

A photograph of a modern building with a large glass facade and a prominent overhanging roof, illuminated at dusk. The building is surrounded by a lawn and some trees.

# Jassac

Charitable Foundation, Inc.

“Empowering Our Communities Through Service”

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2015-2016**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. is a charitable corporation committed to providing programs that enhance the cultural, educational, and economical needs of the community; enrich the lives of youth through mentoring and tutoring programs; and promote community awareness of health concerns to individuals and families in the Southland area of Cook County, Illinois.

## **HISTORY**

Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. (referred to as JCFI) was established in 2003 as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and all donations and contributions are tax deductible to the extent of the Internal Revenue Service tax regulations. The primary purpose of the Foundation is to support programs, in the Southland area of Chicago, Illinois that enhance the cultural, educational and economical needs, enrich the lives of youth through mentoring and tutoring programs and promote community awareness on mental and physical health concerns.

The Foundation evolved from a site committee that was established in 2002 with twenty members. The committee's responsibility was to vigorously pursue locations and selections of appropriate property to recommend to the Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for purchase, to house community programs and projects. With this goal in mind, the committee proceeded to form the not-for-profit organization, which is known as, Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc., effective October 18, 2005. The original name was Jassac, Inc., NFP.

*Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. believes the strength of any community is based on the education and well-being of its people.*

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings from the President and the Board of Directors

As you read this year's annual report, we would like to highlight a few of our achievements in 3 areas - record planned giving donations for 2015-2016 fiscal year, our Governors State University scholarship, and our continued support in the south suburban communities as we strive to *"empower our communities through service"*.

I am pleased to share with you that in this fiscal year we raised over \$10,000 in planned giving efforts for the first time in the foundation's history. We would like to thank our monthly supporters as well as our newest supporters. Your contributions are a testament to our good works throughout the year.

Our Lorine S. Samuel scholarship at Governors State University has been providing books to scholars since Fall 2013. We are proud to give back to our local university and its students. We provided support at the Annual Community Scholarship Luncheon co-hosted by Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. to 22 high school scholars as they embark on their collegiate journeys.

Our community partnerships have been stronger than ever with the second UstyleU Magazine's *BeU Girls Empowerment Tour 2016*, South Suburban P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter), South Suburban Family Shelter and Lupus Society of Illinois.

We thank all of our supporters, corporations, individuals, and public organizations for their continued support. We also thank Board members, and all stakeholders who made pledges or donations to the Foundation for past 13 years.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Rear Left to Right: Joy Washington, Susan Sanders-Jackson, Helen Hill-Neely, Deborah Patterson-Wesley, Cynthia Howard and Roger-carole Rogers

Front Left to Right: Ernestine Beck-Fulgham, Mandy Williams-Lilly, Virgie Bullie, Alice Ziegler, and Brenda Peters

Not Pictured: Vernice Thomas

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## **LORINE S. SAMUELS SCHOLARSHIP**

### **GOVERNOR'S STATE**

In the Fall 2013, the Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. established a scholarship in honor of Ms. Lorine S. Samuels, long - time consultant of the Foundation, a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Past National Treasurer from 1981 to 1985. Lorine S. Samuels is President and Founder of Strategic Business Services, Inc. (SBS), a financial and management consulting firm - established in 1985 - located in Flossmoor, IL.

Prior to starting SBS, Ms. Samuels had over 20 years of experience working in corporate and nonprofit entities. In addition, she has taught business classes at Joliet Community College and Prairie State Community College. She has conducted workshops and written articles on business and financial planning. Ms. Samuels completed Executive Training Programs at The University of Miami, FL, School of Business Administration and the University of Texas at El Paso, TX.

Ms. Samuels is a graduate of Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, and she has engaged in graduate study at Lewis University and Governors State University (GSU). She was appointed, by the Illinois Governor, to the Board of Trustees in 2000. Her appointment made the first African American female on the board of trustees, and she served as its first African American Chairperson from 2007 through 2011. She transitioned off the GSU Board of Trustees in February, 2013.

Please help us grow this scholarship to honor Ms. Samuels. Forward all donations to: Governors State University Foundation, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484  
memo: Jassac Scholarship

The GSU Foundation is classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. Contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law

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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND PARTNERSHIPS



The Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. supported many programs and projects, in this fiscal year, through joint – venture agreements covering initiatives such as Health, Education, International Awareness and Community Involvement. Our community outreach projects reached over 22 communities and served thousands of citizens.

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## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

In preparation for this event, hundreds of letters were mailed to schools, city officials and businesses within the Joliet, IL community. Flyers were distributed throughout the Joliet, IL community and local media were sent press releases. A total of 537 children received free breakfast, toys and hat and glove sets. Children had an opportunity to win one of 100 shiny new bikes and over 200 coats were given to those in need. Demographics for families who attended this event were comprised of 16 communities consisting of Joliet, Lockport, Bloomington, Lansing, Robbins, Calumet City, South Holland, Plainfield, Homewood, Harvey, University Park, Shorewood, Hazel Crest, Matteson, Chicago Heights and Chicago.

The Mayor of Joliet, Illinois, Bob O'Dekirk, made an appearance and thanked the members of JASSAC and the Jassac Charitable Foundation for sponsoring this event which made a great impact in the community. Members from the Joliet Police Department assisted with putting bikes together and the Joliet Fire Department transported Santa Claus to the event on a fire engine.



On-site voter registration was made available by the JASSAC Social Action Committee and the Joliet Park District provided information on winter programs. Information provided was available in both English and Spanish. Several students from Rosa L. Parks Middle School earned community service hours by making snowflake decorations for this event.

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# COMMUNITY EXPO

The community expo was a collaboration between Joliet Area South Suburban Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Jassac Charitable Foundation as well as community social service agencies and vendors. Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae Chapter, Mayor Vivian Covington, Village of University Park, First Baptist Church of University

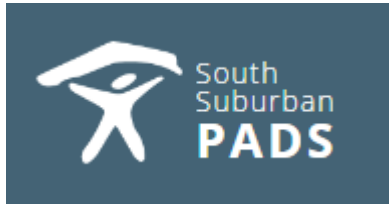


Park and The Insurance Exchange hosted an EXPUNGEMENT WORKSHOP on October 17, 2015 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town Center Building, 90 University Parkway, University Park, IL. Illinois State Representative Anthony Deluca was also present along with the Will County Clerk, Pamela McGuire, Will County State's Attorney, James W. Glasgow, and residents of Will County and South Cook County of Illinois. Residents learned what an expungement is; how a record can be expunged; received job readiness training information/potential job referrals and resources for returning citizens. This workshop was free. Participants could R.S.V.P. at [socialaction@jassacdeltas.org](mailto:socialaction@jassacdeltas.org) or call 708-966-9043.

The 2015 Community Expo was also held Saturday October 17, 2015 at Thornton Township High School, Field House (1500 S. Broadway Ave – Harvey, IL) from 10am -2pm. There was FREE ADMISSION and services such as blood pressure screenings, diabetes screenings and Voters Registration. Scholarship information was provided as well as several authors represented the arts in the authors pavilion. We even had something for the children in the Kids Fest room where various activities were held for our youth. The International Awareness and Involvement committee also presented an authentic African drummer as entertainment for the day. Dignitaries were also present, including candidate for Cook County State's Attorney, a representative for Senator Napoleon Harris, and other elected officials.

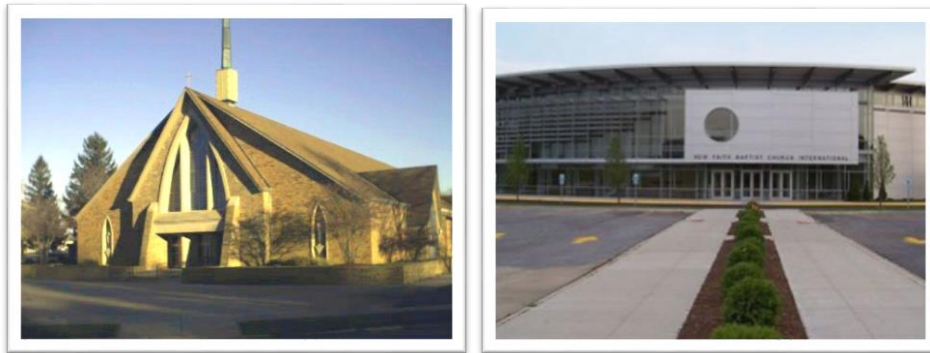
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## **SOUTH SUBURBAN P.A.D.S**



The South Suburban P.A.D.S. (Public Action to Deliver Shelter -[www.sspads.org](http://www.sspads.org)) is an ecumenical program providing shelter and supportive service to homeless persons. P.A.D.S. provide services for men and women and children through four interrelated programs. It provides overnight shelter, free primary care medical clinic, a year round daytime supportive service centers, and a homeless preventive program.

Over the past eight years, Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc (JCFI). has been an integral part of the South Suburban P.A.D.S. Program. The Foundation makes a financial contribution and provides food and supplies. The members of JCFI volunteer in two communities: New Faith Baptist Church located in Matteson, Illinois every 4th Thursday night and Friday mornings and St. Irenaeus Catholic Church located in Park Forest, Illinois every 2nd Thursday and Friday mornings.



In this fiscal year, at St. Irenaeus we attended to approximately 283 guests in approximately 477 hours donating thousands of dollars.

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# YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

The Youth Empowerment Conference is a day conference that is dedicated to empowering our youth in areas such as social media, police interactions, college prep to name a few. It was free admission but does require students to pre-register. This year's conference had over 120 youth and parents in attendance. There were 6 workshops provided that received a 90% or above rating on evaluations. Lastly it included 2 chats with legislators, Representative Will Davis, Thaddeus Jones and Elgie Simms and the Far South Suburban NAACP.

DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC.  
JOLIET AREA/SOUTH SUBURBAN ALUMNAE CHAPTER  
Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc.  
PRESENT:

**Teen Turn Up 2016  
Youth Empowerment Event**

**Date:**  
Saturday, April 16, 2016

**Time:**  
9:30am  
(Registration & Breakfast)

**Location:**  
Crete-Monee High School  
1515 W. Exchange St.  
Crete, IL

**FREE ADMISSION  
FREE LUNCH  
STUDENTS 6TH TO 12 GRADE**




**Workshops will include:**

- "A Change is Gonna' Come"  
- Hot Topics in Education
- "Internet Highway"  
- Youth & Social Media
- "Make it Home"  
- Police Interaction
- "What's the Tea?"  
- Information about HBCUs and Black Greek Letter Organizations"
- "Respond and Respect—Attitude Check"  
- Youth and Civility
- "Wipe Out"  
- Youth Record Expungement

**POWER HOURS FOR PARENTS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS:**




11:00 - 12NOON Chat with state legislators about local and state issues  
12NOON - 1PM College and financial aid readiness seminar w/ NAACP

THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY . . . . .



Visit our website for pre-registration  
WWW.JASSACDELTA.ORG  
By April 6, 2016  
For more information contact: socialaction@JASSACDeltas.org

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## GLOBAL AWARENESS & INVOLVMENT



The Global Awareness and Involvement water well project will provide clean and safe water to communities, villages and schools in Africa and Hati. This year's donation for the water well supported the East African Village Outreach. The water well will be built in Ethiopia and will provide clean water to two villages and to the nearby schools. Children are often victims of water related illness which leads to decrease in cognition ability and attention deficit and absenteeism from school. Men, woman and children will benefit from this water well ranging in age from very young to very old.

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# BE U TOUR

The Be U Empowerment Tour is a positive resource that constructively influences young girls early in their social development to inspire self-confidence, self-control and esteem.

This year's tour included our VIP Red Carpet Reception, Pep Rally and Runway Walk Finale. Each part of the tour is designed for each participant to not only be empowered but to engage and be heard.

Over 200 participants were in attendance and the special guest keynote speaker was Drew Sidora.



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## **SPONSORSHIP EVENTS**



The Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. was the fiscal sponsor for several events this fiscal year through joint – venture agreements.

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# DSTEE TIME GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual JASSAC Charitable foundation, Inc. / Joliet Area South Suburban Alumnae Chapter golf outing was held on Friday, May 27, 2016 at the prestigious Cog Hill Golf Course and Country Club in Lemont, IL. The primary focus continues to be to ensure that our golfers have a premiere golfing experience enticing them to return in the years to come. We maintain repeat golfers each year while also adding new golfers to our mix. This leads to strong financial performance which supports our scholarship and community programs. We had the pleasure of having 93 golfers participate in the outing and countless others participate in the lunch & learn or volunteered for the event.



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# CRIMSON & CREAM PAGEANT



The Joliet Area/South Suburban Alumnae Chapter (JASSAC) of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., in conjunction with Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual *Crimson & Cream Pageant* on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm. This year's event was held at Victory Apostolic Church, located 20801 Matteson Ave. in Matteson, IL. Contestants and escorts range in age from 5-13 years old, with the young ladies competing for titles in three categories: *Little Miss Crimson & Cream* (ages 5-7 years); *Jr. Miss Crimson & Cream* (8-10 years); *Miss Crimson & Cream* (11-13 years).

Twenty-five south suburban communities were represented in this year's pageant. Throughout the last five months of preparation, the contestants enhanced their personal communication, social development, and leadership skills. They participated in many developmental workshops, including etiquette training and a financial savings workshop. One of the highlights of their session was a community service

project, Teens for Jeans, where contestants donated jeans to homeless and domestic violence shelters. This event allowed our participants to understand the value of giving back and the power of paying it forward!



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## **FUNDRAISING**



The Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. had several fundraisers this year to acquire capital to use toward securing a property to house the community initiatives we partner with and support.

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## DELTA SIGMA THETA LICENSE PLATES

The State of Illinois issues specialty plates for the “Divine Nine” African American Greek fraternities and sororities. Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. has been participating in the Illinois Pan Hellenic Trust Fund since 2006. On every Delta license plate purchase, Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc. receives a percentage of that sale at [www.cyberdrivellinois.com](http://www.cyberdrivellinois.com)



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# DONOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



During the 2015-2016 fiscal year we continued with our monthly planned giving program. We offered the opportunity to donors to commit a level of donation comfortable and achievable over a three-year period of time.

Donors can contribute in several ways such as by check or bank draft, employee payroll contributions, credit card via paypal and even United Way. We appreciate the continued support of all of our Donors.

Our pledged donations have totaled \$10,020.85 for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT***

For more information, please contact our office at (708) 957-0022 or visit our website at [www.jassacinc.org](http://www.jassacinc.org) for contribution levels.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT**  
**BY LORINE S. SAMUELS**  
**STRATEGIC BUSINESS SERVICES**

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

Board of Directors

Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Flossmoor, IL 60422

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc., as of June 30, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities, expenses and cash flows in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services. The information included in the financial statements is the representation of management.

We have conducted our review in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards, applied on a consistent basis during the period. These standards require that we plan and perform the review to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

We believe the financial statements present fairly the financial position of Jassac Charitable Foundation, Inc., as of June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, and the results of its operations and changes in net assets.

*Strategic Business Services, Inc.*

STRATEGIC BUSINESS SERVICES, INC.

February 24, 2017

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**JASSAC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015**

| <b><u>ASSETS</u></b>                         | <b>General Fund<br/>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Temporarily<br/>Restricted</b> | <b>For the Years Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                   |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
|  |                                      |                                   | <b>2016</b>                             | <b>2015</b>       |
| Cash   | \$ 98,452                            | \$ 42,436                         | \$ 140,888                              | \$ 136,763        |
| Service Deposit                              | 150                                  |                                   |   |                   |
| Accounts Receivable                          | 11,387                               | -                                 | 11,387                                  | 145               |
| Due to/From<br>(Interfund Transfer)          | -                                    | 9,697                             | 9,697                                   | 5,352             |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                          | <b>\$ 109,989</b>                    | <b>\$ 52,133</b>                  | <b>\$ 162,122</b>                       | <b>\$ 142,260</b> |
| <br>   |                                      |                                   |   |                   |
| <b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET<br/>ASSETS</u></b> |                                      |                                   |   |                   |
| Due to/From (Interfund<br>Transfer)          | \$ 9,697                             | \$ -                              | \$ 9,697                                | \$ 5,352          |
| Accounts Payable (Note-3<br>(p.10))          | 40,851                               | -                                 | 40,851                                  | 33,987            |
| Total Liabilities                            | 50,548                               | -                                 | 50,548                                  | 39,339            |
| Net Assets                                   | 59,441                               | 52,133                            | 111,574                                 | 102,921           |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES<br/>AND NET ASSETS</b>  | <b>\$ 109,989</b>                    | <b>\$ 52,133</b>                  | <b>\$ 162,122</b>                       | <b>\$ 142,260</b> |

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**JASSAC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015**

| <b>REVENUE</b>                            | <b>General Fund<br/>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Temporarily<br/>Restricted</b> | <b>For the Years Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                   |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------|
|   |                                      |                                   | <b>2016</b>                             | <b>2015</b>       |
| Individual/Business Donors                | \$ -                                 | \$ 9,697                          | \$ 9,697                                | \$ 5,497          |
| Contributions                             | 15,716                               | -                                 | 15,716                                  | 8,851             |
| State of IL –Grant/York Children’s Found. | 11,387                               | -                                 | 11,387                                  | 11,754            |
| *Fundraising/Contributions                | 95,050                               | -                                 | 95,050                                  | 95,235            |
| Administrative Fees (Fundraising)         | 6,674                                | -                                 | 6,674                                   | 5,459             |
| Interest                                  | -                                    | 19                                | 19                                      | 15                |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE (P. 6)</b>               | <b>\$ 128,827</b>                    | <b>\$ 9,716</b>                   | <b>\$ 138,543</b>                       | <b>\$ 126,811</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                           |                                      |                                   |   |                   |
| Scholarship/Community Service-Found.      | \$ 20,2773                           | \$ -                              | \$ 20,773                               | \$ 10,821         |
| Scholarship/Community Service-DST         | 37,554                               | -                                 | 37,554                                  | 32,309            |
| Fundraisers/Program Events                | 60,588                               | -                                 | 60,588                                  | 58,587            |
| Professional/Legal                        | 4,897                                | -                                 | 4,897                                   | 4,645             |
| Office Expenses                           | 6,056                                | -                                 | 6,056                                   | 3,632             |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                     | <b>\$ 129,868</b>                    | <b>-</b>                          | <b>\$ 129,868</b>                       | <b>\$ 109,994</b> |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets         | \$ (1,041)                           | \$ 9,716                          | \$ 8,675                                | \$ 16,817         |
| Net Assets, Beginning of Year             | 64,729                               | 38,192                            | 102,921                                 | 86,104            |
| Other Adjustment (Audit Only)             | 68                                   | (90)                              | (22)                                    | -                 |
| Prior Year Adjustment-Transfer Funds      | (4,315)                              | 4,315                             | -                                       | -                 |
| <b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>            | <b>\$ 59,441</b>                     | <b>\$ 52,133</b>                  | <b>\$ 111,574</b>                       | <b>\$ 102,921</b> |

\*Combined figures equal total fundraising revenue

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**JASSAC CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INC.  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 AND 2015**

| <b><u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u></b> | <b>For the Years Ended<br/>June 30,</b> |                   |
|--|---|-------------------|
|  | <b>2016</b>                             | <b>2015</b>       |
| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets                  | \$ 8,675                                | \$ 16,817         |
| Increase in Service Deposit                        | (150)                                   | -                 |
| (Decrease) Increase in Accounts Payable            | (11,242)                                | (12,527)          |
| Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Payable            | 6,870                                   | 10,541            |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES          | 4,153                                   | 14,831            |
| Prior Period Adjustment-Void Check                 | (28)                                    | -                 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR     | 136,763                                 | 121,932           |
| <b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>    | <b>\$ 140,888</b>                       | <b>\$ 136,763</b> |

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