

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
---	---	---

Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2021</u> and ending <u>12/31/2021</u>	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____
B This return/report is:	☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	☐
D Check box if filing under:	☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information										
1a Name of plan <u>CARTERS 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</u> 2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY</u> <u>3438 PEACHTREE ROAD NE</u> <u>SUITE 1800</u> <u>ATLANTA, GA 30326</u>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><u>004</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1c Effective date of plan <u>12/01/1988</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1156680</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>678-399-4436</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">2d Business code (see instructions) <u>315990</u></td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>004</u>	1c Effective date of plan <u>12/01/1988</u>		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1156680</u>		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>678-399-4436</u>		2d Business code (see instructions) <u>315990</u>	
1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>004</u>										
1c Effective date of plan <u>12/01/1988</u>											
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1156680</u>											
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>678-399-4436</u>											
2d Business code (see instructions) <u>315990</u>											

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2022	KATY MACLAGA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/11/2022	KATY MACLAGA
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Form 5500 (2021)
v. 210624

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor		3b Administrator's EIN	
		3c Administrator's telephone number	
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name		4b EIN 4d PN	
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year		5	7715
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d).			
a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year.....		6a(1)	5731
a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year		6a(2)	4935
b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....		6b	33
c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits		6c	2423
d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c		6d	7391
e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.		6e	20
f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e		6f	7411
g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)		6g	6736
h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested		6h	715
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....		7	
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3H 2S 2T 3D			
b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:			
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor		9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)			
a Pension Schedules (1) ☒ R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) ☐ MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) ☐ SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary		b General Schedules (1) ☒ H (Financial Information) (2) ☐ I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) ☐ A (Insurance Information) (4) ☒ C (Service Provider Information) (5) ☒ D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) ☐ G (Financial Transaction Schedules)	

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2021 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2021 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2021
		This Form is Open to Public Inspection.

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan CARTERS 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-1156680	

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
---------------	--

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER AND S

13-5674085

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 60 62 72	RECORDKEEPER	397922	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

COOK STREET CONSULTING

84-0854432

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
70	CONSULTANT	68495	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

RSM US LLP

42-0714325

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	ACCOUNTANT	27300	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021					
A Name of plan CARTERS 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 004	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-1156680	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: T ROWE PRICE STABLE VALUE TRUST A					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY					
c EIN-PN 52-1309931-001		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 21205237	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or	

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
--	--	--

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021		
A Name of plan CARTERS 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ►	004
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 04-1156680	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
---------------	--------------------------------------

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	1785	2654
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	7496022	16123548
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	704595	331321
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	667665	165749
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	4834224	4129434
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	22985931	21205237
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	219380419	249936024
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)		
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	0

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
1d	Employer-related investments:		
(1)	Employer securities.....	1d(1) 0	0
(2)	Employer real property.....	1d(2)	
e	Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	
f	Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f 256070641	291893967
Liabilities			
g	Benefit claims payable	1g	
h	Operating payables	1h	
i	Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i	
j	Other liabilities.....	1j 704578	2130273
k	Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k 704578	2130273
Net Assets			
l	Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l 255366063	289763694

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a	Contributions:		
(1)	Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A) 14673291	
	(B) Participants	2a(1)(B) 14083114	
	(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C) 1670662	
(2)	Noncash contributions.....	2a(2) 0	30427067
(3)	Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)	
b	Earnings on investments:		
(1)	Interest:		265116
(A)	Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A) 0	
(B)	U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B) 0	
(C)	Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C) 0	
(D)	Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	
(E)	Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E) 265116	
(F)	Other	2b(1)(F) 0	
(G)	Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)	265116
(2)	Dividends: (A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A) 0	13391038
(B)	Common stock	2b(2)(B) 0	
(C)	Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C) 13391038	
(D)	Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)	13391038
(3)	Rents	2b(3)	
(4)	Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A) 0	0
(B)	Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B) 0	
(C)	Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)	
(5)	Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0
(B)	Other	2b(5)(B) 0	
(C)	Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)	

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		392618
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	2b(10)		24851689
c Other income.....	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2d		69327528
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers.....	2e(1)	33408635	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other.....	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		33408635
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions).....	2g		1008722
h Interest expense.....	2h		0
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees.....	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Investment advisory and management fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) Other.....	2i(4)	512540	
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		512540
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total.....	2j		34929897
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		34397631
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan.....	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: RSM US LLP

(2) EIN: 42-0714325

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.).....

	Yes	No	Amount
4a		X	

	Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)			
4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)			
4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)			
4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?			
4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)			
4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?			
4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?			
4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)			
4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.			
4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined
If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2021 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
---	---	--

For calendar plan year 2021 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2021 and ending 12/31/2021

A Name of plan <u>CARTERS 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>004</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>04-1156680</u>

Part I	Distributions
---------------	----------------------

All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	<u>0</u>
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>94-1687665</u>		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year	3	

Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
----------------	---

4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.			
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.			
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a		
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b		
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c		
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.			
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes	☐ No	☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
-----------------	-------------------

9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	☐ Increase	☐ Decrease	☐ Both	☐ No
--	-----------------------------------	-----------------------------------	-------------------------------	-----------------------------

Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
----------------	---

10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?	☐ Yes	☐ No
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)	☐ Yes	☐ No
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?	☐ Yes	☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.

Schedule R (Form 5500) 2021
v. 201209

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....

14a

b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14b

c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....

14c

- 15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....

15a

b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....

15b

- 16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year.....

16a

b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....

16b

- 17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

- 18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

- 19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:

☐ 0-3 years ☐ 3-6 years ☐ 6-9 years ☐ 9-12 years ☐ 12-15 years ☐ 15-18 years ☐ 18-21 years ☐ 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?

☐ Effective duration ☐ Macaulay duration ☐ Modified duration ☐ Other (specify): _____

- 20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation _____

Carter's 401(k) Savings Plan

Financial Report
December 31, 2021

Contents

Independent auditor's report	1-4
------------------------------	-----

Financial statements	
Statements of net assets available for benefits	5
Statement of changes in net assets available for benefits	6
Notes to financial statements	7-12
Supplementary information	
Schedule H, line 4i - schedule of assets (held at end of year)	13

Independent Auditor's Report

Retirement Committee
Carter's 401(k) Savings Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Carter's 401(k) Savings Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2021, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements (2021 financial statements).

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the 2021 financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's (DOL) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

In our opinion, based on our audit and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the accompanying 2021 financial statements, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).
- The information in the accompanying 2021 financial statements related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion on the 2021 Financial Statements

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan 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 ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the 2021 Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, 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. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit of the 2021 Financial Statements section of our report, 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 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 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 the Plan'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 the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 2021 financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of U.S. GAAP.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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.

Other Matters

2021 Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Auditor's Report on the 2020 Financial Statements

We were engaged to audit the 2020 financial statements of the Plan. As permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the plan administrator instructed us not to perform and we did not perform any auditing procedures with respect to the information certified by a qualified institution. In our report dated July 29, 2021, we indicated that (a) because of the significance of the information that we did not audit, we were not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for an audit opinion and accordingly, we did not express an opinion on the 2020 financial statements, and (b) the form and content of the information included in the 2020 financial statements other than that derived from the certified information were presented in compliance with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

RSM VS LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
October 7, 2022

Carter's 401(k) Savings Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits December 31, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 168,403	\$ 669,450
Investments at fair value	<u>271,141,261</u>	<u>242,366,350</u>
Receivables:		
Notes from participants	5,138,156	5,493,133
Employer's contributions	16,123,548	7,496,022
Participant's contributions	331,321	704,595
Total receivables	<u>21,593,025</u>	<u>13,693,750</u>
Total assets	<u>292,902,689</u>	<u>256,729,550</u>
Liabilities		
Excess contributions payable to participants	<u>2,130,273</u>	<u>704,578</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 290,772,416</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 256,024,972</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

Carter's 401(k) Savings Plan

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits Year Ended December 31, 2021

Additions to net assets attributed to:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 24,851,689
Dividend income	13,783,656
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	265,116
Total investment income	<u>38,900,461</u>
Contributions:	
Employer	14,673,291
Participant	14,083,114
Rollover	1,670,662
Total contributions	<u>30,427,067</u>
Total additions	<u>69,327,528</u>
Deductions from net assets attributed to:	
Benefits paid to participants	34,067,544
Administrative expenses	512,540
Total deductions	<u>34,580,084</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	34,747,444
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>256,024,972</u>
End of year	<u><u>\$ 290,772,416</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Plan Description

The following description of the Carter's 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for more information.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan which provides savings and retirement benefits for eligible employees of The William Carter Company, and certain of its domestic subsidiaries, (the "Company", the "Employer" or the "Sponsor") who have completed one calendar month of employment, are of a minimum age of 21, and, if part-time, work a minimum of 1,000 hours of service within the one-year time period following commencement of employment or during any subsequent calendar year (eligibility). The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Plan amendment: There were no plan amendments during 2021.

Administration: The Company serves as the Plan Administrator. The Retirement Plan Committee (the "Committee") is responsible for oversight of the Plan and determines the appropriateness of the Plan's investment offerings, monitors investment performance, and reports to the Plan Administrator.

Contributions: In accordance with the provisions of the Plan, participating eligible employees may contribute from 1% to 90% of eligible compensation on a pre-tax and/or Roth basis up to the annual maximum amount permitted by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Participants are vested immediately in all of their contributions to the Plan plus any earnings thereon.

The Company may provide the following two types of Employer contributions to the Plan: (1) Employer-matching contributions on eligible deferrals of employee compensation made to the Plan and (2) profit-sharing contributions. Both types of Employer contributions are at the discretion of the Company. There were no profit-sharing contributions made by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2021. Employer contributions, if any, are also subject to IRS limitations. Vesting for any Employer profit-sharing contributions and for Employer-matching contributions for participants hired on or after January 1, 2016, is based on years of vested service in alignment with the following schedule:

	Percent Vested
Years of service:	
Less than one year	0%
One year but less than two	25%
Two years but less than three	50%
Three years but less than four	75%
Four years or more	100%

Auto-enrollment: Upon satisfying the Plan's age and service requirements, eligible employees will be automatically enrolled in the Plan with a pre-tax contribution rate of 3% of their eligible Plan compensation as soon as administratively possible following the 90th day after the date the employee first becomes eligible to participate in the Plan. Any employee who is automatically enrolled and makes an election to opt out of the Plan within 90 days of the first paycheck deferral can receive a refund of employee deferrals. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined contribution plans (rollovers).

Participant accounts: Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Employer's matching contributions and an allocation of profit-sharing contributions, if any, and the Plan earnings (losses). Participant accounts are also charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings (losses) or account balances, as defined in the Plan agreement. A participant's vested balance represents the benefits the participant is entitled to receive.

Investment Options: Upon enrollment in the Plan, a participant may direct his or her salary deferrals and Employer contributions, if any, to the available investment options in 1% increments. The Plan currently offers 29 mutual funds

Notes to Financial Statements

and a stable value fund as investment options for participants. Participants may change their investment options at any time during the year, subject to certain limitations.

Distributions and forfeitures: Upon termination of service due to disability, retirement or other reasons except death of the participant, the participant may elect to receive his/her vested account balance either through a lump-sum distribution or a rollover to an eligible individual retirement account (IRA).

Amounts that have not been vested are held in suspense and, should a participant resume employment prior to the fifth anniversary of the date of the participant's termination from service, the value of such amount shall be restored only if the participant reimburses the Plan for all distributions received.

Upon termination of service due to death, the deceased participant's vested account balance is distributed to the deceased participant's surviving spouse or other designated beneficiary. In the absence of a surviving spouse or other designated beneficiary, the vested account balance is distributed to the estate of the deceased participant.

At December 31, 2021 and 2020, the forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$521,244 and \$69,733, respectively. These accounts are used to reduce future Employer contributions or pay Plan expenses. Forfeited amounts of \$475,000 were used to reduce the Employer contributions paid in 2022 relating to the year ended December 31, 2021.

Withdrawals: In-service withdrawals are permitted for certain financial hardships or when a participant attains age 59½. The funds available from which the participants may make hardship withdrawals vary under the Plan depending on the circumstances surrounding the withdrawal. All withdrawals are subject to the review and approval of the Plan Administrator.

Notes receivable from participants: Participants may borrow up to 50% of their vested account balance with maximum allowable borrowings of \$50,000 and a minimum of \$1,000. A Plan participant may have up to two loans outstanding at any one time. A loan setup fee of \$100 is deducted from the participant's account each time a Plan loan is initiated. The loans are collateralized by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a fixed rate for the term of the loan based on the prime lending rate (as reported in *The Wall Street Journal*) as of the date the loan is initiated, plus 1%. Interest rates range from 4.25% to 6.50% on loans outstanding at December 31, 2021, and mature through April 2031. All loans must be repaid within five years unless the loan is for the purchase of a principal residence, in which case it must be repaid within ten years. Principal and interest payments are paid through payroll deductions or directly through the Participant's account. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan Administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded based on the terms of the Plan. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting: The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment valuation and income recognition: The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Accounting policies and policy elections are applied under applicable accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") based on information provided by the trustee. See Note 4 for discussion of fair values of investments.

Net appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments purchased and sold as well as held during the year. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

Contributions: Contributions from Plan participants and any Employer-matching contributions from the Company are recorded in the year in which the underlying compensation has been earned. Any Employer profit-sharing contributions are recognized upon authorization and in the year the underlying compensation is recognized under the Plan. Investment of all participant and Employer contributions are participant-directed.

Notes to Financial Statements

Expenses: Administrative expenses includes fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants that are charged directly to the participant's account and certain recordkeeping fees paid by the Plan. Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Sponsor and are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Notes receivable from participants: Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. Delinquent participant loans, if any, are reclassified as distributions based upon terms of the Plan agreement.

Payment of benefits: Benefits paid to participants are recorded when paid.

Use of estimates and risks and uncertainties: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets available for benefits and changes therein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Plan invests in various investment securities, including mutual funds and a stable value fund. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, liquidity and credit risk. Due to the level of risk associated with investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the financial statements.

Excess contributions payable to participants: Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding reduction to contributions. The Plan distributes the excess contributions to the applicable participants before March 15 of the subsequent year.

Subsequent events: The Plan has evaluated subsequent events (events occurring after December 31, 2021) through October 7, 2022, the date the financial statements were available for issuance. Effective January 1, 2022, the Plan adopted the Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner & Smith, Inc. preapproved plan document.

Note 3. Information Certified or Provided by Bank of America, N.A. (Trustee)

The following is a summary of the Plan's asset information as of December 31, 2021 and 2020, and for the year ended December 31, 2021, that is included throughout the Plan's financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified by Bank of America, N.A. the trustee of the Plan. This information was prepared by, or derived from, information provided by the trustee and furnished to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator has obtained certifications from the trustee that information certified and provided to the Plan Administrator by the trustee related to the following assets and income is complete and accurate. Accordingly, as permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA, the Plan Administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditors not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to information which appears throughout the financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule related to the following assets:

	2021	2020
Mutual funds	\$ 249,936,024	\$ 219,380,419
Common collective trust stable value fund	21,205,237	22,985,931
Total	<u>\$ 271,141,261</u>	<u>\$ 242,366,350</u>
Notes receivable from participants	<u>\$ 5,138,155</u>	<u>\$ 5,493,133</u>

The trustee also certified the completeness and accuracy of \$24,851,689 of net appreciation in fair value of investments, \$13,783,656 of dividend income, and \$265,116 of interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 4. Fair Value Measurements

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2: Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means
- If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3: Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Registered investment companies (mutual funds): Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

Common collective trust stable value fund: A stable value fund that is composed primarily of fully benefit-responsive investment contracts that is valued at the NAV of units of the collective trust. The NAV is not a publicly-quoted price in an active market, but is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported NAV. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily. If the Plan initiates a full redemption of the collective trust, the issuer reserves the right to require 12 months notification in order to ensure that securities liquidations will be carried out in an orderly business manner.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Notes to Financial Statements

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2021			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 249,936,024	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 249,936,024
Investments measured at NAV (a)				21,205,237
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 271,141,261</u>

Description	Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2020			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Registered investment companies	\$ 219,380,419	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 219,380,419
Investments measured at NAV (a)				22,985,931
Investments at fair value				<u>\$ 242,366,350</u>

(a) As permitted by the provisions of ASU No. 2015-07, *Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share (or Its Equivalent)*, these investments have been measured at NAV per share as a practical expedient and, therefore, are not required to be classified by level within the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following table sets forth additional disclosures of the Plan's investments whose fair value was estimated using the NAV per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2021 and 2020.

Investment	Fair Value as of December 31,		Unfunded Commitment	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
	2021	2020			
T. Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trust A	<u>\$ 21,205,237</u>	<u>\$ 22,985,931</u>	None	Daily	12 months

To assess the appropriate classification of investments within the fair value hierarchy, the availability of market data is monitored. Changes in economic conditions or valuation techniques may require the transfer of investments from one fair value level to another.

The Plan evaluates the significance of transfers between levels based upon the nature of the investment and size of the transfer relative to total net assets available for benefits.

Note 5. Plan Termination

The Company intends to continue the Plan indefinitely, but reserves the right to terminate it at any time subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event the Plan is terminated, the balances in the accounts of each participant shall become fully vested and shall be distributed to the participants in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and ERISA.

Note 6. Federal Income Tax Status

The Plan has received a determination letter from the IRS dated March 10, 2016, stating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code), and therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. The Plan has been amended since receiving the determination letter. The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

GAAP requires an evaluation of tax positions taken by the Plan and the recognition of a tax liability (or asset) if an uncertain tax position would "more likely than not" not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan may be subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax period in progress.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 7. Related Party and Parties-in-Interest Transactions

Bank of America, N.A. is the trustee of the Plan; therefore, transactions with the trustee qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Administrative expenses incurred by the Plan and paid to the trustee for the year ended December 31, 2021, were \$512,540.

Certain employees of the Company perform administrative services for the Plan. These employees receive no compensation from the Plan for their services. Certain other administrative expenses are paid by the Company on behalf of the Plan.

Note 8. Reconciliation of Financial Statements to Form 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to net assets per the Form 5500:

	2021	2020
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 290,772,416	\$ 256,024,972
Notes receivable from participants at year-end	(5,138,156)	(5,493,133)
Deemed distributions	(1,008,722)	(658,909)
Participant loans at year-end	5,138,156	5,493,133
Net assets per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 289,763,694</u>	<u>\$ 255,366,063</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the net income per the Form 5500 for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Net increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 34,747,444
Deemed distributions at December 31, 2020	658,909
Deemed distributions at December 31, 2021	(1,008,722)
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 34,397,631</u>

Carter's 401(k) Savings Plan

Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) December 31, 2021

Employer Identification Number: 04-1156680

Plan Number: 004

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest Collateral, Par, Maturity Value	Cost**	Current Value
		Common collective trust stable value fund:		
	T. Rowe Price	T.Rowe Price Stable Value Common Trust A		\$ 21,205,237
		Registered investment companies (mutual funds):		
	Fidelity	Fidelity 500 Index Fund		35,053,170
	American Funds	The Growth Fund of America Class A		28,812,677
	American Funds	American Funds 2050 Target Date Retirement		19,464,232
	American Funds	American Funds 2045 Target Date Retirement		19,429,207
	American Funds	American Funds 2040 Target Date Retirement		17,645,327
	American Funds	American Funds 2035 Target Date Retirement		14,973,985
	American Funds	American Funds 2055 Target Date Retirement		14,749,482
	Vanguard	Vanguard Explorer Fund		12,590,995
	American Funds	American Funds 2030 Target Date Retirement		11,539,626
	American Funds	American Funds 2025 Target Date Retirement		10,506,641
	MFS	MFS International Value Fund Class R6		8,735,216
	Fidelity	Fidelity Extended Market Index Fund		8,020,929
	Metropolitan	Metropolitan West Total Return Fund		7,569,020
	Vanguard	Vanguard Equity Income Fund		7,264,815
	American Funds	American Funds 2060 Target Date Retirement		5,842,332
	JP Morgan	JP Morgan Undiscovered Managers Behavioral Value Fund		4,707,109
	MFS	MFS Global Real Estate Fund Class R6		3,791,724
	JP Morgan	JP Morgan Mid Cap Value Fund		3,728,351
	Vanguard	Vanguard Total International Stock Index Fund		2,959,891
	Vanguard	Vanguard Treasury Money Market Fund		2,551,303
	Janus Henderson	Janus Henderson Enterprise Fund		2,375,185
	American Funds	American Funds 2020 Target Date Retirement		2,316,421
	Fidelity	Fidelity US Bond Index Fund		2,182,229
	PIMCO	PIMCO Real Return Fund		851,645
	Vanguard	Vanguard Total International Bond Index Fund		665,589
	Hotchkis	Hotchkis High Yield Fund I Shares		620,781
	American Funds	American Funds 2015 Target Date Retirement		517,487
	American Funds	American Funds 2010 Target Date Retirement		280,112
	American Funds	American Funds 2065 Target Date Retirement		190,544
				249,936,024
*	Participants	Participant loans***:		
		4.25%-6.50%; maturing through April 2031		4,129,434
				<u>\$ 275,270,695</u>

* Designates party-in-interest.

** All investments are participant directed; therefore, cost information has not been presented

*** Net of \$1,008,722 in deemed loan distributions.

The above information has been certified by the trustee, Bank of America, N.A., to be complete and accurate.

Attachment to 2021 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Plan Name: CARTERS 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN
Plan Sponsor's Name: THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY

EIN:04-1156680
PN:004

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	ACCRUED INCOME	ACCRUED INCOME	54	54
	MERRILL LYNCH BANK DEPOSIT PROGRAM	CERT OF DEPOSIT / BANK DEPOSIT	165,694	165,694
	T.ROWE PRICE STABLE VAL TRST A	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	21,205,238	21,205,237
	LOAN FUND	LOANS	5,044,496	5,044,496
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2010 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	251,762	280,112
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2015 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	467,403	517,487
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2020 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	2,099,089	2,316,421
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2025 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	9,206,087	10,506,641
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2030 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	9,872,304	11,539,626
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2035 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	11,883,418	14,973,985
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2040 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	13,644,543	17,645,327
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2045 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	14,993,670	19,429,207
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2050 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	15,028,462	19,464,232
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2055 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	11,419,769	14,749,482
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2060 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	4,705,105	5,842,332
	AMERICAN FUNDS 2065 TARGET R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	176,891	190,544
	AMERICAN GROWTH FUND R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	20,554,627	28,812,677
	FIDELITY 500 INDEX FUND	MUTUAL FUNDS	21,315,655	35,053,170
	FIDELITY EXTENDED MARKET INDEX	MUTUAL FUNDS	6,091,850	8,020,929

Attachment to 2021 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Plan Name: CARTERS 401(K) SAVINGS PLAN
Plan Sponsor's Name: THE WILLIAM CARTER COMPANY

EIN:04-1156680
PN:004

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	FIDELITY US BOND INDEX FUND	MUTUAL FUNDS	2,214,662	2,182,229
	HOTCHKIS & WILEY HIGH YIELD Z	MUTUAL FUNDS	608,279	620,781
	JANUS HENDERSON ENTERPRISE N	MUTUAL FUNDS	2,099,301	2,375,185
	JP MORGAN MID CAP VAL FD R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	3,513,261	3,728,351
	JP MORGAN UNDISC MGRS CL R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	3,746,286	4,707,109
	METROPOLITAN WEST TOTAL RTN P	MUTUAL FUNDS	7,545,226	7,569,020
	MFS GLOBAL REAL ESTATE R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	2,768,807	3,791,724
	MFS INTRNTL INTRINSIC VL FD R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	7,206,626	8,735,216
	PIMCO REAL RETURN FD CL INST	MUTUAL FUNDS	817,727	851,645
	VANGUARD EQUITY INCOME CL ADM	MUTUAL FUNDS	6,112,251	7,264,815
	VANGUARD EXPLORER FUND	MUTUAL FUNDS	10,502,939	12,590,995
	VANGUARD TOTAL INTL BD CL ADM	MUTUAL FUNDS	692,763	665,589
	VANGUARD TOTAL INTL CL INSTL	MUTUAL FUNDS	2,656,927	2,959,891
	VANGUARD US TREASURY MONEY FD	MUTUAL FUNDS	2,551,303	2,551,303
	PENDING SETTLEMENT FUND	PENDING SETTLEMENT FUNDS	2,655	2,655
	UNINVESTED CASH	UNINVESTED CASH	0	0