THE ACTON INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION AND LIBERTY

Financial Statements
With Independent Auditors' Report

December 31, 2015 and 2014

CAPINCROUSE LLP

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty
Grand Rapids, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities, cash flows and functional expenses for the years 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.

Auditors' 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 from 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 Institute'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 Institute'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 in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty as of December 31, 2015, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other matter
The financial statements of The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty as of December 31, 2014, were audited by other auditors whose report dated May 11, 2015, expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.

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Statements of Financial Position

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS:		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 3,662,575	$ 3,100,033
Certificate of deposit	263,158	262,634
Promises to give	1,350,566	1,432,197
Accounts receivable	77,712	22,139
Inventories	245,473	275,717
Prepaid expenses and other assets	280,972	232,872
	5,880,456	5,325,592
Land, building, and equipment–net	7,284,874	7,487,635
Other Assets:		
Cash restricted for investment in property, equipment, and other	2,426,650	2,457,672
Promise to give, less current maturities	315,000	410,000
Investments	2,060,939	2,174,647
	4,802,589	5,042,319
Total Assets	$ 17,967,919	$ 17,855,546
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 351,718	$ 254,269
Accrued liabilities and other	28,427	61,918
	380,145	316,187
Net assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	5,999,540	5,308,940
Net investment in land, building, and equipment	7,284,874	7,487,635
	13,284,414	12,796,575
Temporarily restricted	4,303,360	4,742,784
	17,587,774	17,539,359
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$ 17,967,919	$ 17,855,546

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Statements of Activities

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2015			2014		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:						
Support:						
Contributions	$ 4,560,823	$ 4,999,020	$ 9,559,843	$ 6,304,896	$ 1,759,606	$ 8,064,502
Special events - net	11,434	-	11,434	44,838	-	44,838
	4,572,257	4,999,020	9,571,277	6,349,734	1,759,606	8,109,340
Revenue:						
Gross profit on sales	121,750	-	121,750	184,698	-	184,698
Program services	569,132	-	569,132	584,486	-	584,486
Rental income	159,523	-	159,523	159,284	-	159,284
Net investment income	108,139	-	108,139	260,211	-	260,211
	958,544	-	958,544	1,188,679	-	1,188,679
Total Support and Revenue	5,530,801	4,999,020	10,529,821	7,538,413	1,759,606	9,298,019
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:						
Satisfaction of purpose restrictions	5,438,444	(5,438,444)	-	1,795,082	(1,795,082)	-
Total Support, Revenue, and Net Assets Released from Restrictions	10,969,245	(439,424)	10,529,821	9,333,495	(35,476)	9,298,019
EXPENSES:						
Program services	9,033,775	-	9,033,775	8,141,198	-	8,141,198
Supporting activities:						
Management and general	728,116	-	728,116	712,198	-	712,198
Fund-raising	719,515	-	719,515	574,842	-	574,842
Total Expenses	10,481,406	-	10,481,406	9,428,238	-	9,428,238
Change in Net Assets	487,839	(439,424)	48,415	(94,743)	(35,476)	(130,219)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	12,796,575	4,742,784	17,539,359	12,891,318	4,778,260	17,669,578
Net Assets, End of Year	$ 13,284,414	$ 4,303,360	$ 17,587,774	$ 12,796,575	$ 4,742,784	$ 17,539,359

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Statements of Cash Flows

	Year End December 31,	
	2015	2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	$ 48,415	$ (130,219)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation	293,333	289,231
Contributions restricted for capital or long term purpose, excluding noncash donations	(547,002)	(705,917)
Net unrealized and realized loss (gain) on investment	122,453	(255,961)
Donated investments	(78,355)	(328,501)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Promises to give	358,297	114,979
Accounts receivable	(55,573)	(13,882)
Inventory	30,244	(47,459)
Prepaid and other	(48,100)	11,295
Accounts payable	97,449	(49,454)
Accrued liabilities and other	(33,491)	(5,418)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	187,670	(1,121,306)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchases of property and equipment	(90,572)	(101,586)
Increase in certificate of deposit	(524)	(733)
Proceeds from the sale of investments	69,610	317,516
Net Cash (Used) Provided by Investing Activities	(21,486)	215,197
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from contributions restricted for capital or other long term purpose	365,336	1,249,200
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	365,336	1,249,200
Change In Cash and Cash Equivalents	531,520	343,091
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	5,557,705	5,214,614
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	$ 6,089,225	$ 5,557,705

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Statements of Functional Expenses

	Year Ended December 31,							
	2015				2014			
	Program Services	Management and General	Fund-raising	Total	Program Services	Management and General	Fund-raising	Total
Salaries and wages	$ 2,511,443	$ 242,646	$ 480,232	$ 3,234,321	$ 2,312,356	$ 193,595	$ 432,399	$ 2,938,350
Contracted services	1,971,849	17,780	31,292	2,020,921	1,742,403	14,513	28,543	1,785,459
Conferences and conventions	1,897,698	3,624	6,423	1,907,745	1,416,904	3,986	2,589	1,423,479
Travel	518,092	44,298	21,153	583,543	369,230	25,746	12,178	407,154
Honorariums	305,862	-	-	305,862	290,916	-	-	290,916
Depreciation expense	195,394	77,020	20,919	293,333	211,659	57,175	20,397	289,231
Equipment rental and maintenance	276,395	5,975	6,211	288,581	302,831	34,613	4,898	342,342
Advertising	260,908	-	195	261,103	195,362	-	195	195,557
Printing and duplicating	170,702	5,031	61,761	237,494	145,137	4,934	8,535	158,606
Publications	181,425	5,933	17,294	204,652	185,701	3,748	14,972	204,421
Occupancy	148,798	36,562	9,930	195,290	80,705	104,486	1,400	186,591
Postage and shipping	141,672	1,983	44,394	188,049	159,204	2,030	28,530	189,764
Grants and awards	162,661	-	-	162,661	459,046	-	-	459,046
Meals and entertainment	119,444	11,369	5,354	136,167	105,670	8,590	8,367	122,627
Other taxes	-	104,425	-	104,425	-	106,593	-	106,593
Professional fees	23,350	70,389	-	93,739	8,263	42,093	-	50,356
Other expenses	64,694	17,013	6,560	88,267	57,857	9,326	3,917	71,100
Unrelated business income tax	-	72,000	-	72,000	-	90,834	-	90,834
Supplies	33,260	5,655	3,589	42,504	39,419	3,474	4,086	46,979
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	26,384	3,858	3,154	33,396	34,467	4,227	2,691	41,385
Telephone	23,744	2,555	1,054	27,353	24,068	2,235	1,145	27,448
Total Expenses	$ 9,033,775	$ 728,116	$ 719,515	$ 10,481,406	$ 8,141,198	$ 712,198	$ 574,842	$ 9,428,238

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Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2015 and 2014

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty (Institute) is a nonprofit education literary center, headquartered in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The Institute's primary goal is to familiarize the religious community, particularly students and seminarians, with the moral dimensions of liberty and the free market.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements of the Institute have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from these estimates. The more significant accounting policies are summarized below.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) *Presentation of Financial Statement* topic of the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). Under this topic, the Institute is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. Management is of the opinion there were no permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2015 and 2014, that are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

RECOGNITION OF DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Contributions received are reported as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets, if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is reported. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets.

UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS

The unrestricted net assets are used to account for all resources over which the Institute has discretionary control.

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Contributions of cash and other assets are temporarily restricted if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of donated assets. Expiration of temporary restrictions on net assets (i.e., the donor-stipulated purpose has been fulfilled and/or the stipulated time period has elapsed) are reported as net assets released from restrictions in the unrestricted net asset class.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Institute considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. The Institute's accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At times, the Institute's deposits exceed federally insured limits. However, management monitors the soundness of the financial institution and believes the risk is negligible.

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

The Institute maintains investments in the form of a certificate of deposit at one financial institution. The certificate of deposit bears interest at 0.25% and matured in April 2015. Included is an auto-renewal feature, with penalties for early withdrawal. The carrying value includes interest earned through the end of the year. The certificate of deposit is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. At times, the Institute's deposits may exceed federally insured limits. However, management monitors the soundness of the financial institution and believes the risk is negligible.

PROMISES TO GIVE

Unconditional promises to give are recognized as revenue in the period the promise is made, and as assets, decreases of liabilities, or expenses depending on the form of the benefits to be received.

Promises to give are stated at the amount management expects to collect from balances outstanding. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its evaluation of the status of individual accounts, past credit history with donors and the donors' current financial condition. Balances still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. The Institute considers promises to give to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful promises to give has been recorded. If amounts become uncollectible, a provision for the potential loss will be charged to operations when the determination is made.

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Trade accounts receivables are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. Management provides for probable uncollectible amounts through a charge to earnings and a credit to a valuation allowance based on its evaluation of the status of individual accounts, past credit history with funds and clients and the funders' clients' current financial condition. Balances still outstanding after management has used reasonable collection efforts are written off through a charge to the valuation allowance and a credit to accounts receivable. The Institute considers all accounts receivables to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been recorded. If amounts become uncollectible, a provision for the potential loss will be charged to operations when the determination is made.

INVENTORY

Inventory, consisting primarily of bookstore supplies, is reported at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined on the average cost method.

LAND, BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT

The Institute follows the practice of capitalizing, at cost, all expenditure for property and equipment in excess of $1,000. Donations of property and equipment are recorded as support at the estimated fair value at the time received. Such donations are reported as unrestricted support unless the donor has restricted the donated asset to a specific purpose. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions specifying how the assets are to be used are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how the long-lived assets must be maintained, the Institute reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or long-lived assets are placed in service. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset.

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The Institute follows the provisions of the *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosure* topic of the FASB ASC. These standards establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritize the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

Level 1

Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2

Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in active markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3

Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for instruments measured at fair value on a recurring basis and recognized in the accompany statements of financial position, as well as, the general classification of such instruments pursuant to the valuation hierarchy.

INVESTMENTS

Where quoted market prices are available in an active market, securities are classified within Level 1 of the valuation hierarchy. Level 1 securities include mutual funds and common stock.

If quoted market prices are not available, then fair values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, or discounted cash flows. For the valuation of the investments in coins, the Institute used significant other observable inputs, including information based on quoted market prices for Level 2 investments.

In certain cases where Level 1 or Level 2 inputs are not available, securities are classified with Level 3. For the valuation of the common stock of an unregistered company, the Institute used significant unobservable inputs including information from an independent appraisal based on other valuation methods. The valuation approach considers capitalization of earnings and the merger and acquisition valuation method, as well as discounting the valuation for lack of control and lack of marketability.

DONATED ASSETS

Donated marketable securities and other noncash donations are reported as contributions at their estimated fair values as of the date of the donation.

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

INCOME TAXES

The Internal Revenue Service has determined the Institute exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. In addition, the Institute qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction under Section 170(b)(1)(A) and has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation under Section 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). The Institute is subject to tax on unrelated business income, as defined by Section 511 of the code. The provision for income taxes on such income was $72,000 and $90,834, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Cash paid for income tax on such income was $71,000 and $15,844, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Tax positions taken are assessed for uncertainty and provisions may be recorded if a tax position is not likely to be sustained upon examination.

With limited exceptions, the Institute is no longer subject to audits by federal authorities for years prior to 2011, and state authorities for years prior to 2010.

ADVERTISING

The Institute expenses advertising costs as incurred. Total advertising costs were $261,100 and $195,557, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the program services and supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Certain costs not directly attributable to specific program services or functions have been allocated to program services and supporting activities. Management considers its method of allocation to be equitable.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain amounts from the prior year have been reclassified to conform with current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on the change in net assets.

UNCERTAINTY IN TAX POSITIONS

The financial statement effects of a tax position taken or expected to be taken are recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. Interest and penalties, if any, are included in expenses in the statements of activities. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Institute had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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2. PROMISES TO GIVE:
Promises to give consist of the following:

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
Receivable in less than one year	$ 1,350,566	$ 1,432,197
Receivable in one to five years	315,000	410,000
	$ 1,665,566	$ 1,842,197

The discount to present value of the long-term promises to give is not material to record.

3. LAND, BUILDING, AND EQUIPMENT:
Property and equipment consists of the following:

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
Land	$ 1,080,000	$ 1,080,000
Building	6,068,824	6,068,824
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	1,096,853	1,057,633
Library books and reference materials	117,654	115,644
	8,363,331	8,322,101
Accumulated depreciation	(1,078,457)	(834,466)
	$ 7,284,874	$ 7,487,635

4. INVESTMENTS:

Investments consist of the following as of December 31, 2015:

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Common stock	$ 35,601	$ 35,601	$ -	$ -
Mutual funds				
Large growth	124,738	124,738	-	-
Mid-cap growth	210,393	210,393	-	-
Coins	35,207	-	35,207	-
Common stock of unregistered company	1,655,000	-	-	1,655,000
	$ 2,060,939	$ 370,732	$ 35,207	$ 1,655,000

Investments consist of the following as of December 31, 2014:

		Fair Value Measurements Using		
	Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Common stock	$ 28,978	$ 28,978	$ -	$ -
Mutual funds				
Large growth	119,413	119,413	-	-
Mid-cap growth	206,318	206,318	-	-
Coins	39,938	-	39,938	-
Common stock of unregistered company	1,780,000	-	-	1,780,000
	$ 2,174,647	$ 354,709	$ 39,938	$ 1,780,000

4. INVESTMENTS, continued:

Investment income consists of:

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
Interest and dividend income	$ 230,592	$ 4,250
Net unrealized gain (loss)	(147,093)	215,572
Net realized gain	24,640	40,389
	$ 108,139	$ 260,211

The following is a reconciliation of activity for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, for assets measured at fair value based on significant unobservable (Level 3) information:

	December 31,	
	2015	2014
	Level 3 Investments	Level 3 Investments
Balance, beginning of year	$ 1,780,000	$ 1,553,000
Unrealized gain (loss) included in change in unrestricted net assets	(125,000)	227,000
Balance, end of year	$ 1,655,000	$ 1,780,000

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5. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS:

Temporarily restricted activities consist of:

	December 31,			
	2014	Support	Reclassifications	2015
Education	$ 685,000	$ 3,693,743	$ 3,872,937	$ 505,806
Research	1,004,454	645,200	1,049,624	600,030
Campaign for building and program enhancement	2,956,006	547,002	418,559	3,084,449
Time restricted funds	97,324	113,075	97,324	113,075
	$ 4,742,784	$ 4,999,020	$ 5,438,444	$ 4,303,360

	December 31,			
	2013	Support	Reclassifications	2014
Education	$ 159,116	$ 811,365	$ 285,481	$ 685,000
Research	1,489,491	145,000	630,037	1,004,454
Campaign for building and program enhancement	2,880,811	705,917	630,722	2,956,006
Time restricted funds	248,842	97,324	248,842	97,324
	$ 4,778,260	$ 1,759,606	$ 1,795,082	$ 4,742,784

6. LEASES:

The Institute leases office space in Rome, Italy, under an operating lease which expires in February 2019. The future minimum lease payments are subject to exchange rate fluctuations as they are denominated and paid in Euros and any inflationary adjustments based on the annual finding of the National Institute for Statistics. The Institute may not terminate the lease without penalty.

The Institute also leases certain office equipment under an operating lease. The lease expired in March 2015.

Future minimum office lease payments are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	
2016	$ 40,312
2017	40,312
2018	40,312
2019	3,359
2020	-
Thereafter	-
	$ 124,295

Total expense under operating leases was $53,920 and $80,786, for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Institute also leases a portion of the building and related parking spaces to an unrelated party under an operating lease, which expires in September 2019. The lease includes an escalation clause, which increases monthly rent by 2% in October of each year. As of December 31, 2015, monthly rent was $13,294. Rental income under operating leases for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, was $159,523 and $159,284, respectively.

Future rental income is as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	
2016	$ 162,978
2017	166,238
2018	169,563
2019	129,070
	$ 627,849

7. RETIREMENT PLAN:

The Institute has an employee benefit plan under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for substantially all of its employees who meet the eligibility requirements. Contributions to the plan are at the discretion of management. Participants may contribute up to 15% of their compensation to the plan on a pretax basis. The Institute matches 50% of each participant's elective contributions, not to exceed $4,000 annually 2015 and 2014. Contributions were $65,323 and $52,976, respectively. The Institute's obligation is limited to contributions made for the benefit of participating employees.

8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the report date, which represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Subsequent events after that date have not been evaluated.

On March 8, 2016, the Institute was awarded their charitable exemption from personal property tax from the City of Grand Rapids. On March 28, 2016, the Institute received personal property tax settlement refund payments totaling $216,667.