

**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**

**Financial Statements**

**December 31, 2010**



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## **Report of Independent Auditor**

To the Board of Trustees  
Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc. as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of the Organization. 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 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 Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc. as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 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.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The Supplemental Statements of Functional Expense Allocation and Research Funded Expense Graph, and the Research Awards and Grant Commitments and Payments Schedule are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Michael J. Knight & Co.*

Michael J. Knight & Company, CPAs  
Fairfield, Connecticut  
April 1, 2011

**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**  
**Statements of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2010 and 2009**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,982,176	\$ 1,000,641
Promises to give	84,179	52,857
Total current assets	2,066,355	1,053,498
<b>Other assets</b>		
Website, net of accumulated amortization of \$30,000 and \$22,500 for 2010 and 2009, respectively	-	7,500
Total other assets	-	7,500
 Total assets	 \$ 2,066,355	 \$ 1,060,998
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,432	\$ 2,102
Grants payable	836,420	744,129
Accrued expenses	5,000	5,000
Total current liabilities	845,852	751,231
<b>Other liabilities</b>		
Grants payable	1,020,287	682,177
Total liabilities	1,866,139	1,433,408
<b>Net assets (deficit)</b>		
Unrestricted	200,216	(372,410)
Total net assets (deficit)	200,216	(372,410)
 Total liabilities and net assets	 \$ 2,066,355	 \$ 1,060,998

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**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**  
**Statements of Activities**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009**

	December 31, 2010			December 31, 2009		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
<b>Public support and revenues</b>						
Contributions	\$ 2,008,243	\$ -	\$ 2,008,243	951,067	\$ 335,503	\$ 1,286,570
The Eva Fini Fund	151,808	-	151,808	-	-	-
Donated services and rent	8,000	-	8,000	8,000	-	8,000
Interest income	9,145	-	9,145	13,381	-	13,381
Realized and unrealized loss from donated securities	-	-	-	(230)	-	(230)
Net assets released from restriction	-	-	-	386,076	(386,076)	-
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<u>2,177,196</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,177,196</u>	<u>1,358,294</u>	<u>(50,573)</u>	<u>1,307,721</u>
<b>Expenses</b>						
Program services	1,534,415	-	1,534,415	657,662	-	657,662
Supporting services:						
Management and general	15,554	-	15,554	12,442	-	12,442
Fundraising	54,601	-	54,601	25,982	-	25,982
<b>Total expenses</b>	<u>1,604,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,604,570</u>	<u>696,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>696,086</u>
Increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	572,626	-	572,626	662,208	(50,573)	611,635
<b>Net assets (deficit) - beginning of year</b>	<u>(372,410)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(372,410)</u>	<u>(1,034,618)</u>	<u>50,573</u>	<u>(984,045)</u>
<b>Net assets (deficit) - end of year</b>	<u>\$ 200,216</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 200,216</u>	<u>\$ (372,410)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (372,410)</u>

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**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**  
**Statement of Functional Expenses**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2010**

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Supporting Services</u>		<u>Total Expenses</u>
		<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	
Salaries	\$ 70,980	\$ 8,873	\$ 8,873	\$ 88,726
Payroll taxes	6,457	807	807	8,071
Telephone	2,587	323	323	3,233
Office and supplies	2,655	570	332	3,557
Printing and publication	8,481	1	232	8,714
Postage and shipping	3,040	380	380	3,800
Scientific meetings	47,003	-	-	47,003
Travel - scientific meetings	19,638	-	-	19,638
Professional fees (*)	2,677	2,676	2,676	8,029
Awards and grants	1,335,210	-	-	1,335,210
Miscellaneous	1,475	44	2,891	4,410
Amortization	7,500	-	-	7,500
Website and hosting	969	-	-	969
Bank and credit card fees	8,374	1,047	1,047	10,468
Fundraising	-	-	36,207	36,207
Bookkeeping (**)	834	833	833	2,500
Rent (**)	3,000	-	-	3,000
Charitable donations	13,535	-	-	13,535
	<u>\$ 1,534,415</u>	<u>\$ 15,554</u>	<u>\$ 54,601</u>	<u>\$ 1,604,570</u>

(\*) Includes \$2,500 of donated services.

(\*\*) Includes donated services and rent.

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**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**  
**Statement of Functional Expenses**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2009**

	<u>Program</u>	<u>Supporting Services</u>		<u>Total Expenses</u>
		<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	
Salaries	\$ 54,400	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,800	\$ 68,000
Payroll taxes	4,640	580	580	5,800
Telephone	2,058	257	257	2,572
Office and supplies	2,044	693	256	2,993
Rental and maintenance of equipment	54	-	1	55
Printing and publication	6,631	5	158	6,794
Postage and shipping	2,517	315	315	3,147
Scientific meetings	5,209	-	-	5,209
Travel - scientific meetings	1,906	-	-	1,906
Professional fees (*)	2,677	2,676	2,676	8,029
Awards and grants	552,042	-	-	552,042
Amortization	15,000	-	-	15,000
Website and hosting	2,384	-	-	2,384
Miscellaneous	72	9	644	725
Bank and credit card fees	2,194	274	274	2,742
Fundraising	-	-	13,188	13,188
Bookkeeping (**)	834	833	833	2,500
Rent (**)	3,000	-	-	3,000
	<u>\$ 657,662</u>	<u>\$ 12,442</u>	<u>\$ 25,982</u>	<u>\$ 696,086</u>

(\*) Includes \$2,500 of donated services.

(\*\*) Includes donated services and rent.

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**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**  
**Statements of Cash Flows**  
**For the Years Ended December 31, 2010 and 2009**

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
<b>Cash flows from (used in) operating activities</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 572,626	\$ 611,635
Adjustments to reconcile decrease in net assets to cash from (used in) operating activities		
Amortization	7,500	15,000
(Increase) decrease in promises to give	(31,322)	19,052
(Increase) decrease in investment income receivable	-	256
(Increase) decrease in donated investments	-	3,199
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash	-	50,573
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	2,330	(9,387)
Increase (decrease) in grants payable	430,401	(166,058)
Net cash provided from operating activities	<u>981,535</u>	<u>524,270</u>
 Increase in cash	 <u>981,535</u>	 <u>524,270</u>
 <b>Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year</b>	 <u>1,000,641</u>	 <u>476,371</u>
 <b>Cash and cash equivalents - end of year</b>	 <u><u>\$ 1,982,176</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 1,000,641</u></u>

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**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**  
**Notes to Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2010**  
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**NOTE 1 – Organization**

Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc. (the “Organization” and “RSRT”) is a non-for-profit organization formed under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). The organization is focused on the development of treatments and cures for Rett Syndrome and related *MECP2* disorders. The Organization funds research projects and organizes and sponsors scientific workshops. Equally important, RSRT brings to the scientific community a deep knowledge of the disease and access to intellectual capital. It provides a comprehensive view of the field and a focus on translational efforts.

**NOTE 2 – Significant Accounting Policies**

**Financial Statement Presentation**

The Organization prepares its financial statements using guidelines established under Statement on Financial Accounting Standard Codification 958. This Standard requires that a non-profit organization provide information regarding the net assets of the organization based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. The types of restrictions are described as follows:

**Temporarily restricted net assets** -The part of net assets of a not-for-profit organization resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the organization is limited by donor – imposed stipulations that either expire by passage of time or can be fulfilled by actions of the organization pursuant to those stipulations.

**Permanently restricted net assets** - The part of net assets of a not-for-profit organization resulting from contributions and other inflows of assets whose use by the organization is limited by donor – imposed stipulations that neither expire by passage of time nor can be fulfilled or otherwise removed by actions of the organization pursuant to those stipulations.

**Unrestricted net assets**- The part of net assets of a not-for-profit organization that is neither permanently restricted nor temporarily restricted by donor- imposed stipulations.

The Organization does not maintain any permanently or temporarily restricted net assets as of December 31, 2010 and have met the restriction on all temporarily restricted funds.

**Contributions**

The Organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. 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 statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

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**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. These assumptions can include depreciable lives of long-lived assets, allocation of functional expenses and discount factors used to record long term grants payable to name a few. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Organization considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. The Organization maintains its cash accounts at various financial institutions across the State of Connecticut. Accounts are guaranteed by the FDIC up to \$250,000 per financial institution. As of December 31, 2010, the Organization had \$1,803,889 of uninsured cash balances. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant risk in maintaining accounts with the financial institutions.

**Website Costs**

The cost associated with the Website has been donated to the Organization and have been capitalized. Amortization is calculated on the straight – line basis over the asset useful life, which is 2 years.

**Donated Facilities and Services**

The Organization records the value of donated facilities as revenue with an equivalent amount recorded as expense. The value of this donation is \$3,000 for the year ended December 31, 2010. Contributed services that create or enhance non-financial assets and require a specialized skill are reported as contributions at their fair value with a corresponding amount recorded as an expense.

**Functional Expenses**

The Organization allocates its expenses on a functional basis among its program and support services. Expenses that can be specifically identified with a program or support service are allocated directly according to their natural classifications. Other expenses that are common to several functions are allocated based upon estimates made by management.

**NOTE 3 – Income Taxes**

The Organization has been granted tax-exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Accordingly, no provision for federal or state income taxes has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. Management of the Organization does not believe it has any uncertain tax positions.

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**NOTE 4 – Promises to Give**

At December 31, 2010 and 2009, contributors to the Organization have unconditionally promised to give \$84,179 and \$52,857, respectively. All promises to give are due within one year. The Organization believes that all promises to give are fully collectable as there is no history of uncollectible accounts. All promises have been fully collected subsequent to the end of the year.

**NOTE 5 – Grants Payable**

The Organization has committed to unconditional promises to give of \$1,879,570 to various research organizations over the next several years. Long-term commitments have been discounted at 2% per annum which the Organization believes to be its risk free rate of return. The timing of future grants payable is as follows:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Within one year	\$ 836,420	\$ 744,129
One to five years	1,043,150	719,688
More than five years	-	-
Subtotal	<u>1,879,570</u>	<u>1,463,817</u>
Less: present value component	(20,863)	(37,511)
Grants payable, net	<u><u>\$ 1,858,707</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,426,306</u></u>

Future funding of committed grants is predicated upon anticipated fundraising activities.

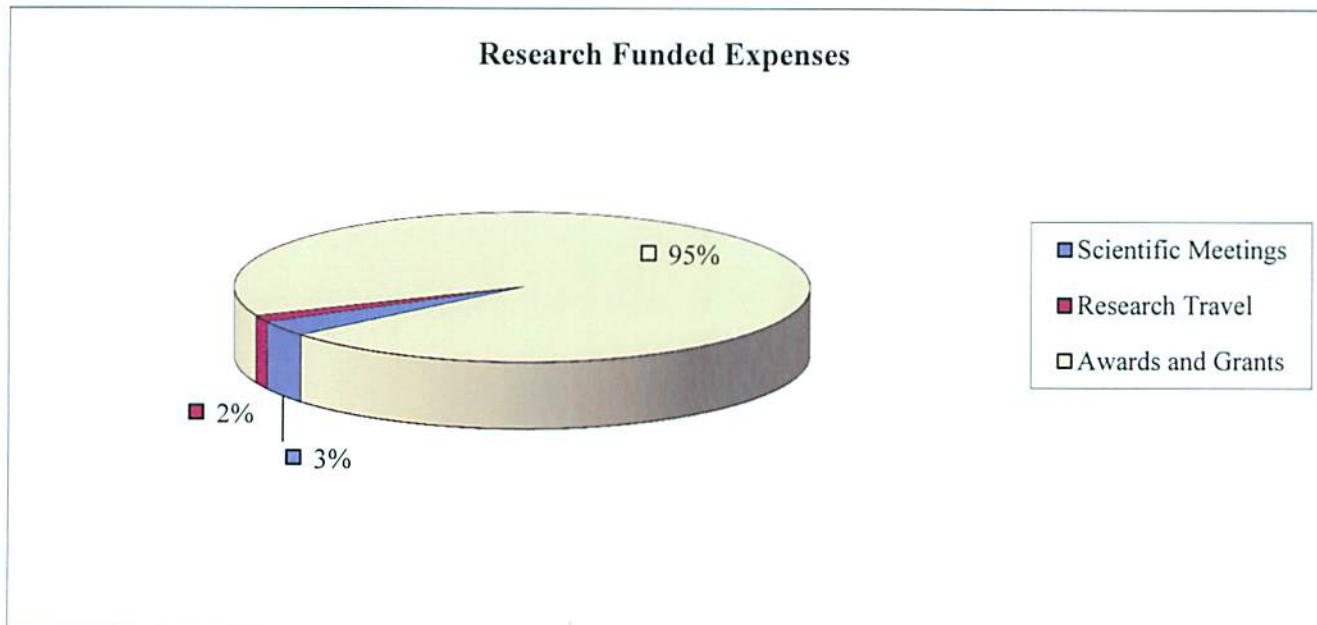
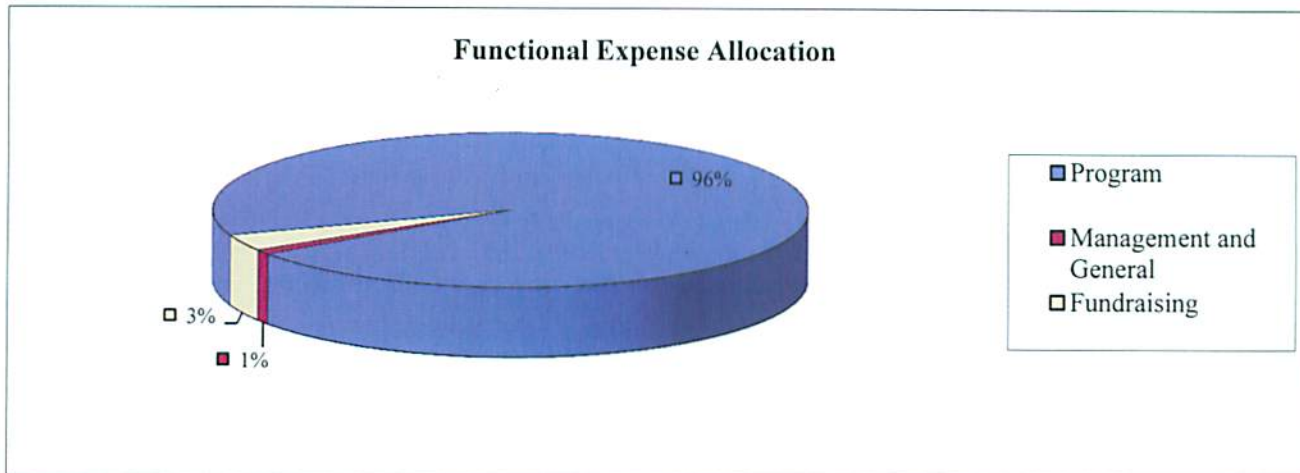
**NOTE 6 – Concentrations**

The Organization has one donor that has provided at least 10% of aggregate contributions for the year ended December 31, 2010.

**NOTE 7 – Subsequent Events**

In accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification 855, Subsequent Events, the Association has evaluated subsequent events to the Statement of Financial Position date of December 31, 2010 through April 1, 2011, which is the date the financial statements were issued. Management has determined that there are no subsequent events that require disclosure.

**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**  
**Supplemental Statement - Functional Expense Allocation and**  
**Research Funded Expense Graphs**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2010**



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**Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Inc.**  
**Supplemental Statement - Research Awards and Grant Commitments and Payments Schedule**  
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	<u>Commitment at December 31, 2009</u>	<u>Additional Commitments</u>	<u>Payments Against Commitments</u>	<u>Commitment at December 31, 2010</u>
Baylor College of Medicine - Monica Justice	\$ 177,029	\$ -	\$ (177,029)	\$ -
Baylor College of Medicine - Huda Zoghbi	-	100,000	(75,000)	25,000
Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Antnio Bedalov	-	250,000	(62,500)	187,500
University of Texas Southwest Medical Center Andrew Pieper	291,200	-	(124,800)	166,400
University of Edinburgh Adrian Bird	908,088	-	-	908,088
University of Pennsylvania Marisa Bartolomei	-	41,255	(30,940)	10,315
University of California at San Francisco Stavros Lomvardas	87,500	-	(70,000)	17,500
Ohio State University Brain Kaspar/Gail Mandel	-	80,000	(66,250)	13,750
Jonathan Kipnis	-	187,000	(140,250)	46,750
Weill Cornell Medical Center Ronald Crystal	-	605,121	(100,854)	504,267
Rett Syndrome Center at MMC	-	36,654	(36,654)	-
Rett Syndrome Center at Children's Hospital Los Angeles	-	22,022	(22,022)	-
	<u>\$ 1,463,817</u>	<u>\$ 1,322,052</u>	<u>\$ (906,299)</u>	<u>\$ 1,879,570</u>

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