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## A Note on Investment Activity

Having passed the Summer Solstice and finding the North Coast finally beginning to have more sunny days than gray days, we find ourselves at the end of another quarter, and at the end of another fiscal year. Below are notes on our investment performance over the past 3 months, and a look back at the fiscal year.

Despite continuing pressure from inflation, the market has remained resilient to a large-scale recession. As of June 30, 2023, the S&P 500 returned 8.7% for the quarter and 19.6% for the fiscal year; the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index (core investment grade bonds) returned -0.8% for the quarter and -0.9% for the fiscal year, reflecting rising interest rates. The Foundation's own Long-Term Mission Aligned Pool returned 3.7% for the quarter and 11.4% for the fiscal year; see chart below for more detail. Fund holders will see these returns on their fund statements, and the community will in turn see these returns in the form of grants and scholarships awarded from funds held at the Foundation.

	1 Mo	3 Mo Fiscal YTD		YTD	1 Yr	3 Yrs	5 Yrs	10 Yrs	Inception Inception Date	
Long Term Mission Aligned Pool	4.7%	3.7%	11.4%	8.6%	11.4%	8.3%	6.3%	7.4%	6.4%	12/31/03
Humboldt Long Term Benchmark	4.9%	4.9%	12.9%	11.0%	12.9%	7.9%	6.1%	6.9%	6.3%	
HAF CPI Linked Benchmark	0.5%	1.7%	8.8%	3.8%	8.8%	10.6%	8.6%	7.1%	6.8%	

This rising interest rate environment follows years of market volatility, with the war in Ukraine and a global pandemic being merely a few of the leading market pressures. We continue to work closely with Angeles Investment Advisors to ensure the health of our investments in the years ahead. Our focus on investing for the long term combined with spending policies that minimize the impact of market fluctuations on dollars available for grantmaking and scholarships enables the Foundation to serve our community consistently, even in down markets.

If you'd like to discuss your fund's investment strategy, please feel free to contact me at jamesk@hafoundation.org or (707) 633-3955.

Sincerely,

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