

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 THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. CASH OR DEFERRED PROFIT SHARING PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/1989
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) THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. 675 SIDWELL COURT ST. CHARLES, IL 60174
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 80-0315705
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 630-671-3148
2d	Business code (see instructions) 325900

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/04/2024	JULIE E. REITER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/04/2024	JULIE E. REITER
	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	5 248
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) 169 6a(2) 157 6b 2 6c 53 6d 212 6e 2 6f 214 6g(1) 220 6g(2) 195 6h 9
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3H 2T

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 _____
- (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 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
		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 THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. CASH OR DEFERRED PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CLARKE GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 80-0315705

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

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

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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

x

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)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
10	ACCOUNTANT	15300	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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SUITE 150
THE WOODLANDS, TX 77380

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
70	CONSULTANT	6445	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 52 59 60 62 63 72	RECORDKEEPER	975	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
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C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CLARKE GROUP, INC.				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 80-0315705	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INVESCO STABLE VALUE RETIREMENT CLA					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): INVESCO TRUST COMPANY					
c EIN-PN 27-3868124-001		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 2734978	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CLARKE GROUP, INC.		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 80-0315705

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	50	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	48763	47022
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	325	648
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	202117	122158
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	2536990	2734978
(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)	27602257	29938692
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	30390502	32843498
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j		
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	30390502	32843498

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)	449119	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	1443024	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	6456	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		1898599
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	322	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	8132	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	0	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		8454
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1170007	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1170007
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		61884
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		3279023
c Other income	2c		44848
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		6462815

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	3980275	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		3980275
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		5417
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	975	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	15300	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)		
(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)	7852	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		24127
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		4009819

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2452996
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **CROWE LLP**

(2) EIN: **35-0921680**

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)

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.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

A Name of plan THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. CASH OR DEFERRED PROFIT SHARING PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE CLARKE GROUP, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 80-0315705

Part I	Distributions
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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): 94-1687665 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.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
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
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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
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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.
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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)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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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 ____/____/____ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number _____.	

Investment Oversight Committee
The Clarke Group, Inc.
Cash or Deferred Profit Sharing Plan and Trust
St. Charles, Illinois

Professional standards require that we communicate matters related to our audit of the financial statements of The Clarke Group Inc. Cash or Deferred Profit Sharing Plan and Trust ("the Plan") that we consider significant and relevant to the responsibilities of Those Charged with Governance in overseeing the financial reporting process. Those Charged with Governance includes the person(s) with responsibility for overseeing the strategic direction of and obligations related to the accountability of the Plan. We cover such matters below.

Plan management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, elected to have the audit of the 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 audit did not extend to any statements or information related to the certified information summarized in Note 4 to the financial statements.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

You should understand that the auditor is responsible for forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by management with your oversight are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and that the audit of the financial statements does not relieve you of your responsibilities and does not relieve management of their responsibilities. Refer to our engagement letter with the Plan for further information on the responsibilities of management and Crowe LLP.

COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING OUR INDEPENDENCE FROM THE PLAN

Auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require independence for all audits, and we confirm that we are independent auditors with respect to the Plan under the independence requirements established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Additionally, we wish to communicate that we have the following relationships with the Plan that do not impair our independence but which, in our professional judgment, may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and that we gave significant consideration to in reaching the conclusion that our independence has not been impaired.

Relationship	Safeguards
Non-Audit Services: We were engaged to perform the following non-audit services during your last fiscal year: - Assistance with preparation of your financial statements - Assistance with the preparation of federal and state tax returns	We believe your management is capable of evaluating and taking responsibility for their management decisions regarding our services, and we did not assume the role of an employee or of management of the Plan in performing and reporting on our services.

PLANNED SCOPE AND TIMING OF THE AUDIT

We are to communicate an overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit. Accordingly, we communicated the following matters regarding the planned scope and timing of the audit with you on October 20th, 2023.

- How we proposed to address the significant risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- Our approach to internal control relevant to the audit.
- The concept of materiality in planning and executing the audit, focusing on the factors considered rather than on specific thresholds or amounts.
- The nature and extent of specialized skills or knowledge needed to plan and evaluate the results of the audit, including the use of an auditor's expert.
- Where the entity has an internal audit function, the extent to which the auditor will use the work of internal audit, and how the external and internal auditors can best work together.
- Your views and knowledge about matters you consider warrant our attention during the audit, as well as your views on:
 - The allocation of responsibilities between you and management.
 - The entity's objectives and strategies, and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
 - Significant communications between the entity and regulators.
 - Other matters you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT JUDGMENTS AND ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Significant Accounting Policies: The Investment Oversight Committee should be informed of the initial selection of and changes in significant accounting policies or their application. Also, The Investment Oversight Committee should be aware of methods used to account for significant unusual transactions and the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas where there is a lack of authoritative consensus. We believe management has the primary responsibility to inform The Investment Oversight Committee about such matters. There were no such accounting changes or significant policies requiring communication.

Management Judgments and Accounting Estimates: Further, accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based upon management's current judgments. These judgments are based upon knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments and may be subject to significant change in the near term.

The process used by management in formulating particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the primary basis for our conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates primarily involved the following areas for this year:

Significant Accounting Estimate	Process Used by Management	Basis for Our Conclusions
Fair Values of Investments Not Subject to Our Audit Procedures	The recording of investments at fair value requires management to use certain assumptions and estimates pertaining to the fair value of its investments.	As disclosed in the notes to the Plan financial statements, the fair values of substantially all investments were certified pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and were not subject to our audit procedures, based upon the terms of our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit engagement.

Significant Accounting Estimate	Process Used by Management	Basis for Our Conclusions
Classification of Investment Securities Within the Fair Value Hierarchy	FASB ASC 820- Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures requires the reporting of investments \ by classification level within a fair value hierarchy.	We reviewed the documentation maintained by management and performed procedures to test the reasonableness of management's judgments and accounting estimates related to the classification levels of investments \ within the fair value hierarchy as defined by FASB ASC 820- Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures.

AUDITOR'S JUDGMENTS ABOUT QUALITATIVE ASPECTS OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

We are to discuss with you our comments about the following matters related to the Plan's accounting policies and financial statement disclosures. Accordingly, these matters will be discussed during our meeting with you, as applicable.

- The appropriateness of the accounting policies to the particular circumstances of the Plan, considering the need to balance the cost of providing information with the likely benefit to users of the Plan's financial statements.
 - Accounting policies were determined to be appropriate.
- The overall neutrality, consistency, and clarity of the disclosures in the financial statements.
 - Disclosures were determined to be appropriate.
- The effect of the timing of transactions in relation to the period in which they are recorded.
 - Transactions were recorded in the appropriate period.
- The potential effect on the financial statements of significant risks and exposures, and uncertainties that are disclosed in the financial statements.
 - Risks were appropriately disclosed in the financial statements.
- The extent to which the financial statements are affected by unusual transactions including nonrecurring amounts recognized during the period, and the extent to which such transactions are separately disclosed in the financial statements.
 - There were no unusual transactions noted during the year.
- The issues involved, and related judgments made, in formulating particularly sensitive financial statement disclosures.
 - Disclosures were determined to be appropriate.
- The factors affecting asset and liability carrying values, including the Plan's basis for determining useful lives assigned to tangible and intangible assets.
 - There were no factors affecting asset and liability carrying values.
- The selective correction of misstatements, for example, correcting misstatements with the effect of increasing reported earnings, but not those that have the effect of decreasing reported earnings.
 - There were no misstatements identified.

CORRECTED AND UNCORRECTED MISSTATEMENTS

Corrected Misstatements: We are to inform you of material corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures.

There were no such adjustments.

Uncorrected Misstatements: We are to inform you of uncorrected misstatements that were aggregated by us during the current engagement and pertaining to the latest and prior period(s) presented that were determined by management to be immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole. Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying the uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even if it was concluded that the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements under audit. For your consideration, we have distinguished misstatements between known misstatements and likely misstatements.

There were no such adjustments.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Communication Item	Results
Other Information In Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements You often consider information prepared by management that accompanies the financial statements. To assist your consideration of this information, you should know that we are required by audit standards to read such information and consider whether such information, or the manner of its presentation, is materially inconsistent with information in the financial statements. If we consider the information materially inconsistent based on this reading, we are to seek a resolution of the matter.	We read the following items and noted no material inconsistencies or misstatement of facts in such information based on our reading thereof. • 2023 Department of Labor Form 5500 filing • Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)
Significant Difficulties Encountered During the Audit We are to inform you of any significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.	There were no significant difficulties encountered in dealing with management related to the performance of the audit.
Disagreements With Management We are to discuss with you any disagreements with management, whether or not satisfactorily resolved, about matters that individually or in the aggregate could be significant to the Plan's financial statements or the auditor's report.	During our audit, there were no such disagreements with management.
Difficulties or Contentious Matters We are required to discuss with the Those Charged with Governance any difficulties or contentious matters for which we consulted outside of the engagement team.	During the audit, there were no such issues for which we consulted outside the engagement team.
Circumstances that Affect the Form and Content of the Auditor's Report We are to discuss with you any circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report, if any.	There are no such circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditor's report.
Consultations With Other Accountants If management consulted with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, we are to inform you of such consultation, if we are aware of it, and provide our views on the significant matters that were the subject of such consultation.	We are not aware of any instances where management consulted with other accountants about auditing or accounting matters since no other accountants contacted us, which they are required to do by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 50, before they provide written or oral advice.

Communication Item	Results
Representations The Auditor Is Requesting From Management We are to provide you with a copy of management's requested written representations to us.	We direct your attention to a copy of the letter of management's representation to us provided separately.
Significant Issues Discussed, or Subject to Correspondence, With Management We are to communicate with you any significant issues that were discussed or were the subject of correspondence with management.	There were no such significant issues discussed, or subject to correspondence, with management.
Reportable Findings We are to communicate with you in writing reportable findings from the audit procedures performed related to the relevant plan provisions.	There were no such reportable findings to discuss.
Significant Related Party/Party-in-Interest Findings or Issues We are to communicate to you significant findings or issues arising during the audit in connection with the Plan's related parties and parties-in-interest.	There were no such findings or issues that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.
Other Findings or Issues We Find Relevant or Significant We are to communicate to you other findings or issues, if any, arising during the audit that are, in our professional judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding your oversight of the financial reporting process.	There were no such other findings or issues that are, in our judgment, significant and relevant to you regarding the oversight of the financial reporting process.

We were pleased to serve your Plan as its independent auditors and look forward to our continued relationship. We provide the above information to assist you in performing your oversight responsibilities, and would be pleased to discuss this letter or any matters further, should you desire. This letter is intended solely for the information and use by you and, if appropriate, management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


Crowe LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
September 25, 2024

Attachment to 2023 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Plan Name: The Clarke Group, Inc. Cash or Deferred Profit Sharing Plan
Plan Sponsor's Name: The Clarke Group, Inc.

EIN:80-0315705
PN:001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value.	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	ACCRUED INCOME	ACCRUED INCOME	648	648
	INVESCO STABLE VAL RET CL 4 GM	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	198,516	198,516
	INVESCO STABLE VALUE RET CL 4	COMMON / COLLECTIVE TRUSTS	2,536,462	2,536,462
	LOAN FUND	LOANS	122,158	122,158
	AMERICAN CNTRY SHRT DUR R6	MUTUAL FUNDS	114,615	113,167
	AMERICAN CNTRY SHRT DUR R6 GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	530,485	523,571
	AMERICAN NEW WLD FD R4 GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,276,038	1,124,550
	AMERICAN NEW WORLD FUND R4	MUTUAL FUNDS	222,880	190,760
	CALVERT US LRG CP CORE RESPN I	MUTUAL FUNDS	124,094	151,935
	CALVERT US LRG CP CR RSPN I GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,294,721	1,509,435
	COLUMBIA MIDCAP INDEX FD CL A	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,264,443	1,183,777
	COLUMBIA SMALL CAP INDEX FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	471,410	474,651
	COLUMBIA TOTAL RETURN BND A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,414,942	1,254,326
	COLUMBIA TOTAL RETURN BOND A	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,518,454	1,290,333
	EATON VANCE HIGH INCOME	MUTUAL FUNDS	325,579	312,254
	EATON VANCE HIGH INCOME GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	267,700	261,271
	HARTFORD SCHRODERS INT MULT GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	960,318	941,236
	HARTFORD SCHRODERS INTL MULT Y	MUTUAL FUNDS	33,597	32,387
	IMPAX INTRL STNBL ECO INSTL	MUTUAL FUNDS	294,562	345,657

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	IMPAX INTRL STNBL ECO INSTL GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	825,344	949,492
	ISHARES MSCI EAFE INTRNL IDX A	MUTUAL FUNDS	873,650	995,356
	ISHARES S&P 500 INDEX FD INSTL	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,848,011	2,695,504
	JANUS HENDERSON ENTERPRISE A	MUTUAL FUNDS	152,593	153,793
	JANUS HENDERSON ENTERPRISE GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	835,075	860,427
	JANUS HENDERSON TRITON FD A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	419,649	380,553
	JANUS HENDERSON TRITON FUND A	MUTUAL FUNDS	42,558	41,226
	LOOMIS SAYLES GROWTH FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	2,067,528	2,825,645
	LOOMIS SAYLES GROWTH FD A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,198,893	1,478,087
	MFS INTERNATIONAL GRTH CL A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	972,065	1,033,806
	MFS INTERNATIONAL GRTH FD CL A	MUTUAL FUNDS	401,765	446,473
	NEUBERGER BER LRG CP VAL INSTL	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,791,191	1,615,508
	NEUBERGER BER LRG VAL INSTL GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,811,475	1,685,568
	TIAA CREF CORE IMPACT BD INSTL	MUTUAL FUNDS	265,950	254,867
	VICTORY SYCAMORE EST VAL FD A	MUTUAL FUNDS	367,798	366,985
	VICTORY SYCAMORE EST VAL FD GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	993,070	1,136,729
	VICTORY SYCAMORE SMALL COMP A	MUTUAL FUNDS	132,493	120,588
	VICTORY SYCAMORE SML COMP A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	594,433	642,150
	VIRTUS NEWFLEET LOW DR CR A GM	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,584,579	1,556,321

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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
	VIRTUS NEWFLEET LOW DUR CORE A	MUTUAL FUNDS	1,020,400	990,306
	UNINVESTED CASH	UNINVESTED CASH	0	0

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THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. CASH OR DEFERRED
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Trustees of
The Clarke Group, Inc. Cash or Deferred
Profit Sharing Plan and Trust

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of The Clarke Group, Inc. Cash or Deferred Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits 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 the 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 a qualified institution 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 4 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 Audit of the Financial Statements section.

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

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Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Other Matter – Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, 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 GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the 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 a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).


Crowe LLP

Oak Brook, Illinois
September 25, 2024

THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. CASH OR DEFERRED
PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 648	\$ 325
Pending settlements	-	50
Investments, at fair value		
Mutual funds	29,938,692	27,602,257
Collective trust	<u>2,734,978</u>	<u>2,536,990</u>
	32,673,670	30,139,247
Receivables		
Employer's matching contribution	47,022	48,763
Notes receivable from participants	<u>122,158</u>	<u>202,117</u>
	<u>169,180</u>	<u>250,880</u>
Total assets	32,843,498	30,390,502
LIABILITIES		
Excess contributions payable to participants	<u>4,589</u>	<u>5,417</u>
Total liabilities	<u>4,589</u>	<u>5,417</u>
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 32,838,909</u>	<u>\$ 30,385,085</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. CASH OR DEFERRED
PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
Year ended December 31, 2023

Additions to net assets attributed to:

Interest and dividend income \$ 1,247,623

Investment gain:

Net appreciation in fair value of investments 3,317,248

Contributions

Employer 441,821

Participant 1,443,024

Rollover 6,456

1,891,301

Total additions 6,456,172

Deductions from net assets attributed to:

Benefits paid to participants 3,978,221

Administrative expenses 24,127

Total deductions 4,002,348

Net increase 2,453,824

Net assets available for benefits

Beginning of year 30,385,085

End of year \$ 32,838,909

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. CASH OR DEFERRED
PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND RELATED INFORMATION

The following description of The Clarke Group, Inc. Cash or Deferred Profit Sharing Plan and Trust (the “Plan”) provides only general information.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of The Clarke Group, Inc. (the “Company”). Employees are eligible to participate after six months of full-time employment or 1,000 hours of service in a 12 month period as defined by the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

Contributions: Participants may contribute an amount from 1% to 100% of their annual compensation as either pretax or Roth after-tax salary deferrals, as defined in the Plan, up to the maximum allowed by Internal Revenue Code (IRC 401(g)(i)) (Code), adjusted annually for the cost of living. This amount was \$22,500 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions up to \$7,500. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Company contributes a match determined by the Company’s Board of Directors, which is equal to the lesser of 50% of the amount the participant contributed or 6% of the participant’s compensation. Additional discretionary amounts may be contributed at the option of the Company’s Board of Directors. The employer matching contributions are paid into the Plan with each payroll period along with the employee deferrals. Discretionary amounts are paid in arrears in the third quarter of the following year. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company’s profit sharing contribution was \$0.

Participant Accounts: Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contribution and allocations of (a) the Company’s contributions and (b) plan earnings; and is charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Participants vest in the Company’s matching and discretionary contribution portion of their accounts plus actual earnings thereon according to the following schedule:

1 st year of service	33 1/3%
2 nd year of service	33 1/3%
3 rd year of service	33 1/3%

Notes Receivable from Participants: Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of (a) \$50,000 reduced by the highest outstanding note balance in the participant’s account during the prior 12-month period or (b) 50% of their vested account balance. Note terms range from one to five years; however, notes used to purchase a primary residence may be up to 15 years. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant’s account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the plan administrator.

Payment of Benefits: On termination of service due to death, retirement, disability, or termination of employment, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the vested portion of their account or a distribution by other methods as described in the Plan. In-service distributions are allowed upon the participant’s attainment of age 59 ½ and participation in plan for at least five years or accumulation of plan assets for at least two years.

In certain circumstances, participants may make “hardship withdrawals” as defined in the Plan. Distributions are subject to the applicable provisions of the Plan agreement.

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NOTE 1 – PLAN DESCRIPTION AND RELATED INFORMATION (Continued)

Forfeitures: Forfeitures are available to offset contributions which would otherwise be payable by the Company in accordance with the Plan agreement. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, the forfeiture account balance totaled \$9,469 and \$7,299, respectively. During 2023, \$7,299 of forfeitures were used to contribute to the Plan's discretionary profit sharing contribution.

Administrative Expenses: In general, administrative expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company. Investment management fees, recordkeeping and loan charges are paid by the Plan. Investment management fees and operating expenses charged to the Plan for investments in the mutual funds are deducted from income earned on a daily basis and are not separately reflected. Consequently, management fees and operating expenses are reflected as a reduction of investment return for such investments.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting: The accounting principles and procedures followed by the Plan conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements of the Plan are prepared under the accrual basis of accounting.

Notes Receivable from Participants: Notes receivable from participants are reported at their unpaid principal balance, with no allowance for credit losses, as repayments of principal and interest are received through payroll deductions and the notes are collateralized by the participants' account balances. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition: The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received by the Plan for an asset or paid by the Plan to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date in the Plan's principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year. Interest and dividend income are recorded when received by the Plan.

Risks and Uncertainties: The Plan holds various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, liquidity, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the sensitivity of certain fair value estimates to changes in valuation assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the fair values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the accrual basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Payment of Benefits: Benefits are recorded when paid.

Subsequent Events: Plan management has evaluated subsequent events for recognition and disclosure through September 25, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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THE CLARKE GROUP, INC. CASH OR DEFERRED
PROFIT SHARING PLAN AND TRUST
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 3 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value measurements are determined by maximizing the use of observable inputs and minimizing the use of unobservable inputs. The hierarchy places the highest priority on unadjusted quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and gives the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of inputs within the fair value hierarchy are defined as follows:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access as of the measurement date.

Level 2: Significant other observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs that reflect the Plan's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability.

In some cases, a valuation technique used to measure fair value may include inputs from multiple levels of the fair value hierarchy. The lowest level of significant input determines the placement of the entire fair value measurement in the hierarchy.

The following description of the valuation methods and assumptions used by the Plan to estimate the fair values of investments apply to investments held directly by the Plan:

Mutual Funds: The fair values of mutual fund investments are determined by obtaining quoted prices on nationally recognized securities exchanges (Level 1 inputs).

Collective Trust – Stable Value Fund: The fair values of participation units held in the stable value collective trust are based on the net asset values of the trust, as reported in the audited financial statements. The investment objective of the collective trust held by the Plan is to preserve principal and provide interest income reasonably obtained under prevailing market conditions and rates, while also maintaining liquidity. The trust seeks to maintain a \$1.00 net asset value per unit. The collective trust provides for participant units to be issued and redeemed at the end of each day, provided that redeeming participant plans comply with a required one-year notice provision.

The methods described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while 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.

Investments measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

	<u>Total</u>	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2023, Using:		
		<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 29,938,692	\$ 29,938,692	\$ -	\$ -
Collective trust*	<u>2,734,978</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 32,673,670</u>	<u>\$ 29,938,692</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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NOTE 3 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

	Total	Fair Value Measurements at December 31, 2022, Using:		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Mutual funds	\$ 27,602,257	\$ 27,602,257	\$ -	\$ -
Collective trust*	<u>2,536,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 30,139,247</u>	<u>\$ 27,602,257</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

* Investments measured at fair value using net asset value per share (or its equivalent) as a practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in the hierarchy tables for such investments are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the investments at fair value line item presented in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 4 – CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS AND NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation in fair value of investments, interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by Bank of America, N.A. (Bank of America), the trustee of the Plan.

NOTE 5 – PARTIES-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Notes receivable from participants are considered party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid to Bank of America for administrative services and investment management fees qualify as party-in-interest transactions.

The Plan is administered by an administrative committee consisting of plan trustees and certain Company employees. The employees are compensated by the Company and do not receive compensation from the Plan.

NOTE 6 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company 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 would become 100% vested in their employer contributions.

NOTE 7 – TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issued an opinion letter dated November 24, 2014 indicating that the prototype adopted by the Plan, as then designed, was in compliance with applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code. Although the Plan has been amended from the original prototype document, plan management believes that the Plan is currently being operated in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code.

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NOTE 7 – TAX STATUS (Continued)

U.S. GAAP requires plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, there are no uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2020.

NOTE 8 – RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of net assets available for benefits per the financial statements to the Form 5500 as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 32,838,909	\$ 30,385,085
Excess contributions payable to participants per the financial statements	<u>4,589</u>	<u>5,417</u>
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 32,842,498</u>	<u>\$ 30,390,502</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net change in assets available for plan benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023 per the financial statements to net income per the Form 5500:

Net increase in assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$ 2,453,824
Change in excess contributions payable included in contributions per Form 5500	<u>(828)</u>
Net income per the Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,452,996</u>

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i - SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
December 31, 2023

Name of Plan Sponsor: The Clarke Group, Inc.
Plan Sponsor's EIN: 80-0315705
Plan Number: 001

(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
		<u>Collective Trust</u>		
	Invesco National Trust Company	Invesco Stable Value Retirement Fund	**	\$ 2,734,978
		<u>Mutual Funds</u>		
	Calvert U.S.	Calvert U.S. Large Cap Core RESPN I	**	151,935
	Calvert U.S.	Calvert U.S. Large Cap Core RESPN I GM	**	1,509,435
	Janus Enterprise	Janus Henderson Enterprise A	**	153,791
	Janus Enterprise	Janus Henderson Enterprise A GM	**	860,427
	Janus Enterprise	Janus Henderson Triton Fund A	**	41,226
	Janus Enterprise	Janus Henderson Triton Fund A GM	**	380,553
	Columbia Wanger	Columbia Total Return Bond A	**	1,290,333
	Columbia Wanger	Columbia Total Return Bond A GM	**	1,254,326
	American Funds	American New World Fund R4	**	190,760
	American Funds	American New World Fund R4 GM	**	1,124,550
	Eaton Vance	Eaton Vance High Income	**	312,254
	Eaton Vance	Eaton Vance High Income GM	**	261,271
	Neuberger Berman	Neuberger Berman Large Cap Value Fund	**	1,615,508
	Neuberger Berman	Neuberger Berman Large Cap Value Fund GM	**	1,685,568
	Columbia Wanger	Columbia Mid Cap Index Fund Class A	**	1,183,777
	Columbia Wanger	Columbia Small Cap Index Fund A	**	474,651
	Victory Sycamore	Victory Sycamore Est Val Fund A	**	366,985
	Victory Sycamore	Victory Sycamore Est Val Fund A GM	**	1,136,729
	Victory Sycamore	Victory Sycamore Small Comp A	**	120,588
	Victory Sycamore	Victory Sycamore Small Comp A GM	**	642,150
	Virtus Investment Partners	Virtus Newfleet Low Duration Income A	**	990,306
	Virtus Investment Partners	Virtus Newfleet Low Duration Income A GM	**	1,556,321
	American Funds	American Century Short Dur R6	**	113,167
	American Funds	American Century Short Dur R6 GM	**	523,571
	Pax World Funds	Pax International Sustainable Economy Fund	**	345,657
	Pax World Funds	Pax International Sustainable Economy Fund GM	**	949,492
	Loomis, Sayles & Co.	Loomis Sayles Growth Fund A	**	2,825,645
	Loomis, Sayles & Co.	Loomis Sayles Growth Fund A GM	**	1,478,087
	TIAA Investments	TIAA CREF Core Impact Bond Fund	**	254,867
	BlackRock	Ishares S&P 500 Index Fund	**	2,695,504
	BlackRock	Ishares MSCI EAFE Intrnl Index	**	995,356
	Hartford Schroders	Hartford Schroders Intl Multi-Cap Value Fund	**	32,387
	Hartford Schroders	Hartford Schroders Intl Multi-Cap Value Fund GM	**	941,236
	MFS	MFS International Growth Fund Class A	**	446,473

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Name of Plan Sponsor: The Clarke Group, Inc.
Plan Sponsor's EIN: 80-0315705
Plan Number: 001

(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
		<u>Mutual Funds</u> (Continued)		
	MFS	MFS International Growth Fund Class A GM	**	\$ 1,033,806
	Total Mutual Funds			<u>29,938,692</u>
	Total Investments			32,673,670
		<u>Notes Receivable</u>		
*	Notes receivable from participants	Notes receivable maturing through 2034; (interest rates of 3.75%-8.75%)	**	<u>122,158</u>
				<u>\$ 32,795,830</u>

* Indicates an identified person known to be a party-in-interest to the Plan.

** Cost information is not required for participant-directed investments.

See independent auditor's report.