

**THE COLUMBUS AREA  
GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC.**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2002 and 2001**





**Auditor of State  
Betty Montgomery**

Board of Trustees  
The Columbus Area Growth Foundation, Inc.  
37 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of The Columbus Area Growth Foundation, Inc., Franklin County, prepared by John Gerlach & Company LLP, for the audit period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Columbus Area Growth Foundation, Inc. is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Montgomery".

BETTY MONTGOMERY  
Auditor of State

October 15, 2003

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# JOHN GERLACH & COMPANY LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

To the Board of Trustees of  
The Columbus Area Growth Foundation, Inc.

## Independent Accountant's Report

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The Columbus Area Growth Foundation, Inc. (an Ohio not-for-profit corporation) (the Foundation) as of December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. 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 audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Columbus Area Growth Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Columbus, Ohio  
July 1, 2003

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THE COLUMBUS AREA GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2002 and 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$ -	\$ 3,500
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,500</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
Liabilities:		
Accrued liabilities	\$ -	\$ 3,500
Total Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	-	-
Temporarily restricted	-	-
Total Net Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,500</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements



THE COLUMBUS AREA GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the Years Ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Revenues, Gains and Other Support		
Service charges	\$ 13,875	\$ 27,950
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	<u>13,875</u>	<u>27,950</u>
Expenses:		
Professional fees	2,350	1,400
Printing costs	-	1,245
Administrative charges from affiliates	11,525	25,305
Total expenses	<u>13,875</u>	<u>27,950</u>
Changes in Net Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	-	-
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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THE COLUMBUS AREA GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2002 and 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Change in Net Assets	\$ -	\$ -
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Increase (decrease) in accounts receivable	(3,500)	2,500
(Increase) decrease in accrued liabilities	3,500	(2,500)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash, Beginning of Year	-	-
Cash, End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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THE COLUMBUS AREA GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2002

**1 - The Organization:**

**Background**

The Columbus Area Growth Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) was established in 1963 by The Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce (the Chamber) as a joint effort between the City of Columbus and Franklin County to assist in the financing of industrial and commercial expansion through the issuance of industrial revenue bonds exempt from Federal income tax. Under Ohio law manufacturing, distribution, commercial or research facilities are eligible.

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

**Basis of Accounting**

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of 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.

**Service Revenues**

Service revenues are recognized by the Foundation as services are provided in connection with the issuance of the bonds. The revenues are based on a percentage of the total bond issuance amount.

**Tax Status**

The Internal Revenue Service has issued a determination letter stating that the Foundation is exempt from taxation under Section 501c(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**Natural Expense Classifications**

Expenses incurred in 2002 and 2001 related to management and general supporting activities for the Foundation. The Foundation incurred no program related expenses in 2002 and 2001.

**Affiliated Transactions**

The Chamber provides certain administrative services to and pays certain expenses on behalf of the Foundation. The Chamber began charging the Foundation for these services in 1994. These charges were \$11,525 and \$25,305 for 2002 and 2001, respectively.





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**COLUMBUS AREA GROWTH FOUNDATION, INC.**

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
NOVEMBER 6, 2003**