,228
Insurance	154,532	50,951	617	5,034	1,439	212,573
Volunteer services and in-kind materials	210,501	34,897	3,202	9,220	7,472	265,292
Total Functional Expenses						
Before Depreciation	8,544,331	4,133,848	96,400	1,128,716	224,934	14,128,229
Depreciation	12,439	3,488	35	486	82	16,530
Total Functional Expenses	<u>\$ 8,556,770</u>	<u>\$ 4,137,336</u>	<u>\$ 96,435</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,202</u>	<u>\$ 225,016</u>	<u>\$ 14,144,759</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 AND 2018

	2019	2018
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 546,722	\$ (25,946)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities		
Depreciation	15,070	16,530
Donated stock	(5,388)	(6,553)
Gain on sale of property	-	(28,812)
Net gain on endowment fund	(722)	(1,404)
Gain on collaborative arrangement	(221,325)	(37,955)
(Increase) decrease in operating assets		
Contracts receivable	(93,874)	2,149
Pledge receivable	86,727	(7,227)
Prepaid expenses	(28,524)	98,093
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities		
Accounts payable	(77,546)	(232,150)
Accrued salaries and payroll taxes	(111,176)	(83,052)
Deferred revenue	-	(80,766)
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>109,964</u>	<u>(387,093)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of equipment	-	(15,420)
Proceeds from sale of property	-	128,812
Proceeds from sale of investments	5,388	6,553
Proceeds from endowment fund	1,117	1,095
Proceeds from collaborative arrangement	190,110	40,000
<b>NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>196,615</u>	<u>161,040</u>
<b>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	306,579	(226,053)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	<u>2,320,093</u>	<u>2,546,146</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year	<u>\$ 2,626,672</u>	<u>\$ 2,320,093</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION</b>		
Investment receivable	<u>\$ 31,215</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## COMMON GROUND

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### Organization

Common Ground (the Organization) is a Michigan nonprofit organization exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization that is not a private foundation.

The Organization's program and supporting services are as follows:

##### Program Services

Common Ground's core purpose is helping people move from crisis to hope. The Organization provides a comprehensive array of services to Southeast Michigan residents in crisis through a network of innovative education, prevention, intervention and information services. Services by Common Ground include:

##### Responding to Crisis

- *Oakland Assessment & Crisis Intervention Service (OACIS)* – crisis intervention and assessment for acute care of adults and children.
- *24 Hour Resource and Crisis Helpline* – telephone, chat and text access to confidential crisis intervention, debriefing, information and referrals.
- *Crisis Intervention & Recovery Team (GCIRT) – Genesee County* – serves residents of Genesee County in need of immediate assistance in stabilizing mental health crises, co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorder crises, preventing hospitalization, and accessing medically necessary substance abuse and/or mental health services and support.
- *Crisis Intervention & Recovery Team (OCIRT) – Oakland County* – serves residents of Oakland County in need of immediate assistance in stabilizing mental health crises, co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorder crises, preventing hospitalization, and accessing medically necessary substance abuse and/or mental health services and support.
- *Community Liaison Team (Oakland County)* – provides access, consultation, clinical assessments, emergency assessment, and crisis intervention to adults served by the 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit-Adult Treatment Court and Kevin's Law/Alternative Treatment Reports.
- *Legal Clinic* – volunteer attorneys provide free legal advice and referrals, but no representation in court.

## COMMON GROUND

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Providing Safety and Advocacy

- *Victim Assistance Program* – 24-hour access to counselors and advocates for victims of crime, domestic and sexual abuse, and workplace violence.
- *Crisis Residential Unit (CRU)* – recovery oriented, short-term, voluntary psychiatric domiciliary care for adults that includes medication management and monitoring, nursing, group therapy, art therapy, and discharge planning for recovery.
- *The Sanctuary* – three-week voluntary residential counseling program for youths ages 10-17, with a goal of family reunification.
- *A Step Forward (ASF)* – transitional housing for homeless youths ages 16-17, for up to 24 months.
- *Graduated Apartment Program (GAP)* – subsidized apartment living for up to two years – for homeless youths ages 18-24. Residents must maintain employment and an education plan.
- *Counseling Program* – out-patient and in-home counseling for individuals and families with 10-17 year olds for up to three months, with the goal of helping families draw on their own resources and abilities to get through a crisis.
- *Sober Support Unit (SSU)* – voluntary 23-hour program designed to monitor individuals who need detoxification services and have no health risks.

##### Building Communities of Support

This includes efforts related to the education of the community on mental health issues.

- *Survivors of Suicide* – bi-monthly open support groups for people who have lost a loved one to suicide. An eight week, closed support group is also offered three times per year.
- *The Empower Initiative* – a prevention based theater program comprised of trained Peer Mentors age 15-25. The Empower Initiative carries out performances on issues facing children, teens, young adults and families. Topics include, but are not limited to: peer pressure, bullying, teasing, substance abuse, dating violence, positive relationships, teen pregnancy, conflict resolution, stress, and rumors.
- *Love & Logic Support Group* – six-week program for parents of teens and pre-teens that combines discussion, video, support and guest speakers.
- *Survivors of Homicide Support Group* – bi-monthly 12-week support groups for people who have lost a loved one to homicide or drunk driving.
- *Parent Support Group* – supports parents/family of children with serious emotional disturbances/developmental disabilities to be empowered, confident, and have skills that will enable them to assist their child to improve their connection with the community. It involves bi-weekly meetings that are a combination of guided topics and informal interaction/networking among families in the community.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Management and General

This includes the functions necessary to maintain an adequate working environment, provide proper administrative support of the Organization's programs, and manage the financial and budgeting responsibilities of the Organization.

##### Fund Raising

This provides the structure necessary to encourage and secure financial and volunteer support from individuals, foundations and government agencies.

##### Basis of Presentation

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets that are based upon the existence or absence of restrictions on use that are placed by its donors: net assets without donor restrictions and net assets with donor restrictions.

Net assets without donor restrictions are resources available to support operations and not subject to donor restrictions. The only limits on the use of net assets without donor restrictions are the broad limits resulting from the nature of the Organization, the environment in which it operates, the purposes specified in its corporate documents and its application for tax-exempt status, and any limits resulting from contractual agreements with creditors and others that are entered into in the course of its operations.

Net assets with donor restrictions are 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, such as those that the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

##### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles 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 reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### New Accounting Pronouncement

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*, effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017. The Organization has adjusted the presentation of its financial statements accordingly, applying the changes retrospectively to the periods presented. The new standard changes the following aspects of the Organization's financial statements:

- The temporarily restricted and permanently restricted net asset classes have been combined into a single net asset class called *net assets with donor restrictions*.
- The unrestricted net asset class has been renamed *net assets without donor restrictions*.
- The financial statements include a new disclosure about liquidity and availability of financial assets (Note 2).

The changes have the following effect on net assets at September 30, 2018:

	As Originally Presented	After Adoption of ASU 2016-14
Unrestricted net assets	\$ 1,809,830	\$ -
Temporarily restricted net assets	303,597	-
Permanently restricted net assets	25,000	-
Net assets without donor restrictions	-	1,809,830
Net assets with donor restrictions	-	328,597
Total net assets	<u>\$ 2,138,427</u>	<u>\$ 2,138,427</u>

##### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased are considered cash equivalents and recorded at cost, which approximates fair value. Cash and cash equivalents consist of \$2,548,212 available for operations and \$78,460 restricted for endowment.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Property, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements

Property, equipment and leasehold improvements are carried at cost or, if donated, at fair market value at the time of the donation. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of two to twenty-seven and a half years. It is the Organization's policy to capitalize acquisitions of \$5,000 or more. Expenditures for major renewals and betterments that extend the useful lives of property and equipment are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs and cloud based software are charged to expense as incurred.

##### Revenue and Support

Revenue from government grant awards under expense reimbursement programs is recognized in the period during which the related expenses are incurred. In cases where expenses are incurred in advance of receiving the grant, revenue and grants receivable are recorded in the period during which the expenses are incurred. In cases where grants are received in advance of incurring the expenses, deferred revenue is recorded in the period during which the advance is received and recognized as income when the related expenses are incurred.

Retroactive determination of allowable costs by resource providers may result in final settlements different from interim payments for reimbursable services submitted by the Organization. Revenue is reported at the estimated net realizable amounts from resource providers, for services rendered including estimated retroactive adjustments under reimbursement agreements. Retroactive adjustments are accrued on an estimated basis in the period the related services are rendered and adjusted in future periods as final settlements are determined.

Contributions received are recorded as net assets with donor restrictions or net assets without donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Revenue and Support (continued)

The Organization reports gifts of property and equipment as support without donor restrictions unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, the Organization reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

The Organization receives donated services and supplies from various organizations and individuals in order to accomplish its program objectives. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance non-financial assets or require specialized skills that are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation are recorded at their fair values and are reflected in the financial statements as support.

##### Contracts Receivable

The Organization considers contracts receivable to be fully collectible at September 30, 2019; accordingly, no allowance is required. If amounts become uncollectible, they will be charged to operations when that determination is made.

##### Functional Classification of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. The statement of functional expenses presents the natural classification of expenses by function. Directly identifiable expenses are charged to the associated program and supporting services. Certain indirect costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefitted. Personnel and related costs are allocated based on estimates of time and effort. Other costs, such as occupancy, are allocated on a square footage basis.

##### Tax Positions

The Organization is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are no audits currently in progress for any tax periods. The Organization believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for fiscal years ending prior to September 30, 2012.

## COMMON GROUND

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### Fair Value Disclosure

Generally accepted accounting principles require disclosure of an estimate of fair value of certain financial instruments. The Organization's significant financial instruments are cash and cash equivalents, contracts receivable, and other short-term assets and liabilities. For these financial instruments, carrying values approximate fair value.

#### 2. LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following reflects the Organization's financial assets as of September 30, 2019, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of contractual or donor-imposed restrictions within one year of the statement of financial position date.

Financial assets, at year end	\$ 3,036,392
Less those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:	
Contractual or donor-imposed restrictions:	
Restricted by donor with time or purpose restrictions	(489,740)
Donor restricted endowment funds	<u>(103,460)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 2,443,192</u>

As part of the Organization's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. The Organization also prepares budget reports in order to both achieve and monitor cash needs. In the event of an unanticipated liquidity need, the Organization also could draw from its line of credit, which has \$300,000 available (as further discussed in Note 11).



## COMMON GROUND

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Various inputs may be used in determining the fair value of the Organization's assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis. These inputs are market-based measurements based on and determined by the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or a liability and are summarized into three levels:

Level (1): Inputs to the valuation methodology are quoted prices for identical assets in active markets.

Level (2): Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets in active markets, and inputs that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly.

Level (3): Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement (including the Organization's own assumptions in determining the fair value of an asset or a liability).

Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about projections market participants would use in developing a price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability based on the best information available in the circumstances. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

In instances where inputs used to measure fair value fall into different levels in the above fair value hierarchy, fair value measurements in their entirety are categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the valuation. The Organization's assessment of the significance of particular inputs to these fair value measurements requires judgment and considers factors specific to each asset or liability.

The following table summarizes the Organization's inputs used to determine their values on September 30, 2019:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Beneficial interest in perpetual endowment	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 25,534</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

The following table summarizes the Organization's inputs used to determine their values on September 30, 2018:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Beneficial interest in perpetual endowment	\$ <u>          -</u>	\$ <u>  25,929</u>	\$ <u>          -</u>

4. BENEFICIAL INTEREST

The Organization entered into an agreement with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan (CFSEM) to establish an endowment fund. The fund was created with the proceeds from a contribution without donor restrictions of \$25,000 that the Organization had received. In accordance with FASB ASC 958-605-25-24, *Transfer of Assets to a Non-Profit or Charitable Trust That Raises or Holds Contributions for Others*, this portion of the fund, known as the reciprocal portion, has been recorded as an investment on the books of the Organization, even though CFSEM may have variance power (i.e. ability to control who the beneficiary will be upon the occurrence of events which include, but are not limited to, the dissolution of Common Ground) over the asset. In addition to the reciprocal transfer made by the Organization, third party donors have also made contributions to the fund for the benefit of the Organization. CFSEM maintains explicit variance power over any third party gifts and the earnings thereon. As a result, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 958, this portion is not recorded as an asset of the Organization. Fund investments are determined by the trustee of CFSEM and earnings are available for distribution to the Organization for operations at the discretion of CFSEM. The market value of the contributed portion of the fund (contributions from third party donors plus net earnings) has been calculated by CFSEM and is shown below as "Amount allocable to the contributed amount of the fund".

The changes in beneficial interest for September 30, 2019 are as follows:

	<u>Amount allocable to the reciprocal transfer amount</u>	<u>Amount allocable to the contributed amount of the fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Market value at September 30, 2018	\$ 25,929	\$ 684,916	\$ 710,845
Contributions	-	-	-
Change in investment	844	22,314	23,158
Grant funds distributed	(1,117)	(28,994)	(30,111)
Fees	(122)	(3,232)	(3,354)
Market value at September 30, 2019	<u>\$ 25,534</u>	<u>\$ 675,004</u>	<u>\$ 700,538</u>

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4. BENEFICIAL INTEREST (continued)

The changes in beneficial interest for September 30, 2018 are as follows:

	Amount allocable to the reciprocal transfer amount	Amount allocable to the contributed amount of the fund	Total
Market value at September 30, 2017	\$ 25,620	\$ 676,755	\$ 702,375
Contributions	-	-	-
Change in investment	1,656	43,752	45,408
Grant funds distributed	(1,095)	(28,936)	(30,031)
Fees	(252)	(6,655)	(6,907)
Market value at September 30, 2018	<u>\$ 25,929</u>	<u>\$ 684,916</u>	<u>\$ 710,845</u>

5. PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS

At September 30, 2019, property, equipment and leasehold improvements consist of the following:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Dispositions	Ending Balance
Land	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Building	182,657	-	-	182,657
Building and leasehold improvements	649,939	-	-	649,939
Furniture and equipment	245,669	-	-	245,669
Vehicle	21,222	-	-	21,222
	1,174,487	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	1,174,487
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>1,060,282</u>	<u>\$ 15,070</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,075,352</u>
	<u>\$ 114,205</u>			<u>\$ 99,135</u>

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6. LEASE COMMITMENTS

Operating Leases

The Organization is obligated under leases for office, clinic and shelter facilities, vehicles and office equipment expiring on various dates.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows for the years ending September 30:

	Facilities	Vehicles	Office Equipment	Total
2020	\$ 758,312	\$ 37,367	\$ 14,497	\$ 810,176
2021	167,800	13,927	7,153	188,880
2022	167,800	1,490	-	169,290
2023	167,800	-	-	167,800
2024	13,983	-	-	13,983
	<u>\$ 1,275,695</u>	<u>\$ 52,784</u>	<u>\$ 21,650</u>	<u>\$ 1,350,129</u>

The Organization incurred approximately \$783,100 and \$791,700 of facility, vehicle, and office equipment rental expense for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

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7. NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

At September 30, 2019 and 2018, net assets with donor restrictions consist of cash and cash equivalents and are available for the following purposes:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Subject to the passage of time:		
United Way for Southeastern Michigan	\$ -	\$ 86,727
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:		
Crisis Help/Text Line	193,295	57,427
In-Home Stabilization	127,138	-
Expressive Arts/Art Therapy	59,169	33,850
Parent Support Partners	42,752	44,830
Rosemary Holland Institute	40,468	52,692
SPARK	9,974	-
Crisis Residential Unit	5,602	8,077
Employee Emergency Fund	4,980	3,865
Sanctuary	2,890	15,000
VAP	2,500	-
Adopt A Family	972	1,129
	<u>489,740</u>	<u>303,597</u>
Not subject to appropriation or expenditure:		
Endowment fund	78,460	-
Beneficial interest in perpetual endowment	25,000	25,000
	<u>103,460</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>\$ 593,200</u>	<u>\$ 328,597</u>

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8. ENDOWMENT FUND CHANGES

The Organization's endowments consist of cash and a beneficial interest. The endowments consist of net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without donor restrictions. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, net assets are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions

Changes in endowment net assets for the years ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 are summarized as follows:

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Balance - September 30, 2018	\$ 929	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,929
Contributions	-	78,460	78,460
Investment income - net	722	-	722
Distributions to net assets without donor restrictions	<u>(1,117)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,117)</u>
Balance - September 30, 2019	<u>\$ 534</u>	<u>\$ 103,460</u>	<u>\$ 103,994</u>

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Balance - September 30, 2017	\$ 620	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,620
Contributions	-	-	-
Investment income - net	1,404	-	1,404
Distributions to net assets without donor restrictions	<u>(1,095)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,095)</u>
Balance - September 30, 2018	<u>\$ 929</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,929</u>

Funds with Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the value of accumulated gifts. At September 30, 2019 and 2018, there were no funds with deficiencies.

## COMMON GROUND

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 8. ENDOWMENT FUND CHANGES (continued)

##### Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Organization classifies as donor-restricted net assets (a) the original value of the gifts donated to the endowment and (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the endowment, and (c) accumulation to the 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 as net assets with donor restrictions is classified as without donor restrictions based on unrestricted accumulation of earnings until appropriated for expenditure by the Organization in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Fund Act (UPMIFA).

In accordance with UPMIFA, the Organization considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- The duration and preservation of the fund
- The purposes of the organization and the donor-restricted endowment
- General economic conditions
- The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- Other resources of the fund
- The investment policies of the fund

##### Investment Policy for Endowment Funds

The overall long term investment objective of the Organization's endowment fund(s) are to achieve an average annual return (dividends and interest plus realized and unrealized appreciation) net of fees and expenses at least equal to the rate of inflation as measured by the CPI. The investment earnings from the fund will be used to support future operations and programs of the Organization.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 8. ENDOWMENT FUND CHANGES (continued)

##### Strategies employed for achieving objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Organization relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). The primary objective is to emphasize long-term growth of principal while avoiding excessive risk. Short-term volatility will be tolerated as much as it is consistent with the volatility of a comparable market index.

##### Spending Policy

The Organization will recommend the amount to be approved in the annual budget (except for underwater endowment funds).

#### 9. INVESTMENT INCOME

The following schedule details the investment income in the statement of activities as of September 30, 2019 and 2018:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Dividends and interest	\$ 8,019	\$ 7,377
Net realized/unrealized gain	<u>206</u>	<u>1,170</u>
	<u>\$ 8,225</u>	<u>\$ 8,547</u>

#### 10. CONCENTRATIONS

The Organization maintains cash and cash equivalent balances in various financial institutions in Michigan. The balances are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000 at each institution. At September 30, 2019, the uninsured cash balances totaled approximately \$1,184,000.

The Organization's largest funder accounts for 69 percent of total revenue and support.



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11. LINE OF CREDIT

The Organization has a revolving line of credit up to \$300,000. The interest rate is equal to the greater of 4.25% or the index known as the Wall Street Journal U.S. prime rate (5.00% at September 30, 2019). Borrowings are due on demand. Borrowings under this agreement are collateralized by substantially all assets of the Organization. The Organization has the full amount of credit available at September 30, 2019.

12. NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS

Net assets released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purposes or by occurrence of other events specified by donors during the year are as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Subject to the passage of time:		
United Way for Southeastern Michigan	\$ 86,727	\$ 98,773
Subject to expenditure for specified purpose:		
Sanctuary	60,725	17,006
Crisis Help/Text Line	34,668	174,402
In-Home Stabilization	19,863	-
Rosemary Holland Institute	18,523	17,943
Expressive Arts/Art Therapy	11,355	16,309
Parent Support Partners	2,643	2,502
Crisis Residential Unit	2,475	-
Employee Emergency Fund	1,048	400
Adopt A Family	1,041	556
GAP	300	-
SPARK	196	-
VAP	100	-
Outreach Grant Writer	-	2,500
Victims Assistance	-	225
Staff Dinner	-	40
	<u>\$ 239,664</u>	<u>\$ 330,656</u>

## COMMON GROUND

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

The Organization had a 25 percent membership interest in an entity formed under a collaboration arrangement with three other leading Southeast Michigan human services agencies. In June 2019, the collaboration was dissolved. During the fiscal years ending September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2019, the Organization received operating distributions of \$40,000 and \$221,325, respectively.

#### 14. VOLUNTEER AND IN-KIND SUPPORT

The Organization receives a variety of donated items and services. Donated goods include various household items used by individuals in the shelter. Donated services included crisis counseling services for the 24-hour resource and crisis helpline, legal counsel provided to individuals in the program, masters-level services at our OACIS and Sanctuary programs, expressive arts activities for our crisis residential unit and bookkeeping services. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, the Organization was supported by 157 volunteers who contributed approximately 11,200 hours of service. In addition, many other individuals also volunteer their time to perform a variety of tasks that assist the Organization; however, their time does not meet the criteria for recognition.

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, the Organization was supported by 176 volunteers who contributed approximately 11,400 hours of service.

#### 15. RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior year financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the current year presentation.

#### 16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 3, 2020, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

FEDERAL/PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR PROGRAM TITLE	FEDERAL CFDA NUMBER	PASS THROUGH ENTITY IDENTIFYING NUMBER	EXPENDITURES
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES			
Basic Center Grant	93.623		\$ 200,000
Transitional Living for Homeless Youth	93.550		194,726
Passed through Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Social Services Block Grant	93.667	E20192191-00	99,712
Passed through Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	E20192190-001	325,731
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	E20192191-00	64,581
			390,312
Passed through Salvation Army Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.558	20190094-00	24,830
			415,142
Passed through Oakland Community Health Network Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse	93.959	2017-0013	50,448
Passed through Easter Seals Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Projects	93.243		153,296
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT			
Continuum of Care Program	14.267		242,753
Passed through Oakland County Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231	ESG	10,430
Passed through Alliance for Housing Emergency Solutions Grant Program	14.231		29,476
			39,906
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE			
Missing Children's Assistance	16.543		115,893
Passed through Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	E20190940-00	260,650
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	E20190929-00	148,466
			409,116
TOTAL FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 1,920,992

See accompanying notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

## COMMON GROUND

### NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

#### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards (the schedule) includes the federal award activity of Common Ground under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2019. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Common Ground, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Common Ground.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.

#### 3. INDIRECT COST RATE

Common Ground has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

#### 4. SUBRECIPIENTS

There were no awards passed through to subrecipients.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED  
IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

To the Board of Trustees of  
Common Ground

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of Common Ground (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2019, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 3, 2020.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Common Ground's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 Common Ground's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Common Ground'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. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. 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.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Common Ground's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Beisvenu & Company, P.C.*

January 3, 2020



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR  
EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the Board of Trustees of  
Common Ground

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Common Ground's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Common Ground's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2019. Common Ground's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Common Ground's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Common Ground's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Common Ground's compliance.

## Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Common Ground complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2019.

## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Common Ground is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Common Ground's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Common Ground's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*Boisvenu & Company, P.C.*

January 3, 2020



COMMON GROUND

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of Common Ground were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
2. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the auditor's report.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Common Ground, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.
4. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the major federal award programs are reported in the auditor's report on compliance for each major program and on internal control over compliance required by the Uniform Guidance.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award programs for Common Ground expresses an unmodified opinion on all major federal programs.
6. No audit findings related to the major programs, which would be required to be disclosed in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516(a), were reported.
7. The program tested as the major program was: Crime Victim Assistance, CFDA number 16.575.
8. The threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was \$750,000.
9. Common Ground was determined to be a low-risk auditee.

FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS -  
MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT

None