FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Liberty in North Korea

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Liberty in North Korea (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2018 and the related statements of activities 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 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 Liberty in North Korea as of December 31, 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.

Onisko & Scholz, LLP Long Beach, California September 26, 2019

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LIBERTY IN NORTH KOREA STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2018

ASSETS	_	hout Donor estrictions		th Donor strictions		Total
Current Assets	æ	4 200 224	Ф	4.040	ф	4 200 222
Cash and cash equivalents Contributions receivable	\$	1,298,221 224,379	\$	1,012 452,326	\$	1,299,233 676,705
Inventory		10,016		432,320		10,016
Prepaid expenses, current portion		63,699		_		63,699
Total Current Assets		1,596,315		453,338		2,049,653
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Noncurrent Assets						
Property and equipment, net		125,775		-		125,775
Deposits		32,741		_		32,741
Prepaid expenses, net of current portion		1,022		-		1,022
Total Noncurrent Assets		159,538		-		159,538
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,755,853	\$	453,338	\$	2,209,191
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Current Liabilities						
Accounts payable	\$	31,380	\$	-	\$	31,380
Accrued liabilities		15,375				15,375
Total Current Liabilities		46,755				46,755
Total Liabilities		46,755				46,755
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions						
Board designated		379,397		-		379,397
Undesignated		1,329,701				1,329,701
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With Donor Restrictions		4 700 000		453,338	-	453,338
Total Net Assets		1,709,098		453,338		2,162,436
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	1,755,853	\$	453,338	\$	2,209,191

LIBERTY IN NORTH KOREA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
SUPPORT			
Contributions	\$ 2,411,267	\$ 715,605	\$ 3,126,872
Grants	450,000	655,692	1,105,692
Total Support	2,861,267	1,371,297	4,232,564
REVENUE			
Special events	114,675	_	114,675
Less: cost of direct benefits to donors	(151,785)	-	(151,785)
Net special events	(37,110)		(37,110)
Inventory sales, net of \$23,951 cost of goods sold	14,362	-	14,362
Other revenue	18,905	-	18,905
Total Revenue	(3,843)		(3,843)
Net assets released from restrictions	1,253,785	(1,253,785)	
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	4,111,209	117,512	4,228,721
EXPENSES			
Program services	2,649,169	-	2,649,169
Fund-raising	463,225	_	463,225
Management and general	492,029		492,029
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,604,423		3,604,423
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	506,786	117,512	624,298
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,202,312	335,826	1,538,138
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,709,098	\$ 453,338	\$ 2,162,436

LIBERTY IN NORTH KOREA STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

		Program Services	Fur	nd-raising		nagement d General	 Total
Payroll Expenses							
Salaries and Wages	\$	893,095	\$	215,240	\$	165,828	\$ 1,274,163
Employee Benefits		93,709		20,087		16,666	130,462
Payroll Taxes		42,732		17,583		11,070	71,385
Total Payroll Expenses		1,029,536		252,910		193,564	1,476,010
Advertising		1,071		5,532		-	6,603
Bank Service Charges		-		-		18,733	18,733
Client Assistance		57,976		-		-	57,976
Client Travel		292,373		-		-	292,373
Conferences		1,221		-		-	1,221
Consultants		9,497		100		-	9,597
Depreciation Expense		27,944		2,919		3,527	34,390
Dues and Subscriptions		31,675		12,488		4,827	48,990
Equipment Expense		7,577		1,101		716	9,394
Facility and Equipment Rentals		13,365		164,976		-	178,341
Film Production		177,808		-		-	177,808
Gifts and Appreciation		8,000		12,714		4,220	24,934
Insurance		11,385		694		12,312	24,391
Interest Expense		-		-		51	51
Inventory Purchases		23,951		-		-	23,951
Legal and Professional Fees		53,086		36,981		133,352	223,419
Meals and Entertainment		33,854		22,749		13,800	70,403
Merchant Account Fees		-		-		27,151	27,151
Payroll Fees		-		- 700		1,671	1,671
Postage		426		3,729		767	4,922
Printing and Reproduction		5,032		18,032		554	23,618
Professional Fundraising		-		9,020		40.505	9,020
Rent Expense		106,339		19,812		19,505	145,656
Repairs and Maintenance		8,339		2,619		1,942	12,900
Rescue Expense		540,081		-		-	540,081
Staff Development		688		- 700		1,814	2,502
Staff/Intern Housing		47,408		2,733		12,400	62,541
Supplies		7,094		11,421		1,765	20,280
Taxes and Licenses		319		66		1,304	1,689
Travel		147,593		26,913		32,346	206,852
Utilities		24,898		6,201		4,732	35,831
Worker's Compensation		4,584		1,300	-	976	6,860
Total expenses		2,673,120		615,010		492,029	3,780,159
Less expenses included in revenue		(00.054)		(454 705)			(475 700)
section of the statement of activities		(23,951)		(151,785)			(175,736)
Total expenses included in the expense section of the statement of activities	\$_	2,649,169	\$	463,225	\$	492,029	\$ 3,604,423

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

LIBERTY IN NORTH KOREA STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		Total
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Change in net assets Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	\$	506,786	\$	117,512	\$ 624,298
Depreciation Net realized loss on disposal of assets Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		34,390 564		-	34,390 564
Contributions receivable Employee receivable		(3,560) 4,985		(452,326)	(455,886) 4,985
Inventory Prepaid expenses Deposits		(1,177) (29,157) (6,843)		- - -	(1,177) (29,157) (6,843)
Accounts payable Accrued liabilities		15,820 7,518		- -	15,820 7,518
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		529,326		(334,814)	 194,512
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchases of property and equipment Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		(74,488) 14,085		- -	(74,488) 14,085
NET CASH USED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(60,403)			 (60,403)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		468,923		(334,814)	134,109
BEGINNING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		829,298		335,826	1,165,124
ENDING CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$	1,298,221	\$	1,012	\$ 1,299,233

NOTE 1 – ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES

Liberty in North Korea (the "Organization") is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based out of Long Beach, California, with overseas operations in Seoul, South Korea and Southeast Asia. The Organization's main purpose is to work alongside the North Korean people to accelerate change by focusing on two primary strategic areas: working directly with North Korean refugees and changing the way the world sees North Korea.

Working with North Korean Refugees

The Organization works with North Korean refugees because of the humanitarian imperative, but also because of their potential as agents of change on this issue. This strategy is implemented through two programs:

- 1) Refugee Rescues: North Korean refugees who have escaped into China face the twin threats of exploitation and forced repatriation. The Organization brings these individuals through networks that cover 3,000 miles of secret rescue routes, helping them safely resettle in South Korea or the United States without cost or condition.
- 2) Post-Resettlement Cooperation: Newly arriving North Korean refugees face a range of resettlement challenges in their new societies. The Organization provides resources and guidance to help these individuals make a smooth adjustment and quick transition to self-sufficiency through the following services: resettlement counseling, interpretation and translation services, education grants, workshops and community events, and by providing information and referrals for additional support services. The Organization also seeks to invest in the long-term ambitions, potential and strength of the North Korean people by focusing on building a community that will equip them to pursue their dreams and empower them to become agents of change on the issue.

Changing the Narrative

The Organization works directly with North Korean defectors and other experts to develop new insights and ways of understanding the issue, and then disseminates this to people worldwide through multiple strategies:

- 1) Creating Media & Documentaries: The Organization creates short and long-form videos and other media that focus on the North Korean people's challenges as well as their potential, and shares these with international audiences.
- 2) Engaging with International Journalists and Policymakers: The Organization engages with international journalists, filmmakers, diplomats and other policymakers to influence the way the media reports on North Korea as well as the way that governments and policymakers think about the issue.
- 3) Direct Grassroots Engagement: Through events and global online campaigns the Organization shares the stories of the North Korean people and a broader perspective on the issue. Hundreds of Liberty in North Korea Rescue Teams (chapters) around the world fundraise to rescue North Korean refugees and build support for the North Korean people in their local communities.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Organization uses the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

In 2018, the Organization adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities.* The main provisions include: presentation of two classes of net assets versus the previously required three; recognition of capital gains for construction as a net asset without donor restrictions when the associated long-lived asset is placed in service; and recognition of underwater endowment funds as a reduction to net assets with donor restrictions. The guidance also enhances disclosures for board-designated amounts, components of net assets without donor restrictions, liquidity, and expenses by both their natural and functional classification. With the adoption of the standard, the Organization updated net asset presentation in the financial statements and included additional disclosures as required. No significant reclassification to prior-year amounts were necessary in order to adopt the new standard.

Description of Net Asset Classes

The net assets, revenues, and gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions as follows:

Without donor restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations. Net assets without donor imposed restrictions may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Directors.

With donor restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may be maintained permanently, or be fulfilled by actions of the Organization, pursuant to those stipulations, or that expire by the passage of time. There were \$453,338 of donor-imposed restricted net assets at December 31, 2018.

Accounting for Contributions

Generally accepted accounting principles require that the Organization reports information about its financial position and activities in two classes of net assets: without donor restrictions and with donor restrictions. Contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to the Organization that is unconditional. Support that is restricted by the donor is reported as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions if the restriction expires in the reporting period in which the support is recognized. All other donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires (that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or the purpose of the restriction is accomplished), assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of financial position and the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents consist of cash and other highly liquid resources, such as investments in certificates of deposit and money market funds, with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased.

<u>Inventories</u>

Inventories, which consist primarily of store items such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, tote bags, books, and DVDs, are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined by using the average cost method.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost, if purchased or at fair value at the date of the gift, if donated and significant. If donors stipulate how long the assets must be used, the contributions are recorded as restricted support. In the absence of such stipulations, contributions of property and equipment are recorded as unrestricted support.

Expenditures for major additions and improvements that exceed \$500 are capitalized. Minor replacements, maintenance, and repairs are charged to expense as incurred. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets ranging from three to seven years.

Long-Lived Assets

The Organization reviews long-lived assets such as property and equipment to determine if there has been an impairment of value whenever events or changes occur that indicate the carrying value of the assets may have declined and may not be recoverable. No circumstances have occurred during the year to cause the Organization to believe there has been any impairment of the carrying value of its long lived assets as of December 31, 2018. There can be no assurance, however, that market or other conditions will not change in the future resulting in impairment of long lived assets.

Contributed Services

The Organization receives periodic donations of professional services, such as bookkeeping, legal fees, and media consulting, which are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation, if significant. The amount of contributed services for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$80,329.

A substantial number of volunteers have donated significant amounts of their time to the Organization and its programs. These services are not reflected in the financial statements since these services do not meet the criteria for recognition as contributed services.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Compensated Absences

Employees of the Organization are entitled to unlimited paid vacation days with approval of supervisors. No payout of vacation days will be made upon termination of employment; therefore, no liability for such absences is included in accrued liabilities on the statement of financial position. Employees are also granted unlimited sick days, which are not an earned benefit. No payment of sick leave will be made upon termination of employment.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The Organization's cash and cash equivalents are maintained in various banks and financial institutions. The Organization has exposure to credit risk to the extent that its cash and cash equivalents exceed amounts covered by federal deposit insurance (FDIC) up to \$250,000. At December 31, 2018, the Organization had \$519,137 in uninsured cash balances. The Organization has three foreign bank accounts held in South Korea. The foreign bank accounts are covered by Korea Deposit Insurance Corporation (KDIC) up to 50,000,000 Korean Won (approx. \$45,000 at December 31, 2018 after conversion to U.S. dollars). At times during the year, the Organization maintained cash balances in excess of the foreign insured limits.

Income Taxes

The Organization is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and Section 23701(d) of the California Tax Code. Consequently, the accompanying financial statements do not reflect any provision for income taxes. Contributions to the Organization are deductible for tax purposes under Section 170(b)(1) of the IRC.

GAAP provides accounting and disclosure guidance about positions taken by an organization in its tax returns that might be uncertain. Management has considered its tax positions and believes that all of the positions taken by the Organization in its federal and state exempt organization returns are more likely than not to be sustained upon examination. The Organization's returns are subject to examination by federal and state taxing authorities, generally for three and four years after they are filed, respectively.

Use of Estimates

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

Advertising Costs

The Organization uses advertising to change the narrative on North Korea. Advertising costs are expenses as incurred. Advertising expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$6.603.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Organization's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, receivables, prepaid expenses, accounts payable, and accrued expenses, are carried at cost, which approximates fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments.

Expense Allocation

The cost of providing various programs and other activities has been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. Certain categories of expenses are attributable to more than one program or supporting function and are allocated on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses allocated are compensation and benefits, which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort.

NOTE 3 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF FINANCIAL ASSETS

The following represents financial assets that could readily be made available within one year at December 31, 2018 for general expenditures:

Financial assets at year-end:

Cash and Cash equivalents	\$ 1,299,233
Receivables	676,705
Inventory	10,016
	\$ 1,985,954

In addition to financial assets available to meet general expenditures over the year, the Organization operated with a balanced budget and anticipates covering its general expenditures by collection of the sufficient donations. The Organization reviews its cash position on a regular basis to ensure adequate funds are on hand to meet expenses.

NOTE 4 – CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVABLE

Contributions receivable as of December 31, 2018 are expected to be collected in the following periods:

Less than one year \$ 676,705

NOTE 5 – PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment at December 31, 2018 consists of the following:

Furniture and fixtures	\$ 10,619
Computer equipment	86,925
Vehicles	80,715
Camera Equipment	21,548
Leasehold Improvements	13,520
	213,327
Less accumulated depreciation	 (87,552)
	\$ 125,775

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$34,390.

NOTE 6 – OPERATING LEASES

The Organization is committed under two real property leases for premises: one in Long Beach, California expiring July 31, 2021, and the other in Rancho Palos Verdes, California that has since expired January 31, 2019. Two leases are also held in South Korea: one that has since expired on July 31, 2019 and the other expired February 28, 2019 and continued on a month-to-month basis.

Minimum lease payments required under the leases are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Total
2019	\$ 105,785
2020	90,128
2021	53,375
2022	-
2023	
	\$ 249,288

Rental expenses for all operating leases, except those with terms of a month or less that were not renewed, were \$145,656 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

NOTE 7 – NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Net assets with donor restrictions at December 31, 2018 are available for the following purposes:

Donor restricted due to time	\$ 400,000
Rescue fund	37,219
Changing the Narrative fund	15,107
Stateless Children fund	1,012
	\$ 453,338

Net assets were released from restrictions during the year ended December 31, 2018 by incurring expenses satisfying the restricted purpose as follows:

Rescue fund	\$ 804,037
Resettlement fund	4,060
Changing the Narrative fund	180,585
Stateless Children fund	5,476
Red Zone fund	259,627
	\$ 1,253,785

NOTE 8 - BOARD DESIGNATED FUNDS

Beginning in 2016, the Board approved the establishment of the Vision fund. Its goal is to ensure sufficient funding to cover all of the organization's non-program (supporting services) expenses. Prior to allocating new funds for this purpose, the Board and/or management communicate explicitly with donors whose contributions they would like to be included. The Vision fund balance at December 31, 2018 was \$379,397.

NOTE 9 – FOREIGN OPERATIONS

Operations outside the United States include offices in South Korea and Southeast Asia. Foreign operations are subject to risks inherent in operating under different legal systems and various political and economic environments. Among the risks are changes in existing tax laws, possible limitations on foreign investment and income repatriation, government price or foreign exchange controls, and restrictions on currency exchange. Total property and equipment held outside of the United States at December 31, 2018 was \$77,437. See Note 2, Concentration of Credit Risk, for foreign cash amounts held in the Organization.

NOTE 10 – CONCENTRATIONS

During the year ended, approximately 44 percent of the Organization's support was received from six donors and 85 percent of contribution receivables are from four donors during the year ended December 31, 2018.

NOTE 11 – RELATED PARTIES

The Organization received donations from board members in the amount of \$596,901 during the year ended December 31, 2018.

NOTE 12 – SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Organization paid \$51 in interest and no income taxes.

NOTE 13 – RETIREMENT PLAN

The Organization started a Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (SIMPLE) IRA on May 1, 2015. Under the SIMPLE IRA plan, eligible employees may make elective contributions of up to \$12,500. The Organization will make a matching contribution equal to 100% of the employee's contribution up to a limit of 3% of the employee's compensation for the calendar year. The Organization contributed \$23,259 to the plan for the year ended December 31, 2018.

In addition to the SIMPLE IRA, the Organization also participates in government-mandated pension plan contributions for its employees in South Korea. Under this plan, both the employee and the employer are required to contribute 4.5% of an employee's gross pay towards retirement. Organization's contributions were \$9,861 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

NOTE 14 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through September 26, 2019 the date the financial statements were available to be issued.