
FIGHTING BLINDNESS CANADA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Fighting Blindness Canada,

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Fighting Blindness Canada, (the organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fighting Blindness Canada as at December 31, 2024 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw your attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Pennylegion Chung LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

June 16, 2025
Toronto, Ontario

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 631,602	\$ 1,000,424
Marketable securities (note 3)	3,032,630	4,495,832
HST rebate recoverable	64,255	72,533
Prepaid expenses	<u>14,550</u>	<u>19,950</u>
	3,743,037	5,588,739
Long-term assets		
Capital assets (note 4)	<u>38,343</u>	<u>42,846</u>
	<u>\$ 3,781,380</u>	<u>\$ 5,631,585</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 592,720	\$ 1,192,842
Payroll source deductions payable	20,708	-
Deferred contributions (note 5)	<u>1,463,428</u>	<u>2,568,118</u>
	<u>2,076,856</u>	<u>3,760,960</u>
Net assets		
Unrestricted	<u>1,704,524</u>	<u>1,870,625</u>
	<u>\$ 3,781,380</u>	<u>\$ 5,631,585</u>

Commitments (notes 6 and 7)

Approved on behalf of the Board:

 Director
 Director

see accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2024	2023
REVENUE		
Contributions		
Individuals	\$ 3,285,177	\$ 3,719,376
Corporations	574,530	391,120
Foundations	231,216	616,781
Government	66,528	24,070
Sponsorships	749,843	674,174
Fundraising events	474,836	1,091,179
Investment income	165,952	192,357
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	<u>12,990</u>	<u>(4,123)</u>
	<u>5,561,072</u>	<u>6,704,934</u>
 EXPENSES (note 8)		
Scientific research	2,093,260	2,384,077
Fundraising	1,748,011	2,606,138
Education and advocacy programs	1,016,451	843,177
Administrative	855,117	817,179
Amortization	<u>14,334</u>	<u>13,428</u>
	<u>5,727,173</u>	<u>6,663,999</u>
 EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	(166,101)	40,935
 Net assets, beginning of year	<u>1,870,625</u>	<u>1,829,690</u>
 NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 1,704,524</u>	<u>\$ 1,870,625</u>

see accompanying notes

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	2024	2023
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses for the year	\$ (166,101)	\$ 40,935
Add back (deduct) non-cash items - Amortization of capital assets	14,334	13,427
Net change in non-cash working capital items (see below)	<u>(1,670,426)</u>	<u>(956,648)</u>
Net cash used for operating activities	<u>(1,822,193)</u>	<u>(902,286)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities	1,463,202	287,106
Capital assets purchased	<u>(9,831)</u>	<u>(25,307)</u>
Net cash generated from investing activities	<u>1,453,371</u>	<u>261,799</u>
NET DECREASE IN CASH FOR THE YEAR	(368,822)	(640,487)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>1,000,424</u>	<u>1,640,911</u>
CASH, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 631,602</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,424</u>

Net change in non-cash working capital items:

Decrease (increase) in current assets-		
HST rebate recoverable	\$ 8,278	\$ 43,363
Prepaid expenses	5,400	(2,124)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities-		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(600,122)	(43,871)
Payroll source deductions payable	20,708	(208)
Deferred contributions	<u>(1,104,690)</u>	<u>(953,808)</u>
	<u><u>\$ (1,670,426)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (956,648)</u></u>

see accompanying notes

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Fighting Blindness Canada, (the organization), was incorporated in the Province of Ontario and on July 20, 2021 was continued under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act. The organization is exempt from income tax in Canada as a registered charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

The organization's mission is to accelerate world-class research and provide expert information, advocacy and connection for everyone impacted by blinding eye disease.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Management is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Outlined below are those policies considered particularly significant:

Revenue recognition

The principal sources of revenue and recognition of these revenues for financial statement purposes are as follows:

Contributions

The organization follows the deferral method of revenue recognition for contributions. Externally restricted contributions, including grants and donor restricted donations, related to current expenses are recognized as revenue in the current year. Externally restricted contributions received in the year for expenses to be incurred in the following year are recorded as deferred contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recorded when received.

Contributed materials and services are recorded in the financial statements when their fair values are reasonably determinable and when they would normally have been purchased by the organization. Fair value is defined as the estimated cash outlay that would have been required to purchase the contributed material and services. The value of services contributed by volunteers is not recorded in the financial statements.

Sponsorships

Sponsorship revenue is recognized in the period to which it relates.

Fundraising events

Fundraising event revenue is recognized in the period in which the event takes place.

Investment income

Interest income is recognized as revenue when earned. Changes in unrealized gains and realized gains and losses on the sale of marketable securities are recorded in statement of operations.

Scientific research grants

Research grants are expensed in the period in which the related grant recipients incurred eligible expenses, which have been approved by the organization.

Allocation of expenses

Personnel expenses are allocated to activities based on the proportional hours spent on each.

Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at exchange rates prevailing at the transaction date. Monetary assets and liabilities are translated into Canadian dollars at exchange rates in effect at the date of the statement of financial position. Exchange gains and losses are included in the statement of operations.

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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital assets

Capital asset purchases are recorded at cost. Amortization is provided annually at rates calculated to write-off the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Computers and equipment	- 5 years straight-line
Furniture and fixtures	- 10 years straight-line

2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED FINANCIAL RISKS

The organization's financial instruments include cash, marketable securities, amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Marketable securities, which include guaranteed investment certificates, money market mutual funds and high-interest savings accounts, are initially and subsequently measured at fair market value. Amounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities are initially recorded at fair value and are subsequently recorded net of any provisions for impairment in value.

3. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

Marketable securities as at December 31 are as follows:

	2024	2023
Guaranteed investment certificates	\$ 1,796,160	\$ 2,658,230
Money market mutual funds and high interest savings accounts	<u>1,236,470</u>	<u>1,837,602</u>
	<u>\$ 3,032,630</u>	<u>\$ 4,495,832</u>

Guaranteed investment certificates bear interest at rates ranging from 3.55% to 5.12% and mature between March 2025 and March 2026.

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are as follows:

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	2024 Net	2023 Net
Computers and equipment	\$ 157,973	\$ (119,630)	\$ 38,343	\$ 41,998
Furniture and fixtures	<u>27,069</u>	<u>(27,069)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>848</u>
	<u>\$ 185,042</u>	<u>\$ (146,699)</u>	<u>\$ 38,343</u>	<u>\$ 42,846</u>

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5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Continuity of deferred contributions for the year is as follows:

	2024	2023
Deferred contributions, beginning of year	\$ 2,568,118	\$ 3,521,926
Add cash received from contributions	3,052,761	3,797,539
Less contribution revenue recognized	<u>(4,157,451)</u>	<u>(4,751,347)</u>
Deferred contributions, end of year	<u>\$ 1,463,428</u>	<u>\$ 2,568,118</u>

6. LEASE COMMITMENT

The organization leases office and programming space in Toronto, Ontario. Minimum annual lease payments under the terms of the lease agreement are as follows:

2025	\$ 184,914
2026	21,686
2027	6,817
2028	6,817
2029	386

7. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH GRANTS COMMITMENTS

The organization has committed to fund research grants, on an annual basis, for the following years:

2025	\$ 1,392,809
2026	653,992
2027	362,500
2028	157,222
2029	32,500

8. ALLOCATION OF PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Personnel expenses are allocated to the following activities:

	2024	2023
Fundraising	\$ 1,099,366	\$ 1,495,370
Education and advocacy programs	736,309	497,111
Administrative	<u>478,724</u>	<u>461,491</u>
	<u>\$ 2,314,399</u>	<u>\$ 2,453,972</u>