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McCUNE FOUNDATION

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Distribution Committee of  
McCune Foundation

### *Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of McCune Foundation, which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of McCune Foundation as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAS"). 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 required to be independent of McCune Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about McCune Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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### *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 absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with U.S. GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- 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 McCune Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about McCune Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

*Sistersen & Co. LLP*

January 27, 2025

McCUNE FOUNDATION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	September 30,	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$ 462,736	\$ 339,697
Investments	170,294,319	194,793,071
Prepaid federal excise tax	--	7,434
Other assets	<u>119,229</u>	<u>94,679</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 170,876,284</u>	<u>\$ 195,234,881</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Liabilities		
Deferred federal excise tax	\$ 759,700	\$ 738,100
Accounts payable	24,938	8,156
Federal excise tax liability	82,542	--
Other accrued liabilities	<u>127,267</u>	<u>107,624</u>
Total liabilities	994,447	853,880
Net assets without donor restrictions	<u>169,881,837</u>	<u>194,381,001</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 170,876,284</u>	<u>\$ 195,234,881</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	Year ended September 30, 2024	2023
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Income		
Net gain on investments		
Realized gain	\$ 21,024,245	\$ 26,734,090
Unrealized gain (loss)	<u>1,549,098</u>	<u>(11,158,988)</u>
Net gain on investments	22,573,343	15,575,102
Dividends	2,012,651	2,110,145
Interest	3,072,826	2,954,902
Other gain on investments	225,738	121,019
Fees paid to trustee	<u>(490,479)</u>	<u>(568,541)</u>
Total income	<u>27,394,079</u>	<u>20,192,627</u>
Expenses		
Program expenses		
Grants, net of returns	49,320,750	42,730,959
Salaries and benefits	1,221,602	986,463
Other	<u>586,654</u>	<u>525,982</u>
Total program expenses	<u>51,129,006</u>	<u>44,243,404</u>
Management and general expenses		
Federal excise tax expense	364,605	146,351
Salaries and benefits	282,429	309,052
Other	<u>117,203</u>	<u>122,367</u>
Total management and general expenses	<u>764,237</u>	<u>577,770</u>
Total expenses	<u>51,893,243</u>	<u>44,821,174</u>
Decrease in net assets without donor restrictions	(24,499,164)	(24,628,547)
Net assets without donor restrictions, beginning of year	<u>194,381,001</u>	<u>219,009,548</u>
Net assets without donor restrictions, end of year	<u>\$ 169,881,837</u>	<u>\$ 194,381,001</u>

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year ended September 30,	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash flows from operating activities		
Decrease in net assets without donor restrictions	\$ (24,499,164)	\$ (24,628,547)
Adjustments to reconcile decrease in net assets without donor restrictions to net cash used in operating activities		
Net gain on investments	(22,573,343)	(15,575,102)
Securities disbursed to recipient organizations as grants	--	13,511,050
Assignment of program-related investment	1,748,000	--
Deferred federal excise tax	21,600	(155,100)
Increase (decrease) in cash from changes in		
Prepaid federal excise tax	7,434	179,928
Other assets	(24,550)	(27,680)
Accounts payable	16,782	5,061
Federal excise tax liability	82,542	--
Other accrued liabilities	19,643	(64,581)
	<u>(45,201,056)</u>	<u>(26,754,971)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities		
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchases of investments	(68,576,517)	(93,863,921)
Proceeds from dispositions of investments	113,900,612	120,756,330
	<u>45,324,095</u>	<u>26,892,409</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities		
Net increase in cash	123,039	137,438
Cash, beginning of year	<u>339,697</u>	<u>202,259</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 462,736</u>	<u>\$ 339,697</u>
Supplemental information		
Excise tax paid	<u>\$ 253,029</u>	<u>\$ 121,523</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION

McCune Foundation ("Foundation") was established in 1979 by the Will of Charles L. McCune. Grants are made at the discretion of the Distribution Committee to organizations in and providing services to the residents of southwestern Pennsylvania, with an emphasis on human services, education, cultural, civic and economic development organizations.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

The Foundation's policy is to prepare its financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, the Foundation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets, as follows:

Without donor restrictions

These net assets are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

With donor restrictions

These net assets are subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met by either actions of the Foundation or the passage of time. The Foundation does not have net assets with donor restrictions as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.

In addition, net assets with donor restrictions may include net assets with donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Foundation. As of September 30, 2024 and 2023, the Foundation does not have any net assets with donor restrictions that are required to be maintained in perpetuity.

Cash

The Foundation maintains its cash in bank accounts that, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Foundation does not believe it is exposed to any significant credit risk related to cash.

Investments and related income

Investments are reported at fair value on the accompanying statements of financial position. Changes in the fair value of investments, as well as realized gains and losses, are included in the accompanying statements of activities.

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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Investments and related income (continued)

Realized gains and losses on disposals of investments are determined by the specific identification method. Investments considered to be permanently impaired in value are written down to their estimated net realizable value and the write down is recorded as a realized loss on investments.

Interest and dividend income are recognized on the accrual basis.

The Foundation's investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with investments and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the fair value of individual investments, it is at least reasonably possible that significant changes can occur in fair value that may materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Investment transactions are at the discretion of PNC Financial Services Group, Inc. ("PNC Bank"), the Foundation's trustee.

Grants

The Foundation records unconditional grants when they are approved by the Distribution Committee. Conditional grants approved by the Distribution Committee, that is, those with a measurable performance or other barrier and a right of return, are recorded and disbursed when the recipient organizations meet the conditions, most of which require matching funds or meeting financial or outcome-based milestones.

Expense allocation

Expenses directly related to a specific program are charged to that program. The financial statements report certain categories of expenses that are attributable to more than one program or supporting function. Therefore, expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis, that is, consistently applied. Allocation is based on the estimated time and effort spent related to each function.

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 as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.



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NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Subsequent events

The Foundation evaluates events and transactions occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements for matters requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. The accompanying financial statements consider events through January 27, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS

The fair values of short-term investments approximate their cost. The fair values of equities, equity funds, bonds, and bond funds are based on their quoted market prices.

The fair value of program-related investments (“PRIs”) approximates their cost. Determination of fair value of these investments would require significant management judgment or estimation. These investments are anticipated to have a less than fair value return. As of September 30, 2024, the PRI balance consists of one loan maturing in 2028. As of September 30, 2023, the PRI balance consists of one loan and one partnership investment. PRIs are defined in Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code as an investment in which its primary purpose is to accomplish a charitable, educational, or other similar purpose, and in which the production of income or capital appreciation is not a significant purpose of the investment. In the year of the investment, the Foundation receives a credit toward its distribution requirement related to its excise tax calculation (see Note 5). When the investment is recovered by the Foundation, a negative distribution is recognized. During the year ended September 30, 2024, the partnership investment was assigned to another entity by the Foundation and converted into a grant in the amount of \$1,748,000. No impairment losses were recorded for these investments as of September 30, 2024 and 2023.

Investments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories based on the extent of market price observability:

Level I – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical investments as of the reporting date. The type of investments in Level I include short-term investments, equities, equity funds, U.S. Treasury obligations, and bond funds.

Level II – Pricing inputs are other than quoted market prices included in Level I, however, are observable, either directly or indirectly for the investment. The Foundation includes corporate obligations in Level II.

Level III – Pricing inputs are unobservable for the investment and includes situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the investment. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. Investments in this category include the Foundation’s PRIs.

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NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS (continued)

The valuations of the Foundation's investments by the above fair value hierarchy levels and the corresponding cost of the investments are as follows as of September 30:

	2024				
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total fair value	Cost
Short-term investments	\$ 1,813,984	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1,813,984	\$ 1,813,984
Equities and equity funds					
Equities	35,899,385	--	--	35,899,385	4,565,834
Equity funds					
Domestic	42,953,133	--	--	42,953,132	21,014,423
Bonds and bond funds					
U.S. Treasury obligations	18,048,324	--	--	18,048,324	17,981,586
Corporate obligations	--	63,961,893	--	63,961,893	62,710,558
Bond funds	7,227,789	--	--	7,227,789	7,166,996
Program-related investment	--	--	389,811	389,811	389,811
	<u>\$ 105,942,615</u>	<u>\$ 63,961,893</u>	<u>\$ 389,811</u>	<u>\$ 170,294,319</u>	<u>\$ 115,643,192</u>

	2023				
	Level I	Level II	Level III	Total fair value	Cost
Short-term investments	\$ 5,006,071	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 5,006,071	\$ 5,006,071
Equities and equity funds					
Equities	46,275,550	--	--	46,275,550	7,157,453
Equity funds					
Domestic	45,968,880	--	--	45,968,880	30,407,941
International	110,043	--	--	110,043	126,402
Bonds and bond funds					
U.S. Treasury obligations	52,409,171	--	--	52,409,171	52,792,500
Corporate obligations	--	42,269,975	--	42,269,975	43,448,005
Bond funds	500,961	--	--	500,961	500,250
Program-related investments	--	--	2,252,420	2,252,420	2,252,420
	<u>\$ 150,270,676</u>	<u>\$ 42,269,975</u>	<u>\$ 2,252,420</u>	<u>\$ 194,793,071</u>	<u>\$ 141,691,042</u>

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NOTE 3 - INVESTMENTS (continued)

The changes in investments measured at fair value for which the Foundation has used Level III inputs to determine fair value are as follows:

	<u>Program-related investments</u>
October 1, 2022	\$ 2,314,858
Gains (losses)	
Unrealized	--
Realized	--
Cash flows	
Purchases	--
Proceeds from dispositions	<u>(62,438)</u>
September 30, 2023	2,252,420
Gains (losses)	
Unrealized	--
Realized	--
Assignment of PRI	(1,748,000)
Cash flows	
Purchases	--
Proceeds from dispositions	<u>(114,609)</u>
September 30, 2024	<u>\$ 389,811</u>

NOTE 4 - ENDOWMENT

The Foundation, by definition, is an endowment. It was established by a donor gift and provides an endowment for 50 years. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Foundation has not adopted Act 141 because it does not have any permanently restricted endowment funds. The Foundation incurs excise tax on investment income due to its filing status. The Distribution Committee reviews and approves all grants to be distributed. As part of that role, the Distribution Committee sets the programmatic and sunset strategies for the Foundation's grant making activities. The trustee, PNC Bank, makes all investment and asset allocation decisions. Financial reports and summaries are provided to the Distribution Committee on a quarterly basis.

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NOTE 4 - ENDOWMENT (continued)

Endowment assets as of September 30, 2024 and 2023 were comprised of funds without donor restrictions of \$170,294,319 and \$194,793,071, respectively.

The following represents the change in the endowment fund net assets for the years ended September 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Beginning of year	\$ 194,793,071	\$ 219,621,428
Investment return		
Investment income	5,311,215	5,186,066
Realized gain	21,024,245	26,734,090
Unrealized gain (loss)	1,549,098	(11,158,988)
Appropriation of endowment assets for grants	(49,320,750)	(42,730,959)
Fees and miscellaneous items	<u>(3,062,560)</u>	<u>(2,858,566)</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 170,294,319</u>	<u>\$ 194,793,071</u>

NOTE 5 - TAXES

The Foundation is qualified as a private, non-operating foundation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and is exempt from federal income tax under the provisions of Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Foundation is obligated to pay income taxes on its unrelated business income (as defined), if any. In addition to a federal excise tax on net investment income, private foundations are subject to tax on the amount by which their minimum investment return exceeds distributions. The Foundation had no undistributed income in 2024 or 2023.

Deferred federal excise tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred federal excise tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted excise tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Foundation calculated the deferred excise tax liability at 1.39% for both of the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023. The Foundation's federal income tax and excise tax returns for tax years 2021 and beyond remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

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NOTE 5 - TAXES (continued)

Federal excise tax expense consists of the following for the years ended September 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current excise tax expense	\$ 343,005	\$ 301,451
Deferred excise tax expense (benefit)	<u>21,600</u>	<u>(155,100)</u>
	<u>\$ 364,605</u>	<u>\$ 146,351</u>

The deferred federal excise tax expense (benefit) of \$21,600 and \$(155,100) for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively, relates to temporary differences between the fair value of the investments for financial reporting purposes and underlying cost basis for tax reporting purposes.

The Foundation makes estimated excise tax payments throughout the year based on their calculation of estimated federal excise tax on their 990PF. For the year ended September 30, 2024, the Foundation paid \$82,542 less than their federal excise tax amount for the year which is recorded as federal excise tax liability on the statement of financial position. For the year ended September 30, 2023, the Foundation paid \$7,434 more than their federal excise tax amount for the year which is recorded as prepaid federal excise tax on the statement of financial position.

NOTE 6 - GRANTS

As of September 30, 2024, the Foundation had awarded \$18,146,500 in conditional grants that are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements. The Foundation expects these conditional grants to be distributed through the year 2026 as the conditions set by the Foundation are met by the grantees.

NOTE 7 - LEASE

The Foundation leases office space under an operating lease agreement that expires September 30, 2028. Total rent expense for the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 was \$195,678 and \$185,708, respectively. The Foundation has elected not to implement Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842), the impact of which is immaterial to the financial statements as a whole.

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NOTE 7 - LEASE (continued)

Future minimum rentals under this lease are as follows:

2025	\$	192,675
2026		195,616
2027		198,558
2028		<u>201,500</u>
	\$	<u><u>788,349</u></u>

NOTE 8 - RETIREMENT AND DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS

The Foundation provides retirement benefits through a Simplified Employee Pension plan, allowing staff to select any custodian to receive their deposits. During the year ended September 30, 2018, the Foundation established a 457b plan. The 457b plan is a nonqualified, deferred compensation plan that allows for both employee and employer contributions for eligible employees. The Foundation's contributions to the plans are based on 12.5% of employee compensation. For the years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, the employer expense was \$136,097 and \$131,773, respectively.

NOTE 9 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During 2024 and 2023, there were certain grant applicants with which members of the Distribution Committee were affiliated. Pursuant to the practices of the Foundation, the related members abstained from voting in matters concerning affiliated applicants.

NOTE 10 - LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

The Foundation manages its liquid resources by focusing on investment efforts, through an endowment fund, to ensure the Foundation has adequate investment returns to cover the grants that are being distributed and direct charitable efforts of the Foundation. The Foundation prepares detailed budgets and has been very active in fiscal management to ensure the Foundation remains liquid.

Financial assets (cash and investments, excluding PRIs) available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, total \$170,367,244 and \$192,880,348 as of September 30, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

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NOTE 11 - GAIN CONTINGENCY

The Foundation is named as a beneficiary of a defined benefit retirement plan sponsored by a related party. Under the plan provisions, the Foundation will only receive a distribution of plan assets if assets remain after there are no more participants in the plan, due to the death of the participants. Any future gain to the Foundation from this plan has not been estimated by management as of September 30, 2024, but could be material to the financial statements.