



**The
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**Chalmers Center for
Economic Development at
Covenant College, Inc.**

Financial Statements
With Independent Auditors' Report

June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014

**Chalmers Center for Economic Development
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Chalmers Center for Economic Development
at Covenant College, Inc.
Lookout Mountain, Georgia

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College, Inc., which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the six months and 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 audits. We conducted our audits 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.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College, Inc. as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the six months and year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Capin Crouse LLP

Atlanta, Georgia
April 22, 2016

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Statements of Financial Position

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 886,196	\$ 1,232,415
Accounts receivable and other assets	36,810	38,609
Property and equipment–net	68,267	90,661
Total Assets	\$ 991,273	\$ 1,361,685
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 69,413	\$ 30,741
Total liabilities	69,413	30,741
Net assets:		
Unrestricted	870,071	1,240,944
Temporarily restricted	51,789	90,000
Total net assets	921,860	1,330,944
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 991,273	\$ 1,361,685

See notes to financial statements

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Statements of Activities

	Six Months Ended June 30,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2015			2014		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:						
Contributions	\$ 207,737	\$ 4,134	\$ 211,871	\$ 738,849	\$ 25,990	\$ 764,839
Grant income	240,316	44,000	284,316	210,000	793,500	1,003,500
Gift-in-kind	98,413	-	98,413	195,003	-	195,003
Royalty income	45,792	-	45,792	109,043	-	109,043
Fee income	76,440	-	76,440	119,875	-	119,875
Other income	1,272	-	1,272	504	-	504
Total support and revenue	<u>669,970</u>	<u>48,134</u>	<u>718,104</u>	<u>1,373,274</u>	<u>819,490</u>	<u>2,192,764</u>
RECLASSIFICATIONS:						
Net assets released from restriction by satisfaction of program restrictions	86,345	(86,345)	-	811,718	(811,718)	-
EXPENSES:						
Program services	843,486	-	843,486	1,605,317	-	1,605,317
General and administrative	143,230	-	143,230	220,647	-	220,647
Fund-raising	140,472	-	140,472	265,042	-	265,042
Total Expenses	<u>1,127,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,127,188</u>	<u>2,091,006</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,091,006</u>
Change in Net Assets	(370,873)	(38,211)	(409,084)	93,986	7,772	101,758
Net Assets, Beginning of Period	<u>1,240,944</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>1,330,944</u>	<u>1,146,958</u>	<u>82,228</u>	<u>1,229,186</u>
Net Assets, End of Period	<u>\$ 870,071</u>	<u>\$ 51,789</u>	<u>\$ 921,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,240,944</u>	<u>\$ 90,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,944</u>

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Statements of Cash Flows

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Change in net assets	\$ (409,084)	\$ 101,758
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	23,463	47,968
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable and other assets	1,799	(7,053)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	38,672	(18,860)
Deferred revenue	-	(2,250)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(345,150)	121,563
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(1,069)	(5,291)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	(1,069)	(5,291)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(346,219)	116,272
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Period	1,232,415	1,116,143
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$ 886,196	\$ 1,232,415

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Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College, Inc.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION:

The Chalmers Center for Economic Development at Covenant College, Inc. (Chalmers) is a Georgia nonprofit organization classified as a 501(c)(3) religious organization by the United States Internal Revenue Service, which is other than a private foundation. As such, it is exempt from U.S. federal and state income tax, and contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.

The Chalmers Center at Covenant College equips local churches with poverty alleviation tools that empower low-income people. By researching, field-testing, and training churches in practical ways to walk with the poor, the Chalmers Center supports spiritual, social, and economic transformation in low-income communities.

Dr. Brian Fikkert, Chalmers' Founder and President, and Steve Corbett, Chalmers' Community Development Specialist, co-authored the book *When Helping Hurts* in 2009. By God's grace, over 300,000 copies of the book are now in distribution. God has used *When Helping Hurts* to encourage churches to engage in sustainable, effective poverty alleviation practices as they disciple the materially poor.

In the United States and Canada, Chalmers offers churches training in its *Faith & Finances* program. Through the *Faith & Finances* course, the Chalmers Center equips churches to train low- to moderate-income people in money management and stewardship principles. Participants of all income levels explore how their money is part of God's work in the world, in addition to gaining crucial financial knowledge.

The Chalmers Center also equips churches in the Majority World (Asia, Africa, and Latin America) to be agents of reconciliation among the poor via savings group ministries. In our church-centered savings groups, participants meet together and study scripture, save their financial resources, and share life together. As a result, the poor are empowered with spiritual, financial, and social tools to help transform their communities.

In 2014, Chalmers released *When Helping Hurts: The Small Group Experience and Helping Without Hurting in Short-Term Missions*. These resources equip broader networks of churches and ministries to support effective poverty alleviation. In 2015, Chalmers released *From Dependence to Dignity: How to Alleviate Poverty through Church-Centered Microfinance and Helping Without Hurting in Church Benevolence*.

God has blessed Chalmers with a network of committed ministry partners. By subscribing to our monthly prayer letter, hundreds of people faithfully present the Chalmers Center's praises and requests before the throne of God. Our financial resource partners continue to be remarkably generous, enabling the Chalmers Center to research and develop even more poverty alleviation resources. Ultimately, church and ministry leaders around the globe utilize Chalmers' discipleship tools, ensuring that the church – as the body and bride of Christ – is the primary channel of God's restorative work in the lives of the materially poor.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the statements to the reader.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of Chalmers' financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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 and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain financial statements and footnote information from prior year financial statements has been reclassified to conform with current year presentation format.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include checking and money market accounts. From time to time cash accounts may exceed federally insured limits; however, Chalmers has not experienced any losses in such accounts, and does not believe it is exposed to any significant risk.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE AND OTHER ASSETS

Accounts receivable and other assets primarily consist of royalty income receivables. All accounts receivable are expected to be collected within one year and are recorded as royalty income when earned. No allowance was recorded for the six months ended June 30, 2015, and year ended December, 31 2014, as all receivables are deemed collectible.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Chalmers capitalizes property and equipment in excess of \$1,000 at cost when purchased. Donated items are recorded at their fair market value on the date of the gift. Depreciation is computed over the estimated lives of the individual assets using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives range from 3 to 5 years.

CLASSES OF NET ASSETS

The financial statements report amounts by class of net assets:

- *Unrestricted net assets* are currently available for Chalmers purposes or invested in property and equipment.
- *Temporarily restricted net assets* are contributed with donor stipulations for specific operating purposes or programs.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

SUPPORT, REVENUE, AND EXPENSES

Contributions are recorded when made, which may be when cash is received, unconditionally promised, or when ownership of noncash items are transferred to Chalmers. Contributed investments and noncash items are recorded at fair value on the date of the gift.

Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted or temporarily restricted support depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. When a donor 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 statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions. All contributions are considered available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor or other legal restrictions.

Contributed securities and property are reflected as contributions in the accompanying financial statements at their estimated fair value at the date of receipt.

Revenues (including interest and other) are recorded when earned. Expenses are recorded when incurred in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting.

Donated services are recorded at fair value at the date of the gift. The services are received for management functions including developing and revising programs of development, policies, guidelines, and other documents necessary for Chalmers' continuing program of development. Donated rent is recorded at fair market value. Chalmers had donated services of \$87,913 and \$174,003, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2015, and year ended December 31, 2014. Chalmers had donated rent of \$10,500 and \$21,000, respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2015, and year ended December 31, 2014.

ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the various program and supporting activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the program services and supporting activities based on the use of facilities, level of support effort, and relative program and supporting ministry benefited.

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued:

UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS

The financial statement effects of a tax position taken or expected to be taken are recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. Interest and penalties, if any, are included in expenses in the statements of activities. As of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, Chalmers had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Chalmers files information tax returns in the U.S. and various states. Chalmers is generally no longer subject to U.S. federal and state income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2011.

3. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT—NET:

Property and equipment—net consist of:

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Office furniture, equipment, and leasehold improvements	\$ 223,869	\$ 222,800
Less accumulated depreciation	(155,602)	(132,139)
	\$ 68,267	\$ 90,661

4. NET ASSETS:

Net assets consist of:

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated—available for general activities	\$ 801,804	\$ 1,150,283
Net investment in property and equipment	68,267	90,661
	870,071	1,240,944
Temporarily restricted:		
U.S. training	51,789	15,000
International training	-	75,000
	51,789	90,000
	\$ 921,860	\$ 1,330,944

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5. LEASE COMMITMENTS:

Chalmers leases office space in Lookout Mountain, Georgia. The terms of the operating lease, which began September 1, 2011 and expires September 1, 2016, includes annual rent payments of \$1 per year. Chalmers is required to make leasehold improvements to the premises. Donated rent totaled \$10,500 and \$21,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2015, and year ended December 31, 2014. The future minimum lease payments are as follows:

<u>June 30,</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$ 21,000
2017	<u>15,750</u>
	<u>\$ 36,750</u>

6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the report date, which represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Subsequent events after that date have not been evaluated.