

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 HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
		1c Effective date of plan 01/01/1995
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) HOPE HOUSE, INC. 573 LIVINGSTON AVENUE ALBANY, NY 12206	2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) 14-6050436 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number 518-482-4673 2d Business code (see instructions) 813000

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	KEVIN CONNALLY
	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	5 144
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) 105 6a(2) 89 6b 0 6c 62 6d 151 6e 0 6f 151 6g(1) 108 6g(2) 126 6h 2
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 2H 2J 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 _____
- (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 HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HOPE HOUSE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 14-6050436

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).....

X

YesNo
- 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
CHARLES SCHWAB INVESTMENT MGMT INC.	
94-3106735	

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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)

GLENS FALLS NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST

250 GLEN STREET
GLENS FALLS, NY 12801

(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 21 24 31 37 52 64	NONE	8218	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

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

CHARLES SCHWAB & CO., INC.

94-1737782

(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?
59	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	0	Yes ☒ No ☐

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

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

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

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

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
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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 HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HOPE HOUSE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 14-6050436	

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 20196	201
b	Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
	(1) Employer contributions	1b(1) 110528	121618
	(2) Participant contributions	1b(2) 2935	2803
	(3) Other	1b(3) 1209	1133
c	General investments:		
	(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1) 54154	60034
	(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) 15874	15335
	(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	
	(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	
	(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	
	(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	
	(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13) 1087586	1388066
	(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	
	(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	1292482	1589190
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	1292482	1589190

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)	121618	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	82615	
(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)		204233
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	3297	
(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)	705	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		4002
(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)	32768	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		32768
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		147985
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		388988

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	84062	
(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)		84062
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)		
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	8218	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(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)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		8218
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		92280

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		296708
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(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: **MENGEL, METZGER, BARR & CO. LLP**

(2) EIN: **16-1092347**

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.)	☒	☐	9272
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?	☒	☐	200000
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 HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 002
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HOPE HOUSE, INC.	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 14-6050436

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): 23-3060382 82-3967259	
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)?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.	
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____	
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.	
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)	6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year	6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)	6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.	
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change?	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Part III	Amendments
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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

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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 _____

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a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14a 14b 14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

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

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

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>Q702960A</u> .	

HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

AND

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN

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BUSINESS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plan Administrator and Trustees
Hope House, Inc. Retirement Plan

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Hope House, Inc. Retirement 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 statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Hope House, Inc. Retirement 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 and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 5 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

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

- the amounts and disclosures in the 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).

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 Hope House, Inc. Retirement 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 these 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 Hope House, Inc. Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after 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 Hope House, Inc. Retirement 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 Hope House, Inc. Retirement Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the 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 Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule of delinquent participant contributions and supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of and for the year ended 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 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 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, 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 schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the information in the supplemental schedules 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).

Mengel, Metzger, Barw & Co. LLP

Latham, NY
October 15, 2024

HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	<u>\$ 1,449,434</u>	<u>\$ 1,163,146</u>
Receivables		
Employee contributions receivable	2,803	2,935
Employer contributions receivable	121,618	110,528
Notes receivable from participants	<u>15,335</u>	<u>15,874</u>
Total Receivables	<u>139,756</u>	<u>129,337</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u><u>\$ 1,589,190</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,292,483</u></u>

HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Additions to Net Assets Attributed to:		
Investment Income (Loss)		
Net appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 147,984	\$ (253,378)
Dividend and interest income	36,064	24,798
Total Investment Income (Loss)	<u>184,048</u>	<u>(228,580)</u>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	<u>705</u>	<u>645</u>
Contributions		
Employee	82,616	49,346
Employer	121,618	110,528
Rollover	-	6
Total Contributions	<u>204,234</u>	<u>159,880</u>
Total Additions	<u>388,987</u>	<u>(68,055)</u>
Deductions from Net Assets Attributed to:		
Benefits paid to participants	84,062	274,254
Administrative expenses and participant transaction fees	<u>8,218</u>	<u>7,701</u>
Total Deductions	<u>92,280</u>	<u>281,955</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Available for Benefits	296,707	(350,010)
Net Assets Available for Benefits, Beginning of Year	<u>1,292,483</u>	<u>1,642,493</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 1,589,190</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,292,483</u></u>

HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

General

The Hope House, Inc. Retirement Plan (the Plan) was established on January 1, 2006. The Plan is sponsored by Hope House, Inc. (the Company). The following brief description of the Plan is provided for general informational purposes only. Participants should refer to the plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

The Plan is a defined contribution plan covering all eligible employees of the Company. Employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan if they have attained the age of 21 and completed six months of service with at least 1,000 hours of service during such period. Entry into the Plan is the first day of the Plan year or the first day of the seventh month of the plan year coinciding with or following the date the participant satisfies the eligibility requirements. Participants who have reached the age of 21, completed one year of service (a minimum of 1,000 hours), and are employed on the last day of the plan year are eligible for the Company's profit-sharing contribution regardless of whether or not they are deferring. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

During the year ended December 31, 2020, certain employees of the Hudson Mohawk Recovery Center, Inc. (HMRC) became eligible participants of the Plan as a result of the pending agreement between Hope House, Inc. and HMRC whereby Hope House, Inc. would acquire the assets of HMRC in exchange for the assumption of certain liabilities of HMRC which was finalized in 2021. During the year ended December 31, 2019, as a result of The Next Step, Inc. (TNS) merging into Hope House, Inc., certain employees of TNS became eligible participants of the Plan. Years of service credited to employees while employed by HMRC and TNS were counted towards the service requirement of the Plan.

Contributions

Each year, participants may contribute pretax annual compensation as defined in the plan document, subject to certain limitations. The maximum participant deferral for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$22,500. Participants age 50 and over are also permitted to make additional "catch-up" contributions with a total maximum contribution of \$30,000 for the year ended December 31, 2023. Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Participants direct the investment of their contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan.

The Company may make profit-sharing contributions to the Plan on behalf of eligible participants. An eligible participant's share of the Company's profit-sharing contribution is based on their compensation as a percentage of total compensation of all eligible participants times the Company's total profit sharing contribution. Participants do not direct the Company's profit-sharing contribution to any of the Plan's investments (see *Participant-Directed-and-Non Participant-Directed Investments* below).

Participant-Directed and Nonparticipant-Directed Investments

The Plan's provisions allow the participants to direct their contributions and rollover contributions to any of the Plan's registered investment companies (mutual funds) or money market fund with the Plan's trustee, Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company.

HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
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DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

Participant-Directed and Nonparticipant-Directed Investments

The Company's profit-sharing contribution portion of an employee's account is invested at the direction of the plan sponsor and Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co., as a directed trustee. The assets from the profit-sharing portion of the Plan are invested in a money market fund and various registered investment companies (mutual funds). Participants do not own shares of the underlying investments nor do they direct the profit-sharing contribution to any specific investment, instead the annual profit-sharing contribution, if any, is recorded in the RPS Cash account (see also Note 9).

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of (a) investment earnings and losses, and (b) administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined in the plan document. The profit-sharing portion of a participant's account is credited with the Company's annual profit-sharing contribution, if any, and an annual allocation of investment earnings and losses. Investment earnings and losses on the underlying investments are allocated to the participants based on their pro-rata share of the overall RPS Cash balance times the total investment earnings or losses for the year. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are 100% vested immediately in their contributions, plus actual earnings (losses) thereon. Vesting in the Company's profit-sharing contributions portion of their accounts is based on years of continuous service and is the earlier of the vesting schedule below or plan termination, the occurrence of normal retirement age (65), or death or disability.

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Percent Vested</u>
Less than 2	0%
2 but less than 3	20%
3 but less than 4	40%
4 but less than 5	60%
5 but less than 6	80%
6 or more	100%

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants are allowed to borrow from their accounts a minimum amount of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% percent of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account. All notes must bear a reasonable rate of interest commensurate with one a bank or other professional lender would charge for making a note in a similar circumstance. Notes are required to be repaid in level payments of principal and interest. Principal and interest are paid over a term ranging from one to five years. However, notes used to acquire a principal residence may be paid over a term that exceeds five years. Principal and interest are repaid through bi-weekly payroll deductions.

HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022

1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant must elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, either in a lump sum amount or a series of payments, subject to limitations. If the vested portion of a participant's account balance is \$1,000 or less, this amount will be paid as a lump sum distribution in cash to the participant as soon as possible following termination, retirement, disability, or to the beneficiary following death. If the vested portion of a participant's account balance is more than \$1,000, but less than \$5,000, this amount must be distributed from the Plan either in cash to the participant or as a rollover into an IRA or a new qualified plan. Normal retirement under the Plan is 65 years of age. There are no provisions for early retirement. Hardship withdrawals of elective deferrals and the participant's vested portion of the Company's contributions are allowed as defined by the Plan. The Plan also permits in-service distributions after attaining normal retirement age.

Forfeited Accounts

In accordance with the plan document, plan forfeitures can be used to pay plan expenses, reduce employer contributions, or be allocated to participants as an additional employer contribution. At December 31, 2023 and 2022, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$14,354 and \$11,450, respectively. During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, no amounts were allocated to participants as additional employer contributions and no amounts were used to pay plan expenses or reduce employer contributions.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

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

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires plan management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of net assets and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of changes in net assets during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 6 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Investment income recognized by the Plan includes earnings from investments, net gains (losses) realized from the sale of investments, and the net change in the unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis.

**HOPE HOUSE, INC. RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022**

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participant notes are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefits

Payments of benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Expenses

Certain administrative expenses of the Plan are paid for by the Company and others are paid for by the Plan. Participant transaction fees are charged directly to participant accounts as incurred. Expenses paid for by the Company for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 were \$9,661 and \$5,283, respectively.

3. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investments. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could materially affect participant account balances and amounts reported in the statement of net assets available for benefits.

4. INCOME TAX STATUS

The underlying non-standardized prototype plan has received an opinion from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) dated June 30, 2020, stating that the form of the Plan is qualified under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code) and, therefore, the related trust is tax exempt. In accordance with Revenue Procedures 2005-6 and Announcement 2001-77, the plan administrator has determined that it is eligible to, and has chosen to, rely on the current IRS prototype plan opinion letter. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. Although the Plan has been amended to comply with recent legislation, the plan administrator believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the plan and recognize a tax liability if the plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service or other applicable taxing authorities. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

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5. INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE

The Plan administrator has elected the method of compliance permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co., as the trustee of the Plan, has certified to the completeness and accuracy of the investments and notes receivable from participants reflected in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the accompanying schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2023, and the related investment and notes receivable from participants activity reflected in the statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification 820, *Fair Value Measurements*, 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 are described as follows:

- Level 1 - Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 - Inputs to the valuation methodology include:
 - Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets and 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 methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodology used at December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Registered investment companies (mutual funds) and money market funds: Fair value based on quoted prices in active markets at year end.

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6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

RPS Cash: The underlying investments of the RPS Cash account, which holds the Company's cumulative profit-sharing contributions and the cumulative investment gains and losses are registered investment companies (mutual funds) and a money market fund. Fair value of the RPS Cash account is based solely on the underlying investments and as such, is determined in the same manner as the Plan's other investments disclosed above.

The method described above may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although plan management believes its valuation method is 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.

Fair values of assets measured on a recurring basis at December 31 are as follows:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>(Level 1)</u>
<u>December 31, 2023</u>		
Registered investment companies (Mutual funds)	\$1,388,066	\$1,388,066
Money market funds	<u>61,368</u>	<u>61,368</u>
Total Assets at Fair Value	<u><u>\$1,449,434</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,449,434</u></u>
<u>December 31, 2022</u>		
Registered investment companies (Mutual funds)	\$1,088,519	\$1,088,519
Money market funds	<u>74,627</u>	<u>74,627</u>
Total Assets at Fair Value	<u><u>\$1,163,146</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,163,146</u></u>

7. PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

The Plan is sponsored by Hope House, Inc. The Plan and the sponsor are considered related parties based upon shared management. The following organizations are considered parties-in-interest based upon services provided to the Plan during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

Hope House, Inc. - Plan Sponsor
Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. - Plan Audit Firm (beginning January 1, 2023)
Marvin and Company, P.C. - Plan Audit Firm (prior to January 1, 2023)
Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co. - Trustee, Third-party administrator,
Recordkeeper, and Investment Advisor

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7. PARTIES-IN-INTEREST

Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company provides third-party administrator and recordkeeping services to the Plan. For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the Plan paid \$8,218 and \$7,701, respectively, for these services. These amounts are included in the accompanying statements of changes in net assets available for benefits under administrative expenses and participant transaction fees. In addition, during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Company also received indirect compensation in the amount of \$-0- and \$1,948, respectively, related to investment advisory services performed on behalf of the Plan, which is included in the net appreciation of investments in the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits.

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, except as disclosed in Note 10, there were no other prohibited transactions between either the related parties and the Plan or the parties-in-interest.

8. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed an 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 the plan document and ERISA. In the event that the Plan terminates, participants will become 100% vested in the Company's profit-sharing contributions portion of their accounts, and the net assets of the Plan will be allocated as prescribed by the plan document and ERISA. Upon termination of the Plan, the Trustee will continue to hold the plan assets and will make distributions of the Plan's benefits in accordance with the instructions of the plan administrator and the Plan's provisions.

9. NONPARTICIPANT-DIRECTED INVESTMENTS

Information about the net assets available for benefits as of December 31 and the significant components of the changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended relating to the nonparticipant-directed investments is as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Registered investment companies (Mutual funds)	\$ 1,068,335	\$ 884,376
Money market funds	52,113	67,589
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 1,120,448</u>	<u>\$ 951,965</u>
Change in Net Assets Available for Benefits:		
Contributions	\$ 110,528	\$ 93,291
Dividends	28,944	19,909
Net appreciation (depreciation)	110,259	(191,667)
Transfers, net	-	5,105
Benefits paid to participants	(74,971)	(189,122)
Administrative expenses and participant transaction fees	(6,277)	(5,843)
Total Net Increase (Decrease)	<u>\$ 168,483</u>	<u>\$ (268,327)</u>

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10. PROHIBITED TRANSACTIONS

During the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, the plan sponsor failed to remit to the Plan's trustee certain participant contributions and participant loan repayments in a timely manner as defined by ERISA. The amounts remitted late were \$6,492 and \$2,780, respectfully. The plan sponsor will correct these late remittances during the 2024 plan year by calculating and remitting the lost earnings into the Plan.

11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Plan management has evaluated events subsequent to the statement of net assets available for benefits date of December 31, 2023, and through October 15, 2024, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that there are no subsequent events that require recording or disclosure.

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**Participant
 Contributions
 Transferred Late
 to Plan**

\$ 9,272

Total That Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions

**Check Here if
 Late Participant
 Loan Repayments
 are Included**

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**Contributions
 Not Corrected**

\$ 9,272

**Contributions Corrected
 Outside VFCP**

\$ -

**Contributions Pending
 Correction in Voluntary
 Fiduciary Correction
 Program (VFCP)**

\$ -

**Total Fully Correct
 Under VFCP and
 Prohibited
 Transaction
 Exemption 2002-51**

\$ -

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	<u>Participant-Directed Investments</u>			
	Schwab Treasury Obligations Money Fund	Money market fund	\$ -	\$ 9,255
	Cohen & Steers Preferred Sec & Inc. - Institutional	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	6,075
	Dodge & Cox Stock Fund I	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	26,724
	FAM Small Cap - Institutional	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	10,923
	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	60,972
	Fidelity Investment Grade Bond #26	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	26,350
	Goldman Sachs International Equity Insights	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	10,499
	Lord Abbett Short Duration Income - Institutional	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	26,762
	Madison Mid Cap Fund CL R6	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	24,973
	Vanguard Balanced Indexed Admiral	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	38,239
	Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	50,810
	Vanguard High-Yield Corporate Admiral	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	11,110
	Vanguard Total Bond Market Admiral	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	-	26,294
	Total Participant-Directed Investments		<u>-</u>	<u>328,986</u>

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	<u>Nonparticipant-Directed Investments</u>			
*	Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co. - RPS Cash:			
	Blackrock Liquidity Treasury - Institutional	Money market fund	\$ 52,113	\$ 52,113
	Invesco QQQ Trust Series 1	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	56,516	63,476
	IShares Core MSCI Developing Markets	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	31,927	30,748
	IShares Core S&P Mid-Cap ETF	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	76,038	83,145
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	IShares Ibonds 2024 H/Y Income	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	43,007	42,939
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	North County Large Cap Equity Fund	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	221,500	236,845
	Payden High Income Fund	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	36,709	38,451
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*	Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co. - RPS Cash: Victory Market Neutral Income - Institutional	Registered investment company (Mutual fund)	\$ 19,363	\$ 18,101
	Total Nonparticipant-Directed Investments		<u>1,058,406</u>	<u>1,120,448</u>
		Participant loans, interest at 4.25% - 9.50%, bi-weekly payments, various maturities through July 2028		
*	Participant Loans		<u>-</u>	<u>15,335</u>
	Total		<u><u>\$1,058,406</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,464,769</u></u>

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