Design Connect Create
Dallas, Texas

Financial Statements Together With
Independent Auditor’s Report

December 31, 2018
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Independent Auditor’s Report

To the Board of Directors of
Design Connect Create

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Design Connect Create (a Texas nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2018, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses 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 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Design Connect Create 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.

Ratliff & Associates, P.C.

August 2, 2019
## Assets

**Current assets**
- Cash and cash equivalents: $130,149
- Investments: $50,059

**Total current assets**: $180,208

**Noncurrent assets**
- Property and equipment
  - Furniture and equipment: $18,449
  - Less: accumulated depreciation: $(11,436)
  - Net property and equipment: $7,013

**Total Assets**: $187,221

## Liabilities & net assets

**Liabilities**
- Current liabilities
  - Accounts payable: $2,139

**Net assets**
- Without donor restrictions: $110,717
- With donor restrictions: $74,365

**Total net assets**: $185,082

**Total Liabilities & Net Assets**: $187,221

*The accompanying note disclosures are an integral part of these financial statements.*
## Changes in net assets without donor restrictions

### Revenues
- **Donations** $35,296
- **Grants** 29,810
- **Other income** 5,686
- **In kind donations** 27,180

Total revenues without donor restrictions $97,972

### Net assets released from restrictions
- **Satisfaction of program restrictions** 189,980

Total revenues $287,952

## Expenses
### Programs
- **Program activities** 225,471

### Support services
- **Fundraising** 7,554
- **General and administrative** 50,499

Total support services expenses 58,053

Total expenses 283,524

Change in net assets without donor restrictions 4,428

## Changes in net assets with donor restrictions

### Restricted contributions and grants 239,345

Net assets released from restriction (189,980)

Change in net assets with donor restrictions 49,365

## Change in total net assets 53,793

### Net assets at beginning of year 131,289

### Net assets at end of year $185,082

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Design Connect Create
Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Cash flows from operating activities
  Cash received from contributions, grants, and other program income  $ 337,258
  Cash paid for programs and support services (284,685)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities  52,573

Cash flows from investing activities
  Purchases of investments (50,000)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities (50,000)

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents  2,573

Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year  127,576

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year  $ 130,149

Reconciliation of change in total net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities

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<th>53,793</th>
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<td>Adjustments</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>4,610</td>
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<td>Change in accounts payable</td>
<td>(5,830)</td>
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<td>Total adjustments</td>
<td>(1,220)</td>
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Net cash provided (used) by operating activities  $ 52,573

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## Design Connect Create
**Statement of Functional Expenses**  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2018*

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<td><strong>Fundraising</strong></td>
<td><strong>General and administrative</strong></td>
<td><strong>Subtotal</strong></td>
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<td>Advertising &amp; Promotion</td>
<td>$1,890</td>
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<td>Bank Fees</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>104</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
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<tr>
<td>Donations to Others</td>
<td>50,000</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>Information Technology</td>
<td>15,549</td>
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<td>9,033</td>
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<td>Meals &amp; Entertainment</td>
<td>7,700</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>Occupancy</td>
<td>12,344</td>
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<td>Office Expense</td>
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<td>1,989</td>
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<td>Personnel</td>
<td>107,379</td>
<td>5,818</td>
<td>30,111</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>12,260</td>
<td>214</td>
<td>557</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses</strong></td>
<td><strong>$225,471</strong></td>
<td><strong>$7,554</strong></td>
<td><strong>$50,499</strong></td>
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Note 1, Nature of the Organization

Design Connect Create (“the Organization”) is a 501(c)(3), Texas nonprofit corporation that exists to empower young women to be successful in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (“STEM”) courses. The Organization is cultivating a culture for young women where persistence is expected, curiosity is encouraged, risk is rewarded, and creativity is applauded.

In 2018, the Organization offered 10 sessions and served 245 young women. Through continued partnerships with Austin ISD, Fort Worth ISD, Grand Prairie ISD, Mesquite ISD and University of Texas at Dallas, along with a new partnership with Duncanville ISD, the Organization offered 6 physics camp sessions. The Organization in partnership with Dallas ISD and Rice University, offered an additional two sessions at each site. Since 2015, the Organization has offered physics camp sessions serving a total of 715 young women and physics camp training to 28 teachers.

Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the Organization’s significant accounting policies consistently applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements:

New accounting pronouncement: For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Organization has adopted the new reporting standards issued by the FASB in ASU 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958) – Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities. The new standards require the following significant changes or clarifications to the Organization’s financial statements and disclosures:

- Net assets on the financial statements are renamed and combined into two classes: net assets without donor restriction and net assets with donor restriction.
- Disclosures are enhanced to show the amounts and purposes of net assets without donor restriction that are internally designated, in addition to the already required disclosures for net assets with donor restrictions of both a temporary and permanent nature.
- The statement of financial position is classified to show subtotals for current assets and current liabilities as part of the Organization’s enhanced disclosure of liquidity. The Organization anticipates using current assets and satisfying current liabilities within one year of the statement date. Current assets, excluding inventory and prepaids (as applicable), represent financial assets available for general expenditure within one year of the statement date. Disclosures are presented for both the quantitative and qualitative aspects of liquidity and the availability of financial assets.
- The statement of cash flows uses the direct method, which we believe to be a more understandable and preferred presentation for users of our financial statements.
- The statement of functional expenses has been added as a fourth statement to the financial statements reporting package in order to show a combined presentation of the functional and natural classifications of expenses.
- Management activities, except for direct conduct or supervision of programs, are allocated to support services on the statement of activities.
Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

New accounting pronouncement (continued):

The Organization has adjusted the presentation of its financial statements and disclosures accordingly.

Basis of accounting: The financial statements of the Organization have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) of the United States of America. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when incurred.

Revenue recognition: Revenues of the Organization are primarily derived from donor contributions and grants from supporters. A portion of the Organization’s revenues is tied to the local economy. All contributions are considered available for the Organization’s general programs unless specifically restricted by the donor.

Amounts received that are donor restricted by time or purpose are reported as increases in net asset with donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restriction. However, contributions received with restrictions that are met in the same reporting period are reported as increases in net assets without restrictions.

Investment income that is limited to specific uses by donor restrictions is also reported as increases in net assets without restrictions if the restrictions are met in the same reporting period as the income is recognized.

Net assets without donor restrictions: The Organization further disaggregates net assets without donor restriction into two subcategories:

- General unrestricted: Net assets that are neither subject to donor-imposed restrictions or self-imposed limits are general unrestricted.
- Internally designated: Net assets that are subject to the Organization's self-imposed limits by action of the governing board or its delegates are internally designated. These voluntary limitations allow the Organization to earmark net assets for a variety of needs that may arise. Such limits may also be lifted at any time in the future by resolution of the board or its delegates.

Net assets with donor restriction: The Organization further disaggregates net assets with donor restriction into two subcategories:

Temporarily restricted: The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as with temporary donor restriction if they are received with donor stipulations temporarily limiting the use of the contributions and if the restrictions are not met in the period of receipt.
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Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Net assets with donor restriction (continued):

- **Permanently restricted:** The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as with permanent donor restriction if they are received with donor stipulations permanently restricting the contribution to investment but permitting the Organization to use part or all of the income derived from the investment for general or restricted purposes. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Organization has no permanently restricted net assets.

Programs: The Organization pursues its mission through the execution of the following major programs that are also the reported functional expenses of the organization:

- **Program activities:** Provide out-of-school education in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics for young women attending secondary school.
- **Fundraising:** encouraging additional contributions and grants for the Organization and its programs.
- **General and administrative:** providing administrative support to the above functional areas

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates included in the financial statements include depreciation, the allocation of certain expenses, and the valuation of donated staff services. Depreciation is computed using management’s estimate of the useful lives of the asset. The allocation of certain expenses is based on management’s estimate of staff activities. The valuation of donated staff services is based upon a reasonable market range for an equivalent staff position’s compensation.

Cash and cash equivalents: For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and short-term investments held in a bank money market account are reported as investments instead of cash because the Organization maintains and invests those funds separately.

Allocation of expenses by function and nature: The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been allocated and summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities and on both a functional and a natural bases in the statement of functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program and supporting services, as well as the natural categories, benefited.
Note 2, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

In-kind donated services and assets: Contributed services are recognized as unrestricted revenues if the services received (a) create or enhance non-financial assets or (b) require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by contribution. Contributed services that do not meet these criteria are not recognized as revenue.

For the year ended December 31, 2018 in-kind services consist of staff and professional services valued at $12,000 which is included with personnel expense. These valuations are based upon market compensation for equivalent staff positions provided during the year.

A substantial number of volunteers have also donated significant amounts of their time to the Organization’s programs. However, these donated services are not reflected in the financial statements since these services do not meet the criteria for recognition.

Donated space to be used for program and administrative purposes was provided to the Organization. For the year ended December 31, 2018 in-kind space usage was valued at $15,180. These valuations are based upon estimates for similar space.

Furniture and equipment: Furniture and equipment are carried at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair value at the date of donation. The Organization capitalizes assets with a cost greater than $1,000. Repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred unless they materially extend the useful life of the related asset, in which case they are capitalized and depreciated. When furniture and equipment is sold or otherwise disposed of, the asset and related accumulated depreciation are removed, and a gain or loss, if any, is included in operations. Depreciation is computed using a straight-line method over the estimated useful lives. Furniture and equipment have estimated useful lives ranging from 3 to 10 years.

Investments: Investments represent amounts invested in money market funds. Investment income is not material to these financial statements and is included in other income on the statement of activities.

Fair value measurement: Fair value hierarchy is used to disclose the inputs to fair value measurement. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels. A financial asset or liability’s classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Investments are based upon level 1 inputs, which are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets.

Income tax status: The Organization is a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as other than a private foundation, except on net income derived from unrelated business activities. For the year ended December 31, 2018 the Organization has not conducted unrelated business activities that are material to the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the financial statements. The Organization believes that it has appropriate support for any tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. Tax returns of the Organization are open to examination by the relevant taxing authorities for a period of three year from the date the returns are filed.
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Note 3, Net Assets

A summary of changes in net assets is as follows:

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<th>Net Assets With Donor Restrictions</th>
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<td>General Unrestricted</td>
<td>Internally Designated</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance, January 1</td>
<td>$ 56,289</td>
<td>$ 50,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net change</td>
<td>4,428</td>
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<tr>
<td>Balance, December 31</td>
<td>$ 60,717</td>
<td>$ 50,000</td>
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The details of the Organization’s net assets by categories at December 31 are as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions

General unrestricted

Internally designated

Liquidity reserve

Total net assets without donor restrictions

Net assets with donor restrictions are restricted for physics camps

Total net assets

$ 185,082

Note 4, Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets

The Organization’s financial assets are current assets available for general expenditure within one year of the statement date. Financial assets are calculated as follows: current assets less donor-restricted and board-designated cash and investments.

As part of the Organization’s liquidity management, it has a strategy to structure its financial assets to be available as general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. The significant qualities of this strategy are as follows:

- The Organization reserves a portion of prior years’ excess revenues (operating surplus) in a board-designated liquidity reserve fund.
- The Organization is highly dependent on recurring contributions from its donors which have remained relatively consistent year-to-year.
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Note 4, Liquidity and Availability of Financial Assets (continued)

• If liquidity becomes a concern, the Organization may elect to decrease its program budget in order to
eliminate excess spending.

The Organization’s financial assets are quantified as follows:

Current assets $ 180,208

Less: those unavailable for general expenditures within one year, due to

   Internally designated:
   Board-designated liquidity reserve (50,000)
   Donor-imposed restrictions or contractual requirements:
   Donor restrictions (74,365)

Financial assets available to meet cash needs for general expenditures within one year $ 55,843

Note 5, Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through the date of the Independent Auditor’s Report
on page one, which is the date the statements were available to be issued.