

Consolidated Financial Statements

December 31, 2014 and 2013

(With Independent Auditors' Report Thereon)



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Independent Auditors' Report

The Trustees
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (the Foundation), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits 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 consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the change in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG LLP

Seattle, Washington April 30, 2015

Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2014 and 2013

(In thousands)

Assets	_	2014	2013
Cash	\$	26,867	18,085
Prepaid expenses and other assets		15,668	11,983
Beneficial interest in the net assets of Bill & Melinda Gates			
Foundation Trust (notes 3 and 4)		43,440,032	40,472,654
Program-related investment assets, net (note 5)		149,639	114,840
Property and equipment, net (note 6)		688,656	692,646
Total assets	\$_	44,320,862	41,310,208
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	85,220	82,105
Accrued and other liabilities		53,393	47,097
Grants payable, net (note 8)		5,757,160	5,143,677
Program-related investment liabilities (note 5)	_	37,757	75,944
Total liabilities		5,933,530	5,348,823
Net assets – unrestricted	_	38,387,332	35,961,385
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ _	44,320,862	41,310,208

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Activities

Years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

(In thousands)

	_	2014	2013
Change in net assets: Revenues and gains:			
Contributions and other income Investment income	\$	10,729 2,588	7,806 1,726
Total revenues and gains	<u></u>	13,317	9,532
Expenses (note 7): Grants Direct charitable Program and administrative Federal excise and other taxes (note 10)	_	3,991,176 437,871 514,504 70	3,392,343 340,691 475,446 67
Total expenses	_	4,943,621	4,208,547
Change in net assets before beneficial interest	_	(4,930,304)	(4,199,015)
Change in beneficial interest in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust (note 4): Contributions from the Trust (note 3) Change in net assets of the Trust	_	4,388,873 2,967,378	4,108,470 4,101,317
Total change in beneficial interest	_	7,356,251	8,209,787
Change in net assets		2,425,947	4,010,772
Unrestricted net assets, beginning of year	_	35,961,385	31,950,613
Unrestricted net assets, end of year	\$ _	38,387,332	35,961,385

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

(In thousands)

	_	2014	2013
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Change in net assets	\$	2,425,947	4,010,772
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash		, ,	, ,
provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		29,374	36,382
Program-related investment provisions and guarantees		(47,476)	64,863
Change in beneficial interest in the Bill & Melinda Gates			
Foundation Trust net assets		(2,967,378)	(4,101,317)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		(= -0 =)	44.505
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(3,685)	(1,207)
Accounts payable		3,115	22,685
Accrued and other liabilities		6,296	5,535
Grants payable, net	_	613,483	32,084
Net cash provided by operating activities	_	59,676	69,797
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Funding of program-related investments		(25,510)	(41,487)
Purchases of property and equipment	_	(25,384)	(15,223)
Net cash used in investing activities		(50,894)	(56,710)
Net increase in cash		8,782	13,087
Cash, beginning of year	_	18,085	4,998
Cash, end of year	\$	26,867	18,085
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information: Cash paid during the year for excise taxes	\$	17	6

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

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(1) Organization

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (the Foundation) is a tax-exempt private foundation that works to help all people lead healthy, productive lives. In developing countries, it focuses on improving people's health and giving them the chance to lift themselves out of hunger and extreme poverty. In the United States, it seeks to ensure that all people – especially those with the fewest resources – have access to the opportunities they need to succeed in school and life.

Strategic Priorities

Global Programs

The Foundation works with partner organizations to tackle critical health and development issues – from infectious disease to agricultural development and financial services – facing the world's poorest people. The Foundation invests in advances in science and technology as well as creative approaches to delivering interventions to solve some of the challenges that prevent people in the poorest countries from thriving.

U.S. Program

In the United States the Foundation's primary focus is on ensuring that all students graduate from high school prepared for college and have an opportunity to earn a postsecondary degree with labor-market value. The Foundation is particularly concerned with improving access to quality educational opportunities for low-income and minority students. The Foundation also works to address issues of social inequity and poverty in Washington State, where the Gates family has lived for generations and the Foundation makes its headquarters.

The Foundation is organized as a charitable trust, and operates in Seattle, Washington with branch offices in Washington, D.C.; New Delhi, India; Beijing, China; London, United Kingdom; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Johannesburg, South Africa; and Abuja, Nigeria. Its Trustees are Bill and Melinda Gates and Warren Buffett.

The Foundation is funded by grants received from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust (the Trust) as explained in note 3, *Related Parties*. The primary role of the Trust is to manage the investment assets and fund the Foundation, as necessary, to achieve the Foundation's charitable goals.

IRIS Holdings, LLC (IRIS), a single-member limited liability company, was formed for the purpose of purchasing land for the Foundation's campus and constructing and owning the headquarters. Because the Foundation is the single member of IRIS, its financial statements have been consolidated with the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of Financial Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

The Foundation recognizes contributions, including unconditional promises to give, as revenue in the period received. Contributions, net assets, and changes therein are classified and reported based on the

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existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, activities of the Foundation were classified as unrestricted due to the lack of donor-imposed restrictions.

(b) Cash

For the purpose of the statements of cash flows, cash consists of U.S. and foreign currencies.

(c) Program-Related Investments (PRIs)

The Foundation makes PRIs to other organizations to achieve charitable purposes in alignment with the Foundation's strategies. These investments are comprised primarily of loans, equity investments and guarantees.

Loan PRIs consist of loans outstanding bearing a below-market interest rate in either a senior or subordinated position. Loans are measured at fair value at inception to determine if a contribution element exists. Loans are recorded on a net basis to reflect a discount on loan receivable (if a contribution element exists) or a reasonable loss reserve. The loss reserve estimate is reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted if collectability risk has significantly changed based on the Foundation's understanding of the borrower's financial health and/or payment history.

Equity PRIs include both direct investments and investments in equity funds. Equity investments are recorded using either fair value or the equity method of accounting depending on the availability of market data as well as the level of the Foundation's ownership significance and control. To arrive at fair value under either method, the Foundation obtains regular valuations as well as audited financial statements to determine the fair value required to either revalue or record its share of gains and losses on its investments. The Foundation records unrealized gains or losses throughout the life of the investment and realized gains or losses upon liquidation.

Guarantees are recorded as a liability at the larger of the smallest amount within the Foundation's probable loss range or the fair value of the guarantee to the recipient. The fair value to the recipient is equivalent to what it would likely have had to pay if it entered into the transaction in the open market. Guarantees are measured at inception and amortized over the life of the arrangement using a systematic and rational method.

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(d) Fair Value

The Foundation applies fair value accounting for all financial assets and liabilities that are recognized at fair value in the financial statements. In determining the fair value of investments, the Foundation utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs to the extent possible. The Foundation determines fair value based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability in the principal or most advantageous market. When considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, the following fair value hierarchy distinguishes between observable and unobservable inputs, which are characterized in one of the following levels:

- Level 1 Inputs: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities accessible to the reporting entity at the measurement date
- Level 2 Inputs: Valuations based on observable inputs (other than Level 1 prices) such as quoted prices for similar assets at the measurement date; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly
- Level 3 Inputs: Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement and involve management judgment

Accounting Standards Codification Subtopic 820-10, Fair Value Measurements – Overall, allows for the use of a practical expedient for the estimation of the fair value of investments in investment companies for which the investment does not have a readily determinable fair value. The practical expedient used by the Foundation to value PRI equity fund investments is the Net Asset Value (NAV). In some instances, the NAV may not equal the fair value that would be calculated under fair value accounting standards. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Foundation has investments which have been valued using the NAV as a practical expedient with total fair values of \$8,445 and \$5,089 respectively.

The carrying value on the consolidated statement of financial position of cash, prepaid and other assets, accounts payable, accrued and other liabilities, and grants payable, net approximates fair value. The estimated fair value for grants payable, however, involves unobservable inputs considered to be Level 3 per the fair value hierarchy.

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(e) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets or amortized over the terms of the respective leases, as follows:

Computer hardware and software3 yearsVehicles5 yearsFurniture and fixtures7 yearsBuilding components3-30 yearsBuilding40 years

lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is shorter

The Foundation annually reviews the property and equipment records for impairment of value and records any adjustments necessary to reflect material impacts in value.

(f) Grant Expense

Grant expense is recognized in the period the grant is approved, provided the grant is not subject to significant future conditions. Conditional grants are recognized as grant expense and as a grant payable in the period in which the grantee meets the terms of the conditions. Grants payable that are expected to be paid in future years are recorded at the present value of expected future payments. At December 31, 2014, grants payable were discounted using the year-end risk-free rate for each year grants were made, which ranged between 0.4% to 4.7%.

(g) Self-Insurance

The Foundation uses a combination of insurance and self-insurance mechanisms to provide for potential liabilities for employee healthcare benefits, workers' compensation, general liability, property damage, director and officers' liability, and vehicle liability. Liabilities associated with the risks that are retained by the Foundation are not discounted and are estimated, in part, by considering historical claims experience and evaluations of outside experts, demographic factors, severity factors, and other actuarial assumptions. The estimated accrual for these liabilities could be affected if future occurrences and claims differ from these assumptions and historical trends. For the years ended December 31, 2014, and 2013, the self-insurance liability, which is specific to employee healthcare benefits, was \$1,335 and \$1,177, respectively, and is included in accrued and other liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position.

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(h) Contributed Services

Contributed services are recognized if the services received either create or enhance long-lived assets, or require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. For the years ended December 31, 2014, and 2013, contributed services totaled \$1,873 and \$1,642, respectively, and are included in contributions and other income in the consolidated statements of activities.

(i) Contributions and Bequests from Unrelated Parties

The Foundation accepts contributions and bequests from unrelated parties if the donor is an individual and the gift is unrestricted. From time to time, the Foundation is notified that it has been named as the beneficiary in the estate of certain individuals under revocable agreements. Such amounts are recorded as contributions upon the passing of the donor and as the amounts become irrevocable.

(j) Presentation of Expenses on the Consolidated Statement of Activities

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been allocated between grants, direct charitable, and program and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of activities based on management's estimates. Grants and direct charitable expenses are charitable costs, expended for the benefit of others. Program and administrative expenses relate to activities that support the grant-making process as well as administrative operational costs.

(k) Tax-Exempt Status

The Foundation is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) and is classified as a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation is subject to federal excise taxes.

(l) Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The significant estimates and assumptions used include the valuation of PRI guarantees, discounting the allowance for loan PRIs, and the valuation of equity PRI investments.

(m) Reclassifications

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year numbers to ensure 2013 conforms to the presentation of 2014 financial information. The reclassifications had no impact to the Statements of Financial Position, Statements of Activities or the Statements of Cash Flows for the year December 31, 2013.

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(3) Related Parties

The Foundation engages in charitable activities that are funded by a related party, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust. The Trust holds and manages investment assets, and makes grants to the Foundation as necessary to carry out the Foundation's charitable goals. Neither entity controls the other; however, they have two of three trustees in common. In 2014 and 2013, the Trust made grants to the Foundation totaling \$4,388,873 and \$4,108,470, respectively.

(4) Beneficial Interest in Net Assets of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust

The legal documents that formed the Trust obligate it to fund the Foundation in whatever dollar amounts are necessary to accomplish the Foundation's charitable purposes. This means that the Foundation has the legal right to demand any amount, up to the full net assets of the Trust, to achieve the Foundation's charitable goals. Because of the Foundation's legal right to call upon the assets of the Trust, the consolidated financial statements for the Foundation reflect a \$43,440,032 and \$40,472,654 beneficial interest in the net assets of the Trust as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. That interest is adjusted annually to reflect the changes in the net assets of the Trust and amounts transferred to the Foundation during the reporting period.

The total changes in beneficial interest in the net assets of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are summarized as follows:

	_	2014	2013
Beginning balance	\$	40,472,654	36,371,337
Change in the net assets of the Trust before contributions			
to the Foundation		7,356,251	8,209,787
Trust contributions to the Foundation		(4,388,873)	(4,108,470)
Ending balance	\$	43,440,032	40,472,654

(5) Program-Related Investments

PRIs are strategic investments, beyond grants, made by the Foundation for the specific objective of furthering the Foundation's charitable purpose. The production of income is not the primary driver of a PRI. In 2014, the Foundation entered into 8 new PRI investments and its PRI portfolio includes loans to support the growth of key partners or institutions, equity investments to promote innovation, and guarantees to address structural challenges within markets.

Loan PRIs

The Foundation's loan portfolio includes both loans and convertible loans invested in not-for-profit and private sector entities. The majority of these loans are in support of its global strategies focusing on developing countries. They enable partner organizations to invest in increasing agricultural productivity, gain access to financial systems, and develop medical technology. The Foundation has also made loans in support of its U.S. strategies, providing low-cost capital support for charter school facilities. Interest payments are due on the outstanding loan amounts at interest rates generally ranging between 0% and 4%. Repayment of the outstanding loan amounts is scheduled through 2024.

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The loans are summarized in the table below for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 as follows:

	2014	2013
Loan receivable, gross beginning of year Additional loans Principal repayments Loan to equity conversions Realized loss on loans	91,555 12,298 (15,249) — (7,364)	74,059 30,740 (4,244) (8,220) (780)
Gross subtotal, loans	81,240	91,555
Interest receivable	997	469
Net subtotal, loans	82,237	92,024
Less discount and uncollectible allowance	(13,250)	(22,427)
Loan receivable, net end of year \$	68,987	69,597

In 2014, an organization, in which the Foundation had made both a loan and equity investment, dissolved. The loan had previously been written down with a 100% loss reserve, resulting in a reclassification of \$7,364 from uncollectible allowance to realized loss. In addition, one of the Foundation's initial loan investments of \$15,000 was repaid in full.

Equity Investment PRIs

The Foundation's equity portfolio includes direct equity investments as well as investments in equity funds. The majority of these equity investments are in support of its global strategies in developing countries which include investing in novel vaccine and therapeutic platforms, developing improved diagnostics, and strengthening agriculture and health delivery systems. The Foundation has also made investments in support of U.S. education. The total change in equity investments for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 are summarized as follows:

	2014	2013
Equity investment amount, gross beginning of year Additional investments	\$ 49,190 28,585	25,978 14,992
Loan to equity conversions Return of capital Realized loss	(123) (8,220)	8,220 —
Equity investment amount, gross end of year	69,432	49,190
Cumulative valuation adjustments: Unrealized gain (loss)	11,220	(3,947)
Equity investment amount, net end of year	\$ 80,652	45,243

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As mentioned in the Loan section, one of the Foundation's equity investments was terminated due to the dissolution of the organization. The Foundation had written this investment down to zero in the prior year and therefore reclassified \$8,220 from unrealized to realized loss in 2014. The Foundation has elected the fair value option for certain of its equity investments, totaling \$44,561 and \$31,662 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The majority of equity PRIs at fair value include unobservable inputs considered to be Level 3 per the fair value hierarchy.

Guarantee PRIs

The Foundation's guarantee portfolio includes credit enhancement and volume guarantees. The majority of these guarantees are in support of its global strategies, enabling accessibility and affordability of vaccines and health commodities in developing countries. Guarantees in support of the Foundation's U.S. strategies have focused on financing school facilities as a result of general market challenges that started in 2008.

The Foundation recorded a liability of \$37,757 and \$75,944 at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which reflects the larger of the smallest probable loss amount or estimated fair value of all outstanding guarantee agreements. Guarantee agreements and the associated commitments extend through 2020.

The Foundation's guarantee investments are summarized in the tables below for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013:

	_	Total Gross Exposure 12/31/13	New Commitments in 2014	Commitments Satisfied in 2014	Total Gross Exposure 12/31/14	Sub- guarantee Amounts	Net Exposure 12/31/14	Value of Guarantee Liability
Guarantee investments: Credit enhancement Volume	\$_	18,000 483,583		(100,967)	18,000 382,616	(150,048)	18,000 232,568	4,861 32,896
Total, guarantees	\$_	501,583		(100,967)	400,616	(150,048)	250,568	37,757
	_	Total Gross Exposure 12/31/12	New Commitments in 2013	Commitments Satisfied in 2013	Total Gross Exposure 12/31/13	Sub- guarantee Amounts	Net Exposure 12/31/13	Value of Guarantee Liability
Guarantee investments: Credit enhancement Volume	- \$ -	Exposure	Commitments	Satisfied	Gross Exposure	guarantee	Exposure	Guarantee

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(6) Property and Equipment

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, property and equipment consisted of the following:

	 2014	2013
Land	\$ 93,945	93,945
Construction-in-progress, new campus, and other	67,196	51,109
Campus buildings	570,297	570,079
Computer hardware and software	67,967	68,871
Furniture, fixtures and other	17,112	16,424
Leasehold improvements	 18,369	11,281
	834,886	811,709
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(146,230)	(119,063)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 688,656	692,646

(7) Functional Allocation of Expenses

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Foundation's functional allocation of expenses was as follows:

		2014	2013
Program expenses:			
Global Programs	\$	3,932,225	3,291,445
U.S. Program		611,761	553,650
Other Charitable Programs		150,186	117,912
Programmatic Support	_	65,571	61,504
Total program expenses		4,759,743	4,024,511
Management and general expenses		183,878	184,036
Total expenses	\$	4,943,621	4,208,547

Included in management and general expenses are expenses not directly related to the programs including such expenses as human resources, accounting, facilities, and information technology.

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(8) Grants Payable

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, grants payable totaled \$6,099,272 (discounted to \$5,757,160) and \$5,503,314 (discounted to \$5,143,677), respectively. Grants payable activity consisted of the following:

	2014	2013
Grants payable balance, beginning of year	\$ 5,503,314	5,436,881
2014 activity:		
New and supplemental grants	4,069,095	3,437,889
Payments	(3,439,154)	(3,320,723)
Grant amendments	(33,983)	(50,733)
Grants payable balance, end of year	\$ 6,099,272	5,503,314

As of December 31, 2014, based on the specific grant agreements, grants payable are expected to be paid in the following years:

2015 2016 2017 2018 2019	\$	2,315,878 1,417,446 702,858 414,394 84,605
Thereafter	_	1,164,091
	_	6,099,272
Less discount to reflect grant payable at		
present value	_	(342,112)
Grants payable, net	\$	5,757,160

(9) Retirement Plan

In 2014 and 2013, the Foundation offered three Retirement Plans for the benefit of its employees: a 403(b) plan, 401(a) plan, and a 457(b) plan. The 457(b) plan allows for additional executive deferrals subject to annual limitations.

The 403(b) retirement plan covers employees meeting certain qualifications. Under the terms of the plan, employees are allowed to contribute up to 100% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the plan, and subject to annual limitations imposed by the Internal Revenue Code.

The 401(a) retirement plan covers employees meeting certain qualifications. Under the terms of the plan, the Foundation contributes 15% of employee-eligible plan compensation subject to annual limitations. Employees are immediately vested in employer contributions. Employer contributions to the 401(a) retirement plan relating to the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$26,824 and \$23,127, respectively.

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(10) Federal Excise Taxes

The Foundation is subject to federal excise taxes imposed on private Foundations at 2%, or at 1% if certain conditions are met. The excise tax is imposed on net investment income, as defined under federal law, which includes interest, dividends, and net realized gains on the sale of investments. The Foundation provided for excise taxes at the 2% excise tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. The current portion of excise tax expense was \$24 and \$16 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

(11) Commitments and Contingencies

(a) Lease Commitments

The Foundation is obligated under various operating leases for equipment and office facilities, which expire on various dates through 2023. Future minimum lease payments related to these leases as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

2015		\$ 4,636
2016		5,210
2017		4,473
2018		4,334
2019		3,652
Thereafter		8,648
	Total lease	
	commitments	\$ 30,953

Rent expense totaled \$7,059 for the year ended December 31, 2014 and \$6,072 for the year ended December 31, 2013.

(b) Legal Matters

In the ordinary course of business, the Foundation is subject to certain legal actions. In the opinion of management, such matters will not have a material effect on the financial position of the Foundation.

(12) Subsequent Events

The Foundation evaluated subsequent events from December 31, 2014 through April, 30, 2015 the date on which the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that no additional disclosures are required.