

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☒ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1992
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND 840 1ST STREET NE SUITE 300 WASHINGTON, DC 20002
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0895622
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 202-662-3666
2d	Business code (see instructions) 611000

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

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

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	05/29/2025	CHERYL WALKER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 473
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 102 6a(2) 103 6b 0 6c 359 6d 462 6e 2 6f 464 6g(1) 434 6g(2) 454 6h 14
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

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

2F 2G 2L 2S 2T 3D

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

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☒ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☐ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

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

b General Schedules

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

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

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE A (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Insurance Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500. ▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0895622	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
35-0145825	60895	G75741	190	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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

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

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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	460184
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	9477708

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

Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) ☐ individual policies (2) ☐ group deferred annuity(3) ☐ other (specify) ▶**f** If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ☐**7** Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) ☐ deposit administration (2) ☐ immediate participation guarantee
 (3) ☐ guaranteed investment (4) ☒ other ▶ **GROUP ANNUITY CONTRACT**

b Balance at the end of the previous year**7b**

452722

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

946

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

0

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

5692

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

7c(4)

19226

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

0

(6) Total additions

7c(6)

25864

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

478586

e Deductions:

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

7e(1)

564

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

35

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

7e(3)

17591

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

212

▶ **LOANS ISSUED**

(5) Total deductions

7e(5)

18402

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

460184

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0895622	

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

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TIAA-CREF

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	346467	264	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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

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

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	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	

Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information

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

4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	1209062
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	4019302

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

Specify nature of costs ▶

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

1148468

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

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

57015

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

7c(4)

82824

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

▶

(6) Total additions

7c(6)

139839

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

1288307

e Deductions:

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

7e(1)

60270

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

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

7e(3)

18975

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

▶

(5) Total deductions

7e(5)

79245

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

1209062

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
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e ☐ Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
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i ☐ Stop loss (large deductible)
j ☐ HMO contract
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9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0895622	

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1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
TIAA-CREF

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
13-1624203	69345	346468	111	01/01/2023	12/31/2023

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

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid

3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

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

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4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end	4	652219
5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	5	2338908

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

Specify nature of costs ▶

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

696799

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

(2) Dividends and credits

7c(2)

(3) Interest credited during the year

7c(3)

29387

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

7c(4)

2951

(5) Other (specify below)

7c(5)

(6) Total additions.....

7c(6)

32338

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

729137

e Deductions:

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

7e(1)

63570

(2) Administration charge made by carrier

7e(2)

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

7e(3)

13348

(4) Other (specify below)

7e(4)

(5) Total deductions.....

7e(5)

76918

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

652219

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information

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

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

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

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

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

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

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0895622	

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

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).. ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO
35-0145825

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
TIAA
13-1624203

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS
04-2647786

(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)

AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO

35-0145825

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
15 37 38 50 64 66 67	NONE	1914	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	42290	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

LPL FINANCIAL LLC

04-3046611

(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?
16 70	NONE	0	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☒	22819	Yes ☐ No ☒

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

FIDELITY INVESTMENTS

04-2647786

(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 65	RECORD KEEPER	216	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

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

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO	66 67	42290

(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.
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO 35-0145825	ASSET CHARGE

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
LPL FINANCIAL LLC	16 70	22819

(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.
AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO 35-0145825	CONSULTING SERVICES

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

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

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

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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Explanation:

SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023		
A Name of plan CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0895622

Part I	Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: AUL AMERICAN UNIT TRUST		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INSURANCE CO		
c EIN-PN 35-0145825-000	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 9477708
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TIAA REAL ESTATE		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): TIAA-CREF		
c EIN-PN 13-1624203-004	d Entity code P	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 209002
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:		
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):		
c EIN-PN	d Entity code	e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity
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code**e** Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or
103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

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

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN

SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ► File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0895622	

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a	0	0
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	7240
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	18159
(3) Other	1b(3)	0	0
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)	0	0
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)	0	0
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)	0	0
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)	0	0
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)	0	0
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)	0	0
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)	0	0
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)	0	0
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)	0	0
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	123794	106384
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	0	0
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)	0	0
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)	0	0
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)	0	0
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	14019369	16352097
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)	2297989	2321465
(15) Other	1c(15)	0	0

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)	0	0
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)	0	0
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e	0	0
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	16441152	18805345
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g	0	0
h Operating payables	1h	0	0
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i	0	0
j Other liabilities	1j	0	0
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	16441152	18805345

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	183771	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	564326	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1983	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)	0	
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		750080
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)	0	
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)	0	
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)	0	
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)	0	
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	4386	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)	92094	
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		96480
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)	0	
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)	0	
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	0	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C)	2b(2)(D)		0
(3) Rents	2b(3)		0
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)	0	
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)	0	
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)	0	
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)	0	
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		0
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		0
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		2704447
c Other income	2c		0
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		3551007

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	1184834	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)	0	
(3) Other	2e(3)	0	
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		1184834
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		0
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		0
h Interest expense	2h		0
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)	0	
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	1980	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	0	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)	0	
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	0	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)	0	
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)	0	
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)	0	
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)	0	
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)	0	
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)	0	
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		1980
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		1186814

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		2364193
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		0
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		0

Part III Accountant's Opinion

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Name: **CARON & BLETZER PLLC**

(2) EIN: **04-3499945**

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

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	☒	☐	19725
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation		Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023					
A Name of plan CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 52-0895622	
Part I Distributions					
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.					
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....				1	0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 35-0145825 13-1624203					
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.					
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year				3	
Part II Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)					
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.					
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____					
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.					
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)				6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....				6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)				6c	
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.					
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A					
Part III Amendments					
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No					
Part IV ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.					
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... ☐ Yes ☐ No					
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No					
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.				Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707	

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

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

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

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

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

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:		
a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment)	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:

Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%

High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:

☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

☐ Yes.

☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

☐ No. Other. Provide explanation. _____

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).

☐ Design-based safe harbor method

☐ "Prior year" ADP test

☐ "Current year" ADP test

☐ N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 11 / 22 / 2017 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number J501067A.

**CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND
RETIREMENT PLAN**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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



CARON & BLETZER, PLLC

Certified Public Accountants and Business Consultants

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Certain supplemental schedules have been omitted because they are either not required or not applicable.



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Plan Administrator of the Children's Defense Fund Retirement Plan:

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

We have performed audits of the financial statements of the Children's Defense Fund Retirement Plan ("the Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of the 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 ("DOL") Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA ("qualified institution").

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

Opinion

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

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

Basis for Opinion

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certifications, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of GAAP.

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 GAAP.

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

Other Matter - Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental Schedule H, Line 4(a) - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the Schedule H, Line 4(i) - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2023, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- the form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- the certified information in the supplemental schedules related to assets which provide benefits under the plan and certified to by qualified institutions and assets held by 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).

Caron & Bletnyer, PLLC

Kingston, NH
May 14, 2025

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
December 31, 2023 and 2022

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments, at fair value:		
Guaranteed insurance contracts (non benefit-responsive)	\$ 1,545,769	\$ 1,494,175
Variable annuity contracts	6,149,208	5,252,047
Pooled separate accounts	9,686,710	8,351,631
Mutual funds	<u>516,179</u>	<u>415,691</u>
Total investments at fair value	17,897,866	15,513,544
Investments, at contract value:		
Guaranteed insurance contracts (fully benefit-responsive)	<u>775,696</u>	<u>803,814</u>
Total investments	18,673,562	16,317,358
Receivables:		
Notes receivable from participants	106,384	123,794
Participant contributions	18,159	-
Employer contributions	<u>7,240</u>	<u>-</u>
Total receivables	<u>131,783</u>	<u>123,794</u>
Net assets available for benefits	<u>\$ 18,805,345</u>	<u>\$ 16,441,152</u>

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

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS
For the year ended December 31, 2023

	<u>2023</u>
Additions:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ 2,687,712
Dividend and interest income	<u>113,215</u>
	2,800,927
Contributions:	
Participant contributions	564,326
Rollover contributions	1,983
Employer contributions	<u>183,771</u>
	<u>750,080</u>
Total additions	3,551,007
Deductions:	
Benefits paid to participants	1,184,834
Administrative fees	<u>1,980</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,186,814</u>
Net increase	2,364,193
Net assets available for benefits:	
Beginning of year	<u>16,441,152</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 18,805,345</u>

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

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. PLAN DESCRIPTION:

The following description of the Children's Defense Fund Retirement Plan (the "Plan") provides only general information. Participants should refer to the plan document for more detailed information.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan sponsored by Children's Defense Fund (the "Organization"), covering substantially all employees. Upon hire, all eligible employees become eligible for employer matching contributions on the first day of the month immediately following or coincident with the completion of six months of service. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA").

Contributions

Contributions to the Plan can be made by both participating employees and the Organization. Participants may contribute up to 100% of their compensation, as defined by the Plan, on a pre-tax or after-tax "Roth" basis, subject to Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") limitations. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make additional catch-up contributions also subject to IRC limitations. Eligible employees are automatically enrolled in the Plan with a deferral rate of 2%, unless they opt out or make an affirmative election. Participants may also contribute funds from another qualified retirement plan ("rollover contributions"), subject to certain requirements. The Organization may contribute a discretionary matching contribution on behalf of all eligible participants. The Organization matched participant contributions at a rate equal to 100% of the first 3% of plan compensation for the plan year ended December 31, 2023.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited or charged with contributions, investment income, and administrative expenses. Investment income, including realized and unrealized gains and losses, and expenses are allocated to participants' accounts based on each participant's account balance within each fund. Participants determine the percentage in which contributions are to be invested in each fund. Participants may change their investment options as set forth in the plan document. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their deferral and rollover contributions and actual earnings thereon. Participants become 100% vested in the Organization's contributions and earnings thereon upon death, total and permanent disability, or attainment of normal retirement age. Otherwise, participants vest in the Organization's contributions based on years of continuous service, as follows:

CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 2	0%
2 or more	100%

Forfeitures

When certain terminations of participation in the Plan occur, the nonvested portion of a participant's account represents a forfeiture, as defined by the Plan. Forfeitures are retained in the Plan and will be used to reduce future Organization contributions payable under the Plan. During 2023, \$17,123 in forfeitures were used to reduce Organization contributions. Total unapplied forfeitures were \$5,309 and \$3,277 on December 31, 2023, and 2022.

Distribution of Benefits

Benefits may be distributed to participants upon termination of employment by reason of retirement, disability, death, or other separation from service. Participants may elect a distribution in the form of a lump sum or installment payments.

A participant may also request a withdrawal upon attainment of age 59 1/2 or upon demonstration by the participant to the plan administrator that the participant is suffering from "hardship", as defined in the plan document. Participants may request a distribution of their rollover funds at any time.

Notes Receivable From Participants

Participants with assets held at American United Life Insurance Company may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50 percent of their vested account balance. The loans are secured by the balance in the participant's account. Loans must bear a reasonable rate of interest. All loans are collateralized by the participant's nonforfeitable interest in the Plan and are supported by a promissory note. Loans must be repaid over a period not to exceed five years unless the loan proceeds are used for the purchase of a primary residence, in which case a thirty year repayment period is allowed. Participants may have no more than two loans outstanding. Principal and interest is generally paid ratably through payroll deductions each pay period.

B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Investments are reported at fair value (except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. See Note C for discussion of fair value measurements.

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

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of December 31, 2023, or 2022. Delinquent participant loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Plan Expenses

Substantially all expenses incurred in the administration of the Plan are paid by the plan sponsor except for certain participant transaction fees and certain administrative fees. Expenses that are paid by the Organization are excluded from these financial statements. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS:

The framework for measuring fair value provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

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

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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 that are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset 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.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used by the Plan. There have been no changes in the methodologies used on December 31, 2023, and 2022.

Guaranteed insurance contracts (non-benefit-responsive) - The TIAA Traditional Annuity is valued at fair value by TIAA by discounting the related cash flows based on current yields of similar instruments with comparable durations considering the creditworthiness of the issuer. Since participants transact at contract value, fair value is determined annually for financial statement reporting purposes only. In determining the reasonableness of the methodology, the Organization evaluates a variety of factors including review of existing contracts, economic conditions, industry and market developments, and overall credit ratings. Certain unobservable inputs are assessed through review of contract terms (for example, minimum crediting rate, duration, or payout date) while others are substantiated utilizing available market data (for example, discount rate).

Variable annuity contracts – Valued at the net asset value of units of a variable annuity. The net asset value, as provided by the contract issuer, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The net asset value is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value.

Pooled separate accounts – Valued at the net asset value of units of a pooled separate account. The net asset value, as provided by the contract issuer, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The net asset value is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. This practical expedient would not be used if it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different from the reported net asset value.

Mutual funds - Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the SEC. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

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The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31:

<u>Description:</u>	2023			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Guaranteed insurance contracts (non benefit-responsive)	\$ 1,545,769	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,545,769
Mutual funds	<u>516,179</u>	<u>516,179</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	2,061,948	<u>\$ 516,179</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,545,769</u>
Investments measured at net asset value(1):				
Variable annuity contracts	6,149,208			
Pooled separate accounts	<u>9,686,710</u>			
Total investments measured at net asset value	<u>15,835,918</u>			
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 17,897,866</u>			

<u>Description:</u>	2022			
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>
Guaranteed insurance contracts (non benefit-responsive)	\$ 1,494,175	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,494,175
Mutual funds	<u>415,691</u>	<u>415,691</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total investments in the fair value hierarchy	1,909,866	<u>\$ 415,691</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,494,175</u>
Investments measured at net asset value(1):				
Variable annuity contracts	5,252,047			
Pooled separate accounts	<u>8,351,631</u>			
Total investments measured at net asset value	<u>13,603,678</u>			
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 15,513,544</u>			

(1) In accordance with Subtopic 820-10, certain investments that were measured at net asset value per share (or its equivalent) have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts presented in this table are intended to permit reconciliation of the fair value hierarchy to the line items presented in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The following information summarizes investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value per share practical expedient as of December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Variable annuity contracts – This category consists of accounts managed by TIAA-CREF which invest principally in equity securities, fixed-income instruments and short-term investments. The fair values of each account in this category are determined daily using the net asset value per share of the investments. There are no unfunded commitments. There are no restrictions on redemptions of these investments for participant initiated transactions.

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Accounting standards require disclosure of investment strategies for investments valued using net asset value as a practical expedient to estimate fair value if the investment does not file a Form 5500 with the DOL as direct filing entity ("DFE").

The following table discloses investment strategies for such variable annuity contracts:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments measured		
at net asset value (non-DFE's):		
Variable annuity contracts:		
World stock (a)	\$ 1,762,921	\$ 1,501,701
Money market (b)	144,851	138,062
Blend (c)	1,804,467	1,643,286
Bond (d)	285,323	279,673
International (e)	546,174	482,566
Growth (f)	1,240,324	911,071
Target date (g)	243,931	195,596
Fixed income (h)	11,633	11,024
Equity (i)	109,584	89,068
Total variable annuity contracts	<u>\$ 6,149,208</u>	<u>\$ 5,252,047</u>

- (a) The world stock variable annuity seeks a favorable long-term rate of return through capital appreciation and investment income by investing primarily in a broadly diversified portfolio of common stocks.
- (b) The money market variable annuity invests in high quality debt securities and seeks to maximize current income consistent with liquidity and preservation of capital.
- (c) The blend variable annuities seek to obtain a favorable long-term rate of return mainly through capital appreciation primarily from a diversified portfolio of common stocks that present opportunity for exceptional growth.
- (d) The bond variable annuities seek a favorable long-term rate of return, primarily through high current income debt securities consistent with preserving capital.
- (e) The international variable annuity seeks a favorable long-term rate of return through capital appreciation and income from a broadly diversified portfolio that consists primarily of foreign and domestic common stocks.
- (f) The growth variable annuity seeks a favorable long-term rate of return through investments in a diversified portfolio of common stocks that present opportunity for exceptional growth.
- (g) The target date variable annuities are designed for investors who have a specific target retirement year in mind and seek high total return over time through a combination of capital appreciation and income.
- (h) The fixed income variable annuity seeks favorable long-term total return, primarily through high current income.
- (i) The equity variable annuity seeks long term total return, mainly through capital appreciation, by investing primarily in equity securities.

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Pooled separate accounts – This category consists of the TIAA Real Estate Account and accounts managed by AUL which invest principally in equity securities, fixed-income instruments, and short-term investments. There are no unfunded commitments. Although the underlying assets of the TIAA Real Estate Account cannot be quickly sold and converted to liquid assets, the TIAA general account provides the account with a liquidity guarantee which ensures the account has the funds available to accommodate participant redemption requests. Redemptions for the TIAA Real Estate Account are limited to one per calendar quarter. There are no redemption restrictions for the accounts managed by AUL and payments will be made within 7 days.

Accounting standards require disclosure of investment strategies for investments valued using net asset value as a practical expedient to estimate fair value if the investment does not file a Form 5500 with the DOL as direct filing entity (“DFE”). The following table discloses investment strategies for such pooled separate accounts:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Investments measured		
at net asset value (non-DFE's):		
Pooled separate accounts:		
Large-cap (a)	\$ 1,166,083	\$ 825,769
International (b)	98,910	116,842
Bond (c)	316,438	287,669
World stock (d)	415,245	344,037
Mid-cap (e)	217,408	210,833
Asset allocation (f)	7,011,345	5,949,093
Small-cap (g)	252,279	226,350
Specialty (h)	<u>-</u>	<u>100,978</u>
Total pooled separate accounts (non-DFE's)	9,477,708	8,061,571
Pooled separate accounts (DFE's):	<u>209,002</u>	<u>290,060</u>
Total pooled separate accounts	<u>\$ 9,686,710</u>	<u>\$ 8,351,631</u>

- (a) The large-cap pooled separate accounts seek a favorable long-term rate of return that reflects the investment performance of the financial markets.
- (b) The international pooled separate accounts seek a favorable long-term rate of return through capital appreciation and income from a broadly diversified portfolio that consists primarily of foreign and domestic common stocks.
- (c) The bond pooled separate accounts seek a favorable long-term rate of return, primarily through high current income debt securities consistent with preserving capital.
- (d) The world stock pooled separate account seeks a favorable long-term rate of return through capital appreciation and investment income by investing primarily in a broadly diversified portfolio of common stocks.
- (e) The mid-cap pooled separate accounts seek long term capital appreciation by investing in mid-cap issuers with public stock market capitalizations within the desired range.

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- (f) Asset allocation pooled separate accounts seek to obtain the highest total return consistent with the asset mix as determined by the estimated withdrawal date on the fund.
- (g) Small-cap pooled separate accounts seek to obtain long-term capital growth by investing in small cap companies.
- (h) The specialty pooled separate account seeks to maximize real return through preservation of real capital and prudent investment management.

The guaranteed investment contracts are with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America ("the contract issuer"). Participants individually contract with TIAA to establish an account within the TIAA Traditional Annuity. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is offered through a variety of contracts including supplemental retirement annuities ("SRA"), group supplemental retirement annuities ("GSRA"), and retirement annuities ("RA") as determined by the contract between TIAA and the participant. SRA and GSRA contracts are considered fully benefit-responsive because they are liquid contracts (see Note D). RA contracts are not considered fully benefit-responsive due to certain illiquidity features discussed below and are valued at fair value measured using a discounted cash flow methodology.

Participant accumulations are available for pre-retirement withdrawal in 10 annual installments upon separation of service under an RA contract. The minimum crediting interest rates are contractually guaranteed to be not less than 3 percent for the RA.

The following tables represent the Plan's level 3 financial instruments, the valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of those financial instruments, and the significant unobservable inputs and the ranges and values for those inputs for the year ended December 31:

2023				
<u>Instrument:</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Principal Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Input(s)</u>	<u>Range of Significant Input Values</u>
TIAA	\$ 1,545,769	Discounted	Discount Rate	6.34%-7.29%
Traditional Annuity		Cash Flow	Crediting Interest Rate	6.35%
(non benefit-responsive)			Duration	9 years
			Payout Date	12/31/2032
			Payout Percentage	10%-100%
2022				
<u>Instrument:</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Principal Valuation Technique</u>	<u>Unobservable Input(s)</u>	<u>Range of Significant Input Values</u>
TIAA	\$ 1,494,175	Discounted	Discount Rate	4.96%-5.76%
Traditional Annuity		Cash Flow	Crediting Interest Rate	5.06%
(non benefit-responsive)			Duration	9 years
			Payout Date	12/31/2031
			Payout Percentage	10%-100%

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Purchases and sales of the Plan's level 3 investments during the year ending December 31, 2023 were \$1,720 and \$85,111, respectively. There were no transfers into or out of level 3 investments during the year.

D. INVESTMENTS AT CONTRACT VALUE:

The Plan has investments in fully benefit-responsive traditional insurance contracts ("FBRIC") as follows:

	2023	2022
Guaranteed insurance contract - TIAA Traditional Annuity - FBRIC	\$ 315,512	\$ 351,091
Guaranteed insurance contract - American United Life Insurance Company	460,184	452,723
Total investments at contract value	<u>\$ 775,696</u>	<u>\$ 803,814</u>

Guaranteed Insurance Contract - TIAA Traditional Annuity

The Plan has entered into an annuity arrangement with Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America. Participants individually contract with TIAA to establish an account within the TIAA Traditional Annuity. The TIAA Traditional Annuity is offered through a variety of contracts including retirement annuities ("RA"), supplemental retirement annuities ("SRA") and group supplemental retirement annuities ("GSRA") as determined by the contract between TIAA and the participant. Employer contributions must be made to an RA contract. Participant contributions may be made to an RA, SRA, or GSRA contract as determined by the participant.

SRA and GSRA are traditional investment contracts that meet the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore are reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses. RA contracts are considered non benefit-responsive due to certain illiquidity features and accordingly are valued at fair value measured using a discounted cash flow methodology. See Note C for valuation and terms of these non-fully benefit-responsive contracts.

With traditional investment contracts, the Plan owns only the contract itself. These contracts are designed to accrue interest based on crediting rates established by the contract issuers.

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The traditional investment contracts held by the Plan are guaranteed investment contracts. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 3 percent for SRA and GSRA contracts. During the accumulation phase, the TIAA Traditional Annuity provides a guarantee of principal, a guaranteed minimum interest rate, and the potential for additional interest if declared by TIAA. Additional interest, when declared, remains in effect for the "declaration year" which begins each March 1. Additional interest is not guaranteed for future years. The crediting rates are supported by the investment performance of the underlying investments and may be reset as frequently as monthly. The contract does not have a scheduled maturity date.

Participant accumulations are available in lump-sum payments, which may be subject to surrender charges, upon meeting certain triggering events under an SRA or GSRA contract. When the accumulation in TIAA Traditional Annuity is converted to an annuity by a participant based on his or her life expectancy, the present value of the stream of payments is equal to the accumulation. These payments may be made in the form of an annuity or a lump sum benefit and are contractually obligated.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

Guaranteed Insurance Contract - American United Life Insurance Company

The Plan holds a traditional investment contract issued by American United Life Insurance Company ("AUL") ("the contract issuer"). The contract meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under the contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

With traditional investment contracts, the Plan owns only the contract itself. These contracts are designed to accrue interest based on crediting rates established by the contract issuers.

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The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 0 percent. Such interest rates are reviewed on an annual basis for resetting. The contract does not have a scheduled maturity date.

If the Plan were to terminate the contract, the contract termination date is the effective date the notification is received and the payment will be made 365 days following the contract termination effective date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. Such events include the following: (1) amendments to the plan documents (including complete or partial plan termination or merger with another plan), (2) changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options or deletion of equity wash provisions, (3) bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spin-offs of a subsidiary) that cause a significant withdrawal from the Plan, or (4) the failure of the trust to qualify for exemption from federal income taxes or any required prohibited transaction exemption under ERISA.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

E. TAX STATUS:

The Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") has determined and informed the sponsor of the volume submitter plan document adopted by the Company by a letter dated November 22, 2017 that the volume submitter plan document is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and therefore believes that the Plan is qualified and the related trust is tax-exempt.

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

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F. CERTIFIED INVESTMENTS:

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments and interest and dividends for the year ended December 31, 2023, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by American United Life Insurance Company, TIAA, CREF, and Fidelity Management Trust Company, the custodians of the Plan.

G. PARTIES-IN-INTEREST:

Section 3(14) of ERISA defines a party-in-interest to include, among others, fiduciaries or employees of the Plan, any person who provides services to the Plan or an employer whose employees are covered by the Plan. Accordingly, loans to participants and the management of investments held by the custodians are considered party-in-interest transactions.

H. PLAN TERMINATION:

Although the Plan was established with the intention that it will continue indefinitely, the Organization retains the right to discontinue its contributions at any time or to terminate the Plan, subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of plan termination, all participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

I. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES:

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Market risks include global events which could impact the value of investment securities. 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 that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits.

J. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through May 14, 2025, the date these financial statements were available for issuance.

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SCHEDULE H, LINE 4(a) - SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
for the year ended December 31, 2023

Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions

Plan Year	Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan		Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002- 51
2023	\$ 19,725	*	\$ 19,725	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

* Indicates late participant loan repayments are included.

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

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
	<u>Investments, at fair value:</u>			
		Guaranteed insurance contracts (Non-FBRIC)	**	\$ 1,545,769
*	TIAA Traditional Non-Benefit Responsive			
		Pooled separate account	**	8,659
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2065 Fund	"	**	38,672
*	American Century Mid Cap Value Fund	"	**	61,191
*	American Century Small Cap Value Fund	"	**	415,245
*	American Funds Capital World Growth & Income Fund	"	**	181,979
*	MFS Growth Fund	"	**	25,747
*	Pioneer Select Mid Cap Growth Fund	"	**	28,479
*	PGIM High Yield Fund	"	**	16,942
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2015 Fund	"	**	340,256
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2020 Fund	"	**	111,142
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2025 Fund	"	**	97,071
*	TIAA-CREF International Equity Index Fund	"	**	119,299
*	Vanguard Explorer Fund	"	**	492,701
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2030 Fund	"	**	71,789
*	Vanguard Small Cap Index Fund	"	**	1,131,430
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2035 Fund	"	**	965,319
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2040 Fund	"	**	1,695,788
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2045 Fund	"	**	895,898
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2050 Fund	"	**	596,826
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2055 Fund	"	**	211,556
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index 2060 Fund	"	**	544,828
*	TIAA-CREF Lifecycle Index Income Fund	"	**	737,168
*	Vanguard 500 Index Fund	"	**	152,989
*	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund	"	**	135,141
*	Calvert US Large-Cap Core Responsible Index Fund	"	**	287,959
*	Fidelity Advisor Total Bond Fund	"	**	111,795
*	Vanguard Value Index Adm	"	**	1,839
*	DFA Emerging Markets Core Equity Fund	"	**	209,002
*	TIAA Real Estate	"	**	
	Total pooled separate accounts			9,686,710
		Variable annuity contract	**	1,762,921
*	CREF Stock Fund	"	**	144,851
*	CREF Money Market Fund	"	**	1,205,037
*	CREF Social Choice Fund	"	**	546,174
*	CREF Global Equities Fund	"	**	1,240,324
*	CREF Growth Fund	"	**	599,430
*	CREF Equity Index Fund	"	**	51,152
*	CREF Inflation-Linked Bond Fund	"	**	11,633
*	TIAA Access Core Bond Plus Fund	"	**	25,799
*	TIAA Access International Equity Fund	"	**	5,764
*	TIAA Access Large-Cap Value Fund	"	**	15,249
*	TIAA Access Lifecycle 2040 Fund	"	**	219,096
*	TIAA Access Lifecycle 2045 Fund	"	**	8,285
*	TIAA Access Mid-Cap Growth Fund	"	**	9,733
*	TIAA Access Mid-Cap Value Fund	"	**	24,484
*	TIAA Access Real Estate Securities Fund	"	**	

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

December 31, 2023

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party	Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	Cost	Current value
*	TIAA Access Small-Cap Blend Index Fund	"	**	20,241
*	TIAA Access Quant Small Cap Equity Fund	"	**	6,228
*	TIAA Access Social Choice Equity Fund	"	**	3,299
*	CREF Core Bond Fund	"	**	234,171
*	TIAA Access Equity Index Fund	"	**	1,256
*	TIAA Access Growth and Income Fund	"	**	3,194
*	TIAA Access Large-Cap Growth Fund	"	**	1,301
*	TIAA Access Lifecycle 2015 Fund	"	**	9,586
	Total variable annuity contracts			6,149,208
*	Fidelity Magellan Fund	Mutual fund	**	24,488
*	Fidelity Contrafund	"	**	60,190
*	Fidelity Growth Company Fund	"	**	16,892
*	Fidelity Growth and Income Fund	"	**	8,414
*	Fidelity Pacific Basin Fund	"	**	11,090
*	Fidelity Balanced Fund	"	**	14,247
*	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund	"	**	7,101
*	Fidelity New Markets Income Fund	"	**	113,321
*	Fidelity Asset Manager 85% Fund	"	**	2,739
*	Fidelity Freedom 2040 Fund K	"	**	74,707
*	Fidelity Freedom 2035 Fund K	"	**	1,678
*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	"	**	92,936
*	Fidelity Total Market Index Fund	"	**	88,376
	Total mutual funds			516,179
	Total investments, at fair value			17,897,866
	<u>Investments, at contract value:</u>			
		Guaranteed insurance contracts		
*	AUL Stable Value Fund	(FBRIC)	**	460,184
*	TIAA Traditional Benefit Responsive	"	**	315,512
	Total investments, at contract value			775,696
	Total investments on the statement of net assets available for benefits			18,673,562
*	Participant Loans	(4.25%-6.50%)	-	106,384
	Total investments on the Form 5500			<u>\$ 18,779,946</u>

** Cost omitted for participant directed investments.

* Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.



Schedule H, Line 4i
Schedule of Assets (Held At End of Year)

Name of Plan: CHILDRENS DEFENSE FUND RETIREMENT PLAN
Employer Identification Number: 52-0895622
For plan year (beginning/ending): 01-01-2023 TO 12-31-2023 Plan number: 001

(a)	(b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor, or similar party	(c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par or maturity value	(d) Cost	(e) Current value
	AMERICAN CENTURY	AMERCENT MIDCAP VAL R6 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	38,672
	AMERICAN CENTURY	AMERCENT SMCAP VAL R6 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	61,191
	AMERICAN FUNDS	AMERFDS CAP WORLD GRTH&INC R6 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	415,246
*	AMERICAN UNITED LIFE INS CO	AUL STABLE VALUE ACCOUNT	0	460,184
	CALVERT	CALVERT US LGCP CR RSPB IDX R6 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	135,141
	DFA	DFA EM MKTS CORE EQUITY I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	1,839
	FIDELITY	FIDELITY ADV TOTAL BOND Z MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	287,959
*	PARTICIPANTS	LOANS 4.25% TO 6.5%	0	106,384
	MFS	MFS GROWTH R6 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	181,979
	PRUDENTIAL	PGIM HIGH-YIELD R6 MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	28,479
	PIONEER	PIONEER SEL MID CAP GROWTH K MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	25,747
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF INTL EQTY INDX INSTL MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	97,071
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2015 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	16,942
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2020 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	340,256
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2025 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	111,142
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2030 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	492,701
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2035 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	1,131,430
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2040 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	965,319
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2045 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	1,695,788
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2050 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	895,898
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2055 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	596,826
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2060 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	211,556
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX INC I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	544,828
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA-CREF LIFECYCLE IDX 2065 I MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	8,659
	VANGUARD	VANGUARD 500 INDEX ADM MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	737,168
	VANGUARD	VANGUARD EXPLORER ADM MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	119,299
	VANGUARD	VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX ADM MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	152,989
	VANGUARD	VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADM MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	71,788
	VANGUARD	VANGUARD VALUE INDEX ADM MUTUAL FUND SHARES	0	111,795
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA TRADITIONAL NON BENEFIT RESPONSIVE NBR	0	1,545,769
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA TRADITIONAL BENEFIT RESPONSIVE BR1	0	315,512
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA REAL ESTATE X1	0	209,002
	TIAA-CREF	CREF STOCK R1	0	1,762,921
	TIAA-CREF	CREF MONEY MARKET R1	0	144,851
	TIAA-CREF	CREF SOCIAL CHOICE R1	0	1,205,037
	TIAA-CREF	CREF CORE BOND R1	0	234,170
	TIAA-CREF	CREF GLOBAL EQUITIES R1	0	546,174
	TIAA-CREF	CREF GROWTH R1	0	1,240,324
	TIAA-CREF	CREF EQUITY INDEX R1	0	599,430

	TIAA-CREF	CREF INFLATION-LINKED BOND R1	0	51,152
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS LIFECYCLE 2040 T4	0	15,249
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS LIFECYCLE 2045 T4	0	219,096
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS CORE BOND PLUS T4	0	11,633
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS INTL EQUITY T4	0	25,799
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS EQUITY INDEX T4	0	1,256
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS GROWTH & INCOME T4	0	3,194
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS LG-CAP VAL T4	0	5,764
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS LG-CAP GR T4	0	1,301
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS MID-CAP GR T4	0	8,285
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS MID-CAP VAL T4	0	9,733
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS REAL EST SECS T4	0	24,484
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS SM-CAP BL IDX T4	0	20,241
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS SOCIAL CH EQ T4	0	3,299
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS QUANT SML CP EQ T4	0	6,229
	TIAA-CREF	TIAA ACCESS LIFECYCLE 2015 T4	0	9,586
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID MAGELLAN	0	24,488
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID CONTRAFUND	0	60,190
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FIDELITY GROWTH COMPANY	0	16,892
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID GROWTH & INC	0	8,414
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID PACIFIC BASIN	0	11,090
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID BALANCED	0	14,247
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID BLUE CHIP GR	0	7,101
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID NEW MARKETS INC	0	113,321
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID ASSET MGR 85%	0	2,739
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID FREEDOM 2040	0	74,707
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID FREEDOM 2035	0	1,678
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID 500 INDEX	0	92,936
	FIDELITY INVESTMENTS	FID TOTAL MKT IDX	0	88,376