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Donations	54,156
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Total	\$154,654
Expenses	\$158,010
Change in Net Assets	\$ (3,356)

Balance Sheet (12/31/2022)

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Other Liabilities		6,089
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Net Assets		\$ 50,247

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