

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Form 5500</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b></p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large; text-align: center;"><b>2023</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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**Part I Annual Report Identification Information**  
 For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024

**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**

<p><b>1a</b> Name of plan <u>HOUSE OF RUTH RETIREMENT AND EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN</u></p>	<p><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p>
<p><b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>HOUSE OF RUTH MARYLAND, INC.</u></p> <p><u>2201 ARGONNE DRIVE</u> <u>BALTIMORE, MD 21218</u></p>	<p><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan <u>07/01/1991</u></p> <p><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1100236</u></p> <p><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>410-889-0840</u></p> <p><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions) <u>624200</u></p>

**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.

<b>SIGN HERE</b>	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	03/27/2025	DONALD BILES
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
<b>SIGN HERE</b>			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN	
	<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number	
<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name	<b>4b</b> EIN	
	<b>4d</b> PN	
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	188
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ). <b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year ..... <b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year ..... <b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits ..... <b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits ..... <b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> . ..... <b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits ..... <b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> . ..... <b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) ..... <b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6a(1)</b>	107
	<b>6a(2)</b>	126
	<b>6b</b>	2
	<b>6c</b>	73
	<b>6d</b>	201
	<b>6e</b>	0
	<b>6f</b>	201
	<b>6g(1)</b>	186
<b>6g(2)</b>	196	
<b>6h</b>	0	
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
2L

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

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

**a Pension Schedules**

- (1)  **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2)  **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3)  **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4)  **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached \_\_\_\_\_
- (5)  **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

**b General Schedules**

- (1)  **H** (Financial Information)
- (2)  **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3)  **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached   1
- (4)  **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5)  **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6)  **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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

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**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.

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

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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**

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<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HOUSE OF RUTH MARYLAND, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>52-1100236</b>

**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.

**1 Coverage Information:**

**(a)** Name of insurance carrier  
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<b>(b)</b> EIN	<b>(c)</b> NAIC code	<b>(d)</b> Contract or identification number	<b>(e)</b> Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	<b>Policy or contract year</b>	
				<b>(f)</b> From	<b>(g)</b> To
<b>71-0294708</b>	<b>86509</b>	<b>664F64</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>07/01/2023</b>	<b>06/30/2024</b>

**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.

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

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

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

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

<b>(b)</b> Amount of sales and base commissions paid	<b>Fees and other commissions paid</b>		<b>(e)</b> Organization code
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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.

<b>4</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	<b>4</b>	250289
<b>5</b> Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	<b>5</b>	

**6** Contracts With Allocated Funds:

**a** State the basis of premium rates ▶

<b>b</b> Premiums paid to carrier .....	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year.....	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b> 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. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	<b>6d</b>	

**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>b</b> Balance at the end of the previous year .....	<b>7b</b>	307260
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<b>c</b> Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	<b>7c(1)</b>	7845
	<b>7c(2)</b>	
	<b>7c(3)</b>	4314
	<b>7c(4)</b>	
	<b>7c(5)</b>	98
▶ EMPLOYEE LOAN PAYMENTS MISCELLANEOUS		

(6) Total additions .....	<b>7c(6)</b>	12257
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<b>d</b> Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	<b>7d</b>	319517
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<b>e</b> Deductions: (1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year (2) Administration charge made by carrier .....	<b>7e(1)</b>	15963
	<b>7e(2)</b>	3920
	<b>7e(3)</b>	
	<b>7e(4)</b>	49345
▶ TRANSFER TO MUTUAL FUNDS		

(5) Total deductions .....	<b>7e(5)</b>	69228
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<b>f</b> Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ) .....	<b>7f</b>	250289
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**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:

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

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>10b</b>	

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. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

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

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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

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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?
64	RECORDKEEPER	55831	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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81-3968784

(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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11188	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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20-1611389

(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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7331	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**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
CBIZ INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES	99	11188

(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.	
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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
GREENSPRING WEALTH MANAGEMENT	99	7331

(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.	

**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.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> 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)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>07/01/2023</b> and ending <b>06/30/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>HOUSE OF RUTH RETIREMENT AND EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>HOUSE OF RUTH MARYLAND, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>52-1100236</b>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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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.

	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	
<b>c</b> General investments:		
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	67824
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	8194086
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	250289
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		<b>(a)</b> Beginning of Year	<b>(b)</b> End of Year
(1) Employer securities .....	<b>1d(1)</b>		
(2) Employer real property .....	<b>1d(2)</b>		
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....	<b>1e</b>		
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) .....	<b>1f</b>	8569170	9536919
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....	<b>1g</b>		
<b>h</b> Operating payables .....	<b>1h</b>		
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....	<b>1i</b>		
<b>j</b> Other liabilities .....	<b>1j</b>		
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) .....	<b>1k</b>	0	0
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) .....	<b>1l</b>	8569170	9536919

**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.

<b>Income</b>		<b>(a)</b> Amount	<b>(b)</b> Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	213736	
<b>(B)</b> Participants .....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	457128	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	3364	
(2) Noncash contributions .....	<b>2a(2)</b>		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		674228
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>		
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>		
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	3203	
<b>(F)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	4314	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		7517
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Common stock .....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	242169	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		242169
<b>(3)</b> Rents .....	<b>2b(3)</b>		
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate .....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>		
<b>(B)</b> Other .....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>		
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	<b>2b(6)</b>		
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	<b>2b(7)</b>		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	<b>2b(8)</b>		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	<b>2b(9)</b>		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>2b(10)</b>		920009
<b>c</b> Other income .....	<b>2c</b>		578
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2d</b>		1844501

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	<b>2e(1)</b>	820921	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	<b>2e(2)</b>		
(3) Other.....	<b>2e(3)</b>		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines <b>2e(1)</b> through <b>(3)</b> .....	<b>2e(4)</b>		820921
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	<b>2f</b>		
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	<b>2g</b>		
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	<b>2h</b>		
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances.....	<b>2i(1)</b>		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	<b>2i(2)</b>	48932	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	<b>2i(3)</b>		
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	<b>2i(4)</b>		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	<b>2i(5)</b>	3244	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	<b>2i(6)</b>		
(7) Actuarial fees .....	<b>2i(7)</b>		
(8) Legal fees .....	<b>2i(8)</b>		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	<b>2i(9)</b>		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	<b>2i(10)</b>		
(11) Other expenses .....	<b>2i(11)</b>	3655	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines <b>2i(1)</b> through <b>(11)</b> .....	<b>2i(12)</b>		55831
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	<b>2j</b>		876752

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line <b>2j</b> from line <b>2d</b> .....	<b>2k</b>		967749
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan .....	<b>2l(1)</b>		
(2) From this plan .....	<b>2l(2)</b>		

**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: **ELLIN & TUCKER, CHARTERED**

(2) EIN: **52-0959934**

**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
<b>a</b> 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.) .....		X	
<b>b</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.).....		X	
<b>c</b> 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.) .....		X	
<b>d</b> 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.).....		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	X		500000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? .....		X	
<b>g</b> 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? .....		X	
<b>h</b> 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?.....		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	X		
<b>j</b> 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.).....		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC? .....		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? .....		X	
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....		X	
<b>n</b> 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  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).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2023</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>HOUSE OF RUTH RETIREMENT AND EMPLOYEE SAVINGS PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>HOUSE OF RUTH MARYLAND, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>52-1100236</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
<b>2</b> Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>71-0294708</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (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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<b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>			
<b>5</b> 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. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ <b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b>			
<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	6b		
<b>c</b> 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		
<b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>			
<b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>8</b> 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? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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<b>9</b> 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. ....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (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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<b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</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.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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:

<b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) .....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) .....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14c</b>	

**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:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

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

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</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 .....	<b>16b</b>	

**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 03/31/2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J500551A.

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**HOUSE OF RUTH RETIREMENT AND EMPLOYEE  
SAVINGS PLAN  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Plan Administrator of the  
House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan

**SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE ERISA SECTION 103(A)(3)(C) AUDIT**

We performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan (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 June 30, 2024 and 2023, the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure Under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified 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 obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section:

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

## **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we 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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

## **AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDITS 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such

procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our 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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE REQUIRED BY ERISA**

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of June 30, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure Under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and to 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 procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, 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 schedule related to assets held and certified 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).



ELLIN & TUCKER  
Certified Public Accountants

Baltimore, Maryland  
March 17, 2025

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
**House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan**  
**June 30, 2024 and 2023**

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at Fair Value (Note 3)	\$ 9,470,964	\$ 8,501,346
Notes Receivable From Participants	<u>65,955</u>	<u>67,824</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 9,536,919</u>	<u>\$ 8,569,170</u>

*(See Independent Auditors' Report and Accompanying Notes)*

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
**House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**ADDITIONS**

**Investment Income:**

Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 1,167,029
Interest Income on Notes Receivable From Participants	<u>3,203</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>1,170,232</u>

**Contributions:**

Employer	213,736
Participant	<u>460,515</u>
Total Contributions	<u>674,251</u>
Total Additions	<u>1,844,483</u>

**DEDUCTIONS**

Administrative Expenses	55,831
Distributions to Participants	<u>820,903</u>
Total Deductions	<u>876,734</u>
Net Decrease	967,749

<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>8,569,170</u>
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<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,536,919</u></u>
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*(See Independent Auditors' Report and Accompanying Notes)*

**NOTE 1**    **DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following brief description of the House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan (Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for more complete information.

**GENERAL**

The Plan is a defined-contribution plan covering all employees of House of Ruth (Organization) who are 21 years old and who complete one day of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to certain annual limitations in the Internal Revenue Code. Participants who turn 50 years old before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants also may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined-benefit or defined-contribution plans. The Plan currently offers various mutual funds as investment options for participants.

The Organization also may make discretionary matching contributions for the benefit of all eligible participants. The matching contribution is equal to a uniform percentage of each participant's deferred compensation. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the matching percentage was 25% of the participants' deferrals, up to 4% of total compensation. Participants also receive a discretionary contribution. The Organization's discretionary contribution was 3% of the participants' compensation for the year ended June 30, 2024. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

**PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocations of the Organization's contributions and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS**

Participants may borrow up to 50% of their elective contribution account balances not to exceed \$50,000. Loans bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator.

*(See Independent Auditors' Report)*

**VESTING**

Participants are immediately vested in their elective deferrals, rollover contributions, non-elective contributions, and matching contributions.

**PAYMENT OF BENEFITS**

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in the participant's account. Distributions may be in the form of a lump sum or installment distributions for balances attributable to the Plan.

**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION**

All references in the financial statements to the Codification refer to the Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. The Codification is the single source of authoritative GAAP in the United States.

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

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

**USE OF ESTIMATES**

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

**VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS**

Investments are stated at fair value. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

**NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS**

Notes receivable from participants are carried at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan agreement.

*(See Independent Auditors' Report)*

**PAYMENT OF BENEFITS**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Administrative expenses, including professional and investment advisory fees, are paid by the Plan. Administrative expenses include direct fees paid from the Plan’s assets. In addition, the Organization pays certain Plan expenses and provides services to the Plan without charge.

**RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. 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 value of investment securities will occur in the near term, and such changes could materially affect participants’ account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

**SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through March 17, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS**

The Plan’s investments were held by the Custodians, Voya Financial (Voya) and Mutual of America (Mutual) at June 30, 2024 and 2023. Financial information related to those investments is included in the accompanying financial statements based on information certified by Voya. That information, which was not audited by independent auditors, is summarized below. The Plan’s investments held by Mutual were not certified. The Plan’s investments are as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Mutual Funds:</b>		
Certified	\$ 9,004,980	\$ 8,052,132
Uncertified	465,984	449,214
Total	\$ 9,470,964	\$ 8,501,346

*(See Independent Auditors’ Report)*

During 2024, investment income consisted of the following:

**Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments:**

Certified	\$ 1,101,258
Uncertified	<u>65,771</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,167,029</u></u>

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the Codification establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework, which prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments and other financial instruments at 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 below:

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

**Level 2** Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;

Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;

Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of 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.

Below is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There were no changes in the methodology used at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

*(See Independent Auditors' Report)*

Mutual Funds: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end. NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. NAV is a quoted price in an active market. These assets are classified as Level 1 within the fair value hierarchy.

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, while the Plan 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.

**NOTE 4**    **PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Organization has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

**NOTE 5**    **TAX STATUS**

The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and operating in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes was included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions for recognition in the financial statements. The Plan Administrator concluded there were no uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2024.

**NOTE 6**    **PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Custodians of the Plan. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

In addition, certain administrative fees were paid indirectly through revenue sharing and are included in the net appreciation in fair value of investments.

*(See Independent Auditors' Report)*



**Supplementary Information**



A Name of Plan  
**House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan**

B Three-Digit Plan Number **001**

C Plan Sponsor's Name as Shown on Line  
 2a of Form 5500  
**House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.**

D Employer Identification # **52-1100236**

E As of **June 30, 2024**

**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	AllianceBernstein	AB Large Cap Growth Fund		\$ 801,065
	American Century	American Century Mid Cap Value		805,539
	American Funds	American Funds New Perspective		180,285
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific		264,611
	American Funds	American Funds American Balanced		741,460
	American Funds	American Funds Washington Mutual		265,729
	Calvert	Calvert Social Index		91,253
	DWS	DWS Capital Growth Fund		185,239
	Ivy	Ivy Small Cap Growth		225,962
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund		169,148
*	Mutual of America	Mutual of America All America Fund		195,492
*	Mutual of America	Mutual of America Small Cap Growth Fund		49,163
*	Mutual of America	Mutual of America Small Cap Value Fund		36,090
	PIMCO	PIMCO Investment Grade Corp Bond		306,449
	Pioneer	Pioneer Bond Fund		62,237
	Principal	Principal Strategy Income		183,361
	Thornburg	Thornburg Strategic Incorporated Fund		83,494
	Vanguard	Vanguard GNMA		40,519
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund		539,468
	Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Fund		378,117
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020		42,124
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025		52,494
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030		419,546
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035		1,089,995
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040		659,630
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045		276,659
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050		205,964
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055		403,145
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060		241,380
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065		45,714
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement		179,343
	Voya	Voya Fixed Account		250,289
*	Notes Receivable From Participants	Interest rates of 4.25% to 9.50%; maturity dates through February 2027		65,955
	Total			\$ 9,536,919

\* Party in Interest

(See Independent Auditors' Report)

**Attachment to 2023 Form 5500**  
**Schedule H, line 4i - Schedule of Assets**  
**(Held at End of Year)**  
**House of Ruth Retirement**  
**EIN# 52-1100236**  
**Plan# 001**  
**As Of 6-30-2024**

(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
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2035 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$1,089,995
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2045 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$276,659
Vangrd Trgt Retire Inc Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$179,343
Vangrd 500 Index Fund Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$378,117
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2025 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$52,494
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2020 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$42,124
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2030 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$419,546
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2040 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$659,630
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2050 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$205,964
Thornburg Strat Inc Fnd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$83,494
Vangrd Small-Cap Index Fnd Adm	Registered Investment Company		\$539,468
AB Large Cap Grw Fnd Z	Registered Investment Company		\$801,065
American Funds EuroPacific R6	Registered Investment Company		\$264,611
American Funds Nw Prspctv R6	Registered Investment Company		\$180,285
Del Ivy Sm Cap Growth Fd I	Registered Investment Company		\$225,962
American Funds Wash Mutual R6	Registered Investment Company		\$265,729
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2055 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$403,145
PIMCO Invmt Grd Crdt Bd Fd Ins	Registered Investment Company		\$306,449
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2060 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$241,380
Pioneer Bond Fund K	Registered Investment Company		\$62,237
AmCen Mid Cap Value Fund R6	Registered Investment Company		\$805,539
JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fd R6	Registered Investment Company		\$169,148
American Funds Am Balanced R6	Registered Investment Company		\$741,460
Calvert US Lg-Cp Cr Rsp In F I	Registered Investment Company		\$91,253
Vangrd GNMA Fund Inv	Registered Investment Company		\$40,519
Vangrd Trgt Retire 2065 Fd	Registered Investment Company		\$45,714
Principal Short Term Inc F Ins	Registered Investment Company		\$183,361
Voya Gv Mny Mkt F A (Hld Acct)	Registered Investment Company		\$0
Voya Fixed Account (4452)	Insurance Company General Account		\$250,289
Mutual of America	Registered Investment Company		\$465,984
	Participant Loan Rates 4.25%-9.50%		\$65,955
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>\$9,536,919</b>

\* denotes party-in-interest

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

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Plan Administrator of the  
House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan

### SCOPE AND NATURE OF THE ERISA SECTION 103(A)(3)(C) AUDIT

We performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of the House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan (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 June 30, 2024 and 2023, the related Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, elected to have the audits of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure Under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the Plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified 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 obtained a certification from a qualified institution as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section:

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

## **BASIS FOR OPINION**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we 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; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

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

## **AUDITORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDITS 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 auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than 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 generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such

procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our 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 audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE REQUIRED BY ERISA**

The supplemental Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of June 30, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure Under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and to 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 procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

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

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, 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 schedule related to assets held and certified 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).



ELLIN & TUCKER  
Certified Public Accountants

Baltimore, Maryland  
March 17, 2025

**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
**House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan**  
**June 30, 2024 and 2023**

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	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments, at Fair Value (Note 3)	\$ 9,470,964	\$ 8,501,346
Notes Receivable From Participants	<u>65,955</u>	<u>67,824</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 9,536,919</u>	<u>\$ 8,569,170</u>

*(See Independent Auditors' Report and Accompanying Notes)*

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
**House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

**ADDITIONS**

**Investment Income:**

Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 1,167,029
Interest Income on Notes Receivable From Participants	<u>3,203</u>
Total Investment Income	<u>1,170,232</u>

**Contributions:**

Employer	213,736
Participant	<u>460,515</u>
Total Contributions	<u>674,251</u>
Total Additions	<u>1,844,483</u>

**DEDUCTIONS**

Administrative Expenses	55,831
Distributions to Participants	<u>820,903</u>
Total Deductions	<u>876,734</u>
Net Decrease	967,749

<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>8,569,170</u>
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<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS – END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$ 9,536,919</u></u>
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*(See Independent Auditors' Report and Accompanying Notes)*

**NOTE 1**    **DESCRIPTION OF PLAN**

The following brief description of the House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan (Plan) is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for more complete information.

**GENERAL**

The Plan is a defined-contribution plan covering all employees of House of Ruth (Organization) who are 21 years old and who complete one day of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Each year, participants may contribute up to 100% of their annual compensation, as defined in the Plan, subject to certain annual limitations in the Internal Revenue Code. Participants who turn 50 years old before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions. Participants also may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined-benefit or defined-contribution plans. The Plan currently offers various mutual funds as investment options for participants.

The Organization also may make discretionary matching contributions for the benefit of all eligible participants. The matching contribution is equal to a uniform percentage of each participant's deferred compensation. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the matching percentage was 25% of the participants' deferrals, up to 4% of total compensation. Participants also receive a discretionary contribution. The Organization's discretionary contribution was 3% of the participants' compensation for the year ended June 30, 2024. Contributions are subject to certain limitations.

**PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS**

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution, allocations of the Organization's contributions and forfeitures of terminated participants' nonvested accounts, and charged with an allocation of administrative expenses. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

**NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS**

Participants may borrow up to 50% of their elective contribution account balances not to exceed \$50,000. Loans bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan Administrator.

*(See Independent Auditors' Report)*

**VESTING**

Participants are immediately vested in their elective deferrals, rollover contributions, non-elective contributions, and matching contributions.

**PAYMENT OF BENEFITS**

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant or beneficiary may elect to receive an amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in the participant's account. Distributions may be in the form of a lump sum or installment distributions for balances attributable to the Plan.

**NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

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**ACCOUNTING STANDARDS CODIFICATION**

All references in the financial statements to the Codification refer to the Accounting Standards Codification and the Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. The Codification is the single source of authoritative GAAP in the United States.

**BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

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

**USE OF ESTIMATES**

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

**VALUATION OF INVESTMENTS**

Investments are stated at fair value. See Note 3 for a discussion of fair value measurements.

**NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS**

Notes receivable from participants are carried at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued interest. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the Plan agreement.

*(See Independent Auditors' Report)*

**PAYMENT OF BENEFITS**

Benefits are recorded when paid.

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Administrative expenses, including professional and investment advisory fees, are paid by the Plan. Administrative expenses include direct fees paid from the Plan’s assets. In addition, the Organization pays certain Plan expenses and provides services to the Plan without charge.

**RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The Plan invests in various investment securities. 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 value of investment securities will occur in the near term, and such changes could materially affect participants’ account balances and the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

**SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Plan evaluated subsequent events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements through March 17, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

**NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS**

The Plan’s investments were held by the Custodians, Voya Financial (Voya) and Mutual of America (Mutual) at June 30, 2024 and 2023. Financial information related to those investments is included in the accompanying financial statements based on information certified by Voya. That information, which was not audited by independent auditors, is summarized below. The Plan’s investments held by Mutual were not certified. The Plan’s investments are as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Mutual Funds:</b>		
Certified	\$ 9,004,980	\$ 8,052,132
Uncertified	465,984	449,214
Total	\$ 9,470,964	\$ 8,501,346

*(See Independent Auditors’ Report)*

During 2024, investment income consisted of the following:

**Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments:**

Certified	\$ 1,101,258
Uncertified	<u>65,771</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,167,029</u></u>

The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the Codification establishes a hierarchal disclosure framework, which prioritizes and ranks the level of market price observability used in measuring investments and other financial instruments at 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 below:

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

**Level 2** Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;

Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;

Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;

Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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

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

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of 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.

Below is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There were no changes in the methodology used at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

*(See Independent Auditors' Report)*

Mutual Funds: Valued at the net asset value (NAV) of shares held by the Plan at year end. NAV is based on the value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding. NAV is a quoted price in an active market. These assets are classified as Level 1 within the fair value hierarchy.

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, while the Plan 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.

**NOTE 4**    **PLAN TERMINATION**

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Organization has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. Any unallocated assets of the Plan shall be allocated to participant accounts and distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

**NOTE 5**    **TAX STATUS**

The Plan Administrator believes the Plan is designed and operating in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. Therefore, no provision for income taxes was included in the Plan's financial statements.

GAAP requires Plan management to evaluate uncertain tax positions for recognition in the financial statements. The Plan Administrator concluded there were no uncertain tax positions as of June 30, 2024.

**NOTE 6**    **PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are managed by the Custodians of the Plan. These transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

In addition, certain administrative fees were paid indirectly through revenue sharing and are included in the net appreciation in fair value of investments.

*(See Independent Auditors' Report)*



## Supplementary Information



A Name of Plan  
**House of Ruth Retirement and Employee Savings Plan**

B Three-Digit Plan Number **001**

C Plan Sponsor's Name as Shown on Line  
 2a of Form 5500  
**House of Ruth Maryland, Inc.**

D Employer Identification # **52-1100236**

E As of **June 30, 2024**

**SCHEDULE H, LINE 4I – SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**

(a)	(b) Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor, or Similar Party	(c) Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Par, or Maturity Value	(d) Cost	(e) Current Value
	AllianceBernstein	AB Large Cap Growth Fund		\$ 801,065
	American Century	American Century Mid Cap Value		805,539
	American Funds	American Funds New Perspective		180,285
	American Funds	American Funds EuroPacific		264,611
	American Funds	American Funds American Balanced		741,460
	American Funds	American Funds Washington Mutual		265,729
	Calvert	Calvert Social Index		91,253
	DWS	DWS Capital Growth Fund		185,239
	Ivy	Ivy Small Cap Growth		225,962
	JPMorgan	JPMorgan Mid Cap Growth Fund		169,148
*	Mutual of America	Mutual of America All America Fund		195,492
*	Mutual of America	Mutual of America Small Cap Growth Fund		49,163
*	Mutual of America	Mutual of America Small Cap Value Fund		36,090
	PIMCO	PIMCO Investment Grade Corp Bond		306,449
	Pioneer	Pioneer Bond Fund		62,237
	Principal	Principal Strategy Income		183,361
	Thornburg	Thornburg Strategic Incorporated Fund		83,494
	Vanguard	Vanguard GNMA		40,519
	Vanguard	Vanguard Small-Cap Index Fund		539,468
	Vanguard	Vanguard 500 Index Fund		378,117
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2020		42,124
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2025		52,494
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2030		419,546
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2035		1,089,995
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2040		659,630
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2045		276,659
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2050		205,964
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2055		403,145
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2060		241,380
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement 2065		45,714
	Vanguard	Vanguard Target Retirement		179,343
	Voya	Voya Fixed Account		250,289
*	Notes Receivable From Participants	Interest rates of 4.25% to 9.50%; maturity dates through February 2027		65,955
	Total			\$ 9,536,919

\* Party in Interest

(See Independent Auditors' Report)