

Missouri Historical Society



For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014
(with independent auditors' report thereon)

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Trustees of the Missouri Historical Society:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Missouri Historical Society (MHS), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of activities 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 auditors' 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 MHS as of December 31, 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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St. Louis, Missouri
March 29, 2016

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$3,100,354	\$2,606,742
Accrued Investment Income	83,452	86,844
Grants and Accounts Receivable	84,168	981,610
Pledges Receivable, Net	1,719,400	2,337,258
Inventories	172,418	202,541
Short-Term Investments	1,013,344	1,012,504
Prepaid Expenses	492,116	419,562
Total Current Assets	<u>6,665,252</u>	<u>\$7,647,061</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Investments (including Unrealized Gains of \$4,795,523 and \$6,884,961 for 2015 and 2014, respectively)	\$42,432,772	\$42,997,462
Pledges Receivable, Net	1,481,757	2,026,309
Leasehold Improvements and Buildings, Net	22,969,190	21,360,324
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment, Net	1,484,475	1,685,831
Construction in Progress	4,400	823,348
Land	661,510	661,510
Other	5,741	32,866
Total Non-Current Assets	<u>69,039,845</u>	<u>\$69,587,650</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$75,705,097</u>	<u>\$77,234,711</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$454,713	\$656,594
Accrued Salary and Accrued Vacation	423,919	592,793
Deferred Revenue	162,570	35,760
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$1,041,202</u>	<u>\$1,285,147</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Obligations Under Split-Interest Agreements	\$247,173	\$251,743
Other	339,569	297,838
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>\$586,742</u>	<u>\$549,581</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$1,627,944</u>	<u>\$1,834,728</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	\$38,360,018	\$39,668,358
Unrestricted — Board Designated	9,047,757	8,935,264
Total Unrestricted	<u>\$47,407,775</u>	<u>\$48,603,622</u>
Temporarily Restricted	13,984,294	14,797,998
Permanently Restricted	12,685,084	11,998,363
Total Net Assets	<u>\$74,077,153</u>	<u>\$75,399,983</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$75,705,097</u>	<u>\$77,234,711</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
For the year ended December 31, 2015				
INCREASES IN NET ASSETS				
Public Support:				
Services Provided for the Missouri History Museum Subdistrict	\$10,420,600			\$10,420,600
Contributions:				
General	426,561	601,721	686,721	1,715,003
Capital Campaign		37,527		37,527
Soldiers Memorial Revitalization		1,315,617		1,315,617
Memberships	782,169			782,169
In-Kind Contributions	11,834			11,834
Total Public Support	<u>\$11,641,164</u>	<u>\$1,954,865</u>	<u>\$686,721</u>	<u>\$14,282,750</u>
Revenue:				
Investment Income	\$1,595,944	\$196,632		\$1,792,576
Realized Gains (Losses) from Sale of Securities	(26,117)	44,596		18,479
Unrealized Losses from Securities	(1,077,752)	(1,011,686)		(2,089,438)
Museum Shop, Net (Sales of \$559,059)	35,725			35,725
Facility Rental/Restaurant Income/Catering, Net	110,174			110,174
Other Income, Net	222,686	129,944		352,630
Total Revenue	<u>\$860,660</u>	<u>(\$640,514)</u>		<u>\$220,146</u>
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:				
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	\$2,128,055	(\$2,128,055)		\$0
Total Net Assets Released from Restrictions	<u>\$2,128,055</u>	<u>(\$2,128,055)</u>		<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE — INCREASES (DECREASES) IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$14,629,879</u>	<u>(\$813,704)</u>	<u>\$686,721</u>	<u>\$14,502,896</u>
DECREASES IN NET ASSETS				
Expenses:				
Program Services:				
Community Education and Events Programs	\$2,174,888			\$2,174,888
Library and Collections	4,380,124			4,380,124
Publications	384,915			384,915
Exhibitions and Research	4,302,976			4,302,976
Communications	1,011,096			1,011,096
Soldiers Memorial Processing	288,224			288,224
Soldiers Memorial Revitalization	135,116			135,116
Total Program Services	<u>\$12,677,339</u>			<u>\$12,677,339</u>
Supporting Services:				
Development	\$441,433			\$441,433
Membership	322,309			322,309
Management and General	1,669,949			1,669,949
Human Resources	423,900			423,900
Information Technology	233,190			233,190
Total Supporting Services	<u>\$3,090,781</u>			<u>\$3,090,781</u>
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	\$57,606			\$57,606
TOTAL EXPENSES — DECREASES IN NET ASSETS	<u>\$15,825,726</u>			<u>\$15,825,726</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Public Support and Revenue over Expenses	(\$1,195,847)	(\$813,704)	\$686,721	(\$1,322,830)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	48,603,622	14,797,998	11,998,363	75,399,983
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	<u>\$47,407,775</u>	<u>\$13,984,294</u>	<u>\$12,685,084</u>	<u>\$74,077,153</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
For the year ended December 31, 2014				
INCREASES IN NET ASSETS				
Public Support:				
Services Provided for the Missouri History Museum Subdistrict	\$10,449,994			\$10,449,994
Contributions:				
Capital Campaign			142,010	142,010
General	843,374	1,402,861	11,729	2,257,964
Soldiers Memorial Processing		941,937		941,937
Memberships	804,382			804,382
In-Kind Contributions	5,732			5,732
Total Public Support	\$12,103,482	\$2,344,798	\$153,739	\$14,602,019
Revenue:				
Investment Income	\$1,352,285	\$150,895		\$1,503,180
Realized Gains from Sale of Securities	514,250	613,407		1,127,657
Unrealized Losses from Securities	(121,685)	(40,213)		(161,898)
Museum Shop, Net (Sales of \$535,252)	63,926			63,926
Facility Rental/Restaurant Income/Catering, Net	104,456			104,456
Other Income, Net	1,770,127			1,770,127
Total Revenue	\$3,683,359	\$724,089		\$4,407,448
Net Assets Released from Restrictions:				
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	\$1,487,809	(\$1,487,809)		\$0
Total Net Assets Released from Restrictions	\$1,487,809	(\$1,487,809)		\$0
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE — INCREASES IN NET ASSETS	\$17,274,650	\$1,581,078	\$153,739	\$19,009,467
DECREASES IN NET ASSETS				
Expenses:				
Program Services:				
Community Education and Events Programs	\$2,246,381			\$2,246,381
Library and Collections	4,500,542			4,500,542
Publications	404,439			404,439
Exhibitions and Research	3,992,164			3,992,164
Communications	1,061,289			1,061,289
Soldiers Memorial Processing	254,510			254,510
Total Program Services	\$12,459,325			\$12,459,325
Supporting Services:				
Development	\$324,726			\$324,726
Membership	332,228			332,228
Management and General	1,543,672			1,543,672
Human Resources	372,866			372,866
Information Technology	217,955			217,955
Total Supporting Services	\$2,791,447			\$2,791,447
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	\$39,426			\$39,426
TOTAL EXPENSES — DECREASES IN NET ASSETS	\$15,290,198			\$15,290,198
Excess of Public Support and Revenue over Expenses	\$1,984,452	\$1,581,078	\$153,739	\$3,719,269
Net Assets Beginning of Year	46,619,170	13,216,920	11,844,624	71,680,714
NET ASSETS END OF YEAR	\$48,603,622	\$14,797,998	\$11,998,363	\$75,399,983

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	2015	2014
For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Change in Net Assets	(\$1,322,830)	\$3,719,269
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash from Operating Activities		
Depreciation	1,335,998	1,301,575
Contributions Restricted for Endowment	686,721	(153,739)
Net Realized Gains on Investments	(18,479)	(1,127,657)
Net Unrealized Losses on Investments	2,089,438	161,898
Change in Assets and Liabilities		
Receivables	2,063,244	(131,114)
Inventories, Prepaid Expenses, and Other	(15,306)	(19,615)
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	(370,755)	119,152
Deferred Revenue	126,810	12,395
Obligations Under Split-Interest Agreements	(4,570)	(13,765)
Other Liabilities	41,731	(198,443)
Net Cash from Operating Activities	\$4,612,002	\$3,669,956
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Proceeds from Sales of Investments	28,368,470	\$23,674,299
Purchases of Investments	(29,875,579)	(24,036,838)
Improvements to Property and Equipment Purchases	(1,924,560)	(1,503,699)
Net Cash from Investing Activities	(3,431,669)	(\$1,866,238)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from Contributions Restricted for Endowment	(\$686,721)	\$153,739
Net Cash from Financing Activities	(\$686,721)	\$153,739
Net Change in Cash	\$493,612	\$1,957,457
Cash, Beginning of Year	2,606,742	649,285
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$3,100,354	\$2,606,742

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Missouri Historical Society Operations

The Missouri Historical Society (MHS) is a Missouri pro forma decree, not-for-profit corporation whose primary functions are educational and community programs; collections and conservation; library and research; and exhibitions. MHS's mission is to serve as the confluence of historical perspectives and contemporary issues to inspire and engage our audiences.

MHS operates the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, the Library and Research Center on Skinker and, effective November 11, 2015, the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum in downtown St. Louis.

Basis of Presentation

MHS follows accounting standards set by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

The financial statement presentation follows the recommendations of FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 958-205. Under ASC 958-205, MHS is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets and permanently restricted net assets:

Unrestricted Net Assets include all resources which are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions of a more specific nature than those which only obligate MHS to utilize funds in furtherance of its mission.

Unrestricted–Board Designated Net Assets include net assets restricted by the Board of Trustees for specified purposes.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets carry specific, donor-imposed restrictions on the expenditure or other use of contributed funds or limitations imposed by law. Temporary restrictions may expire either because of the passage of time or because certain actions are taken by MHS which fulfill the restriction.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets are those that are subject to donor-imposed restrictions which will never lapse, thus requiring that the funds be retained permanently.

Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of financial instruments classified as current assets or current liabilities, including cash, receivables, inventories, prepaid expenses, accounts payable, accrued expenses and deferred revenue approximates carrying value due to the short-term nature of these accounts.

Instruments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 — Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical instruments as of the reporting date. Instruments, which are generally included in this category, include listed equity and debt securities publicly traded on a stock exchange.

Level 2 — Pricing inputs are other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. Level 2 also includes investments reported at net asset value per share with lock-up periods of 90 days or less. Level 2 methods are also used in measuring the initial fair value of long-term pledges.

Level 3 — Pricing inputs are unobservable for the instrument and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the instrument. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation. Level 3 also includes investments reported at net asset value per share with lock-up periods in excess of 90 days.

MHS determines the fair value of certain assets and liabilities on a recurring basis through application of ASC 820.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Cash

Cash consists of demand deposits. Money market funds and highly liquid investments are included in short term investments.

Grants and Accounts Receivable

Grants and accounts receivable consist of amounts due to MHS related to work performed under grant agreements. Grants and accounts receivable are carried at their net realizable value. Management estimates the allowance for doubtful accounts based on its assessment of individual accounts. Accordingly, no allowance was considered necessary at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Pledges Receivable

Unconditional pledges, less an allowance for uncollectible amounts, are recorded as receivables at fair value in the year made. Pledges made and received beyond one year are discounted to present value using a risk adjusted rate at the date of pledge of 3.96% at both December 31, 2015 and 2014. The initially recorded fair value is considered a Level 2 fair value approach. For pledges made and received within one year, the net realizable value is a reasonable estimate of the fair value. If restricted by the donor for endowment, the amount is reported as public support of the permanently restricted net asset class. If restricted by donor for particular purposes or for capital acquisition, the amount is reported as public support of temporarily restricted net assets.

Inventories

Inventories consist of Museum Shop items held for resale. Inventories are recorded at the lower of cost or market, determined by the retail method.

Investments

Investments are carried at fair value as determined per the fair value policy described in this section, and net realized and unrealized gains and (losses) are reflected in the Statements of Activities. The classification of investment balances as current or non-current is based on the intent of the use of the underlying investment. Contributed securities are stated at their fair value on the date of receipt using a Level 1, 2 or 3 fair value approach depending on the type of contributed security. It is the policy of MHS to sell all contributed securities as soon as they are received.

Investment activities and results on the financial statements are shown net of investment advisory and asset management fees of \$188,701 and \$195,483 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Included in these fees are advisory and asset custodian fees paid to a financial institution for which a non-voting Trustee is an officer. The amounts paid to this financial institution during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 are \$52,994 and \$68,692, respectively.

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the unrealized and realized gains (losses) and investment income include an operating draw of \$1,216,700 and \$931,858, respectively, from the Endowment investment account and an annual draw of \$579,268 and \$577,927, respectively, from the Operating investment account.

Property and Equipment

The land and buildings that comprise the facilities of MHS are leased from the Missouri History Museum Subdistrict (Subdistrict) of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District of the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County (ZMD). Property and equipment are recorded at cost, if purchased. Expenditures greater than \$5,000 are reviewed for capitalization. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred, additions and improvements that significantly extend the lives of assets are capitalized. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the estimated life of the assets of seven to forty years. Furniture, fixtures and equipment are depreciated on the straight-line basis over the estimated life of the assets of three to ten years.

Museum Collections

MHS's research collections contain unique regional history sources and objects documenting St. Louis, Missouri, the Mississippi and Missouri Valleys, the Louisiana Purchase Territory and the American West. An integrated and multi-format collection, it serves an audience of diverse local, national and international readers and researchers. MHS staff members

work to share the collections in the galleries, through our various publications, online and through our community and educational programs. The value of the collections and library holdings cannot be determined, and therefore, is not capitalized in the accompanying financial statements. Each of the items in the collections is catalogued, preserved and cared for, and collections audits are performed regularly. Proceeds from deaccessions are used to acquire other objects for the collections.

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue represents cash received for restaurant, facility rentals and St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) prior to performance by MHS. The agreement with the Special Administrative Board (SAB) of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis is for the cost of personnel, supplies and equipment necessary to identify, catalog and preserve the collection of SLPS materials.

Split-Interest Agreements

MHS administers split-interest agreements subject to obligations to pay fixed amounts periodically to the respective donor or designated beneficiary during their lifetimes. At the inception of the split-interest agreement, an obligation is recorded at present value, which is a Level 2 fair value approach, using a discount rate ranging from 1.6% to 7.8%, for estimated future payments. The obligations under the split-interest agreements are adjusted over the term of the agreement for changes in the fair value of assets, accretion of the discount and other changes in estimates of future benefits. Obligations under split-interest agreements were \$247,173 and \$251,743 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The assets are included in MHS's long-term investment portfolio.

Public Support and Revenues

MHS reports contributions, including unconditional promises to give in future periods, as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor 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.

Contributions received with donor-imposed stipulations that are satisfied in the same year as the contributions are used are initially reported in temporarily restricted net assets and released to unrestricted net assets as the restrictions are met.

MHS reports gifts of land and equipment as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Gifts of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long these long-lived assets must be maintained, MHS reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

Other income includes insurance proceeds for claims filed during the year ended December 31, 2014, publication sales, and other items.

Volunteer Service and In-Kind Contributions

The value of in-kind contributions is recorded in the Statements of Activities as public support and included in expenses within the function for which these services were performed or the in-kind contributions were applicable.

MHS recognizes the value of volunteer services in accordance with FASB ASC 958-605-25-16. The value of these contributions is not recognized in the financial statements. A substantial number of volunteers make significant contributions to MHS enhancing its activities and programs. MHS wishes to acknowledge these services and values such at approximately \$299,372 and \$153,200 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. In fiscal years 2015 and 2014, these services include approximately 157 and 141 volunteers, respectively, who contributed approximately 14,235 and 9,570 hours of service, respectively, to MHS.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Income Taxes

MHS qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and therefore, there is no provision for income taxes.

MHS follows the provisions of ASC 740-10-25 requiring disclosure of uncertain tax positions. There has been no interest or penalties recognized in the Statements of Activities nor in the Statements of Financial Position related to uncertain tax positions. In addition, no tax positions exist for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly increase or decrease within the next 12 months. MHS evaluates its uncertain tax positions, if any, on a continual basis through review of its policies and procedures, review of its regular tax filings, and discussions with outside experts.

Use of Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) requires MHS to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts have been reclassified in the 2014 financial statements to conform to the 2015 financial statements.

2. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 are available for the following purpose:

	2015	2014
Capital Campaign	\$1,343,047	\$2,162,419
Community Education and Events Programs	252,930	205,085
Collections and Conservation:		
Acquisition and Conservation of Items for Collections	661,625	735,112
Publication of Books	64,813	33,364
Exhibit Production, Maintenance and Research	470,029	382,526
Innovation Fund	170,137	200,000
Operations	17,034	0
Soldiers Memorial Processing	399,203	687,427
Soldiers Memorial Revitalization	1,180,501	0
Realized Gains	6,916,208	6,871,612
Unrealized Gains	2,508,767	3,520,453
	<u>\$13,984,294</u>	<u>\$14,797,998</u>

Net assets were released from donor restrictions as MHS incurred expenses satisfying the restricted purposes as follows for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

	2015	2014
Capital Campaign	\$1,026,602	\$772,138
Community Education and Events Programs	202,070	154,537
Collections and Conservation	80,818	100,085
Publication of Books	9,365	0
Exhibit Production, Maintenance and Research	327,281	206,539
Innovation Fund	29,863	0
Operations	28,716	0
Soldiers Memorial Processing	288,224	254,510
Soldiers Memorial Revitalization	135,116	0
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	<u>\$2,128,055</u>	<u>\$1,487,809</u>

3. Permanently Restricted Net Assets

Permanently restricted net assets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 are summarized below based on the types of activities the income is available to support:

	2015	2014
Acquisition of Items for Library and Collections	\$82,040	\$82,040
Exhibits, Research and Conservation	5,495,825	4,780,825
Salaries	517,901	517,901
Publication of Books and Magazines	137,285	137,285
Internship Program	246,715	246,715
General MHS Operations	6,205,318	6,233,597
	<u>\$12,685,084</u>	<u>\$11,998,363</u>

4. Pledges Receivable

At December 31, 2015, pledges receivable were expected to be collected as follows:

Years ending December 31	GROSS AMOUNT	UNAMORTIZED DISCOUNT	ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTIBLES	NET AMOUNT
2016	\$1,736,767		\$17,367	\$1,719,400
2017-2019	1,643,000	\$144,813	16,430	1,481,757
	<u>\$3,379,767</u>	<u>\$144,813</u>	<u>\$33,797</u>	<u>\$3,201,157</u>

5. Investments

Investments as of December 31, 2015 are comprised of the following:

	FAIR VALUE	COST
Money Market Funds	\$878,195	\$878,195
U.S. Government Obligations	845,256	831,767
Corporate Bonds and Debentures	9,046,176	9,108,463
Corporate Stock	11,663,831	8,161,739
Mutual Funds — Equities	16,433,459	14,995,263
Mutual Funds — Fixed Income	1,121,288	1,114,751
Mutual Funds — Real Estate	1,208,461	1,068,814
Mutual Funds — Hedge Funds	2,249,450	2,491,601
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$43,446,116</u>	<u>\$38,650,593</u>

Investments as of December 31, 2014 are comprised of the following:

	FAIR VALUE	COST
Money Market Funds	\$668,511	\$718,511
U.S. Government Obligations	919,447	897,173
Corporate Bonds and Debentures	8,598,027	8,467,489
Corporate Stock	3,568,412	2,002,599
Mutual Funds — Equities	24,173,432	19,121,097
Mutual Funds — Fixed Income	4,340,288	4,322,440
Mutual Funds — Real Estate	1,317,943	1,194,077
Mutual Funds — Hedge Funds	423,906	401,619
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	<u>\$44,009,966</u>	<u>\$37,125,005</u>

6. Endowment

The endowment consists of 27 individual funds established for a variety of purposes. As required by GAAP, net assets associated with endowment funds are classified and reported based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

The Board of Trustees has interpreted UPMIFA (Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act) as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary.

As a result of this interpretation, MHS classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, and (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by MHS in a manner consistent with the standard of prudence prescribed by UPMIFA. In accordance with UPMIFA, MHS considers the following factors in making a determination to appropriate or accumulate donor-restricted endowment funds:

- 1) The duration and preservation of the fund
- 2) The purposes of MHS and the donor-restricted endowment fund
- 3) General economic conditions
- 4) The possible effect of inflation and deflation
- 5) The expected total return from income and the appreciation of investments
- 6) Other resources of MHS
- 7) The investment policies of MHS

MHS has investment and spending policies for endowment assets that attempt to provide a predictable stream of funding to programs supported by its endowment while seeking to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets. Endowment assets include those assets of donor-restricted funds that MHS must hold in perpetuity or for a donor-specified period(s). Under this policy, as approved by the Board of Trustees, the endowment assets are invested in a manner that is intended to produce results that provide a rate of return over a rolling 36 month period greater than or equal to a "Policy Index" created by combining various indices in the proportion as the endowment funds target allocation. Actual returns in any given year may vary from this amount.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, MHS relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). MHS targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

MHS has a policy of appropriating for distribution each year between 3 and 5 percent of its endowment fund's average fair value over the 13 quarters through the calendar year-end preceding the fiscal year in which the distribution is planned. Accordingly, over the long-term, MHS expects the fund to achieve a real annualized rate of return that is 5% over the trailing 12 month Consumer Price Index. This is consistent with MHS's objective to maintain the purchasing power of the endowment assets held in perpetuity or for a specified term as well as to provide additional real growth through new gifts and investment return. An appropriation of \$1,216,700 was disbursed in 2015. In addition, MHS intends to appropriate \$1,255,216 of endowment for 2016 operations.

The changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	UNRESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED BOARD DESIGNATED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Endowment Net Assets, January 1, 2015	\$0	\$8,935,264	\$10,392,065	\$11,998,363	\$31,325,692
Contributions and Other		70,012		686,721	756,733
Amounts Appropriated for Expenditures	\$1,216,700	(428,609)	(788,091)		
Net Appreciation		471,090	(179,356)		291,734
Amounts Disbursed	(1,216,700)				(1,216,700)
Endowment Net Assets, December 31, 2015	\$0	\$9,047,757	\$9,424,618	\$12,685,084	\$31,157,459

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The changes in endowment net assets for the year ended December 31, 2014 are as follows:

	UNRESTRICTED	UNRESTRICTED BOARD DESIGNATED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED	PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED	TOTAL
Endowment Net Assets, January 1, 2014	\$0	\$8,613,151	\$9,818,871	\$11,844,624	\$30,276,646
Contributions				153,739	153,739
Amounts Appropriated for Expenditures	931,858	(335,617)	(596,241)		0
Net Appreciation		657,730	1,169,435		1,827,165
Amounts Disbursed	(931,858)				(931,858)
Endowment Net Assets, December 31, 2014	\$0	\$8,935,264	\$10,392,065	\$11,998,363	\$31,325,692

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor-restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or UPMIFA requires MHS to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. There were no such deficiencies as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

7. Fair Value Measurements

Fair values of assets and liabilities measured on a recurring basis at December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

Fair Value Measurements at Reported Date Using:

	FAIR VALUE	QUOTED PRICES IN ACTIVE MARKETS FOR IDENTICAL ASSETS (LEVEL 1)	SIGNIFICANT OTHER OBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 2)	SIGNIFICANT OTHER UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS (LEVEL 3)
December 31, 2015				
Money Market Funds	\$878,195	\$878,195		
U.S. Government Obligations	845,256	845,256		
Corporate Bonds and Debentures	9,046,176		\$9,046,176	
Corporate Stock	11,663,831	11,663,831		
Mutual Funds — Equities:				
Large Cap Funds	4,314,713	4,314,713		
International Funds	4,865,082	4,865,082		
Mid Cap Funds	4,203,301	4,203,301		
Small Cap Funds	2,303,386	2,303,386		
Other	746,977	746,977		
Total Mutual Funds — Equities	16,433,459	16,433,459		
Mutual Funds — Fixed Income	1,121,288	1,121,288		
Mutual Funds — Real Estate	1,208,461	1,208,461		
Mutual Funds — Hedge Funds	2,249,450	2,249,450		
Total Investments	\$43,446,116	\$34,399,940	\$9,046,176	\$0
December 31, 2014				
Money Market Funds	\$668,511	\$668,511		
U.S. Government Obligations	919,447	919,447		
Corporate Bond and Debentures	8,598,027		\$8,598,027	
Corporate Stock	3,568,412	3,568,412		
Mutual Funds — Equities:				
Large Cap Funds	11,055,151	11,055,151		
International Funds	5,442,820	5,442,820		
Mid Cap Funds	3,301,632	3,301,632		
Small Cap Funds	3,532,884	3,532,884		
Other	840,945	840,945		
Total Mutual Funds — Equities	24,173,432	24,173,432		
Mutual Funds — Fixed Income	4,340,288	4,340,288		
Mutual Funds — Real Estate	1,317,943	1,317,943		
Mutual Funds — Hedge Funds	423,906	423,906		
Total Investments	\$44,009,966	\$35,411,939	\$8,598,027	\$0

Fair value for investments valued using level 1 inputs are based on unadjusted quoted market prices within active markets. Fair value for investments valued using level 2 inputs are based primarily on available quoted prices for similar assets in active or inactive markets.

8. Property and Equipment

A summary of property and equipment at December 31, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

	2015	2014
Leasehold Improvements and Buildings	\$41,291,256	\$38,718,935
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	3,911,196	3,740,009
	<u>45,202,452</u>	<u>42,458,944</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization	(20,748,787)	(19,412,789)
Construction in Progress	4,400	823,348
Land	661,510	661,510
	<u>\$25,119,575</u>	<u>\$24,531,013</u>

Depreciation expense was \$1,335,998 and \$1,301,575 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

At December 31, 2015, MHS was committed for certain equipment under noncancelable operating leases and certain warehouse and temporary storage location leases which expire at various dates through 2019. Additionally, MHS leases the land and buildings that comprise facilities of MHS from the Subdistrict. The lease agreement for these facilities is coterminous with the term of the Agreement MHS has with the Subdistrict to provide history museum services. This agreement renews on December 31 each year as more fully discussed in footnote 12 hereafter.

Years ending December 31	AMOUNT
2016	\$113,430
2017	76,938
2018	2,020
2019	2,020
2020	20
Total Minimum Rental Payments Required	<u>\$194,428</u>

Rental expense was \$119,403 and \$118,827 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

9. Employee Benefit Plans

MHS has a defined contribution plan for all employees with at least two years of service. The plan provides for MHS to contribute 5% of the participants' salaries with no employee contributions permitted. MHS also has a 403(b) salary reduction plan, which provides for MHS to match employee contributions at the maximum of \$500 or 1% of annual participants' salaries. Expenses for the two plans were \$342,262 and \$307,609 for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

10. Employee Deferred Compensation Plan

MHS maintains a voluntary 457(b) Plan for employees who wish to defer a portion of their salary to future years. The investment is presented in the Statement of Financial Position as a non-current asset and liability. The value of this plan asset was \$339,696 and \$297,637 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

11. Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject MHS to concentrations of credit risk consist of cash deposits in banks and other financial institutions, investment securities and pledge receivables. MHS maintains cash and short- and long-term investments with major banks and financial institutions. Non-interest bearing accounts at banks insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) have an insurance level that is unlimited. Interest bearing accounts are insured to a level of \$250,000. At times, MHS may have cash balances with banks and securities with financial institutions in excess of the FDIC coverage. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to pledges receivable are limited due to the large number and credit worthiness of donors comprising MHS's donor base.

12. Contract with the Missouri History Museum Subdistrict

The Subdistrict is part of the ZMD. The Subdistrict was established to receive tax revenues from the tax collector's offices and to pay for history museum services provided to benefit the public. The ZMD tax generated revenue is subject to annual review and approval. Amounts available to the Subdistrict are based on a rate which may not exceed 4.0 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation. The certified rate was .397 and .399 at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. In 1988, the Subdistrict and MHS entered into a contract, which, after renegotiation in the fall of 2012 and amended on November 13, 2013, renewed on December 16, 2014 and amended on December 17, 2015, renews for one year each December 31, unless the Subdistrict, upon recommendation of its committee on renewal, votes not to renew the contract. Upon giving written notice of its intent not to renew the contract, MHS and the Subdistrict are required to meet for a period of six months to resolve their differences. If those differences are not resolved the contract terminates at the end of the calendar year in which such final determination is made. The contract provides for history museum facilities and services to be provided to the public by MHS in exchange for compensation from the Subdistrict. The public support under this contract is determined each year based upon an annual budget. The Agreement also requires prior Subdistrict approval for the purchase of any real estate, or any expenditure of an amount in excess of \$10,000, if not previously approved in the annual budget. MHS shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law, sections 610.010 et. al., as from time to time amended. In accordance with the contract, MHS records revenue in the period in which services are provided. MHS is included as a discretely presented component unit within the Subdistrict's financial statements.

13. Agreement with the City of St. Louis

The City of St. Louis, Missouri, a constitutional charter city of the State of Missouri (the City), owns and operates the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum (Soldiers Memorial) at 1315 Chestnut. The City and MHS have entered into an agreement by which MHS will oversee a substantial renovation and reconstruction of the Soldiers Memorial and Court of Honor and thereafter operate the Soldiers Memorial on behalf of the City.

The Soldiers Memorial project components consist of 1) processing of collections, 2) planning for exhibitions and operations, and 3) renovation, construction and design, fabrication and installation of exhibitions.

A \$917,000 Processing Grant received in 2014 provided the funding for the processing of collections. Endowment agreements with donors will provide funding for the planning for exhibitions and operations. Agreements with donors will provide funding for the renovation, construction and exhibition design.

All funds for the Soldiers Memorial are held and identified as restricted funds on the books and records of MHS and shall be accounted for as a separate fund and not commingled with funds to be used for any purpose other than the renovation and operation of the Soldiers Memorial.

14. Related Entities

MHS serves as the fiscal agent and leases employees at one nonprofit entity through a written agreement: the Association for Midwest Museums (AMM). In accordance with ASC 958-810-15, the account of this organization has not been included in the accompanying financial statements. AMM is a not-for-profit corporation that has served the Midwest museum community for over 85 years. Through its programs and services, AMM encourages professional standards for all areas of museum administration and provides information and resources to museums and cultural institutions in the Midwest. MHS provides office space without charge, but is reimbursed by AMM for all compensation costs for AMM employees and administrative expenses on a quarterly basis. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, MHS had a receivable from AMM totaling \$45,498 and \$24,109, respectively.

15. Functional Allocation of Expenses

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

16. Risks and Uncertainties

MHS's investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to potential changes in economic conditions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the value of MHS's investments could occur in the near term and those changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the MHS's financial statements.

MHS is involved in various claims, legal actions and regulatory proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of MHS's management, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on MHS's financial statements.

17. Subsequent Events

In accordance with ASC 855, MHS has evaluated subsequent events through March 29, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant matters were identified for disclosure during this evaluation.

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