

**WELLS BRING HOPE**  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Directors of  
Wells Bring Hope

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Wells Bring Hope - a non-profit organization (the Charity), which comprises the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year 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.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

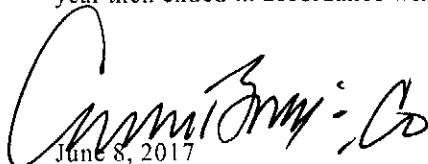
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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 judgement, 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 Wells Bring Hope as of December 31, 2016, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

  
June 8, 2017  
Encino, California

**WELLS BRING HOPE**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

December 31, 2016

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS:**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 68,259</u>
<b><i>TOTAL ASSETS</i></b>	<b><u><u>\$ 68,259</u></u></b>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES:**

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	<u>\$ 76</u>
<b><i>TOTAL LIABILITIES</i></b>	<b>76</b>

**NET ASSETS:**

Unrestricted	<u>68,183</u>
<b><i>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</i></b>	<b><u><u>\$ 68,259</u></u></b>

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**WELLS BRING HOPE**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Unrestricted</u>
<b>REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT:</b>	
Contributions and Donations	\$ 221,794
Event Income, net of \$44,995 expenses	<u>139,220</u>
<b><i>TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT</i></b>	<b>361,014</b>
<b>FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:</b>	
Program Services	343,269
Management and General Expenses	7,690
Fundraising Expenses	<u>36,243</u>
<b><i>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</i></b>	<b><u>387,202</u></b>
<b><i>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</i></b>	<b>(26,188)</b>
Unrestricted Net Assets - Beginning of Year	<u>94,371</u>
<b><i>UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</i></b>	<b><u><u>\$ 68,183</u></u></b>

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**WELLS BRING HOPE**

**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES**

Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Supporting Services			Total
	Program Services	Management and General Expenses	Fundraising Expenses	
Accounting Fees	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300
Bank Fees	-	-	875	875
Communications	-	-	469	469
Computer Related	-	174	2,004	2,178
Consultants	7,669	3,968	19,606	31,243
Insurance	-	2,450	-	2,450
Office Supplies	-	110	577	687
Postage	-	19	811	830
Printing	-	-	2,161	2,161
Shipping	-	56	59	115
Telephone	-	309	1,510	1,819
Website	-	15	7,919	7,934
World Vision	335,600	-	-	335,600
Miscellaneous	-	289	252	541
<b><i>TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES</i></b>	<b>\$ 343,269</b>	<b>\$ 7,690</b>	<b>\$ 36,243</b>	<b>\$ 387,202</b>

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**WELLS BRING HOPE**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
Year Ended December 31, 2016

**CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:**

Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ (26,188)
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net Cash Provided by (Used In) Operating Activities:	
Increase (Decrease) in:	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	<u>76</u>
<b><i>NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES</i></b>	<b>(26,112)</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>94,371</u>
<b><i>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR</i></b>	<b><u><u>\$ 68,259</u></u></b>

Additional information:

No amounts were paid for interest or taxes in 2016.

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## WELLS BRING HOPE

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

#### NOTE 1 - NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Wells Bring Hope was founded in 2008 by Barbara Goldberg when she first learned about the worldwide water crisis after a presentation by former Los Angeles District Attorney, Gil Garcetti. Barbara saw a simple problem with a simple solution – drill a well deep into the ground and lives are transformed. Wells Bring Hope’s mission is to save lives with safe water.

Wells Bring Hope is partnered with World Vision, one of the world’s largest humanitarian organizations. Through the power of this partnership, we are able to multiply every donation we receive five times. In addition, Wells Bring Hope is proud to say that 100% of every donation goes directly to a well project. Our operating expenses are funded through a grant and a corporate sponsor. With only one paid employee, Wells Bring Hope is a primarily volunteer-run organization, and as a result, is able to keep operating costs very low.

Wells Bring Hope works exclusively in Niger, West Africa, the poorest country in the world according to the UN Development Index. The life expectancy in Niger is 55 years, and this is due in large part to the fact that 58% of the population has no access to safe water and 96% of the population lacks basic sanitation. When Wells Bring Hope commits to working in a village, both of these problems and more are directly addressed.

Wells Bring Hope sees the drilling of a well as the entry point, the event that triggers an array of services that focuses on the complex problems associated with a lack of safe water. When a village lacks access to a safe water source, the burden of finding water falls to the women and girls of the village, and they will spend hours walking four to six miles every day to find water for their families. As a result, girls don’t go to school. 85% of the female population of Niger is illiterate.

The water that the women and girls spend so much time retrieving is often contaminated, leading to death and severe diarrheal diseases. Children are particularly vulnerable and one in seven children in Niger will not see a fifth birthday. All of this changes when a well is drilled.

Prior to drilling a well, our partners on the ground ensure that the community is committed to improving sanitation and hygiene practices by requiring that the village build and use latrines. Hand washing stations are also installed, and villagers are taught about the importance of using them.

A well maintenance committee is formed to ensure that the well will be properly maintained. Once the well has been drilled, girls are able to go to school and women have 50% of their time freed up to work and earn money. However, before they are able to do that, they must be educated. That is why we provide them with micro-finance education and later, micro-loans so that they can begin income-generating work. Finally, we teach the villagers drip farming techniques so that they can use the run-off from the well to grow vegetables that are crucial to supplementing their nutrition. As a result of this combined program of safe water, sanitation, and improved nutrition, child mortality is reduced by 70%.

## WELLS BRING HOPE

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted, and permanently restricted.

*Unrestricted* net assets represent expendable funds available for operations, which are not otherwise limited by donor restrictions.

*Temporarily restricted* net assets consist of contributed funds, subject to specific donor-imposed restrictions, contingent upon a specific performance of a future event or a specific passage of time before the Organization may spend the funds.

*Permanently Restricted* net assets are subject to irrevocable donor restrictions, requiring that the assets be maintained in perpetuity.

The organization does not have temporarily or permanently restricted net assets as of December 31, 2016.

##### **MANAGEMENT'S USE OF ESTIMATES**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates used by management includes allocation of certain common costs.

##### **CONCENTRATIONS OF RISK**

The Organization places its cash deposits with various financial institutions. At times, balances in the Organization's cash accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits.

##### **REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT RECOGNITION**

The Organization recognizes contributions and donations, which include unconditional promises to give, which are recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. The Organization typically does not receive temporarily or permanently restricted contributions.

In-kind donations are reported at fair value at the date of donation. Services are recognized as donations if they (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills that are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not donated.



## WELLS BRING HOPE

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2016

#### NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

##### **FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES**

The costs of providing Wells Bring Hope's programs have been presented in the statement of functional expenses. During the year, such costs are accumulated into separate groupings as either direct or indirect. Indirect or shared costs are allocated among program and supporting services by the method that best measures the relative degree of benefit.

##### **INCOME TAXES**

The Organization qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 23701(d). Accordingly, no provision has been made for Federal and state income taxes.

The Organization accounts for income taxes by evaluating its tax positions and recognize a liability for any positions that would not be considered "more likely than not" to be upheld under a tax authority examination. If such issues exist, the Organization's policy will be to recognize any tax liability so recorded, including applicable interest and penalties, as a component of income tax expense.

The Organization has reviewed its tax positions and determined that an accrual for uncertain income tax positions and adjustment to the tax provision was not necessary. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U. S. Federal and state income tax examinations for fiscal years before 2013.

#### NOTE 3 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, events occurring after December 31, 2016 have been evaluated by the Organization for possible adjustments to the financial statements or disclosures through June 8, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant matters were identified for disclosure during this evaluation.

#### NOTE 4 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

The President provides her services without compensation to the Organization.