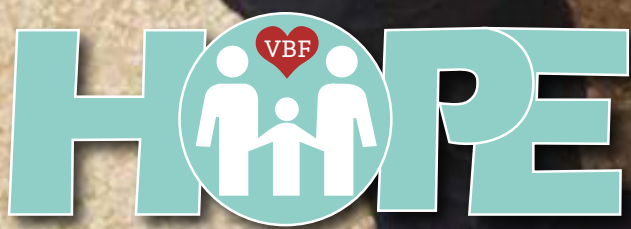


VASCULAR BIRTHMARKS FOUNDATION

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



A YEAR OF HOPE AND THE NEXT QUARTER CENTURY

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Message from our President & Founder

Dr. Linda Rozell-Shannon, PhD

*Thank you for helping VBF give
HOPE in 2018!*

This year, your support allowed our international team of VBF Experts to provide over 200 FREE CLINIC appointments to our vascular birthmark community. We hosted nearly 325 individuals at our Annual VBF Conference & Clinic in New York, New York with Dr. Robert Rosen and the Lenox Hill Hospital, making this our largest annual conference to-date, with 40 patients receiving FREE LASER treatment.

2018 was a busy year! VBF also hosted the [VBF iTEAM's International mission trip to Italy](#) in June, and educated medical professionals worldwide with the only multidisciplinary online course in vascular anomalies "A Foundation in Vascular Anomalies," available for CME at [VBFEDUCATE.ORG](#). We also launched our brand-new network of websites, including our international VBF chapter sites: [VBFEUROPE.ORG](#), [VBFITALY.ORG](#), and [VBFGREECE.ORG](#).

My [VBF Facebook Live Sessions](#), with our team of vascular birthmark experts, is only in its second year, and has already allowed individuals from around the world to have their questions answered live, with nearly 100,000 views to-date and counting. Our [VBF Global Ambassador Program](#) - also just launched last year - now has over 100 international ambassadors in every corner of the globe raising awareness, networking patients and working together for our mission.

Throughout the world, communities came together this year to host over 75 Vascular Birthmark Awareness events, including the [Annual Catalanotto Golf Classic](#) & [Purple Polka Dot Race](#) that make VBF's mission possible. Together, we helped raise the baseline of knowledge worldwide about vascular birthmarks, and networked individuals into treatment thanks to your stories of hope, awareness events, personal [Give2myVBF](#) fundraising pages, #PutOnYourBirthmark and Buddy Booby's Birthmark read-a-long photos, and so much more.

Thank you for celebrating our month of awareness in May and for taking the awareness movement global this year on behalf of our families.

2019 is all about the VBF FAMILY!

It's back to the basics in 2019, with a spotlight on our VBF Family, and the psychosocial aspects of living with a vascular birthmark.

Mark your calendars for our [2019 VBF Annual Vascular Birthmarks Conference and Clinic](#) with the Beckman Laser Institute on October 12, 2019 with Dr. J. Stuart Nelson and Dr. Martin Mihm, Jr. in Irvine, California. Our VBF iTEAM will be on the move again this year for the [VBF iTEAM Greece International Congress on Vascular Anomalies](#) with the European Vascular Anomalies Clinic presented by Dr. Stavros Tombris and Barr Linton, Esq. on June 7-8, 2019.

Stay tuned for BIG PLANS for our Month & Day Awareness for Vascular Birthmarks in May and on May 15, which we kicked off in January with our new "Dr. Linda's Weekly Fact" and "Life with a Vascular Birthmark" series and extends through the entire year with exciting plans all year long.

Most of all, we'd like to thank you for making our critical work possible. Every dollar you donate to VBF goes towards our mission of networking families into treatment, raising awareness and sharing informational resources with our birthmark families across the world.

To continue the huge strides we made in 2018, we ask you to consider making a recurring gift of just \$25 to honor yourself or someone you love who is affected by a vascular birthmark. Every dollar makes a difference in the lives of our families. Visit <https://birthmark.org/donate/> to make your annual 100% tax deductible gift to VBF today.

We hope you enjoy reading more about how we put your donations to work this year in the attached newsletter.

I founded VBF nearly 25 years ago to shift the focus to the families. I look forward to continuing that legacy on behalf of every child and adult born with a vascular birthmark in 2019, and into the next quarter century, with your help.

Sincerely,

Dr. Linda Rozell-Shannon, PhD
President & Founder
VASCULAR BIRTHMARKS FOUNDATION

VBF Hosts 325 and Provides 40 Free Laser Treatments at 18th Annual Conference



Highest Attendance Means Greater Awareness at the 18th Annual VBF Vascular Birthmarks Conference and Clinic in New York, New York

Overview

- Date: October 6, 2018
- Location: New York, New York
- Host(s): Dr. Robert Rosen and Lenox Hill Hospital

Thank You to Our Physician Sponsors

- Robert J. Rosen, MD
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Congratulations to the
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Thank you to our Conference Sponsors



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VBF Hosts 18th Annual Conference Continued...

Highlights

At least 325 people attended the conference, making this the farthest-reaching conference in VBF's 25-year history. Families attended from Australia, Sweden, Israel, Lebanon, Mexico, the Cayman Islands, and Canada.

VBF offered 175 clinical appointments with our team of experts and over 25 physicians donated their time to attend, including international experts from Greece and Italy.

Free orthodontic exams, free dental exams, free make-up tutorials, free support group sessions, and free insurance support were offered.



40 free laser treatments were provided thanks to Dr. Roy Geronemus and team at the Laser and Skin Surgery Center of New York and Candela Syneron, which provided the lasers, equipment, and technicians, for the free laser therapy.



To read more about this year's conference, please visit our [Conference wrap-up and photo gallery](#).

VBF iTEAM Educates Physicians in Rome



VBF International Team Raises Bar for Medical Knowledge World Wide

This past June, over 50 physicians were educated regarding vascular anomalies in Rome, Italy thanks to the VBF iTEAM. VBF Experts from around the world conducted 22 patient clinical consultations and thanks to the generosity of [Candela Syneron](#), 11 patients were able to receive free laser therapy.

To date, the VBF iTEAM has educated physicians in Russia, India, Israel and Italy, and the team will travel to Greece on June 7-8, 2019 for our international conference with Dr. Stavros Tombris and the European Vascular Anomalies Clinic.

A special thanks to our Italian liaisons Dr. Raul Mattassi and Dr. Francesco Stillo for hosting the event, and to Candela Syneron for providing the lasers, equipment, and technicians which allowed 11 people to get free laser therapy. We are also pleased to introduce our VBF International Medical Directors: [Dr. Giacomo Colletti](#) & [Dr. Stavros Tombris](#).



Thank you to our VBF iTEAM Rome Faculty: Dr. Linda Rozell-Shannon, Dr. Milton Waner, Dr. Roy Geronemus, Dr. Stuart Nelson, Dr. Robert Rosen, Dr. Stavros Tombris, Dr. Anton Hasso, Dr. Milton Waner, Dr. Aaron Fay, Dr. David Darrow, Dr. Anne Comi, Dr. Martin Mihm, and Leslie Graff. VBF guest speakers included: Dr. James Suen, Dr. Laurence Boon, and Dr. Mikka Vikkula.

To read more about participants and the experience, visit our [VBF iTEAM mission wrap-up and photo gallery](#).

Save The Date

[VBF iTEAM International Congress](#) on June 7-8, 2019, with the European Vascular Anomalies Clinic in Athens, Greece.



Join the VBF iTEAM in Athens, Greece for the International Congress on Vascular Anomalies, hosted by VBF and the European Vascular Anomalies Clinic with Co-Presidents Dr. Stavros Tombris and Barr Linton, Esq. Families can register for FREE, and receive free laser treatment, clinic appointments, and support from our International Team of Experts. Medical professionals can register to attend the Congress and educational sessions.

To learn more or register, visit: <https://birthmark.org/event/vbf-iteam-conference-in-athens-greece/>



VBF Shrinks Education Gap with Multidisciplinary Online Course in Vascular Anomalies

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Dr. Martin Mihm, VBF Medical Director

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Vascular Birthmarks Foundation

2018 marked the first full year of the first-ever multidisciplinary online course in vascular anomalies, “A Foundation in Vascular Anomalies”, available at [VB-FEDUCATE.ORG](https://vbfeducate.org). In just a year, our online course has educated medical professionals in Haiti, the U.S. and Italy. We also launched a brand-new, user-friendly website with improved functionality and the same expert content on the latest in research and treatment in the field.

The full 16-CME credit course covers everything from surgery, laser, radiology, genetics, pathology, and focuses on every type of vascular anomaly, including hemangiomas, port wine stains, venous

malformations, lymphatic malformations, arterio-venous malformations, and related syndromes, including Sturge-Weber, Klippel Trenaunay, CLOVE, CMTC and PHACE).

Physicians, physician assistants, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, pharmacists, psychologists, dentists and social workers may take the full course or select specialty bundles for up to 16 CME credits. The course is also open to non-medical professionals, including families, at a discounted rate.

To learn more about the course and to sign up, visit <https://vbfeducate.org/>.

VBF is committed to practicing the highest standards of stewardship:



Online Course Authors



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We are grateful to our international team of world-renowned medical professionals who came together from across disciplines to help raise the bar for medical knowledge around the world by developing this course, including our Co-Directors Dr. Francine Blei and Dr. Robert Rosen

Help us ensure that all medical professionals have access to the critical information provided in this course. Share VBFEDUCATE with your professional networks and let us know of any marketing partnerships that could help us reach even more professionals around the world. Contact Kristin at kristin.vbf@gmail.com to connect.

VBF Awards Three Scholarships to Students with Vascular Birthmarks

The VBF Scholarship Program awarded three scholarships this year to deserving college or post-graduate students with vascular birthmarks. Our Scholarship Program supports young adults living with a vascular birthmark, and is a way to celebrate their accomplishments and triumphs. Please join us in congratulating this year's scholarship winners!

Daniella Bitton, University of South Florida
Martin C. Mihm Health Career Scholarship

Caleb Lyon, Western Washington University
Dr. Roy G. Geronemus Humanitarian Scholarship

Cole Davis, University of Colorado
Frank Catalanotto Perseverance Scholarship



Pictured: Daniella Bitton, recipient of the VBF Dr. Martin C. Mihm Health Career Scholarship. Daniela has a PWS and is currently pursuing a career in pediatrics with a specialty in vascular birthmarks.

"Having a vascular birthmark has made me the person that I am today," she says. "Going through surgeries and treatments has made me a stronger person and this scholarship will prove that all the difficult times that I have overcome will be worth it."





VBF Day of Awareness Transformed into Global Movement



15 MAY
INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF AWARENESS
FOR VASCULAR BIRTHMARKS
www.birthmark.org/awareness

May marked our International Month of Awareness for Vascular Birthmarks and May 15th the official Day of Awareness. In May and throughout the entire year, VBF mobilized our community across the country and around the globe to promote acceptance of birthmarks and raise funds to bring those who need treatment together with the experts who help them. This year was our most successful awareness campaign to-date, as our community hosted awareness events to spread our message of HOPE to every corner of the globe.

Here are JUST A FEW of the MANY world-wide events hosted by our community leaders this year:

Awareness in Action: Buffalo, New York



Allie Kestner & family raised over \$3,000 during their first-ever VBF in Buffalo (VBF in BFLO) fundraising event in honor of baby Lola, who was born with a hemangioma. Dr. Linda helped network Lola into treat-

ment with Dr. Milton Waner and the Kestner family has become leaders in the VBF community by raising awareness for vascular birthmarks and supporting our mission. VBF is grateful to Allie, Lola and everyone who supported the VBF in BFLO Event!

Ever Grey Designs

Amanda created [Ever Grey Designs](#) to honor her daughter Ever Grey who was born with a vascular birthmark. For our Month of Awareness and again for the Thanksgiving holiday, Amanda donated a portion of proceeds from sales to VBF. We thank Amanda for her generosity and creativity in designing beautiful wearables to promote vascular birthmark awareness.



VBF Anti-Bullying Campaign

Over 1,200 people signed our [Anti-Bullying Pledge](#). Share the pledge with your loved ones to sign in honor of you or someone you love who is living with a vascular birthmark. By standing together against bullying, we can make a difference.

Rock the Dots LuLaRoe Fundraiser

On May 15th, Heather Funk hosted the 2nd annual LuLaRoe fundraiser to benefit VBF. Heather is an independent distributor for LuLaRoe, and VBF is grateful for her efforts on behalf of our community.

Awareness in India

Batool Kausha and Brig. R. K. Kaushal, a veteran from the Indian Army, distributed 100 VBF brochures and worked with a panel of 12 doctors at a Vascular Birthmarks Awareness program in a medical camp in the city of Bhopal, capital of the state of Madhya Pradesh in Central India.

Awareness in Mexico

Gabriella Castellanos continued the #Biking4Alonso tradition in honor of her son with a PWS with two ride-along events at spin studios on May 5 in Polanco and May 17 in Arcos Bosques, and a Give2MyVBF page so that people all over the world could ride along virtually. Gaby also hosts a Facebook Live make-up tutorial to promote #PutOnYourBirthmark day.

To read more about our [2018 Awareness campaign](#), and how you can participate, visit our [website](#).

Thank YOU to everyone who raised awareness with a Give2myVBF Page or Facebook



Your 2018 Fundraisers represent enough funds to send at least 150 families to a VBF Conference!

Give2MyVBF Pages



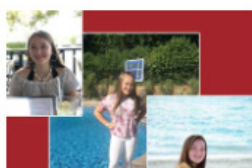
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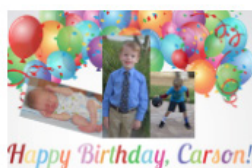
Biking For Alonso 2018



Andria Gottasbend's Give2myVBF page



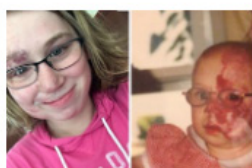
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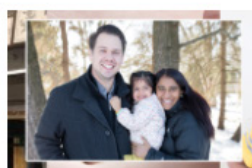
The Maddox Family's Fundraiser for Carson's 6th Birthday



Bold & Beautiful Birthmarks: Ava & Bella's Story



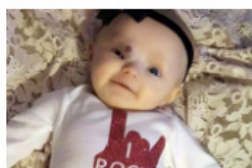
Beautiful Birthmarks - Ava's Story



Welcome to the Official Fundraiser Page for the Purple Polka Dot Race



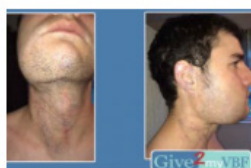
Support Glen, SWS, and VBF



Alice Cooper Rocks her Hemangioma! Let's Roll in Donations for Research



May is Hemangioma Awareness Month - Support Reagan



Boulton Family Vascular Awareness for the Future

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DAY OF AWARENESS

every year on **May 15th**

GET INVOLVED!

- Tell Your Story
- Join the Put on Your Birthmark Campaign
- Distribute birthmark information to doctors and hospitals
- Read the Buddy Booby's Birthmark Book and coordinate a local read-along
- Create a "Join Me" Webpage and ask your friends to match your gift
- Host a Community Event
- Volunteer with VBF

learn more at www.birthmark.org

Save The Date

May 2019 VBF Month of Awareness

Day of Awareness: May 15, 2019
How will you raise awareness this year? We can help!
Contact us today to get started.



VBF Global Ambassadors Mobilize International Community

Vascular Birthmarks Foundation AMBASSADOR



VBF Global Ambassador Manager Scott Cupples and a future awareness leader

November was the inaugural VBF Global Ambassador Month of Awareness. Ambassador Manager Scott Cupples challenged his international team to get out in their communities to raise awareness by leading the international community to complete virtual and in person challenges all month long.

In only its second year, the VBF Ambassador program has doubled in size, with 104 registered members, including three VBF Chapter Managers who serve as leaders for their regional communities. Scott has

BIG PLANS for the program in 2019, including enhanced website features that will allow you to find an ambassador near you or with the same type of birthmark, question and answers from the Ambassadors for our new Life with a Vascular Birthmark Series and so much more!

To learn more about the program, or to become a VBF Ambassador, please visit our [website](#) or contact scupples.vbf@gmail.com.

Playing 'Fore' a Cause Drives Awareness at the Frank Catalanotto Foundation Annual Golf Classic



VBF Honorary Chairpersons Frank and Barbara Catalanotto hosted the 8th Annual Frank Catalanotto Foundation Golf Classic on August 6, 2018 at the prestigious Old Westbury Country Club in Woodside Acres, New York. Now in its 12th year, the Catalanotto Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness and aiding with the early intervention of vascular birthmarks. Its 2018 Golf Classic and related fundraising efforts contributed over \$45,000 in support of VBF programming.

The Catalanotto Foundation was formed in honor of their daughter, Morgan, who was born with a hemangioma. We thank the Catalanotto family for their longtime benevolence and commitment to serving VBF's families. Simply put, VBF's work would not be possible without the Catalanottos, and their loyal community of supporters.

For additional information about the Annual Golf Classic, visit the [Frank Catalanotto Foundation website](http://www.birthmark.org).





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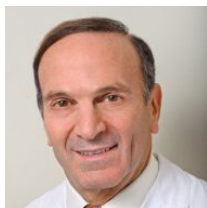
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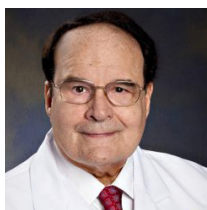
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Roy G. Geronemus, MD

Dr. Geronemus is Director of the Laser and Skin Surgery Center of New York; Director of the Skin / Laser Division in the Department of Plastic Surgery at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary; and Clinical Professor of Dermatology at the New York University Medical Center. Dr. G and his team have provided free laser treatment to individuals across the world and help make possible our VBF New York Conference.



Martin C. Mihm, Jr., MD

Dr. Mihm was instrumental in VBF's founding nearly 25 years ago and is an expert in pathology and dermatology. He founded the Vascular Anomalies Program at Massachusetts General Hospital and serves as Director of the Melanoma Program in Dermatology at the Bingham and Women's Hospital.



J. Stuart Nelson, MD, PhD

Dr. Nelson is Professor of Surgery, Dermatology and Biomedical Engineering at the University of California, Irvine and Medical Director of the Beckman Laser Institute and Medical Clinic. He developed the "Dynamic Cooling Device" used in conjunction with laser treatment of vascular birthmarks. Dr. Nelson makes possible our VBF California Conference and has helped provide countless free laser treatments for our families.



Milton Waner, MD

Dr. Waner is a pediatric facial plastic surgeon with global recognition as an expert in hemangiomas and vascular malformations. He is Co-Director of the Vascular Birthmarks Institute of New York and Surgical Director of the AVM Center of New York at Lenox Hill. He has been a longtime advocate for VBF and was also instrumental in VBF's founding.

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL DIRECTORS



Giacomo Colletti, MD

Dr. Colletti is a Maxillo Facial Surgeon at the University of Milan San Paolo Hospital and is also an Assistant Professor at the University of Milan. He is one of the leading facial surgeons in Europe for complex vascular malformations and has worked with VBF to offer many services to families in Italy and Europe.



Stavros Tombris, MD, PHD, DDS

Dr. Tombris is the Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department at Athens Euroclinic Hospital and Children's Euroclinic Hospital in Greece. He is also the founder of the European Vascular Anomalies (EVA) Clinic, and has made possible our 2019 VBF iTEAM Conference in Athens, Greece.

Read more about our dedicated Board, Medical Directors and Staff here:
<https://birthmark.org/board-and-staff/>

Polka Dots Bring ‘Spec’tacular Fun at Annual Purple Polka Dot 5K Walk/Run



Jody Lee and her team hosted the 3rd annual Purple Polka Dot 5K Walk/Run on August 12, 2018 in Michigan. Over \$22,000 was raised to benefit the Vascular Birthmarks Foundation in honor of Meghana, daughter of board member, Jody, and John Lee, who was born with a port wine stain. Named for the marks left after laser therapy treatment, this event is not only to raise funds but to spread awareness about early diagnosis and appropriate treatment options.

In addition to the PPD Race, Jody, John and the PPD team also hosted an AR Workshop and Yoga & Brunch, all to benefit VBF's mission this year. VBF is grateful to Jody, the Lee family and the entire PPD team for their dedication to our mission and for their leadership in raising awareness for vascular birthmarks.

The goal in 2019 is to have a run / walk for vascular birthmarks hosted in all 50 states. Can't host an actual race? Host a virtual one. For more details on how you can get started, visit our [webpage](#).



Scott Cupples, Jody Lee and Dr. Linda



John and Meghana Lee



PPD Founder Jody Lee and VBF President & Founder Dr. Linda, and baby Serena



Dr. Linda's VBF Facebook Live Sessions Reach Over 100K

Since inception in 2017, Dr. Linda's VBF Facebook Live Sessions have been viewed over 100,000 times and have educated individuals and families world-wide. These live sessions give people from all over the world a chance to reach out and have their questions answered in real time by experts in the field of vascular anomalies – all from the comfort and privacy of their own homes. In 2018, 9 live sessions were held. To see all the recorded sessions and topics, visit our [website](#).



| Professional Expert | Topic |
|---|--|
| Stuart Nelson, MD PhD | Laser Treatment: When to Treat or not to Treat |
| Leslie Graff, MS, CCLS | The Psychosocial Impact of a Vascular Birthmark on the Individual and on the family system |
| Milton Waner, MD | Treating Hemangiomas and Vascular Malformations |
| Roy Geronemus, MD Scott Cupples, VBF Global Ambassador Director | Why is early treatment important? |
| Ana Duarte, MD FAAD | Treating Port Wine Stains and Hemangiomas in Infancy with Laser and Drug Therapies |
| Stuart Nelson, MD PhD | Laser Treatment: When to Begin (and other vascular birthmark questions) |
| Gregory Levitin, MD | Early Treatment of Vascular Birthmarks |
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| Milton Waner, MD Teresa O, MD | Diagnosis and Treatment of Vascular Birthmarks & Related Syndromes |
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| Stuart Nelson, MD PhD | Laser Treatment of Vascular Birthmarks |

Thank you to all our 2018 VBF Facebook Live Experts


Save The Date

2019 VBF Vascular Birthmarks Conference & Clinic

Join us for the 2019 Annual VBF Vascular Birthmarks Conference and Clinic in Irvine, California at the Beckman Laser Institute with our Conference Co-Directors Dr. Martin C. Mihm, Jr. and Dr. J. Stuart Nelson. VBF is the only medical charity in the world to provide such a comprehensive list of FREE services at our Conference, including FREE laser treatment and one night of hotel lodging for the first eligible families to register. Conference admission also includes access to the expert lectures, breakfast, lunch and daycare, individual clinic appointments with our international team of experts, dental and orthodontic exams to those qualified, professional make-up consultations, insurance support, psychotherapy sessions, and much more.

The Vascular Birthmarks Foundation

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More information at www.birthmark.org/conference/

To learn more or register, visit: <https://birthmark.org/event/vbf-annual-vascular-birthmarks-conference-clinic/>

2018 Financial Report



VASCULAR BIRTHMARKS FOUNDATION, INC STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2017 AND 2016

ASSETS

| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 749,816 | \$ 525,395 |
| Contribution Receivable | 86 | 89 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 179 | - |
| Total Current Assets | 750,081 | 525,484 |
| Fixed Assets | | |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 540 | 618 |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 750,621</u> | <u>\$ 526,102</u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses | \$ 5,905 | \$ 5,417 |
| Credit Card Payable | 954 | 2,070 |
| Payroll Taxes Payable | 1,457 | 2,020 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 8,316 | 9,507 |
| Net Assets | | |
| Unrestricted | 514,713 | 377,479 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 227,592 | 139,116 |
| Total Net Assets | 742,305 | 516,595 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | <u>\$ 750,621</u> | <u>\$ 526,102</u> |

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