

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ 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 EXCEPTIONAL CHILDRENS FOUNDATION 401K PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 003
		1c Effective date of plan 06/01/2009
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) EXCEPTIONAL CHILDRENS FOUNDATION 5350 MACHADO ROAD CULVER CITY, CA 90230	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1690988 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 310-845-8010 2d Business code (see instructions) 624100

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.	08/28/2024	VERONICA ARTEAGA
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	08/28/2024	VERONICA ARTEAGA
	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

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	5 434
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 a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested	6a(1) 371 6a(2) 364 6b 0 6c 61 6d 425 6e 0 6f 425 6g(1) 319 6g(2) 309 6h 36
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:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2T 3D 3H

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
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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
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 1
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance 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. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EXCEPTIONAL CHILDRENS FOUNDATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1690988	

Part I	Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions	Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.
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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
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(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
04-1590850	65935	780505-01	309	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid 1435	(b) Total amount of fees paid 0
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS 777 S. FIGUEROA ST, 52ND FL LOS ANGELES, CA 90017
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(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
1435			3

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	586655
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	0

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶**b** Premiums paid to carrier**6b****c** Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....**6c****d** If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount.**6d**

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☒ other (specify) ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT****f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)**a** Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee(3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☐ other ▶**b** Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

515142

c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year**7c(1)**

58824

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

0

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

7609

(4) Transferred from separate account.....

7c(4)

6324

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

25138

▶ **LOAN REPAYMENTS, FORFEITURES**

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

97895

d Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**)**7d**

613037

e Deductions:

(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year

7e(1)

18066

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

831

(3) Transferred to separate account.....

7e(3)

7485

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

26382

f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**)**7f**

586655

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** ☐ Health (other than dental or vision)
b ☐ Dental
c ☐ Vision
d ☐ Life insurance
e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
f ☐ Long-term disability
g ☐ Supplemental unemployment
h ☐ Prescription drug
i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
j ☐ HMO contract
k ☐ PPO contract
l ☐ Indemnity contract
m ☐ Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

a Premiums: (1) Amount received	9a(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid.....	9a(2)		
(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve	9a(3)		
(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)).....		9a(4)	0
b Benefit charges (1) Claims paid.....	9b(1)		
(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves	9b(2)		
(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)).....		9b(3)	0
(4) Claims charged		9b(4)	
c Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
(A) Commissions	9c(1)(A)		
(B) Administrative service or other fees	9c(1)(B)		
(C) Other specific acquisition costs	9c(1)(C)		
(D) Other expenses	9c(1)(D)		
(E) Taxes	9c(1)(E)		
(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies.....	9c(1)(F)		
(G) Other retention charges	9c(1)(G)		
(H) Total retention		9c(1)(H)	0
(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were ☐ paid in cash, or ☐ credited.).....		9c(2)	
d Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement		9d(1)	
(2) Claim reserves		9d(2)	
(3) Other reserves.....		9d(3)	
e Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).)		9e	

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

a Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier	10a	
b If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount	10b	

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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
		2023
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EXCEPTIONAL CHILDRENS FOUNDATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1690988

Part I	Service Provider Information (see instructions)
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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
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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)

EMPOWER ANNUITY INS CO OF AMERICA

8515 EAST ORCHARD ROAD
GREENWOOD VILLAGE, CO 80111

84-0467907

(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?
64	RECORDEEPER	15297	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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444 W. 47TH STREET, SUITE 900
KANSAS CITY, KS 64112

20-3247391

(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?
55	SHAREHOLDER SERVICES PRO	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	12747	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

CREATIVE PLANNING LLC

5440 W. 110TH ST., STE 102
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66211

(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?
27	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	9277	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)

ACTUARIAL BENEFITS CORP

2790 SKYPARK DRIVE, SUITE 300
TORRANCE, CA 90505

20-1054428

(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?
13	THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATO	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	2628	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)

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			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
LOCKTON FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC	53	12747

(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.
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO. 1295 STATE STREET SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111 04-1590850	COMMISSIONS AND FEES

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
ACTUARIAL BENEFITS CORP.	13	2628

(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.
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INS. CO. 1295 STATE STREET SPRINGFIELD, MA 01111 04-1590850	TPA ALLOWANCE PAYMENT

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

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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
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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:

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Explanation:

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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	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	0
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred.....	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred.....	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	124987	106941
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)		
(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)	4513545	5209733
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	515142	586655
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(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	5153674	5903329
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	5153674	5903329

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.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	112194	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	510090	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	261410	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		883694
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	6436	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		6436
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)		
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(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)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(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)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(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)		838367
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1728497

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	489179	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		489179
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	12975	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		12975
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		502154

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1226343
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		476688

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: **ARMANINO LLP**

(2) EIN: **94-6214841**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
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.)		☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		☒	
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?		☒	
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?		☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒		
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.)		☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?		☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		☒	
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.			

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)
EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION 403(B) PLAN	95-1690988	004

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023					
A Name of plan EXCEPTIONAL CHILDRENS FOUNDATION 401K PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 EXCEPTIONAL CHILDRENS FOUNDATION				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1690988	
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	0
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): 04-1590850 84-0467907					
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) 2023 v. 230707	

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (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) 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) 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)	14a 14b 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
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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) and (b): a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
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: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☒ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q703885A</u> .	

Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements
and Supplemental Schedule
Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2023 and 2022
and For the Year Ended December 31, 2023



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator
Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan
Culver City, California

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) 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 statements of net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan's 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 Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits 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 Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from qualified institutions as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and for the year ended December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by institutions that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) 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.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible 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) audits does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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 Audits of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audits 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits.

- 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 audits 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 Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) 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 Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 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 the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

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 the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, ("supplemental schedule") is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor'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 audits 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 generally accepted auditing standards. 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 Department of Labor'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, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor'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 qualified institutions 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).

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Armanino LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Armanino^{LLP}
Woodland Hills, California

August 19, 2024

Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan
Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits
Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments		
Investments, at fair value	\$ 5,209,683	\$ 4,513,498
Investments, at contract value	<u>586,705</u>	<u>515,189</u>
Total investments	5,796,388	5,028,687
Notes receivable from participants	<u>106,941</u>	<u>124,987</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u><u>\$ 5,903,329</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,153,674</u></u>

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

Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan
Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits
Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets	
Contributions	
Participants	\$ 510,090
Employer	112,194
Rollover	<u>261,410</u>
Total contributions	<u>883,694</u>
Investment income	
Interest and dividends	244,756
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	<u>593,611</u>
Total investment income	<u>838,367</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>6,436</u>
Total additions to net assets	<u>1,728,497</u>
Deductions from net assets	
Benefits paid to participants	489,179
Administrative expenses	<u>12,975</u>
Total deductions from net assets	<u>502,154</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits before transfers	1,226,343
Transfer to other Plan (See Note 1)	<u>476,688</u>
Net increase in net assets available for benefits	749,655
Net assets available for benefits, beginning of year	<u>5,153,674</u>
Net assets available for benefits, end of year	<u><u>\$ 5,903,329</u></u>

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

Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan
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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

The following description of the Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan documents for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan, a defined contribution plan sponsored by Exceptional Children's Foundation (the "Employer", "Organization" or "ECF") pursuant to Section 401(a) and related provisions of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC"), was established effective January 1, 2009 to provide retirement benefits to eligible employees. The Plan was most recently amended and restated effective July 21, 2022. The Plan is designed to provide participants with a means to defer a portion of their compensation for retirement and to provide benefits in the event of disability, death, termination or proven financial hardship. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") as amended.

Effective March 27, 2020, the Plan administratively adopted the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act, related to participant distributions. The Organization has until December 31, 2025, to amend the Plan for changes allowed by the CARES Act. The Plan has not been formally amended to adopt these provisions as of the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

An expansion of Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 ("SECURE 2.0") was signed into law on December 29, 2022, as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. The effective dates of provisions within SECURE 2.0 vary through 2026. The Plan Sponsor has until the end of the first Plan year beginning on or after January 1, 2025, to amend the Plan for the changes related to SECURE 2.0. The Plan has not been formally amended to adopt these provisions as of the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Plan administration

The Organization is the administrator of the Plan and, as such, carries out the duties imposed by ERISA. ECF has delegated certain responsibilities for the operation and administration of the Plan. ECF has contracted with Empower Trust Company and Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (collectively known as the "Trustees") to be responsible for the custody of the Plan's assets, and to perform record-keeping, and administrative services for the Plan.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Eligibility

Employees become eligible to participate in the Plan and make salary deferral contributions and receive Employer contributions upon hiring. Employees covered under the Plan include all employees, except those who are union employees, nonresident aliens, leased employees, merger and acquisition employees, and Puerto Rico based employees. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan upon their commencement date. In order to be eligible for Employer matching contributions, the employee must complete at least 1,000 hours of service during the Plan year and be employed on the last day of the Plan year.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute a portion of their pre-tax or after-tax annual compensation as defined in the Plan, and the maximum amount allowed by the IRC. The maximum allowed deferral amount was \$22,500 for the year ending 2023. Participants age 50 or over may also contribute an additional \$7,500 in catch-up contributions to the Plan for the year ending 2023. The Plan automatically enrolls all eligible employees in the Plan at a deferral rate of 3% of eligible compensation.

The Organization will match each participant's contributions up to 1% of eligible compensation as defined by the Plan document. For the year ended December 31, 2023, Employer matching contributions were \$112,194.

Rollover contributions transferred from other qualified retirement plans or from Individual Retirement Accounts ("IRA") are accepted as permitted by the plan documents.

Participant accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, allocations of the Employer's matching contributions, the Employer's other discretionary matching contributions, if any, and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan and Plan losses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the plan documents. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

Vesting

Participants are vested immediately in their employee contributions, including rollovers of funds from other qualified retirement plans plus actual earnings or losses thereon. Participants are fully vested by reasons of employment termination, normal retirement age, death or disability.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Vesting (continued)

The vesting schedule for the Employer contribution is as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	20 %
2	40 %
3	60 %
4	80 %
5	100 %

Notes receivable from participants

The Plan allows participants to borrow not less than \$1,000 and up to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's accounts and bear a reasonable rate of interest as determined by the plan administrator. The repayment of principal plus interest is generally required by the Plan to be made through payroll deductions over five years unless the loan is used for the purchase of a primary residence. Loans outstanding during the year ending December 31, 2023, carried interest rates between 4.25% and 9.50%. Participants loans outstanding as of December 31, 2023 have various maturity dates through August 2028. Participants may not have more than one loan at a time.

Administrative expenses

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan, including auditing expenses, were paid by ECF for the year ending December 31, 2023. Other administrative expenses, including investment management services, are paid out of the assets of the Plan. Investment fees, which may vary according to the individual funds selected, are paid out of the assets of the Plan.

Administrative expenses cover the routine Plan expenses for investment advisory and management services. The Plan requires that certain expenses related to the Plan be paid directly by the Organization, but permits certain expenses incurred to administer the Plan to be paid from Plan assets. The Organization does not require reimbursement from the Plan for these expenses. For the year ending December 31, 2023, the Plan paid investment advisory and management fees of \$12,975.

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1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (continued)

Payment of benefits

Distributions and withdrawals are payable upon retirement, termination, financial hardship, disability or death. Upon termination if a participant's account balance is equal to or less than \$5,000, the balance will be distributed immediately in a lump-sum cash payment unless a direct rollover into another qualified benefit plan is requested. Upon termination if the account balance is greater than \$5,000, the participant can consent to either a distribution paid in the form of a lump-sum cash payment, a direct rollover into another qualified plan or postpone payment to a later date and remain in the Plan as described in the plan documents.

Upon attaining the age of 59 ½ the participant may, while still employed by the Organization, request a withdrawal from their account balance. The Plan allows participants to obtain a distribution to satisfy any of the following immediate and heavy financial needs: (1) medical expenses; (2) purchase of a principal residence; (3) to prevent eviction from principal residence; (4) to pay for education expenses; (5) funeral expenses; or (6) repair the damage on principal residence.

Forfeited accounts

Forfeitures of Employer matching contributions may occur if a participant terminates employment prior to the full vesting period. These amounts may be used to reduce future Employer contributions or pay for Plan operating expenses. Total forfeited non-vested accounts that were available for such purposes totaled \$78,218 and \$60,985 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2023, forfeitures of \$94 were used to pay administrative expenses.

Transfers to other plan

Transfers to other plan in the amount of \$476,688 consisted of five participants account balances which were transferred to the Exceptional Children's Foundation 403(b) Plan as of December 31, 2023. These transfers were made in error and will be transferred back to the Plan as soon as administratively feasible.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of accounting and financial statement presentation

The financial statements of the Plan and supplemental schedule have been prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). Under this basis, investments are recorded at fair value on the settlement date, contributions are recorded when received and benefits are recorded when paid.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires the plan administrator to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

Risks and uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities, which are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market fluctuation and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of the investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis and changes therein.

Investment valuation and income recognition

The Plan's investments in mutual funds are reported at fair value. The Plan's investment in a benefit responsive investment contract is reported at contract value.

Participants direct the investment of their contributions into a variety of investment options offered by the Plan, including mutual funds, and a guaranteed interest account. The Plan's investment in mutual funds is stated at fair value as determined on the open market.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded when received. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Contributions

Contributions from participants are recorded when they are received by the Plan and coincide with the date the contributions have been separated from a participant's pay by the Organization, which is the pay date.

Organization matching contributions are recorded when they are received by the Plan and coincide with the year in which the Organization records the contributions in its general ledger.

Rollover contributions are recorded when they are received by the Plan and allocated to participants' accounts.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Notes receivable from participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income on notes receivable from participants is recorded when received. No allowance for credit losses was recorded as of December 31, 2023 and 2022. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and, upon the occurrence of a distributable event, the plan administrator deems the participant loan to be a distribution, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Payment of benefits

Benefit payments are recorded when paid.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are recorded when incurred.

Subsequent events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through August 19, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Plan management is not aware of any subsequent events which would require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting standards establish a framework for measuring fair value. The framework for measuring fair value provides a 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) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

The three levels of 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 other than Level 1 that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; or
- *Level 3* - inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

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3. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (continued)

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

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes to the methodologies used as of December 31, 2023 and 2022.

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 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.

The preceding method described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments, by type, at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 5,209,683</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,209,683</u>

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments, by type, at fair value as of December 31, 2022:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Mutual funds	<u>\$ 4,513,498</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,513,498</u>

4. GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT

Effective December 31, 2020, the Plan's Group Annuity Contract (the "Contract") is unconditionally guaranteed by Empower Annuity Insurance Company of America (formally MassMutual). Under the Contract, certain participant directed contributions are maintained in a Guaranteed Interest Account ("GIA"), which is commingled with the general assets of Empower. The GIA is considered fully benefit-responsive and is reported at contract value, as determined by Empower, in the Plan's financial statements. The Plan's balance in the GIA investment contract at December 31, 2023 and 2022 is \$586,705 and \$515,189, respectively.

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4. GUARANTEED INTEREST ACCOUNT (continued)

For investment contracts that are benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for plan benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment contract. These contracts are included in the financial statements at contract value, as reported by Empower. Contract value represents accumulated cash contributions made under the contract, interest credited to the contract, less participant withdrawals and transfers. Participants may ordinarily direct the withdrawal or transfer of all or a portion of their investment at contract value.

There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk for the contract issuer or otherwise. The GIA investment contract provides a guarantee of principal, a minimum annual rate of interest of 1%, and the opportunity for additional interest in excess of the guaranteed rate. When declared, additional amounts remain in effect for the six-month period beginning December 1 and June 1. Additional interest is not guaranteed for future years. The crediting rate for the contract at December 31, 2023 and 2022, was 1.45% and 1.15%, respectively.

Certain events limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial Plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the Plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the Plan's trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA. The Plan administrator does not believe that any events which would limit the Plan's ability to transact at contract value with Empower or with participants are probable of occurring.

The contracts above do not permit the respective issuer to terminate the agreement prior to the scheduled maturity date.

5. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEES (UNAUDITED)

The plan administrator, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of ERISA. Accordingly, as permitted under such election, the plan administrator instructed the Plan's independent auditor not to perform any auditing procedures with respect to the Plan's investment information, and related activity, certified by the Trustees, determined to be a qualified institution by the plan administrator, as complete and accurate, except for comparing such information to corresponding information included in the Plan's financial statements and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year)("supplemental schedule"). The Trustees certified that the following data included in the financial statements is complete and accurate:

- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits - modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and 2022 and;

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5. INFORMATION PREPARED AND CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEES (UNAUDITED)
(continued)

- Net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023; and,
- Investments and notes receivable from participants reflected on the supplemental schedule.

6. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Organization has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

7. RELATED PARTY AND PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

ERISA defines party-in-interest similar to the definition of a related party under U.S. GAAP, except that ERISA's definition is broader and includes all entities and individuals that provide services to the Plan; however, these entities may not necessarily be related parties. The Plan Sponsor did not identify any related parties to the Plan that were not also considered to be parties-in-interest. The Plan did not enter into any material related party transactions during the Plan year related to compensation arrangements, expense allowances, or similar items.

Party-in-interest transactions included those with fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan, an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan, an employee organization whose members are covered by the Plan, and a person who owns 50% or more of such an employer or employee association or relatives of such persons.

Notes receivable from participants and the related interest income are also considered party-in-interest transactions. The Trustees also earn compensation in the form of short-term interest (or "float") when funds are received either without investment instructions or past the point in a day when funds can be invested. Such amounts are held by a financial institution and earn interest at an interest rate provided by the financial institution from time to time.

8. TAX STATUS

The Plan has adopted the Non-Standardized Pre-Approved Profit Sharing/Money Purchase/CODA Plan sponsored by Actuarial Benefits Corp. The Internal Revenue Service has informed Actuarial Benefits Corp by letter dated June 30, 2020, stating that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC and is appropriate for use by employers for the benefit of their employees. The plan administrator believes that the Plan, is currently designed and being operated in accordance with the applicable requirements of the IRC, and therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified and is tax-exempt. Therefore, no provision for income taxes has been included in the Plan's financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Exceptional Children's Foundation 401(k) Plan
 EIN: 95-1690988; Plan: 003
 Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
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(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
	American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	Mutual fund	**	\$ 331,951
	American Century Growth Fund	Mutual fund	**	409,829
*	Empower Bond Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	14,149
	BlackRock Core Bond Port Fund	Mutual fund	**	624,696
	Franklin SmallCap Value Fund	Mutual fund	**	62,883
	John Hancock Disciplined Value Mid Cap Fund	Mutual fund	**	63,537
*	MassMutual S&P 500 Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	666,262
	MFS Total Return Fund	Mutual fund	**	48,984
	Principal Equity Income Inst. Fund	Mutual fund	**	211,975
*	MassMutual Prm High Yield Fund	Mutual fund	**	49,873
*	MassMutual Mid Cap Growth Fund	Mutual fund	**	71,260
	T. Rowe Price New Horizons Fund	Mutual fund	**	213,528
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund	Mutual fund	**	55,459
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Fund	Mutual fund	**	97,458
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2025 Fund	Mutual fund	**	150,225
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund	Mutual fund	**	638,867
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2035 Fund	Mutual fund	**	87,560
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund	Mutual fund	**	397,645
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2045 Fund	Mutual fund	**	230,895
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund	Mutual fund	**	211,602
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2055 Fund	Mutual fund	**	218,082
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Fund	Mutual fund	**	114,897
	T. Rowe Price Retirement 2015 Fund	Mutual fund	**	4,019
*	Empower S&P Small Cap 600 Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	90,429
*	Empower S&P Mid Cap 400 Index Fund	Mutual fund	**	<u>143,618</u>
				5,209,683
*	Guaranteed Interest Account	Investment Contract	**	<u>586,705</u>
				5,796,388
*	Notes Receivable from Participants	Interest rates of 4.25% - 9.50%; various maturities through August 2028	-	<u>106,941</u>
				<u>\$ 5,903,329</u>
*	Party-in-interest			
**	Cost information not provided as all investments are participant directed			

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 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I Annual Report Identification Information	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A This return/report is for:	☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide 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 Exceptional Childrens Foundation 401k Plan 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) Exceptional Childrens Foundation 5350 Machado Road Culver City CA 90230	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 2px;">1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="padding: 2px;">003</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 2px;">1c Effective date of plan 06/01/2009</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 2px;">2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1690988</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 2px;">2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 310-845-8010</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="padding: 2px;">2d Business code (see instructions) 624100</td> </tr> </table>	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	003	1c Effective date of plan 06/01/2009		2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 95-1690988		2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 310-845-8010		2d Business code (see instructions) 624100	
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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		8/28/24	Veronica Arteaga
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE		8/28/24	Veronica Arteaga
	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

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**

434

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)**

371

a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year**6a(2)**

364

b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits**6b**

0

c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits**6c**

61

d Subtotal. Add lines **6a(2)**, **6b**, and **6c****6d**

425

e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits**6e**

0

f Total. Add lines **6d** and **6e****6f**

425

g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)**6g(1)**

319

g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)**6g(2)**

309

h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested**6h**

36

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:

2A 2E 2F 2G 2J 2T 3D 3H

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
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) - Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information - Small Plan)
- (3) ☒ **A** (Insurance Information) - Number Attached 1
- (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 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 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 _____

Name of Plan:			
▶ EXCEPTIONAL CHILDRENS FOUNDATION 401(k) PLAN			
Employer Identification Number: ▶ 95-1690988			
For plan year (beginning/ending): ▶ 1/1/2023 TO 12/31/2023		Plan number: ▶	003

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