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7/1/2015—06/30/2016

INCOME
Contributions—Cash $1,272,275
Contributions—Non Cash $8,464
Interest/Misc $64,760
TOTAL REVENUE $1,345,499

EXPENSES
Program Expenses $909,778
General Administration $146,904
Fundraising $140,489
TOTAL EXPENSES $1,197,171

NET ASSETS
Change in Net Assets before Investment Gains $148,328
Net Investment Gains $45,875
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $102,453

BEGINNING $4,452,411
END $4,554,864
## FY 2017 FINANCIALS

### 7/1/2016—06/30/2017

### INCOME
- Contributions—Cash: $1,800,419
- Contributions—Non Cash: $13,760
- Interest/Misc: $38,461
- **TOTAL REVENUE**: $1,852,640

### EXPENSES
- Program Expenses: $979,349
- General Administration: $164,106
- Fundraising: $254,228
- **TOTAL EXPENSES**: $1,397,683

### NET ASSETS
- Change in Net Assets before Investment Gains: $454,957
- Net Investment Gains: $292,935
- **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS**: $747,892

**BEGINNING**: $4,554,864  
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