

# **Fairfield Historical Society**

Financial Statements

June 30, 2025 and 2024

# Fairfield Historical Society

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## **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Trustees of  
Fairfield Historical Society

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Fairfield Historical Society (the Society), which comprise the statement of financial position as of June 30, 2025, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Society as of June 30, 2025, 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 (GAAP).

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Society and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Other Matter**

The financial statements of the Society as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 were audited by another auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on October 24, 2024.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Society's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

## **Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- 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 Society's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Society's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Baker Tilly US, LLP*

Shelton, Connecticut  
December 1, 2025

# Fairfield Historical Society

## Statements of Financial Position

June 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 477,932	\$ 403,781
Investments	8,178,073	7,508,822
Grants and contributions receivable	-	3,206
Prepaid expenses and other assets	45,610	39,633
Property and equipment, net	2,632,933	2,767,302
Split-interest agreement	776,898	834,886
Right-of-use asset, operating lease	26,628	29,595
Donor restricted investment in perpetuity	672,834	672,834
Beneficial interest in a perpetual trust	978,518	934,715
	<u>978,518</u>	<u>934,715</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 13,789,426</u>	<u>\$ 13,194,774</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 46,693	\$ 35,335
Accrued expenses	55,518	63,802
Deferred revenue	37,128	35,465
Refundable advances	46,606	8,321
Operating lease liability	26,900	29,556
	<u>26,900</u>	<u>29,556</u>
Total liabilities	<u>212,845</u>	<u>172,479</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Without donor restriction:		
Board-designated endowment	6,091,948	5,629,520
Net investment in property and equipment	2,632,933	2,767,302
Undesignated, available for operations	204,405	256,718
	<u>204,405</u>	<u>256,718</u>
Without donor restriction	8,929,286	8,653,540
With donor restriction	4,647,295	4,368,755
	<u>4,647,295</u>	<u>4,368,755</u>
Total net assets	<u>13,576,581</u>	<u>13,022,295</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 13,789,426</u>	<u>\$ 13,194,774</u>

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## Fairfield Historical Society

### Statements of Activities

Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025			2024		
	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total	Without Donor Restriction	With Donor Restriction	Total
<b>Operating Revenue, Support and Other Changes</b>						
Town appropriation	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 72,000	\$ -	\$ 72,000
Contributions and grants	517,364	6,500	523,864	551,963	19,204	571,167
Membership dues	35,580	-	35,580	34,036	-	34,036
Special event revenue	47,805	-	47,805	40,195	-	40,195
Special event direct benefit to donors	(33,097)	-	(33,097)	(10,666)	-	(10,666)
Special events, net	14,708	-	14,708	29,529	-	29,529
Museum programs and operations	86,838	-	86,838	84,570	-	84,570
Museum store sales, net	16,333	-	16,333	17,016	-	17,016
Contributions of nonfinancial assets	52,013	-	52,013	47,376	-	47,376
Lease income	47,135	-	47,135	45,075	-	45,075
Other income	934	-	934	824	-	824
Net assets released from restriction	190,869	(190,869)	-	162,418	(162,418)	-
Total operating revenue, support and other changes	1,036,774	(184,369)	852,405	1,044,807	(143,214)	901,593
<b>Expenses</b>						
Museum services	1,147,256	-	1,147,256	1,144,450	-	1,144,450
Management and general	205,453	-	205,453	213,555	-	213,555
Development and fundraising	126,332	-	126,332	119,100	-	119,100
Total functional expenses	1,479,041	-	1,479,041	1,477,105	-	1,477,105
Change in net assets from operations	(442,267)	(184,369)	(626,636)	(432,298)	(143,214)	(575,512)
<b>Other Changes in Net Assets</b>						
Investment return, net	718,013	319,418	1,037,431	683,477	304,061	987,538
Changes in value of beneficial interest in a perpetual trust	-	101,379	101,379	-	97,874	97,874
Changes in value of split-interest agreement	-	42,112	42,112	-	4,223	4,223
Change in net assets	275,746	278,540	554,286	251,179	262,944	514,123
<b>Net Assets, Beginning</b>	8,653,540	4,368,755	13,022,295	8,402,361	4,105,811	12,508,172
<b>Net Assets, Ending</b>	\$ 8,929,286	\$ 4,647,295	\$ 13,576,581	\$ 8,653,540	\$ 4,368,755	\$ 13,022,295

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## Fairfield Historical Society

Statement of Functional Expenses  
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	<u>Museum Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Development and Fundraising</u>	<u>Total</u>
Payroll and related expenses	\$ 741,045	\$ 151,202	\$ 92,435	\$ 984,682
Depreciation	108,541	22,147	13,539	144,227
Professional fees	57,969	11,828	7,230	77,027
Education and programs	75,789	-	-	75,789
Lease expense	42,944	1,398	1,313	45,655
Insurance	33,114	6,757	4,130	44,001
Utilities	28,656	5,847	3,574	38,077
Office expense	15,539	3,170	1,938	20,647
Maintenance and repairs	19,013	838	788	20,639
Other expense	11,105	2,266	1,385	14,756
Publicity costs	6,537	-	-	6,537
Town owned property management	7,004	-	-	7,004
	<u>\$ 1,147,256</u>	<u>\$ 205,453</u>	<u>\$ 126,332</u>	<u>\$ 1,479,041</u>

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## Fairfield Historical Society

Statement of Functional Expenses  
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<b>Museum Services</b>	<b>Management and General</b>	<b>Development and Fundraising</b>	<b>Total</b>
Payroll and related expenses	\$ 703,347	\$ 173,894	\$ 94,233	\$ 971,474
Depreciation	136,361	4,808	4,516	145,685
Professional fees	46,516	11,420	6,224	64,160
Education and programs	61,990	-	-	61,990
Lease expense	34,392	8,443	4,602	47,437
Insurance	38,766	1,367	1,284	41,417
Utilities	35,073	1,236	1,162	37,471
Office expense	19,893	4,884	2,662	27,439
Maintenance and repairs	23,651	834	783	25,268
Other expense	27,164	6,669	3,634	37,467
Publicity costs	9,552	-	-	9,552
Town owned property management	7,745	-	-	7,745
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Total functional expenses	<u>\$ 1,144,450</u>	<u>\$ 213,555</u>	<u>\$ 119,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,477,105</u>

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## Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended June 30, 2025 and 2024

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ 554,286	\$ 514,123
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	144,227	145,685
Noncash operating lease expense	2,967	1,714
Realized and unrealized investment gains	(934,140)	(848,926)
Change in value of split-interest agreement	(42,112)	(4,223)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Grants and contributions receivable	3,206	32,506
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(5,977)	2,756
Proceeds from split-interest agreement	100,100	-
Accounts payable	11,358	7,488
Accrued expenses	(8,284)	(45,834)
Deferred revenue	1,663	8,205
Refundable advances	38,285	4,100
Operating lease liability	(2,656)	(1,753)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(137,077)</u>	<u>(184,159)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>		
Purchases of property and equipment	(9,858)	(27,300)
Proceeds from sales of investments	455,765	425,577
Purchases of investments	(234,679)	(265,034)
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>211,228</u>	<u>133,243</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	74,151	(50,916)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning</b>	<u>403,781</u>	<u>454,697</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Ending</b>	<u>\$ 477,932</u>	<u>\$ 403,781</u>

### Supplemental Cash Flow Information

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Society recognized a right-of-use asset, operating lease of \$31,309 in exchange for an operating lease liability of the same amount.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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## 1. Nature of Operations

Fairfield Historical Society (the Society), is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Nonstock Corporation Act of the State of Connecticut, and as a 501(c)(3) organization, is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Society is also exempt from state income tax.

The mission of the Society is primarily educational in nature. Chartered in 1903, the Society's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret and display items and information of historic significance pertaining to the town of Fairfield and surrounding regions; provide dissemination and availability of its collections to the public; encourage their use for research and education; and present special education programs and exhibits. The Society operates the Fairfield Museum and History Center which includes a museum, special collection library, and educational facilities. The Society also owns and operates Ogden House, an 18th-century historic residence, and additionally furthers its mission through an agreement with the town of Fairfield to manage and restore various historic structures owned by the town.

The Society's support comes primarily from donor contributions and grants, programs and operations.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Society have been prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). Accordingly, the accounts of the Society are reported in the following net asset categories:

**Net Assets Without Donor Restriction** - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the organization. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Society's Board of Directors (Board).

**Net Assets With Donor Restriction** - Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions are temporary in nature; those restrictions will be met by actions of the Society or by the passage of time. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, whereby the donor has stipulated the funds be maintained in perpetuity.

### Measure of Operations

The Society's measure of operations includes all changes in net assets except investment return, net, changes in beneficial interests and changes in split-interest agreements.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain 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. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. It is management's opinion that the estimates applied in the accompanying financial statements are reasonable.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents are defined as highly liquid investments with original maturities of 90 days or less, exclusive of amounts held by brokers, which are considered to be investments.

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### **Investment Valuation Income Recognition and Donor Restricted Investment**

Investments are reported at fair value. 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. See Note 4 for a discussion of fair value measurements. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on these investments are reported in the statements of activities as increases or decreases in net assets without donor restriction unless their use is restricted by explicit donor stipulations or by law.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on the trade date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Realized and unrealized gains and losses include the Society's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

The Society's Investment Committee is responsible for determining the valuation policies and procedures utilizing information provided by investment advisors, asset custodians, fund managers and investment companies.

### **Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets**

Prepaid expenses and other assets represent certain prepaid expenses, gift shop items, and assets held for sale.

### **Property and Equipment**

Property and equipment acquisitions and improvements thereon greater than \$2,500 and with a useful life greater than one year are capitalized at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of 3 to 40 years. Repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred.

### **Collections**

The Society's collections, which were acquired through purchase and contributions since the Society's inception, are not recognized as assets in the statements of financial position. Purchases of collection items are recorded as decreases in net assets without donor restriction in the year in which the items were acquired. Contributed collection items are not reflected in the financial statements.

Collections held at the Fairfield Museum and History Center include a 14,000-volume special collection library, extensive photographic holdings and approximately 20,000 artifacts that document regional life, culture and fine arts. The Society's Board adheres to the American Association of Museum's Code of Ethics for Museums and recognizes that assets derived from the sale of deaccessioned collections items are restricted to the acquisition and direct care of collections.

### **Split-Interest Agreement**

The Society is the beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust managed by an unrelated third-party trustee. A charitable remainder trust provides for the payment of distributions to the grantor or other designated beneficiaries over the trust's term (usually the designated beneficiary's lifetime). At the end of the trust's term, the remaining assets are available for the Society's use. The portion of the trust attributable to the present value of the future benefits to be received by the Society is recognized in the statements of activities as a contribution with donor restriction in the period the trust is established. On an annual basis, the Society revalues the asset based on the appropriate discount rate and applicable mortality tables and the change is reflected in other changes in net assets on the statements of activities.

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### **Beneficial Interest in a Perpetual Trust**

The Society is the sole beneficiary of a perpetual trust administered by an unrelated third-party trustee. The Society receives income from this trust in perpetuity with no restrictions on its use, but does not have access to the principal. Annual distributions from the trust are determined by the third-party trustee. The assets have been valued at fair value and have been recorded as net assets with donor restriction. The change in the value is reported as increases or decreases in net assets with donor restriction.

### **Revenue Recognition**

The Society recognizes contributions and sponsorships when cash, securities, unconditional promises to give, other assets, or a notification of a beneficial interest are received. Conditional promises to give, that is, those with measurable performance or other barriers and right of return, are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend have been met.

### **Contributions and Grants**

Contributions and grants received are recorded as net assets without donor restriction or net assets with donor restriction, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor-imposed restrictions. Contributions and grants that are restricted by the donor are reported as an increase in net assets without donor restriction if the restriction expires or the restricted purpose is satisfied in the reporting period in which the contribution is recognized. All other donor restricted contributions and grants are reported as an increase in net assets with donor restriction, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires or the restricted purpose is satisfied, net assets with donor restriction are reclassified to net assets without donor restriction and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restriction.

Contributions and grants receivable that are expected to be received within one year of the financial statement date are reflected at their net realizable value (the gross amount of the contributions and grants receivable, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts). Contributions and grants receivable that are expected to be collected more than one year after the financial statement date are reflected at the present value of their estimated future cash flows using a discount rate at the date the promise to give is received commensurate with the risks involved.

### **Donated Services and Noncash Contributions**

Goods or services have been provided by various organizations and a number of unpaid volunteers have contributed their time. Donated goods and services are recognized as contributions if the goods or services received (a) create or enhance nonfinancial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. The Society recognizes contributions of nonfinancial assets and a corresponding expense in an amount approximating estimated fair market value at the time of the donation. Donated goods or services that do not meet the above criteria are not recognized.

### **Membership and Programs**

The Society enters into contracts to provide membership and program services to patrons. The payment terms and conditions in the contracts require payment to be received when billed. When the timing of the Society's delivery of services is different from the timing of the payments made by customers, the Society recognizes a contract liability (payment precedes performance) until the performance obligations are satisfied. Contracts with payment in arrears are recognized as receivables.

Balances of contract liabilities included in deferred revenue were \$37,128 and \$35,465 and \$27,260 at June 30, 2025, 2024 and 2023, respectively. There were no balances of contract receivables at June 30, 2025, 2024 and 2023.

## Performance Obligations

At contract inception, the Society assesses the goods and services promised in its contracts with customers and identifies a performance obligation for each promise to transfer to the customer goods or services (or bundle of goods and services) that is distinct. To identify the performance obligations, the Society considers all of the services promised in the contract regardless of whether they are explicitly stated or implied by customary business practices. The Society determined that the following distinct services represent separate performance obligations:

- Program Services
- Memberships
- Admissions
- Museum store sales

The Society satisfies its performance obligations at a point in time when performed or in the case of memberships over time. The stated rates do not vary over the contracts; therefore, the contracts do not contain variable consideration. The Society does not require deposits on contracts or offer discounts for early payment. The Society does not provide customers with the right to a refund.

## Functional Expense Allocation

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the accompanying statements of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Such allocations are determined by management on an equitable basis. Payroll and related expenses are allocated based on time and effort. Professional fees, lease expense, office, and other expenses are allocated to functional areas based on time and effort. Insurance, utilities, maintenance and repairs and depreciation are allocated to functional areas based on square footage.

## Leases

The Society accounts for leases in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification No. 842, *Leases (ASC No. 842)*. The Society is a lessee under an operating lease for storage space. Leases for other equipment are evaluated using the criteria outlined in ASC No. 842 to determine whether they will be classified as an operating or finance lease. The Society determines if an arrangement is a lease, or contains a lease, at inception of a contract and when terms of an existing contract are changed. The Society determines if an arrangement conveys the right to use an identified asset and whether the Society obtains substantially all of the economic benefits from and has the ability to direct the use of the asset. The Society recognizes a lease liability and right-of-use (ROU) asset at the commencement date of leases.

## ROU Assets

An ROU asset is measured at the commencement date at the amount of the initially measured liability plus any lease payments made to the lessor before or after commencement date, minus any lease incentives received, plus any initial direct costs.

Unless impaired, the ROU asset is subsequently measured throughout the lease term at the amount of the lease liability (that is the present value of the remaining lease payments), plus unamortized initial direct costs, plus (minus) any prepaid (accrued) lease payments, less the unamortized balance of lease incentives received. Lease cost for lease payments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term as lease expense.

## Lease Liabilities

A lease liability is measured based on the present value of its future lease payments. Variable payments are included in the future lease payments when those variable payments depend on an index or rate and are measured using the index or rate in effect at the commencement date. Lease payments, including variable payments made based on an index rate, are remeasured when any of the following occur: (1) the lease is modified (and the modification is not accounted for as a separate contract), (2) certain contingencies related to variable lease payments are resolved, or (3) there is a reassessment of any of the following: the lease term, purchase options, or amounts that are probable of being owed under a residual value guarantee. The discount rate is the rate implicit in the lease if it is readily determinable; otherwise, the Society uses a risk-free discount rate based on U.S. Treasury instruments for a comparable lease term based on the information available at the commencement date for each lease. The Society used a risk-free rate for its operating lease.

## Accounting Policy Election for Short-Term Leases

The Society has elected for all underlying classes of assets, to not recognize ROU assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less, but greater than one month at lease commencement, and do not include an option to purchase the underlying asset that the Society is reasonably certain to exercise. The Society recognizes lease cost associated with their short-term leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

## Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the financial statements as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 have been reclassified, with no effect on the change in net assets, to be consistent with the classifications adopted as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025.

## Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated all transactions and events that occurred through December 1, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for recognition and/or disclosure in the financial statements. Through that date, there were no material events that would require recognition or additional disclosure in the financial statements.

## 3. Concentrations of Credit Risk

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Society places its cash deposits with high credit-quality institutions and are insured up to \$250,000 per institution by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Such deposits exceeded federal depository insurance limits at times during the year. However, management believes that the Society's deposits are not subject to significant credit risk.

### Investments

The Society's investments are comprised of various funds investing in equities, bonds, real assets and money market funds. These investments are not protected by federal depository insurance. The value of the investments is subject to fluctuations due to general market conditions and interest rates.

The investment accounts are insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation up to \$500,000. At times during the year, the investment accounts have exceeded the insured limits. The Society believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on investments.

#### 4. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

U.S. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements).

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Society has the ability to access.

Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. As a practical expedient, certain investments are valued using net asset value (NAV) per share. The fair value of these investments is not included in the fair value hierarchy.

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for financial instruments measured at fair value:

##### **Equity Funds and Fixed Income Funds**

These funds are valued at the quoted value of shares reported in the active market in which the funds are traded.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Society believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at June 30, 2025 and 2024.

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The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Society's assets at fair value as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

Description	Fair Value Measurements, June 30, 2025			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equity funds	\$ 6,562,523	\$ 6,562,523	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed income funds	2,288,384	2,288,384	-	-
Total investments	8,850,907	8,850,907	-	-
Split-interest agreement	776,898	-	-	776,898
Beneficial interest in a perpetual trust	978,518	-	978,518	-
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 10,606,323</u>	<u>\$ 8,850,907</u>	<u>\$ 978,518</u>	<u>\$ 776,898</u>

Description	Fair Value Measurements, June 30, 2024			
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Equity funds	\$ 6,006,477	\$ 6,006,477	\$ -	\$ -
Fixed income funds	2,175,179	2,175,179	-	-
Total investments	8,181,656	8,181,656	-	-
Split-interest agreement	834,886	-	-	834,886
Beneficial interest in a perpetual trust	934,715	-	934,715	-
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 9,951,257</u>	<u>\$ 8,181,656</u>	<u>\$ 934,715</u>	<u>\$ 834,886</u>

The investment strategies of these investments are as follows:

### Equity Funds

This investment class seeks to maximize the long-term real growth of assets. It is expected to be the primary driver of long-term returns and provide the best hedge against long-term inflation.

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### Fixed Income Funds

This investment class includes obligations of sovereign nations and corporations, mortgages, municipalities, and other asset-backed securities. With the notable exception of high yield bonds, the primary role of this asset class is to provide for a more stable source of periodic returns and partial protection in the event of an equity market decline, deflation, and/or severe flight to quality. It is expected to serve as a primary source of distributions during periods in which the value of other asset classes have declined.

### Split-Interest Agreements

Fair value inputs used for split-interest agreements are based on the estimated present value of the future payments to the Society, which can be considered to be the fair value of the assets held in trust.

Under the trust agreement the value of the Society's interest will be reduced by the value of and cash contributions received from the donor during their lifetime. For the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, the Society received \$100,100 and \$0, respectively of restricted contributions.

The following table presents information about significant unobservable inputs related to the Society's investment in level 3 assets at June 30, 2025 and 2024:

Type	Fair Value		Valuation Technique	Significant Unobservable Inputs
	2025	2024		
Split-interest agreement	\$ 776,898	\$ 834,886	Estimated present value of future payments	Estimated life expectancy

## 5. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following as of June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	2025	2024
Land and land improvements	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Buildings and building improvements	4,651,496	4,645,828
Furniture and fixtures	160,611	160,611
Computer equipment	13,439	9,249
	4,833,546	4,823,688
Less accumulated depreciation	2,200,613	2,056,386
Property and equipment, net	\$ 2,632,933	\$ 2,767,302

Depreciation expense was \$144,227 and \$145,685 for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

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### 6. Liquidity and Availability of Resources

The Society's financial assets available within one year of the statements of financial position dates for general expenditures are as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 477,932	\$ 403,781
Investments	8,178,073	7,508,822
Grants and contributions receivable	-	3,206
Total financial assets available within one year	8,656,005	7,915,809
Less amounts unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to:		
Amounts unavailable without board approval:		
Accumulated earnings on assets held in perpetuity	(2,086,125)	(1,879,302)
Board-designated endowment	(6,091,948)	(5,629,520)
Net assets restricted for purpose	(132,920)	(47,018)
Total financial assets available to management for general expenditure within one year	<u>\$ 345,012</u>	<u>\$ 359,969</u>

### Liquidity Management

The Society maintains a policy of structuring its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. The Society's Board has designated a portion of its unrestricted resources for endowment purposes. Those amounts are identified as board-designated in the table above. These funds are invested for long-term appreciation and current income but remain available and may be spent at the discretion of the Board. Although the Society does not intend to spend from its board-designated endowment, other than amounts appropriated for general expenditure as part of its annual budget appropriation, amounts from its board-designated endowment could be made available if necessary.

### 7. Net Assets

The following is the composition of the Society's net assets with donor restriction at June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Perpetually restricted:		
Beneficial interest in a perpetual trust	\$ 978,518	\$ 934,715
General endowment	672,834	672,834
Accumulated gains subject to endowment spending policy and appropriation:		
General purposes	1,921,932	1,760,855
Library services	164,193	118,447
Other net assets with donor restriction:		
Restricted by time	776,898	834,886
Restricted for purpose	132,920	47,018
Total net assets with donor restriction	<u>\$ 4,647,295</u>	<u>\$ 4,368,755</u>

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Net assets with donor restriction were released from restriction by incurring expenses satisfying the following purpose or time restrictions:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	\$ 112,595	\$ 95,214
Other net assets with donor restriction:		
Releases from a perpetual trust	57,576	57,403
Use restricted, programs	<u>20,698</u>	<u>9,801</u>
Total net assets released from restriction	<u>\$ 190,869</u>	<u>\$ 162,418</u>

### 8. Endowment

The Society's endowment includes both donor-restricted endowment funds and funds designated by the Board to function as endowments. As required by U.S. GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds, including funds designated by the Board to function as endowments, are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

#### Interpretation of Relevant Law

The Board of the Society has interpreted the Connecticut Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (CTPMIFA) 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 permanent endowment is classified as net assets with donor restriction until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the Society in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by CTPMIFA.

In accordance with CTPMIFA, the Society 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 Society and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- 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 Society
- The investment policies of the Society

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Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2025 is as follows:

	<b>Without Donor Restriction</b>	<b>With Donor Restriction</b>	<b>Total</b>
Board-designated endowment funds	\$ 6,091,948	\$ -	\$ 6,091,948
Donor-restricted endowment funds:			
Beneficial interest in a perpetual trust	-	978,518	978,518
Original donor-restricted gift amount required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	-	672,834	672,834
Accumulated investment gains	-	2,086,125	2,086,125
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,091,948</b>	<b>\$ 3,737,477</b>	<b>\$ 9,829,425</b>

Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	<b>Without Donor Restriction</b>	<b>With Donor Restriction</b>	<b>Total</b>
Board-designated endowment funds	\$ 5,629,520	\$ -	\$ 5,629,520
Donor-restricted endowment funds:			
Beneficial interest in a perpetual trust	-	934,715	934,715
Original donor-restricted gift amount required to be maintained in perpetuity by donor	-	672,834	672,834
Accumulated investment gains	-	1,879,302	1,879,302
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,629,520</b>	<b>\$ 3,486,851</b>	<b>\$ 9,116,371</b>

### Funds With Deficiencies

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or CTPMIFA requires the Society to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. The Society has a policy that permits spending from underwater endowment funds, depending on the degree to which the fund is underwater, unless otherwise precluded by donor intent or relevant laws and regulations. As of June 30, 2025 and 2024, there were no funds with deficiencies.

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Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2025 are as follows:

	<b>Without Donor Restriction</b>	<b>With Donor Restriction</b>	<b>Total</b>
Endowment net assets, July 1, 2024	\$ 5,629,520	\$ 3,486,851	\$ 9,116,371
Designations	5,000	-	5,000
Investment return	704,438	420,797	1,125,235
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	<u>(247,010)</u>	<u>(170,171)</u>	<u>(417,181)</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2025	<u>\$ 6,091,948</u>	<u>\$ 3,737,477</u>	<u>\$ 9,829,425</u>

Changes in endowment net assets for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	<b>Without Donor Restriction</b>	<b>With Donor Restriction</b>	<b>Total</b>
Endowment net assets, July 1, 2023	\$ 5,190,455	\$ 3,237,533	\$ 8,427,988
Investment return	672,768	401,935	1,074,703
Appropriation of endowment assets for expenditure	<u>(233,703)</u>	<u>(152,617)</u>	<u>(386,320)</u>
Endowment net assets, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 5,629,520</u>	<u>\$ 3,486,851</u>	<u>\$ 9,116,371</u>

### Return Objectives and Risk Parameters

The Society has adopted investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Under this policy, endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce an average annual total return, net of investment management fees, equal to inflation plus 5%. Inflation will be measured by the Consumer Price Index. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

### Strategies Employed for Achieving Objectives

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, the Society 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 Society targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

### Spending Policy and How the Investment Objectives Relate to Spending Policy

The Society has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year no more than 4% of its endowment funds' rolling average fair value over the prior three years preceding the fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. In establishing this policy, the Society considered the long-term expected return on its endowment. While short-term obligations may temporarily alter this approach, the long-term objective is to limit spending to 4%.

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### 9. Revenues From Contracts With Customers

For the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, revenues recognized at a point in time were \$103,171 and \$101,586, respectively. For the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, revenues recognized over time were \$35,580 and \$34,036, respectively.

The Society's revenues, results of activities, and cash flows are affected by a wide variety of factors, including general economic conditions and geographical region of the population that they serve.

### 10. Contributions of Nonfinancial Assets

The Society received the following contributions of nonfinancial assets for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Donated lease	\$ 39,000	\$ 42,375
Goods and services	13,013	5,001
Total contributed nonfinancial assets	<u>\$ 52,013</u>	<u>\$ 47,376</u>

#### Donated Lease

The Society receives donated lease income from a land lease for its building facility with the town of Fairfield and a 2,000 square foot storage unit. The land lease is for a period of 99 years with an annual payment of \$1. The Society estimated the fair value based on comparable lease prices in the town's real estate market.

The Society also receives a portion of the operating lease below donated from the landlord. The fair value of the donated space was \$3,000 for each of the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024.

#### Goods and Services

Contributed goods and services relate to various pieces of equipment and building construction along with related services. The Society estimated the fair value based on the values that it would otherwise pay for the donated goods and related services.

### 11. Leases

#### Operating Lease

On November 1, 2023, the Society entered into a new operating lease for storage space in Fairfield, Connecticut, through November 2033. The lease requires monthly base lease payments of \$500 increasing 2.5% each year through the end of the lease. The landlord agreed to include \$250 per month as an in-kind contribution. The operating lease includes provisions that allow for the Society to renew the lease for two additional ten-year terms. The Society did not include the optional periods in determining the lease term and associated payments under the renewal option used to determine the lease liability due to uncertainty about the Society's intention to exercise the renewal options. The Society is responsible for all utilities used at the leased premises which are not included in the lease payments used to determine lease liabilities and are recognized as variable lease costs when incurred. The lease does not include guaranteed residual values or restrictive financial or other covenants.

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At June 30, 2025 and 2024, the weighted-average remaining lease term for the operating lease was 8.42 and 9.42 years, respectively. At June 30, 2025 and 2024 the weighted-average discount rate was 1.39%. Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities was \$3,050 and \$2,000 and for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Total operating lease costs of \$3,361 and \$1,961 are included in lease expense in the statements of functional expenses for the years ended June 30, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments for each of the next five years are as follows:

Years ending December 31:		
2026	\$	3,126
2027		3,204
2028		3,284
2029		3,367
2030		3,451
Thereafter		<u>12,127</u>
		28,559
Less present value discount		<u>1,659</u>
Net present value of operating lease liability	\$	<u>26,900</u>

## 12. Defined Contribution Retirement Plan

The Society maintains a defined contribution retirement plan (Plan) as defined under Section 401(k) of the IRC for all employees over the age of 21 after completing one year of eligible service. The Society provides for a 100% match of the first 4% of the participant's compensation deferred. The Society's contributions to the Plan were \$23,298 and \$ 21,508 for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.