

**OPERATION SUPPORT OUR
TROOPS – AMERICA, INC.**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**For the Year Ended
December 31, 2017**

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Annual Financial Report

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS & CONSULTANTS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Operation Support Our Troops – America, Inc.
Naperville, IL

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Operation Support Our Troops – America, Inc. (a non-profit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Operation Support Our Troops – America, Inc. as of December 31, 2017, 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.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Operation Support Our Troops – America, Inc.'s 2016 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated September 22, 2017. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017 is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which is has been derived.

Desmond & Ahern, Ltd

October 8, 2018
Chicago, IL

OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - AMERICA, INC.
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
December 31, 2017 (with comparative totals for 2016)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 490,547	\$ 888,528
Cash - restricted	17,541	3,726
	<u>508,088</u>	<u>892,254</u>
Beneficial interest in assets held by others	25,000	-
Certificates of deposit at cost	340,462	337,179
Accounts receivable	12,759	3,751
Prepaid expenses	1,067	16,006
Total Assets	<u>\$ 887,376</u>	<u>\$ 1,249,190</u>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,384	\$ 8,580
Total liabilities	<u>4,384</u>	<u>8,580</u>
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Board designated reserves		
Special event	250,000	250,000
Operating expenses	150,000	150,000
Donated goods and services	150,000	150,000
Program development	150,000	150,000
Lynch program	60,000	35,000
Total board designated reserves	<u>760,000</u>	<u>735,000</u>
Undesignated	<u>105,451</u>	<u>501,884</u>
Total unrestricted net assets	<u>865,451</u>	<u>1,236,884</u>
Temporarily restricted net assets	17,541	3,726
Total net assets	<u>882,992</u>	<u>1,240,610</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 887,376</u>	<u>\$ 1,249,190</u>

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OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - AMERICA, INC.
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
December 31, 2017 (with comparative totals for 2016)

	2017			2016 Total
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	
<u>Revenue</u>				
Special Events				
Ticket sales	\$ 185,127	\$ -	\$ 185,127	\$ 67,530
Sponsors	181,378	-	181,378	125,246
Donated materials	-	-	-	1,600
Donated services	17,742	-	17,742	-
Less cost of direct benefit to donors	(369,945)	-	(369,945)	(23,601)
Less cost of in-kind direct benefit to donors	(17,742)	-	(17,742)	-
Merchandise sales	17,472	-	17,472	9,903
Less cost of promotional merchandise sold or distributed	(10,673)	-	(10,673)	(1,816)
Net revenues from special events	<u>3,359</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,359</u>	<u>178,862</u>
Contributions	358,588	17,541	376,129	506,166
Donated inventory and supplies	815,520	-	815,520	775,980
Donated materials	7,507	-	7,507	11,030
Donated facilities	-	-	-	4,168
Dividends and interest	14,277	-	14,277	6,904
Net assets released from restrictions - Satisfaction of program restrictions	<u>3,726</u>	<u>(3,726)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenue	<u>1,202,977</u>	<u>13,815</u>	<u>1,216,792</u>	<u>1,483,110</u>
<u>Expenses</u>				
Program services	1,362,732	-	1,362,732	1,334,142
Management and general	116,556	-	116,556	84,865
Fundraising	95,122	-	95,122	34,621
Total expenses	<u>1,574,410</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,574,410</u>	<u>1,453,628</u>
Change in net assets	(371,433)	13,815	(357,618)	29,482
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,236,884</u>	<u>3,726</u>	<u>1,240,610</u>	<u>1,211,128</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ 865,451</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,541</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 882,992</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,240,610</u></u>

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STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
December 31, 2017 (with comparative totals for 2016)

	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	2017 Total	2016 Total
Salaries	\$ 120,360	\$ 38,890	\$ 21,375	\$ 180,625	\$ 122,791
Payroll taxes	10,039	3,130	1,747	14,916	10,403
Event costs	6,609	27	19,875	26,511	25,747
Donations to other organizations	32,729	10,000	-	42,729	25,240
Occupancy	19,803	6,601	3,601	30,005	33,541
Supplies	6,567	1,842	53	8,462	5,751
Donated materials	7,507	-	-	7,507	12,630
Postage, shipping and delivery	129,465	404	3,553	133,422	116,443
Printing and copying	4,846	174	7,176	12,196	8,049
Travel and meetings	10,505	3,063	232	13,800	8,863
Inventory and supplies					
Donated	815,520	-	-	815,520	775,980
Purchased	4,305	-	-	4,305	15,076
Fees	199	7,538	681	8,418	2,731
Insurance	3,414	929	10,673	15,016	4,338
Advertising	711	-	9,202	9,913	560
Program conference	38,811	540	12,176	51,527	36,663
Professional fees	26,198	21,678	3,463	51,339	40,342
Telephone	1,740	481	205	2,426	1,750
Staff Development	500	2,230	-	2,730	892
Volunteer costs	260	329	1,061	1,650	4,844
Miscellaneous	948	10,015	-	10,963	12,298
Membership support	-	-	-	-	1,349
Veteran assistance	121,574	-	-	121,574	173,542
Computer and website	122	8,685	49	8,856	4,341
Total Expenses	\$ 1,362,732	\$ 116,556	\$ 95,122	\$ 1,574,410	\$ 1,444,164

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OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - AMERICA, INC.
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
December 31, 2017 (with comparative totals for 2016)

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Change in net assets	\$ (357,618)	\$ 29,482
Change in assets - (increase) decrease		
Accounts receivable	(9,008)	33,865
Prepaid expenses	14,939	(6,976)
Beneficial interest in assets held by others	(25,000)	-
Certificate of deposit	(3,283)	(19,869)
Change in liabilities - (decrease) increase		
Accrued expenses	(4,196)	(6,656)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(384,166)</u>	<u>29,846</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(384,166)	29,846
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>892,254</u>	<u>862,408</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u><u>\$ 508,088</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 892,254</u></u>

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OPERATION SUPPORT OUR TROOPS – AMERICA, INC.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2017

Note 1 – Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization

Operation Support Our Troops - America, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Illinois for the purpose of supporting our military troops, their families, and our veterans. The Organization's major programs are sending care packages to U.S. troops stationed in harm's way, providing one-time grants to veterans in need of financial assistance, and grief support for families of the fallen. The Organization relies heavily on its volunteers and in-kind donations. The Organization is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and, accordingly, reflect all significant receivables, payables and other liabilities in conformity with accounting principles applicable to non-profit organizations.

Basis of Presentation

The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted net assets, as required by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). As of December 31, 2017, there are no permanently restricted net assets.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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 the revenues, expenses, gains, losses and other changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Tax Status

Operation Support Our Troops – America, Inc. was granted an exemption from federal income taxes by the Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the provisions of Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). The Organization qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and has been classified as an Organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(1). The tax-exempt purpose of the Organization and the nature in which it operates is described above. The Organization continues to operate in compliance with its tax-exempt purpose.

The Organization's annual information and income tax returns filed with the federal and state governments are subject to examination for three years from the date filed.

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Note 1 – Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

Management's assertion is that there are no uncertain tax positions and the Organization continues to operate in compliance with its tax-exempt purpose. The Organization's annual informational and income tax returns filed with the federal and state governments are subject to examination generally three years after they are filed.

Comparative Information

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the Organization's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016, from which the summarized information was derived.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of bank deposits in federally insured accounts. The accounts may at times, exceed the federally insured limit of \$250,000.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments, if any, purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Support and Revenue

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, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. If a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the Organization reports the support as unrestricted.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

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

Donated Services

Contributions of services are required to be recognized if the services received (a) create or enhance non-financial 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. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Organization did not receive donated services that met this recognition criterion.

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Note 1 – Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (cont.)

A number of extremely dedicated volunteers, including the members of the Board of Directors, make significant contributions of time to the Organization’s policy-making, program and support functions, estimated to be in excess of 9,000 hours. The value of this contributed time does not meet the criteria for recognition and, accordingly, is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. However, the strength and success of the Organization’s program is critically reliant on these volunteers.

In-Kind Contributions

In addition to receiving cash contributions, the Organization may, at times, receive in-kind contributions from various donors. It is the policy of the Organization to record the estimated fair value of certain in-kind donations as an expense in its financial statements, and similarly increase donations by a like amount. For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Organization received \$815,520 of in-kind donations for inventory and supplies, and various other donated supplies of \$7,507.

Compensated Absences

Employees of the Organization are entitled to paid vacation, sick and personal days off, depending on job classification, length of service and other factors. The Organization’s policy is to recognize the costs of compensated absences when actually paid to employees. The estimated liability is not material at December 31, 2017, and therefore, no accrual has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

Note 2 – Other Assets – Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Others

On December 1, 2017, OSOT entered into an agreement with the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley (the Foundation) to establish an endowment fund. The agreement between OSOT and the Foundation states that the transfer is irrevocable, and that the fund shall be used for support of the charitable or educational purposes of OSOT and its affiliated agencies. However, the Foundation will make annual distributions of income earned on the endowment fund determined in accordance with the Foundation’s spending policy, and grants the Foundation the ultimate authority and control over all property, including income, within the fund. The agreement also permits the Foundation to substitute another beneficiary in the place of OSOT if OSOT ceases to exist or if the governing board of the Foundation votes that OSOT ceases to perform its primary mission in the Fox River Valley Area.

OSOT transferred \$25,000 to the Foundation to establish the fund during the year ending December 31, 2017, which is included as beneficial interest in assets held by others on the Statement of Financial Position.

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Note 3 – Certificates of Deposit

The Organization has five certificates of deposit totaling \$340,462 at December 31, 2017. The certificates bear interest ranging from 1% to 2.47% and have maturities ranging from twelve to fifty-nine months, with penalties for early withdrawal. Any penalties for early withdrawal would not have a material effect on the financial statements.

Note 4 – Leases

The Organization leases an operating facility under a non-cancellable operating lease arrangement which expires August 2019. Rental expense for this lease, included in the Statement of Activities for the year ended December 31, 2017, was \$27,600.

Future minimum lease payments as of December 31, 2017, are as follows:

<u>Years Ending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 27,600
2019	18,400
Total future minimum lease payments	<u><u>\$ 46,000</u></u>

Note 5 – Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are comprised of \$14,041 for Women’s Health & Wellness and \$3,500 for equine therapy for Leap of Faith.

Note 6 – Subsequent Events

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, the Organization’s management has evaluated subsequent events through October 8, 2018, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.