## THE CHRISTENSEN FUND

## DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT AND CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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**Independent Auditors' Report** 

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE CHRISTENSEN FUND San Francisco, California

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of **THE CHRISTENSEN FUND** (**The Christensen Fund or Christensen**), which comprise the consolidated statements of financial position as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the related consolidated statements of activities and changes in net assets, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Christensen Fund as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of The Christensen Fund 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 audit opinion.

#### **Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Christensen Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for one year from the date of this report.

#### Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 consolidated 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 Christensen Fund'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 consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about The Christensen Fund's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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.

HODD & Strong LLP

San Francisco, California September 21, 2023

## **Consolidated Statements of Financial Position**

December 31,		2022	2021		
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,103,528	\$	3,285,978	
Investments		292,412,157		357,749,005	
Income-producing property		2,115,254		2,115,254	
Prepaid expenses and other assets		1,904,345		1,436,835	
Total assets	\$	298,535,284	\$	364,587,072	
Liabilities and Net Assets					
Liabilities:	2	950.000	\$	1 080 000	
<b>Liabilities:</b> Grants payable	\$	950,000 200 807	\$	1,080,000 838 537	
Liabilities: Grants payable Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	950,000 200,807	\$	838,537	
<b>Liabilities:</b> Grants payable	\$	<i>,</i>	\$	, ,	
Liabilities: Grants payable Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Line of credit	\$	200,807	\$	838,537 1,100,000	
Liabilities: Grants payable Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Line of credit Deferred federal excise tax	\$	200,807 622,000	\$	838,537 1,100,000 1,243,000	

## Consolidated Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Years Ended December 31,	2022			2021
Revenue, Gains and Other Income:				
Rental income	\$	1,465,732	\$	1,465,732
Investment (loss) income, net		(47,279,436)		49,303,204
Other income		35,615		6,078
Total revenue, gains and other income		(45,778,089)		50,775,014
Expenses:				
Grant programs		16,533,685		11,927,866
Management and general		1,251,284		1,080,384
Total expenses		17,784,969		13,008,250
Change in Net Assets		(63,563,058)		37,766,764
Net Assets - Without Donor Restrictions, beginning of year		360,325,535		322,558,771
Net Assets - Without Donor Restrictions, end of year	\$	296,762,477	\$	360,325,535

# **Consolidated Statements of Functional Expenses**

## Year Ended December 31, 2022

	Grant Programs		lanagement nd General	2022 Total	
Grants and awards	\$	14,047,472		\$	14,047,472
Salaries and employee benefits		1,038,212	\$ 735,742		1,773,954
Contract and professional services		846,131	284,229		1,130,360
Travel and meetings		421,116	86,495		507,611
Printing, postage and supplies		38,764	56,731		95,495
Rent, utilities and maintenance		108,662	36,707		145,369
Depreciation and amortization		6,707	2,356		9,063
Telecommunication		9,106	3,129		12,235
Insurance		17,515	35,084		52,599
Other expenses			10,811		10,811
	\$	16,533,685	\$ 1,251,284	\$	17,784,969

Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Grant Programs		Management and General		2021 Total
Grants and awards	\$	10,281,000			\$ 10,281,000
Salaries and employee benefits		954,103	\$	710,062	1,664,165
Contract and professional services		441,085		258,685	699,770
Travel and meetings		60,778		34,974	95,752
Printing, postage and supplies		48,539		25,829	74,368
Rent, utilities and maintenance		89,825		24,803	114,628
Depreciation and amortization		6,525		2,538	9,063
Telecommunication		6,225		2,836	9,061
Insurance		39,786		15,473	55,259
Other expenses				5,184	5,184
	\$	11,927,866	\$	1,080,384	\$ 13,008,250

## **Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

Years Ended December 31,	2022	2021
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Change in net assets	\$ (63,563,058)	\$ 37,766,764
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets		
to net cash used by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	9,063	9,063
Net realized and unrealized loss (gain) on investments	50,397,300	(50,428,830)
Deferred excise tax	(621,000)	127,000
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(476,573)	224,565
Grants payable	(130,000)	(2,175,000)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(637,730)	744,751
Net cash used by operating activities	(15,021,998)	(13,731,687)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	17 702 510	16 151 625
Proceeds from sales of investments	17,783,519	16,151,635
Purchases of investments	(4,020,971)	(3,739,371)
Change in receivable for unsettled investment transactions	1,177,000	(5,000,000)
Net cash provided by investing activities	14,939,548	7,412,264
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Principal payments on line of credit	(4,850,000)	
Proceeds from borrowings on line of credit	3,750,000	1,100,000
	2,,20,000	1,100,000
Net cash (used) provided by financing activities	(1,100,000)	1,100,000
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,182,450)	(5,219,423)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, beginning of year	3,285,978	8,505,401
Cash and Cash Equivalents, end of year	\$ 2,103,528	\$ 3,285,978
Supplemental Disclosures:		
Cash paid for federal excise taxes, net of refunds	\$ 289,642	\$ 202,909
Interest paid	\$ 26,695	\$

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

### Note 1 - Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

### a. Organization

The Christensen Fund (The Christensen Fund or Christensen) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, primarily grantmaking, private foundation established in 1957 through contributions from Allen D. and Carmen M. Christensen.

The Christensen Fund works to support Indigenous peoples in advancing their inherent rights, dignity, and self-determination. Founded in 1957 in San Francisco, The Christensen Fund is a nonprofit organization, led by an independent Board of Trustees. Our team of global experts center Indigenous voices, leadership, and perspectives in our philanthropy and advocacy. The Christensen Fund takes a rights- and place-based approach to our work and is actively grantmaking in communities in the United States, Mexico, Kenya, and other countries around the world. The Christensen Fund engages with Indigenous Peoples as our partners and experts on the issues that are most important and urgent to them.

In 2010, Christensen established MEC Menlo, LLC (MEC) a California limited liability company. MEC is a Single Member LLC with Christensen as the sole member. Christensen also entered into an agreement with MEC, in which MEC was assigned all rights, title and interest of Christensen as the lessor under the lease and sublease agreements of Christensen for a property in Menlo Park, California. In connection with such assignment, MEC assumed all liabilities and obligations of Christensen with respect to the lease.

## b. Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements of Christensen have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) applicable to not-for-profit organizations.

Net assets, revenues, expenses, gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions are those that are not restricted by donor-imposed stipulations and are available at the discretion of Christensen. There were no net assets with donor restrictions as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

## c. Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of The Christensen Fund and MEC Menlo, LLC. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

## d. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, except for investment portfolio cash management funds, which are included in investments.

### e. <u>Investments</u>

Investments are reported at fair value. Changes in fair values as well as realized gains and losses are reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets. Dividend and interest income are accrued when earned. The fair value for non-alternatives is generally provided by using quoted market prices.

Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and overall market volatility. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements.

The fair value of alternative investments is determined using the Net Asset Value (NAV) per share as determined by investment managers under the so-called "practical expedient." The practical expedient allows net asset value per share to represent fair value for reporting purposes when the criteria for using this method are met. Alternative investments represent amounts in marketable and non-marketable alternatives such as private equity, absolute return, and pooled funds. These investments are further discussed in Note 3.

## f. Fair Value Measurements

Christensen carries certain assets and liabilities at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Christensen classifies its financial assets and liabilities according to three levels and maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value.

- Level 1 Quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability that are not corroborated by market data.

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## g. Contributions

Contributions received are reported between net asset categories depending upon donor restrictions, if any. Contributions, including unconditional promises to give, are recognized as revenues in the period the promise is received. Conditional promises to give are not recognized until the conditions on which they depend are substantially met.

h. Grants

Unconditional grant expenditures are made in accordance with Christensen's mission and are recognized in the period the grant agreement is fully executed. Conditional grants are not recorded as grant expense and grant payable until the performance barriers are substantially met. Unconditional multi-year grants are recorded at their net present value using a discount rate appropriate for the year the grant was fully executed if the discount is material to the consolidated financial statements. Grant cancellations or unspent funds are recorded in the year cancelled or the funds are returned.

## i. Fixed Assets

Christensen capitalizes all fixed assets with a cost greater than \$10,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Fixed assets, including income-producing property, are recorded at cost or, if donated, at the estimated fair value on the date of the gift. Depreciation and amortization are calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset, ranging from three to twenty years.

#### j. Long-Lived Assets

Christensen reviews long-lived assets for impairment when circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. Impairment is recognized if the sum of undiscounted estimated future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset is less than the carrying value. When an impairment loss is recognized, the asset's carrying value is reduced to its estimated fair value.

### k. Allocation of Functional Expenses

Certain costs have been allocated among grant programs expenses and management and general expenses based on estimates made by the management of Christensen.

The costs of providing various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Consolidated Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets. Expenses such as salaries, benefits, and office supplies are allocated among two categories: grant programs costs and management and general costs, based on time spent or direct benefit.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

### 1. Leases

Christensen determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception. There are no financing leases of leased property or for property leased by Christensen. Property leased by Christensen as a lessor is reported as income-producing property on the consolidated statement of financial position.

As a lessee, Christensen includes right-of-use (ROU) assets and lease liabilities in the consolidated statements of financial position. ROU assets and lease liabilities reflect the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term, and ROU assets also include prepaid or accrued rent, if any. Operating lease expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Christensen made an accounting policy election available under Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 842 not to recognize ROU assets and lease liabilities for leases with a term of twelve months or less. Christensen does not have any leases with a term in excess of twelve months. Christensen has made an accounting policy election to use a risk-free rate in lieu of its incremental borrowing rate to discount future lease payments.

#### m. Federal Excise Taxes

The Christensen Fund is a private foundation and is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from California franchise and/or income taxes under Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Christensen is subject to federal excise tax on its investment income. A provision for federal excise tax is accrued. Deferred excise taxes arise primarily from unrealized tax basis gains on investments. In addition, Christensen may be subject to tax on unrelated business income, if any, generated by its investments.

Christensen follows the guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes of the FASB ASC Topic 740. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, management evaluated Christensen's tax positions and concluded that The Christensen Fund had maintained its tax-exempt status and had taken no uncertain tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements.

#### n. Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### o. <u>New Accounting Pronouncements</u>

As of January 1, 2022, The Christensen Fund adopted FASB Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which requires lessees to recognize leases on the consolidated statements of financial position and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. Lessor accounting was substantially unchanged. The Christensen Fund elected not to restate the comparative period (2021). It also elected not to reassess at adoption (i) expired or existing contracts to determine whether they are or contain a lease, (ii) the lease classification of any existing leases, or (iii) initial direct costs for existing leases. As a result of implementing ASU No. 2016-02, there were no material changes to the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022.

## Pronouncements Effective in the Future

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments – Credit Losses (Topic 326)*. This guidance creates a new credit impairment standard for financial assets. The guidance requires loans and trade receivables measured at amortized cost to be presented at the net amount expected to ultimately be collected. The allowance for credit losses includes all losses that are expected to occur over the remaining life of the asset, rather than incurred losses through the date of the financial statements. Changes in the allowance for credit losses are recorded in the consolidated statements of activities and changes in net assets as the amounts expected to be collected change. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022. The Christensen Fund is currently evaluating the impact of this pronouncement on its consolidated financial statements.

## p. Subsequent Events

The Christensen Fund evaluated subsequent events with respect to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 through September 21, 2023, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued, and has determined that no adjustments are necessary to the amounts reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and no subsequent events have occurred which would require disclosure, except as described in Notes 3, 8, and 10.

### Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Note 2 - Investments and Fair Value Measurements:

#### Investments:

The fair value of investments consisted of the following at December 31:

	2022	2021
Mutual funds:		
Fixed income fund	\$ 5,739,561	\$ 6,601,306
Equity funds	7,098,925	8,449,020
Balanced index fund	16,651,598	20,029,875
Alternative investments measured		
at net asset value as a practical expedient	255,099,073	313,668,804
Subtotal	284,589,157	348,749,005
Receivable for unsettled investment transactions	7,823,000	9,000,000
Total	\$ 292,412,157	\$ 357,749,005

Investment (loss) income, net included the following for the years ended December 31:

	2022	2021
Realized (loss) gain	\$ (326,399)	\$ 39,755,947
Unrealized (loss) gain	(50,070,901)	10,672,883
Investment management fees	(4,601,889)	(5,270,636)
Interest and dividend income	6,882,860	5,414,907
Excise tax benefit (expense)	568,500	(850,400)
Unrelated business income tax benefit (expense)	268,393	(419,497)
Total	\$ (47,279,436)	\$ 49,303,204

## Fair Value Measurements:

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, investments include mutual funds with a fair value of \$29,490,084 and \$35,080,201 that are classified as Level 1. In accordance with FASB ASC Subtopic 820-10, the alternative investments are valued using the Net Asset Value (NAV) per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient and are not subject to the fair value hierarchy classification.

### Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Note 3 - Net Asset Value Disclosures:

The Christensen Fund uses the NAV as a practical expedient to determine the fair value of all the underlying investments which do not have readily determinable fair value and prepare their financial statements consistent with the measurement principles of an investment company or an entity that has the attributes of an investment company. The following table lists these investments by major category as of December 31:

					202	21	Redemption	Notice
Strategies	Funds	5	Valuation	# of Funds		Valuation	Frequency	Period
Alternative Investments:								
<b>Private equity (a):</b> Venture capital funds	10	\$	21,951,996	9	\$	26,972,904	N/A	N/A
<b>Global equities (b):</b> Private equity fund	1		6,123,687	1		8,496,518	Quarterly	30 days
Real Estate (c): Real estate funds	3		357,966	3		608,005	N/A	N/A
Pooled funds: Liquid Market Fund (d)	1		1,132	1		1,320	Monthly	25 days
TCF LP (e)	1		226,664,292	1		277,590,057	(e)	(e)
Total	16	\$	255,099,073	15	\$	313,668,804		

- a) Private equity funds invest in venture capital funds consisting of domestic and international private equity with the objective of long-term growth of capital. These investments have an expected remaining life range of 1-12 years, based on the partnership agreements, subject to extensions. Unfunded commitments were \$4,588,036 and \$4,431,141 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.
- **b)** The strategy of the private equity fund is to generate long-term capital appreciation by investing in a long-only concentrated portfolio of global equity securities. The investment process fully integrates sustainability analysis into the decision-making and is focused on long-term performance.

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- c) The strategy of the real estate funds is to provide returns based on investments in real assets and natural resources. These investments seek to provide endowed charitable organizations with returns to further their philanthropic purposes. These investments are expected to liquidate (due to the end of the partnership term) in the next year, subject to extensions. Unfunded commitments were \$618,500 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.
- **d)** The liquid market fund seeks to achieve its objective by diversifying across multiple asset classes, and may invest in common and preferred stocks, exchange-traded funds, mutual funds, master limited partnerships, real estate investment trusts, high yield bonds, government securities and money market instruments, and derivative and other synthetic instruments. The shares may be redeemed on a monthly basis and the redemption request must be made prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month.
- e) TCF Fund, a Series of Global Endowment Targeted Strategy Fund, LP (TCF, LP) is a private investment partnership offering an endowment-style investment program.

TCF, LP invests with a long-term horizon, seeking varied and non-traditional investment opportunities in an effort to provide a diversified investment strategy for the investor. Assets are invested via a master feeder relationship. The feeder fund invests into master funds across asset classes including public equities, venture capital, private equity, real estate, natural resources, and hedged strategies. GEM is the General Partner of the Funds and manages the Fund's investment strategies. Each of the TCF, LP investments, accounts and portfolios has its own liquidity profile, ranging from daily to longer than three years. Withdrawals of excess cash within TCF, LP are permitted at any time. The Global Endowment Fund II component for TCF, LP allows semi-annual redemptions with a 90-day redemption notice period, and these redemptions flow directly to The Christensen Fund. TCF, LP redemption proceeds for accepted redemption requests will be available within 15 business days after the redemption date. The total redemption available annually is limited to 7% of the NAV of TCF, LP as of December 31 of the request year. At least 90% of any amount withdrawn will be paid within 60 days. The remaining will be paid no later than 60 days after the completion of the annual audit.

Subsequent to year end, Christensen fulfilled capital call commitments of approximately \$465,700 to various private equities and received a redemption from TCF, LP of \$7,823,000, in order to fulfill its capital call obligations and meet operating needs.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

## Note 4 - Availability of Financial Assets and Liquidity:

Christensen's financial assets available for general expenditures within one year of the consolidated statements of financial position date were as follows at December 31:

Financial assets:		2022		2021
Cash and cash equivalents Investments	\$	2,103,528 292,412,157	\$	3,285,978 357,749,005
		294,515,685		361,034,983
Less amounts not available to be used within one year: Investments with liquidity restrictions Funds restricted by lender		(233,107,754) (6,700,000)		(285,739,662) (6,700,000)
¥		(239,807,754)		(292,439,662)
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the next twelve months	\$	54,707,931	\$	68,595,321

As part of Christensen's liquidity plan, excess cash is invested in short-term investments, including money market accounts. None of these financial assets are subject to donor or other contractual restrictions that make them unavailable for general expenditure within 2022 except as disclosed above. See Note 8 for the funds restricted by lender.

## Note 5 - Income-Producing Property:

Income-producing property held at cost at December 31, 2022 and 2021 consisted of land in the amount of \$2,115,254.

MEC leases the land under an operating ground lease arrangement to an unrelated third party. The master lease expires on October 31, 2058.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Year Ended	
December 31,	
2023	\$ 1,465,732
2024	1,465,732
2025	1,465,732
2026	1,465,732
2027	1,465,732
Thereafter	66,030,884
Total	\$ 73,359,544

Future minimum rental income under the master lease is as follows:

The operating ground lease expires on October 31, 2058. Rent is adjusted every 10 years to up to one half of one percent per month of the fair value of the land. If the lessee were to default on the ground lease, MEC would be responsible for the related rent.

#### Note 6 - Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets:

Prepaid expenses and other assets consisted of the following at December 31:

	2022	2021
Mineral rights	\$ 966,650	\$ 966,650
Wyoming property (net of accumulated		
amortization of \$102,583 and \$93,521)	87,735	96,797
Program related note receivable	190,000	230,000
Prepaid excise and unrelated business income tax	612,998	
Other	46,962	143,388
	\$ 1,904,345	\$ 1,436,835

Amortization expense was \$9,063 for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

In a prior year, Christensen received contributions in the form of mineral rights for property in Colorado and Wyoming. Christensen maintains all rights to develop and maintain the existing mineral rights. Upon receipt of the contributions, Christensen obtained appraisals on each of the properties and it was determined that the fair values of the mineral rights for Colorado and Wyoming when received were \$428,890 and \$537,760, respectively.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

A portion of the Wyoming property is income producing and is being amortized over an estimated 21-year life of the producing property.

### Note 7 - Grants Payable:

Grants payable of \$950,000 as of December 31, 2022 are expected to be paid within one year. At December 31, 2021, grants payable was \$1,080,000. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Board had not approved any conditional grants.

#### Note 8 - Commitments and Contingencies:

#### *Lease Obligations*

In 2021, as part of a disrupted-workforce strategy, Christensen leased a number of short-term co-working space across the United States, none of which carried a minimum obligation longer than twelve months. Upon adoption of ASU 2016-02, Christensen evaluated current contracts and determined there were no right-of-use underlying assets for the lease term to be recorded.

Short-term lease costs were approximately \$26,200 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Total rent expense under FASB ASC 840 (pre-adoption of ASU 2016-02) was approximately \$3,800 for the year ended December 31, 2021.

#### Line of Credit

In March 2021, Christensen entered into a line of credit agreement with Signature Bank for a maximum line of credit of \$5,000,000, with an annual interest rate of prime rate minus .50% and a maturity date of February 22, 2022. During 2022, the line of credit agreement was amended to extend the maturity date to February 21, 2023. As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Bank's prime interest rate was 7.50% and 3.25%, respectively. The outstanding balance on the line of credit was \$0 and \$1,100,000 as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The line of credit was to support short-term working capital, specifically accounts receivable. The line of credit agreement was secured by marketable securities held in a specified investment account that must maintain a minimum value of \$6,700,000. As of December 31, 2022, the specified investment account was below the minimum value. Christensen was in compliance with the minimum investment account value at December 31, 2021. Subsequent to year end, the line of credit had no borrowings and was not renewed.

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Note 9 - Excise Taxes:

In accordance with the applicable Treasury provisions, Christensen is classified as a private foundation subject to an excise tax on net investment income, including realized gains. Deferred federal excise taxes on unrealized depreciation or appreciation was calculated using the flat rate of 1.39% in 2022 and 2021.

The provisions for current and deferred taxes were as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2022	2021
Current excise tax expense Unrelated business income tax (benefit) expense Deferred excise tax (benefit) expense	\$ 52,500 (268,393) (621,000)	\$ 723,400 419,497 127,000
Total	\$ (836,893)	\$ 1,269,897

As of December 31, 2022, prepaid excise taxes of approximately \$613,000 were included in prepaid expenses and other assets in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position. As of December 31, 2021, current taxes payable of approximately \$752,100 were included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Financial Position.

## Note 10 - Concentrations of Risk:

Investments in general are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit and overall market volatility. The alternative investments include additional risks such as limited liquidity, non-marketable investments and dependence on key individuals. To address the risk of investments, Christensen maintains a formal investment policy that sets out performance criteria, investment guidelines, asset allocation guidelines and requires review of the investment performance.

As of December 31, 2022 and 2021, one investment fund represented approximately 80% of total investments.

### Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Christensen maintains its cash in bank accounts in amounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. Christensen has not experienced any losses in such accounts. On March 12, 2023, Signature Bank, a financial institution heavily integrated into the ecosystem of the venture community, was closed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and subsequently sold to Flagstar Bank. At the time of closure, Christensen's cash and cash equivalents were held with Signature Bank. Christensen was subsequently able to access the full amount of deposits and transfer them to another institution. In addition, Christensen opened an Insured Cash Sweep account to protect cash holdings in excess of the FDIC \$250,000 limit.

#### Note 11 - Related Parties:

Christensen has and may continue to have Trustees, committee members, and staff members who are affiliated with organizations that are current grantees or are being considered for a grant by Christensen. Christensen has a conflict of interest policy which covers situations that may constitute a conflict of interest and the procedure to address the conflict when it occurs. The policy requires Trustees, committee members, staff members, and vendors to annually update and disclose to the governing Board their grantee and organization relationships.