FREE SOFTWARE FOUNDATION, INC. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Free Software Foundation, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Free Software Foundation, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2018, 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.

Auditors' 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 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Free Software Foundation, Inc. as of September 30, 2018, 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.

Report on Summarized Comparative Information

We have previously audited Free Software Foundation's fiscal year 2017 financial statements and we expressed an unmodified opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated May 22, 2018. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, is consistent, in all material respects with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Murphy, Edwards, Moncalves & Ferrera, PC

Southborough, Massachusetts July 25, 2019

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

(With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2017)

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents (Notes 2 and 8)	\$ 2,105,315	\$ 1,191,910
Certificates of Deposit (Note 2)	230,000	-
Accounts Receivable (Note 2)	3,652	7,553
Inventory (Note 2)	17,027	20,872
Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets	16,609	4,038
Total Current Assets	2,372,603	1,224,373
INVESTMENTS (Notes 2, 3 and 8)	226,158	239,645
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET (Notes 2 and 4)	34,915	19,169
OTHER ASSETS:		
Security Deposits	13,228	13,228
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,646,904	\$ 1,496,415
LIABILITIES AND NET AS	SSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 8,844	\$ 16,335
Accrued Expenses	94,735	106,435
Total Current Liabilities	103,579	122,770
NET ASSETS:		
Unrestricted (Note 2)	2,251,152	1,186,690
Temporarily Restricted (Notes 2 and 5)	292,173	186,955
Total Net Assets	2,543,325	1,373,645
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 2,646,904	\$ 1,496,415

See Accompanying Notes and Independent Auditors' Report

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

(With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2017)

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	2018 Total	2017 Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE (Note 2):				
Contributions (Notes 2 and 8)	\$ 2,581,091	\$ 130,424	\$ 2,711,515	\$ 1,294,697
In-kind Contributions (Note 2)	3,600	-	3,600	3,600
Release from Restriction (Notes 2 and 5)	25,206	(25,206)	-	-
Product Sales	84,506	-	84,506	90,879
Less: Cost of Sales (Note 2)	(34,030)	<u>-</u> _	(34,030)	(34,723)
Gross Profit on Product Sales	50,476	-	50,476	56,156
GPL Compliance Lab Fees	552	-	552	14,250
Investment Income (Note 3)	6,357	-	6,357	5,630
Realized and Unrealized				
Loss, Net (Note 3)	(152,560)	-	(152,560)	(14,899)
Other Income (Expense)	(95)		(95)	2,841
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	2,514,627	105,218	2,619,845	1,362,275
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES (Note 2):				
Program Services	1,289,926		1,289,926	1,076,250
Support Services:				
Management and General	93,474	-	93,474	95,105
Fundraising	66,765	<u> </u>	66,765	65,639
Total Support Services	160,239		160,239	160,744
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	1,450,165		1,450,165	1,236,994
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	1,064,462	105,218	1,169,680	125,281
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING	1,186,690	186,955	1,373,645	1,248,364
NET ASSETS - ENDING	\$ 2,251,152	\$ 292,173	\$ 2,543,325	\$ 1,373,645

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

(With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2017)

SUPPORT SERVICES

	P	rogram	Management		Management				2018		2017	
	S	ervices	&	General	Fur	ndraising		Total		Total		
Salaries and Wages (Note 8)	\$	705,439	\$	57,330	\$	33,482	\$	796,251	\$	722,999		
Payroll Taxes		72,929		6,342		3,171		82,442		63,096		
Employee Benefits (Note 7)		137,004		11,133		6,513		154,650		135,373		
Total Payroll and Related Expenses		915,372		74,805		43,166		1,033,343		921,468		
Occupancy (Note 6)		123,496		10,739		5,368		139,603		69,386		
Special Events and Mailings		42,408		311		12,262		54,981		45,110		
Credit Card Processing Fees		52,254		-		-		52,254		41,702		
Conferences and Meetings (Note 5)		47,956		505		2,019		50,480		29,815		
Professional Fees		20,957		1,905		953		23,815		22,460		
Outside Services (Note 2)		21,603		714		357		22,674		11,687		
Office Supplies and Expenses		15,080		1,371		685		17,136		16,353		
Contractors and Consultants		15,682		-		110		15,792		32,239		
Insurance		7,930		603		301		8,834		6,831		
Educational Campaign Expense		7,230		-		-		7,230		5,733		
Depreciation (Note 2)		6,037		525		262		6,824		7,342		
Telecommunications		5,700		496		248		6,444		7,305		
Member Materials and Postage		7,152		431		1,034		8,617		17,194		
Licenses and Permits		1,069		1,069		_		2,138	_	2,369		
Total Expenses	\$ 1	,289,926	\$	93,474	\$	66,765	\$	1,450,165	\$	1,236,994		

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

(With Comparative Totals as of September 30, 2017)

	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Increase in Net Assets	\$ 1,169,680	\$ 125,281
Adjustments to Reconcile Change in Net Assets to Net		•
Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Depreciation	6,824	7,342
Realized and Unrealized Loss, Net	152,560	14,799
Noncash Donation (BitCoin)	(1,000,000)	-
Sales of BitCoin	861,028	-
(Increase) Decrease in Assets:		
Accounts Receivable	3,901	16,216
Contributions Receivable	-	22,000
Inventory	3,845	13,001
Prepaid Expenses	(12,571)	(4,038)
Security Deposit	-	(3,513)
Increase (Decrease) in Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	(7,491)	(24,970)
Accrued Expenses	(11,700)	16,002
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,166,076	182,120
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Certificates of Deposit Purchased	(230,000)	-
Investment Purchases	-	(100)
Property and Equipment Purchases	(22,571)	(3,143)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	(252,571)	(3,243)
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	913,505	178,877
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,191,810	1,012,933
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 2,105,315	\$ 1,191,810

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Free Software Foundation, Inc. was incorporated in 1985 as a Massachusetts corporation. It is dedicated to promoting and defending computer user's rights to use, study, copy and modify the software on their computers, as well as the related documentation. The Organization assists in the development and use of free software and documentation. The primary sources of support and revenue are generated through contributions, membership dues and product sales.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Organization maintains its accounting records on the accrual basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting policies. The financial statements are presented in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification (FASB ASC) 958-205, *Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Organizations*. The Organization reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to three net asset classes: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets. A description of the three net asset categories follows:

Unrestricted – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Unrestricted net assets may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Directors.

Temporarily Restricted – Net assets whose use by the Organization is subject to donor-imposed restrictions that can be fulfilled by actions of the Organization pursuant to those restrictions or that expire by the passage of time.

Permanently Restricted – Net assets which are subject to donor-imposed restrictions that they be maintained permanently by the Organization.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Summarized Comparative Financial Statements

The financial statements include certain prior-year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class or functional expense category. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements for the prior year, from which the summarized totals were derived.

Use of Estimates

The presentation 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 disclosures 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Organization considers equivalent to cash all money market funds and other deposits with an original maturity of ninety days or less from date of purchase. Cash equivalents are stated at cost which approximates market.

Certificates of Deposit

Certificates of deposit consist of the following as of September 30, 2018:

Certificate at 1.75%, Maturing 1/29/19	\$130,000
Certificate at 1.50%, Maturing 1/8/19	100,000
Total Certificates of Deposit	\$230,000

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable primarily consist of amounts due which were not collected by the Organization as of September 30, 2018. Management expects that accounts receivable are fully collectible, based on historical performance, and therefore has not recognized any allowance for doubtful accounts. It is the Organization's policy to write off a receivable only after all collection efforts have been fully exhausted.

Contributions Receivable

Contributions receivable are unconditional promises to give that are recognized when the promise is received. Contributions are reported at net realizable value. The allowance for uncollectible contributions receivable is determined based on management's evaluation of the collectability of individual promises to give. As of September 30, 2018, there are no contributions receivable.

Conditional promises to give are recognized only when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met and the promises become unconditional.

Inventory

Inventory consists of merchandise held for sale which primarily includes books and clothing. Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value and is accounted for on a first-in, first-out basis.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost when purchased, or if donated, at their estimated fair market value at date of donation. All acquisitions of property and equipment in excess of \$5,000 or more are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the useful lives of the respective assets are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets. Depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2018 is \$6,824.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Investment Policy

The primary investment objective of the Organization is to maintain a high quality portfolio that preserves principal, meets liquidity needs and delivers a suitable return based on market conditions and relative benchmarks. The Board of Directors oversees investment performance and has the discretion to change the investment objectives.

Support and Revenue Recognition

Support and revenue, including investment income, is recorded as unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. 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 statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in unrestricted net assets, if the restriction expires in the same reporting period in which the support is recognized.

Donated Services and Assets

Donated services are recognized as contributions if the services (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills and are performed by people with those skills and would otherwise be purchased. The value of those services is included in the financial statements as in-kind contribution with an offsetting in-kind expense.

Donated marketable securities and other noncash assets are recorded as contributions at their fair values at the date of donation. Donated assets that do not meet the Organization's investment guidelines are liquidated as soon as possible after the date of donation.

For the year ended September 30, 2018, the Organization recognized \$3,600 of donated internet and server hosting fees, which are included in outside services.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Functional Allocation of Expenses

Expenses are allocated among program and support services directly or on the basis of time and utilization estimates made by management. General and administrative expenses include those expenses that are not directly identifiable with any specific function but provide for the overall support and direction of the Organization.

Shipping and Handling

Shipping and handling costs are incurred in connection with the sale of merchandise, as well as informational materials. These costs are expensed as they are incurred. For the year ended September 30, 2018, \$17,664 is included in cost of sales.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through July 25, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No significant subsequent events have been identified by management.

Income Tax Status

Free Software Foundation, Inc. is exempt from federal and state income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements. The Organization qualifies for the charitable contribution deduction for individuals under the Internal Revenue Code.

Under the *Income Taxes* accounting standard, an organization should recognize the tax benefit associated with uncertain tax positions taken for tax return purposes only when it is more likely than not the position will be sustained. Management does not believe there are any material uncertain tax positions and, accordingly, it has not recognized any liability for unrecognized tax benefits, interest or penalties. Fiscal years 2015 – 2018 are currently open for examination by taxing authorities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

In accordance with the *Fair Value Measurement* standard, the Organization measures its investments at fair value, which is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The standards establish a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs and assumptions used to measure fair value.

This hierarchy consists of three broad levels: Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets, Level 2 inputs consist of inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset either directly or indirectly, including in markets that are not considered to be active, and Level 3 consists of inputs that are unobservable and which require significant judgment or estimation. A qualifying asset or liability's level within the framework is based upon the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs and methodology used for valuing the investments are not indicators of the risks associated with those instruments.

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy for those financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2018:

Description Mutual Funds	Fair						
	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3		Total	
	\$ 83,090	\$	_	\$	_	\$ 83,090	
Commodity Funds	143,068				<u> </u>	143,068	
Total Market Value	\$ 226,158	\$		<u>\$</u>		\$ 226,158	

Investment performance during the years ended September 30, 2018 consists of:

Interest and Dividend Income	\$ 6,357
Unrealized Loss on Investments	(12,750)
Realized Loss on BitCoin Sales	(139,810)
Total Loss on Investments	\$ (146,203)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 4 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consists of the following as of September 30, 2018:

Office Furniture and Equipment	\$ 104,643
Leasehold Improvements	22,570
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	 (92,298)
Property and Equipment, Net	\$ 34,915

NOTE 5 TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

As of September 30, 2018, temporarily restricted net assets restricted for Free Software projects consist of the following:

GNU Related Projects	\$ 208,467
End Software Patents	28,190
SeaGL	30,847
Replicant	19,669
Computer Literacy Program	5,000
Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	<u>\$ 292,173</u>

During the year ended September 30, 2018, temporary restrictions on net assets released from restriction was \$25,206. The released restrictions primarily related to conferences associated with various projects.

NOTE 6 OPERATING LEASES

In August 2017, the Organization renewed its lease for office space in Boston, MA. The renewed lease commitment extends through August 2024. Monthly base rent is \$10,880 plus storage rental and a proportional share of real estate taxes and utilities, subject to increases each year as outlined in the lease agreement. The lease contains an early termination clause effective October 31, 2022 with a formula for termination consideration of \$24,382 plus various unamortized costs as outlined in the agreement. Rent and related utility expense under this lease for the year ended September 30, 2018 is \$139,603.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 6 OPERATING LEASES (Continued)

Future minimum lease commitments under all leases are as follows for the years ending September 30:

2019	\$ 136,445
2020	139,666
2021	142,888
2022	146,114
2023	149,340
2024	139,609

NOTE 7 RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

The Organization offers all employees the opportunity to participate in its 403(b) Plan. The Plan allows employees to defer a maximum of 10% of their annual compensation on a pre-tax basis for retirement. Under the terms of the Plan, the Organization contributes a maximum of 3% of an eligible employee's contribution. The Organization contributed \$686 to employee accounts during the year ended September 30, 2018.

NOTE 8 CONCENTRATIONS OF BUSINESS AND CREDIT RISK

The Organization maintains its cash and certificate of deposit balances in various financial institutions in Massachusetts. The amount insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is \$250,000 per bank. At September 30, 2018, the uninsured cash balances were approximately \$1,565,000.

During fiscal year 2018, the Organization recognized contribution income from two donors totaling \$1,400,000 which represented 54% of the total support and revenue recognized during the year.

The Organization has significant investments in mutual and commodity funds and is therefore subject to concentrations of credit risk. Though the market value of investments is subject to significant fluctuations, management believes the investment policy is prudent for the long-term welfare of the Organization.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE 8 CONCENTRATIONS OF BUSINESS AND CREDIT RISK (Continued)

The Organization's non-management employees are members of the United Automobile Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America Local #1596 (UAW) Union. The Organization's contract with the UAW Union is renegotiated annually.