Financial Statements and Independent Auditors' Report

# The Ability Experience

As of September 30, 2015 and 2014

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### **Independent Auditors' Report**

To the Board of Directors of The Ability Experience:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Ability Experience, formerly Push America (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

# **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

#### **Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

# **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Ability Experience as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, 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.

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March 01, 2016

# **Statements of Financial Position**

September 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015		 2014
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	56,414	\$ 65,139
Prepaid expenses		6,258	23,084
Promises to give temporiarily restricted, net of discount		117,392	134,598
Investments:			
Unrestricted		319,339	343,764
Temporarily restricted		1,399,347	1,461,495
Property and equipment - net		54,784	84,036
Other assets		22,000	16,500
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Total assets	<u>\$</u>	1,975,534	\$ 2,128,616
Liabilities and Net Assets			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	16,375	\$ 28,363
Accrued expenses		82,051	142,927
Deferred revenue		41,730	96,211
Total liabilities		140,156	 267,501
Net assets:			
Unrestricted		318,639	265,022
Temporarily restricted		1,516,739	1,596,093
Total net assets		1,835,378	1,861,115
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	1,975,534	\$ 2,128,616

# **Statements of Activities**

Years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014

		2015	2014				
		Temporarily			_		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Revenues, gains, and other support:							
Chapter fundraising	\$ 405,523	\$ -	\$ 405,523	\$ 477,454	\$ -	\$ 477,454	
Event fundraising	972,452	-	972,452	860,040	-	860,040	
Private contributions	582,052	54,303	636,355	624,265	26,161	650,426	
Registration fees	22,443	-	22,443	27,635	-	27,635	
Sales	19,313	-	19,313	12,848	-	12,848	
Dividend and interest income, net of fees	17,663	75,230	92,893	10,110	47,101	57,211	
Realized gains (losses) on investments, net of fees	169	4,768	4,937	689	(375)	314	
Unrealized gains (losses) on investments	(36,767)	(141,146)	(177,913)	10,985	46,078	57,063	
	1,982,848	(6,845)	1,976,003	2,024,026	118,965	2,142,991	
Net assets released from restrictions	72,509	(72,509)	=	59,948	(59,948)		
Total revenues, gains, and other support	2,055,357	(79,354)	1,976,003	2,083,974	59,017	2,142,991	
Expenses							
Program services:							
Chapter services	156,424	-	156,424	179,367	-	179,367	
Grants and placements	271,038	-	271,038	315,548	-	315,548	
Journey of Hope	779,572	-	779,572	824,868	-	824,868	
Build America	143,761	-	143,761	166,924	-	166,924	
Gear Up Florida	148,119	-	148,119	165,191	-	165,191	
The Ability Experience Challenge	64,389	-	64,389	110,062	-	110,062	
Supporting services:							
Administrative	285,002	-	285,002	161,671	-	161,671	
Financial development and public relations	153,435		153,435	212,605		212,605	
Total expenses	2,001,740		2,001,740	2,136,236		2,136,236	
Change in net assets	53,617	(79,354)	(25,737)	(52,262)	59,017	6,755	
Net assets at beginning of year	265,022	1,596,093	1,861,115	317,284	1,537,076	1,854,360	
Net assets at end of year	\$ 318,639	\$ 1,516,739	\$ 1,835,378	\$ 265,022	\$ 1,596,093	\$ 1,861,115	

# **Statement of Functional Expenses**

Year ended September 30, 2015

	Program Services								upport Services		
						Push					
	Chapter	Grants and	Journey of	Build	Gear Up	America			Financial		Total All
	Services	Placements	Норе	America	Florida	Challenge	Total	Administrative	Development	Total	Expenses
Salaries and wages	\$ 71,157	\$ 37,873	\$ 179,904	\$ 45,979	\$ 53,422	\$ 14,199	\$ 402,534	\$ 156,391	\$ 79,121	\$235,512	\$ 638,046
Employee benefits	10,992	5,020	20,773	6,921	8,176	4,574	56,456	22,247	11,787	34,034	90,490
Payroll taxes	5,613	2,842	10,459	2,738	4,195	1,486	27,333	3,693	4,573	8,266	35,599
Professional fees	28,524	3,523	13,278	3,806	4,568	10,039	63,738	36,667	7,966	44,633	108,371
Supplies	6,055	3,048	39,809	4,603	9,151	1,482	64,148	3,937	2,017	5,954	70,102
Telephone	769	295	6,973	1,175	1,493	204	10,909	2,079	997	3,076	13,985
Postage and shipping	1,674	190	4,105	520	288	77	6,854	3,414	3,926	7,340	14,194
Occupancy	9,322	3,740	10,653	5,238	5,701	4,229	38,883	22,699	10,392	33,091	71,974
Non-capitalized equipment	9,192	3,769	17,659	5,843	6,410	3,814	46,687	7,125	10,632	17,757	64,444
Printing and publications	1,244	879	4,787	1,557	1,329	466	10,262	884	10,502	11,386	21,648
Travel	4,813	1,695	99,150	13,992	12,330	1,491	133,471	788	4,041	4,829	138,300
Lodging and meals	985	14,830	327,155	41,414	29,624	9,621	423,629	7,019	985	8,004	431,633
Conferences and conventions	876	310	16,279	1,117	3,070	9,364	31,016	7,615	505	8,120	39,136
Assistance to facilities and organizations	-	190,859	500	_	-	-	191,359	-	-	-	191,359
Membership dues	156	117	4,194	380	139	56	5,042	1,893	205	2,098	7,140
Awards	372	-	6,878	495	858	654	9,257	716	1,398	2,114	11,371
Depreciation	4,680	2,048	8,483	2,925	2,925	2,633	23,694	1,170	4,388	5,558	29,252
Insurance	-	-	8,533	5,058	4,440	-	18,031	4,072	-	4,072	22,103
Interest expense	-	-	, -	-	-	-	, -	2,593	-	2,593	2,593
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	\$ 156,424	\$ 271,038	\$ 779,572	\$143,761	\$148,119	\$ 64,389	\$ 1,563,303	\$ 285,002	\$ 153,435	\$438,437	\$ 2,001,740

# **Statement of Functional Expenses**

Year ended September 30, 2014

	Program Services								Support Services												
		Chapter	Gr	ants and	Jo	ourney of		Build	(	Gear Up	Push America				F	Financial			Т	otal All	
		Services	Pla	cements		Норе		America		Florida	C	Challenge	Total	Adm	inistrative	De	velopment		Total	E	penses
Salaries and wages	\$	93,884	\$	38,214	\$	194,500	\$	54,659	\$	57,668		51,470	\$ 490,395	\$	93,335	\$	111,651	\$	204,986	\$	695,381
Employee benefits		12,633		5,227		21,945		7,528		7,681		5,810	60,824		9,248		11,799		21,047		81,871
Payroll taxes		7,159		2,770		12,513		3,704		4,198		4,152	34,496		3,098		8,151		11,249		45,745
Professional fees		23,396		3,854		29,318		15,248		7,401		18,662	97,879		30,862		15,592		46,454		144,333
Supplies		4,029		408		33,115		2,356		11,734		3,409	55,051		552		1,080		1,632		56,683
Telephone		954		317		7,563		816		1,403		340	11,393		2,404		659		3,063		14,456
Postage and shipping		324		138		4,857		90		262		307	5,978		105		9,866		9,971		15,949
Occupancy		9,854		4,310		28,045		8,041		8,009		5,093	63,352		1,761		9,213		10,974		74,326
Non-capitalized equipment		8,021		3,587		21,212		6,092		7,265		3,812	49,989		2,001		8,023		10,024		60,013
Printing and publications		1,569		829		4,739		1,012		1,112		1,418	10,679		1,070		18,258		19,328		30,007
Travel		9,024		3,273		94,904		10,757		14,837		3,402	136,197		1,376		3,122		4,498		140,695
Lodging and meals		1,076		33,645		323,018		47,435		31,604		1,575	438,353		2,629		12,604		15,233		453,586
Conferences and conventions		1,185		878		19,762		1,894		3,870		7,104	34,693		6,568		(2,629)		3,939		38,632
Assistance to facilities and organizations		-		215,945		-		-		-		-	215,945		-		-		-		215,945
Membership dues		133		62		5,632		145		747		77	6,796		942		650		1,592		8,388
Awards		1,348		-		7,884		768		1,021		743	11,764		533		86		619		12,383
Depreciation		4,778		2,091		8,661		2,986		2,986		2,688	24,190		1,195		4,480		5,675		29,865
Insurance						7,200		3,393		3,393		-	13,986		3,992				3,992		17,978
	\$	179,367	\$	315,548	\$	824,868	\$	166,924	\$	165,191	\$	110,062	\$ 1,761,960	\$	161,671	\$	212,605	\$	374,276	\$ 2	2,136,236

# **Statements of Cash Flows**

Years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014

	2015		2014		
Cash flows from operating activities:	\ <u></u>				
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$	(25,737)	\$	6,755	
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to					
cash used in operating activities:					
Depreciation		29,252		29,865	
Dividends and interest reinvested		(92,893)		(57,211)	
Net realized and unrealized (gains) losses on investments		172,976		(57,377)	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:					
Promises to give, net of discount		17,206		33,787	
Prepaid expenses		16,826		(3,518)	
Other assets		(5,500)		(5,500)	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses		(72,864)		(3,953)	
Deferred revenue		(54,481)		19,954	
Net cash used in operating activities		(15,215)		(37,198)	
Cash flows from investing activities:					
Purchase of property and equipment		-		(8,782)	
Purchase of investments		(71,510)		(47,948)	
Proceeds from sale of investments		78,000		100,000	
Net cash provided by investing activities		6,490		43,270	
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(8,725)		6,072	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		65,139		59,067	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	56,414	\$	65,139	

#### **Notes to Financial Statements**

September 30, 2015 and 2014

#### 1. Organization

The Ability Experience, Inc. ("the Organization"), formerly known as Push America, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves people with disabilities. The Ability Experience was founded in 1977 as the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity with the purpose of instilling lifelong service in its members and enhancing the quality of life for people with disabilities. The Ability Experience has grown into a national nonprofit with numerous programs educating undergraduates, alumni and communities about the abilities of people with disabilities while forging friendships between Pi Kappa Phi members and people with disabilities.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Presentation**

Financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-205 Not-for-Profit Entities: Presentation of Financial Statements. Under ASC 958-205, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets as follows:

<u>Unrestricted net assets</u>: Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

<u>Temporarily restricted net assets:</u> Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that expire when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished.

<u>Permanently restricted net assets:</u> Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that must be maintained permanently by the organization. Generally the donors of these assets permit the organization to use all or part of the income earned on the related investment for general or specific purposes.

Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized.

# Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

#### Promises to Give

All contributions are considered to be available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Amounts received that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as temporarily restricted or permanently restricted support that increases these net asset classes. However, if a restriction is fulfilled in the same time period in which the contribution is received, the entity reports the support as unrestricted.

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their face value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the net present value. The discounts on those amounts are computed using an interest rate applicable to the

year in which the promise is received. The discount rates range from 0.84% to 1.77% for pledges receivable as of September 30, 2015 and 2014. Amortization of the discount is included in contribution revenue. Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are substantially met.

For the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, management has determined that an allowance for doubtful accounts was not necessary.

#### Investments

The Organization accounts for investments under FASB ASC 958 Not-for-Profit Entities. Under ASC 958, investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are reported at their fair values. Investment returns that are restricted by the donor are reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the reporting period in which the investment returns are recognized.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. The Organization capitalizes office equipment, furnishings, and other fixed assets with a value in excess of \$500. Depreciation is computed using primarily the straight-line method over the estimated lives of the assets, ranging from three to ten years. Improvements to property and equipment that do not extend the useful life of the asset are expensed in the year incurred.

#### **Long-Lived Assets**

Cash or other assets whose use is restricted to acquire long-lived assets are recorded as temporarily restricted until the long-lived assets are acquired. Once acquired, long-lived assets are recorded as unrestricted net assets unless otherwise disclosed.

#### **Estimates**

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

### Donated Materials, Services, and Use of Property

Under FASB ASC 958 Not-for-Profit Entities, the Organization recognizes services requiring specialized skills such as those provided by accountants, attorneys, marketing consultants, and other professionals if the services would need to be purchased if not donated. The Journey of Hope and other team and special events receive donations of lodging, meals, vehicles and services. These donations are valued at estimated fair market value. The amount of donated services recognized as revenues and expenses for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, are \$350,822 and \$390,251, respectively.

### **Expense Allocation**

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statements of Activities and in the Statements of Functional Expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

#### Financial Development

Financial development expenses represent amounts incurred in raising additional funds for the Organization.

# Contributions

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.

Donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished), temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statements of Activities as net assets released from restrictions. Certain restricted contributions received in the same year in which the restrictions are met are recorded as an increase in unrestricted support.

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Organization has estimated the fair value of its financial instruments using available market information and other valuation methodologies in accordance with *ASC 820 Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. The FASB Fair Value Measurement standard clarifies the definition of fair value for financial reporting, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements in an effort to make the measurement of fair value more consistent and comparable. Financial instruments, as defined in *ASC Topic No. 825-10-50 Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments, accounts payable, and accrued expenses.

Fair Value Measurement defines fair value as the amount that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid for the transfer of a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants, i.e. an exit price. To estimate an exit price, a three-tier hierarchy is used to prioritize the inputs:

Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2: Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar

securities, interest rates, prepayment spreads, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3: Significant unobservable inputs (including the Organization's own

assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate the fair value were determined as follows:

*Investments in mutual funds*— Valued at the quoted net asset value of shares held by the Organization at year end.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although management believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Organization is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, the Organization is not a private foundation pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 509(a)(1).

### **Subsequent Events**

The Organization has analyzed its operations subsequent to September 30, 2015, through March 01, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

#### 3. Concentrations

The Ability Experience, Inc. is subject to some credit risk through cash investments which are placed in a high credit quality financial institution. The Organization did not exceed maximum insured deposit limitations at September 30, 2015 and 2014.

#### 4. Promises to Give

Unconditional promises to give are included in the financial statements as promises to give and revenue of the appropriate net asset classification. Unconditional promises to give at September 30, 2015 and 2014 consisted of the following:

	 2015	2014
Unconditional promises to give Less: unamortized discount	\$ 122,491 (5,099)	\$ 138,000 (3,402)
Unconditional promises to give - net	\$ 117,392	\$ 134,598

Unconditional promises to give at face value at September 30, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	 2015	 2014
Receivable in less than one year	\$ 44,000	\$ 54,000
Receivable in one to five years	77,491	82,000
Receivable in more than five years	 1,000	2,000
	\$ 122,491	\$ 138,000

### 5. Investments

The Organization maintains investments in mutual funds that invest in equity and debt securities. Investment income, realized gains and losses, and unrealized gains and losses from these securities are allocated to the unrestricted and temporarily restricted funds based on each fund's percentage of ownership of total investment assets.

Investments were comprised of the following at September 30:

	20	15	2014					
	Cost	Cost Fair Value		Fair Value Cost		Fair Value		
Mutual funds								
Unrestricted	\$ 340,391	\$ 319,339	\$ 330,695	\$ 343,764				
Temporarily restricted	1,429,960	1,399,347	1,354,240	1,461,495				
	\$ 1,770,351	\$ 1,718,686	\$ 1,684,935	\$ 1,805,259				

Investment advisory fees paid for the management of the investment accounts totaled \$14,268 and \$14,135 for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

# 6. Fair Value Measurements

The following tables set forth the level, within the fair value hierarchy, of the Organization's financial investments at fair value as of September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<u>September 30, 2015</u>				
Mutual funds	\$ 1,718,686	\$ 1,718,686	\$ -	\$ -
<u>September 30, 2014</u>				
Mutual funds	\$ 1,805,259	\$ 1,805,259	\$ -	\$ -

# 7. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consisted of the following at September 30:

	Useful Lives	 2015		2014
Computer equipment and software	3 - 5 years	\$ 117,822	\$	117,822
Office furniture and equipment	5 - 10 years	 163,117		163,117
		 280,939		280,939
Less accumulated depreciation		 (226,155)		(196,903)
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		\$ 54,784	\$	84,036

Depreciation expense for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$29,252 and \$29,865, respectively.

#### 8. Restrictions on Net Assets

The restricted net assets include donor restricted funds to provide fellowships to be used as an incentive for camp counselors serving at summer programs for people with disabilities and the Journey of Hope program. The Organization also began a "Commitment Campaign" during the year ended September 30, 2012, designed to raise a board designated endowment fund that will be used to support 25% of the Organization's budget.

#### 9. Retirement Plans

The Organization terminated its tax-qualified annuity plan administered by a national insurance company as of December 15, 2014 and adopted a 401k plan. The plan allows for a maximum matching contribution of 4%. Retirement plan expense was \$18,479 and \$14,680 for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 respectively.

In 2013, the Organization established a deferred compensation plan for eligible management as determined by the Board of Directors. The Organization accrued \$22,000 and \$16,500 in expenses for one participant in the Plan as of September 30, 2015 and 2014.

### 10. Related Party Transactions

The Organization has a verbal agreement with Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, an affiliated organization, on a month to month basis for shared resources, such as office equipment, telephone lines, personnel salaries, software charges, insurance costs, and publication fees. The amounts charged to the entity during the years ending September 30, 2015 and 2014 were approximately \$258,000 and \$217,300, respectively.

Included in the shared resources amounts were rental payments in connection with a sub-lease agreement for office space. The sub-lease terms state the base rent of the office space will be recalculated annually, based on the usage of the office space by the Organization. The lease payment amount escalates 3% annually, beginning on April 1 of each year. The lease began on January 1, 2008, and ends on March 31, 2018. Based on the initial calculation of the base rent, the future minimum payments for the five succeeding years is as follows:

September 30, 2016	\$ 57,706
September 30, 2017	59,437
September 30, 2018	30,610

Rent expense for office space was \$57,662 and \$57,584 for the years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 respectively.

The amount due from Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity as of September 30, 2015 was \$10,656 and the amount due to Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity as of September 30, 2014 was \$28,363.