

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 THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(K) PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
1c	Effective date of plan 01/01/2023
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 HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 3111 PACES MILL ROAD SUITE A-250 ATLANTA, GA 30339
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-2342469
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 770-984-2100
2d	Business code (see instructions) 531310

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.	10/15/2024	EMIL RAAB
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	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	5 482
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) 91 6a(2) 321 6b 0 6c 16 6d 337 6e 0 6f 337 6g(1) 111 6g(2) 111 6h 1
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 2T 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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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 THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-2342469	

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
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE AND ANNUITY COMPANY

(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
71-0294708	86509	DH3038	337	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	(b) Total amount of fees paid

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

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

(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** 214652**5** Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end **5****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) ▶**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 ▶ GROUP PENSION FUNDING**b** Balance at the end of the previous year **7b** 0**c** Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year **7c(1)** 19580(2) Dividends and credits **7c(2)**(3) Interest credited during the year **7c(3)** 1709(4) Transferred from separate account **7c(4)**(5) Other (specify below) **7c(5)** 226281

▶ *

(6) Total additions **7c(6)** 247570**d** Total of balance and additions (add lines **7b** and **7c(6)**) **7d** 247570**e** Deductions:(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year **7e(1)** 7300(2) Administration charge made by carrier **7e(2)** 382(3) Transferred to separate account **7e(3)** 24540(4) Other (specify below) **7e(4)** 257

▶ *

(5) Total deductions **7e(5)** 32479**f** Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line **7e(5)** from line **7d**) **7f** 215091

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)	
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)	
(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)	
(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 THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-2342469	

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
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY
71-0294708

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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?
26 64	SERVICE PROVIDER	15869	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

NFP RETIREMENT INC

33-0905143

(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?
99	SERVICE PROVIDER	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	22233	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
NFP RETIREMENT INC	99	22233
(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.	
VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUITY 71-0294708	OTHER FEES	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

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

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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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)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: BALANCED ESG FUND I1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST FUNDS

c EIN-PN <u>38-4139844-624</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>285801</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP GROWTH FUND III - FEE CLA

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST FUNDS

c EIN-PN <u>38-7275327-001</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>313359</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: INTERNATIONAL STOCK FUND - CLASS I1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST RETIREMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES CO

c EIN-PN <u>82-2436292-342</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>14417</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: LARGE CAP VALUE FUND - FEE CLASS I1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN <u>38-4065329-426</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>565020</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MID CAP GROWTH FUND - FEE CLASS I1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN <u>38-4126247-549</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>72646</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS INDEX MODERATE 2025 FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN <u>38-4097332-478</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>285843</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS INDEX MODERATE 2035 FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN <u>38-4097333-479</u>	d Entity code <u>C</u>	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>788343</u>
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS INDEX MODERATE 2045 FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN 38-4097334-480	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 674267
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS INDEX MODERATE 2055 FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN 38-4097335-481	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 141625
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS INDEX MODERATE 2065 FUND

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN 38-7271385-766	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 36406
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MYCOMPASS INDEX MODERATE RETIREMENT

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN 38-4097331-477	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1013821
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP GROWTH FUND II - FEE CLAS

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN 38-4126288-592	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 43919
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: SMALL CAP VALUE FUND - FEE CLASS I1

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WILMINGTON TRUST, N.A.

c EIN-PN 38-4097325-488	d Entity code C	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 60264
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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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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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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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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
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		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 HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC.		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-2342469

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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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		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)		
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)		
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(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)	0	86255
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	4295731
(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)	0	1954692
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	0	215091
(15) Other	1c(15)		

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	0	6551769
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	0	6551769

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)	495349	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	264601	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)		
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		759950
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)	4886	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	1709	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		6595
(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)	46695	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		46695
(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)		409403
(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)		157203
c Other income	2c		-2330
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		1377516

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	326186	
(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)		326186
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		19
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	15338	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	62	
(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)	500	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		15900
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		342105

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		1035411
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		5516358
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

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: **WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY, LLP**

(2) EIN: **58-1460137**

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.)	☒	☐	112372
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?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
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 HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) 002	
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 58-2342469	

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	
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): 71-0294708 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

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 b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15a 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 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	16a 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>Q702844A</u> .	

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

DECEMBER 31, 2023
with

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Audited Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

December 31, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator
The Hallmark Companies, Inc. 401(k)
Atlanta, Georgia

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

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of The Hallmark Companies, Inc. 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 statement of net assets available for benefits--modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits--modified cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of The Hallmark Companies, Inc. 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 audit need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certification from a qualified institution as of December 31, 2023, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note J to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit 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 the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note B
- 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).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the 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 Hallmark Companies, Inc. 401(k) Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our audit. 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 the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note B, 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 Hallmark Companies, Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the Financial Statements are 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 could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users made on the basis of these financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgement 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 Hallmark Companies, Inc. 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 judgement, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Hallmark Companies, Inc. 401(k) Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audit did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the 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.

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.

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

Other Matters

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules H, line 4i--schedule of assets--modified cash basis (held at end of year) and schedule H, line 4a--schedule of delinquent participant contributions--modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are 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

schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules 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 schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulation for Reporting and Disclosures under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedules 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 requirement of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Williams Benator + Libby, LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
October 15, 2024

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

December 31, 2023

ASSETS

INVESTMENTS

Investments, at fair value--Note C	\$ 6,250,423
Investments, at contract value--Note D	<u>215,091</u>
	6,465,514

RECEIVABLES

Notes receivable from participants	<u>86,255</u>
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	<u>\$ 6,551,769</u>
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See independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

Year Ended December 31, 2023

ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Investment Income:

Net depreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 568,316
Interest and dividends	<u>46,695</u>
	615,011

Interest income on participant notes receivable	4,853
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Contributions:

Participants	495,350
Employer	<u>264,601</u>
	759,951

TOTAL ADDITIONS	1,379,815
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DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:

Benefits paid to participants	322,221
Administrative and other expenses	<u>18,318</u>

TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	<u>340,539</u>
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NET INCREASE	1,039,276
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Transfer of assets into the Plan	5,512,493
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Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	<u>-0-</u>
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NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 6,551,769</u>
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See independent auditor's report and notes to financial statements.

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2023

NOTE A--DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of The Hallmark Companies, Inc. 401(k) Plan ("the Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General: The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of The Hallmark Companies, Inc. (the "Plan Sponsor", "Plan Administrator" or "Employer"). Employees who have attained twenty-one years of age are eligible to participate in the Plan coinciding with or following one year of service. Certain types of employees, as defined by the Plan, are not eligible to participate. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as amended.

Prior to January 1, 2023, the Plan Sponsor was a participating employer in a 401(k) plan that was administered by a service provider. Effective January 1, 2023, the Plan Sponsor formed the Plan and the net assets of the participants of the previous plan were transferred into the Plan. In connection with the formation of the Plan, \$5,512,493 was transferred from the previous plan and is recorded as Transfers In in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits--modified cash basis.

Contributions: The Plan provides for an employee elective pre-tax and ROTH contributions with an Employer Safe Harbor matching provision. Plan participants may make contributions up to 100% of their annual compensation, as defined by the Plan, not to exceed the Federal statutory minimum. The Employer Safe Harbor matching contribution is 100% of the of the participant's elective deferrals that do not exceed 4% of the participant's compensation on a payroll period basis. The maximum effective Employer matching rate for a participating employee is 4% of participant compensation, except as limited by Internal Revenue Service requirements.

The individual matching contribution is determined based on each payroll period. The Plan document also allows for additional discretionary matching and non-elective Employer contributions. No discretionary or non-elective contributions were made by the Employer during the year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant Accounts: Each participant's account is credited with their contributions, their account's earnings or losses, the Employer's matching contributions, less an allocation of certain administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. All investments are participant directed. Participants may change their investment options daily.

Investments: Participants can allocate their contributions and employer contributions among a selection of mutual funds, collective investment trusts, and a guaranteed investment account (stable investment option).

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--Continued

NOTE A--DESCRIPTION OF PLAN--Continued

Vesting: Participants are immediately vested in their voluntary contributions, employer safe harbor matching contributions, and allocated earnings thereon. Discretionary employer matching and non-elective contributions and earnings thereon vest on a vesting schedule of 0% for less than 2 years of service, and 20% per year for two to six years of service. A participant becomes fully vested after six years of credited service, or in the event of participant death or disability, or normal retirement. A participant becomes fully vested in the event of death, disability or normal retirement.

Forfeitures: Forfeited amounts can be used to pay administration expenses, reduce future Employer contributions to the Plan, or reallocated among eligible participants.

Administration: The Plan is administered by the Employer. All funds in the Plan were held in trust by the Trustee, Voya Institutional Trust Company ("Voya" or "Trustee"). Voya invests participants' and Employer contributions, as directed by the participants.

Withdrawals: A participant may withdraw his participant elected and rollover contributions, plus earnings thereon, in the case of a financial hardship. Withdrawals are taxable in the year received by the participant and may be subject to a penalty tax. Additionally, after reaching the age of 59½, a participant may request an in-service distribution from vested accounts.

Payment of Benefits: Upon a participant's termination of employment with the Employer, or upon reaching the age of 59½, the participant is entitled to receive a distribution of their vested account balances. If the participant dies prior to receiving their entire vested account balance, the balance will be paid to the participant's beneficiary or estate.

Participant Notes Receivable: Participants may borrow from their vested account balance a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum of the lesser of \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance in their account during the prior twelve-month period, or 50 percent of their vested account balance, whichever is less. Participants may only have one loan outstanding at any given time. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's vested account and bear interest at 1% above the prime rate. The repayment term of loans is five years, except for the instance of a home loan, of which the repayment term is ten years.

NOTE B--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Plan follows the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification as its sole source of authoritative guidance.

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--Continued

NOTE B--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--Continued

The financial statements for the Plan are prepared utilizing the modified cash basis method of accounting, which differs from generally accepted accounting principles, which uses the accrual method.

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value or contract value. The Plan's investment options include a fully benefit responsive investment contract which is carried at contract value as more fully described in Note D. All other investments are carried at fair value as more fully described in Note C. Investment securities, in general, are exposed to various risks, including credit, interest, and overall market volatility risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is possible that changes in values of investment securities will occur and that such changes could materially affect the amount reported in the statements of net assets available for plan benefits--modified cash basis.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis (the date the order to buy or sell is executed). Realized gains and losses on the sale of investments are calculated based on the difference between the selling price and cost on an average cost basis. Interest income and dividends are recorded on the cash basis when received. Net appreciation in fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as the change in unrealized gains/losses for securities held at the end of the year.

Contributions are recorded on the modified cash basis, which recognizes participants' contributions and the related Employer matching contributions at the time the contributions are received in cash by the Plan.

Benefits are recorded when paid. At December 31, 2023 there were no net assets available for benefits that were not paid.

The Plan is responsible for the payment of administrative expenses. Certain administration and custodial expenses are paid by the Employer.

Loans to participants are reported separately from plan investments as notes receivable. These loans are recorded at their unpaid balance.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--Continued

NOTE B--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES--Continued

Subsequent events have been evaluated through October 15, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE C--FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Current accounting guidance establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under the accounting guidance are described below:

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

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

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

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

The following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value.

Mutual funds: Valued at the quoted market price, which represents the net asset value of shares held by the Plan at year end.

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--Continued

NOTE C--FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS--Continued

Collective investment trusts: Value based on quoted prices of securities underlying the collective investment trust.

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. The following table set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, a summary of the Plan's investments measured at fair value as of December 31, 2023:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mutual funds	\$ 1,954,692	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 1,954,692
Collective investment trusts	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,295,731</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,295,731</u>
Total assets at fair value	<u>\$ 1,954,692</u>	<u>\$ 4,295,731</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 6,250,423</u>

NOTE D--FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT

The Plan holds a fully benefit-responsive traditional investment contract with Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity company ("VRIAC"). This contract is a fully benefit responsive traditional investment contract that is reported at contract value as of December 31, 2023. Amounts invested by participants in this traditional group annuity deposited in the general account of VRIAC. The investment contract is backed by the claims paying ability of VRIAC.

As described in Note B, because the guaranteed fixed annuity account is fully benefit-responsive, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits attributable to the guaranteed investment contract. Contract value, as reported to the Plan by VRIAC, represents the accumulation of contributions, plus interest, less funds used to pay benefits and expenses. The contract value of the account was \$215,091 as of December 31, 2023.

Participants can withdraw their balances at contract value without restriction or charge on account of any of the following events: death, disability, retirement, terminations of employment, hardship, loans, attainment of age 59½, the purchase of an annuity from VRIAC, or transfers to a non-competing fund.

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--Continued

NOTE D--FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE INVESTMENT CONTRACT--Continued

Certain events allow the contract issuer to terminate the contract with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Examples of such events include: uncured violations of the Plan's investment guidelines; a breach of a material obligation under the contract; material misrepresentation; and a material amendment to agreements without the consent of the issuer.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers. Examples of such events include: premature termination of the contract by the Plan; termination or merger of the Plan; changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options; bankruptcy or changes in ownership of the Plan Sponsor; failure of the Plan to satisfy tax qualification requirements as more fully described in Note F.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. There are no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

The repayment of principal and interest credited to participants is a financial obligation of VRIAC. Guarantees are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuer. As of December 31, 2023 were no reserves against contract value for credit risk of the contract issuer or otherwise.

The contract contained a minimum guaranteed interest rate, which will not be less than 1%. At the beginning of each calendar year, VRIAC determines the declared interest rate, which will be credited to all monies invested in the guaranteed separate account during such calendar year. In no event will the declared rate of interest be less than the contracts minimum guaranteed interest rates. As of December 31, 2023 the declared crediting rate was 1.5%

NOTE E--TRANSACTIONS WITH PARTIES IN INTEREST

The Plan has an agreement with Voya to maintain the investments of the Plan. During 2023, contributions and transfers of assets to the Plan of \$6,272,444 were deposited with Voya for investment, and participants of the Plan received distributions of \$322,221 from funds held by Voya. At December 31, 2023 the Plan had \$6,465,514 of assets under Voya's custody.

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--Continued

NOTE F--TAX STATUS

The Plan is intended to satisfy the tax qualification requirements under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code; therefore, the trust funds of the Plan are intended to be exempt from Federal income taxes. The amended Plan has not requested a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service since the prototype plan on which the Plan is based has been determined to be qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE G--PLAN TERMINATION

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

NOTE H--FORFEITED NON-VESTED ACCOUNTS

The Plan document requires that all forfeited non-vested account balances will be used to pay Plan expenses, offset the Employer's contributions or be reallocated among eligible participants. No participant balances were forfeited during the year ended December 31, 2023 and there was no forfeiture balance at December 31, 2023.

NOTE I--RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

For the year ended December 31, 2023, there were no significant differences between the financial statements and Internal Revenue Service Form 5500.

NOTE J--SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY PLAN TRUSTEE

The total value of the Plan's net assets available for benefits was \$6,551,769 at December 31, 2023. With the exception of notes receivable from participants, the Trustee (a qualified institution) has supplied the Plan Administrator with a certification as to the completeness and accuracy of all information presented in the accompanying statement of net assets available for benefits--modified cash basis as of December 31, 2023 and in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits--modified cash basis for the year ended December 31, 2023, in regards to investment activity.

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(k) PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--Continued

NOTE J--SUMMARY OF INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY PLAN TRUSTEE--Continued

The Plan's independent auditors did not perform auditing procedures with respect to this information, except for comparing such information to the related information included in the financial statements and supplemental schedules.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY ERISA

SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a--SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

THE HALLMARK COMPANIES, INC. 401(K) PLAN

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 58-2342469, PLAN 002

December 31, 2023

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan*	Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51*
	Contributions Not Corrected*	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP*	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP*	
\$ 112,372	\$ 112,372	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

* Late participant loan repayments are included (if applicable).

See independent auditor's report.

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i--SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)--MODIFIED CASH BASIS

Employer Identification Number 58-2342469, PLAN 002

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
Party-in Interest	Identity of Issuer, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Current Value
*	MyCompass Index Mod Ret Fund R	Collective Investment Trust	\$ 1,013,821
*	MyCompass Index Mod 2035 Fund R	Collective Investment Trust	788,343
	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Mutual Fund	782,042
*	MyCompass Ind Mod 2045 Fund R	Collective Investment Trust	674,267
	Large Cap Value Fund I1	Collective Investment Trust	565,020
	Fidelity Total International Index Fund	Mutual Fund	477,468
	Fidelity US Bond Index Fund	Mutual Fund	420,452
	Large Cap Growth Fund III I1	Collective Investment Trust	313,359
*	MyCompass Index Mod 2025 Fund R	Collective Investment Trust	285,843
	Balanced ESG Fund I1	Collective Investment Trust	285,801
	John Hanck Dis Value Mid Cap Fund R6	Mutual Fund	232,612
		Guaranteed Investment	
*	Voya Fixed Account (4450)	Contract (at contract value)	215,091
*	MyCompass Index Mod 2055 Fund R	Collective Investment Trust	141,625
	Mid Cap Growth Fund I1	Collective Investment Trust	72,646
	Small Cap Value Fund I1	Collective Investment Trust	60,264
	Small Cap Growth Fund II I1	Collective Investment Trust	43,919
*	MyCompass Index Mod 2065 Fund R	Collective Investment Trust	36,406
	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	19,831
	International Stock Fund I1	Collective Investment Trust	14,417
*	Voya Intermediate Bond Fund R6	Mutual Fund	6,909
	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	Mutual Fund	5,467
	Vanguard Real Estate Index Adm	Mutual Fund	5,380
	PGIM High Yield Fund R6	Mutual Fund	4,531
*	Participant notes receivable	Interest rates ranging from 4.25% to 9.50% with maturities ranging from January 2024 through September 2028	86,255
			<u>\$ 6,551,769</u>

* Designates party-in-interest

See independent auditor's report.

Attachment to 2023 Form 5500
Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets
(Held at End of Year)
The Hallmark Companies, Inc. 401(k) Plan
EIN 58-2342469
Plan#002
As Of December 31, 2023

(a) (b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	(c) Description of investments including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity date	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
Balanced ESG Fund I1	Common Collective Trust		\$285,800
Fid US Bd Id Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$420,452
Fidelity 500 Index Fund	Registered Investment Company		\$782,042
Fidelity Mid Cap Idx Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$19,831
Fidelity Sm Cp Ind Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$5,467
Fidelity Tot Intl Idx Fund	Registered Investment Company		\$477,468
International Stock Fund I1	Common Collective Trust		\$14,417
John Hanck Dis Val Md Cp Fd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$232,612
Large Cap Growth Fund III I1	Common Collective Trust		\$313,359
Large Cap Value Fund I1	Common Collective Trust		\$565,020
Mid Cap Growth Fund I1	Common Collective Trust		\$72,646
MyCompass Ind Mod 2025 Fd R	Common Collective Trust		\$285,843
MyCompass Ind Mod 2035 Fd R	Common Collective Trust		\$788,343
MyCompass Ind Mod 2045 Fd R	Common Collective Trust		\$674,267
MyCompass Ind Mod 2055 Fd R	Common Collective Trust		\$141,625
MyCompass Ind Mod 2065 Fd R	Common Collective Trust		\$36,406
MyCompass Ind Mod Ret Fd R	Common Collective Trust		\$1,013,821
PGIM High Yield Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$4,531
Small Cap Growth Fund II I1	Common Collective Trust		\$43,919
Small Cap Value Fund I1	Common Collective Trust		\$60,264
Vanguard Real Estate Indx Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$5,380
* Voya Fixed Account (4450)	Insurance Company General Account		\$215,091
* Voya Intermediate Bond Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$6,909
	Participants Loans - Rates 4.25% to 9.50%		\$86,255
TOTAL			\$6,551,769

* denotes party-in-interest

Column (d) is not required as the Plan's investments are totally participant directed.