

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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LETTER

to the #MEAction Community





TO THE #MEACTION COMMUNITY

We're delighted to share with you #MEAction's 2021-2022 Annual Roundup. This year we took Bold Action in front of the White House and in our actions and activities all year long. We have gotten an incredible amount of press coverage and movement in the right direction and had a big win with HHS!

We are so proud of our Bold Actions, but even more so, we are thankful for each and every one of you. Our community is the reason we fight. The activists, volunteers, and other community members from both the ME and Long COVID communities made our protests and events powerful!

You are the center of our work and the center of all we do at #MEAction. Let's continue to take Bold Action together!

All of us at #MEAction
Laurie, Ben, Jaime, Erin, Adriane,
Holly, Steven



#ME ACTION TOP HITS

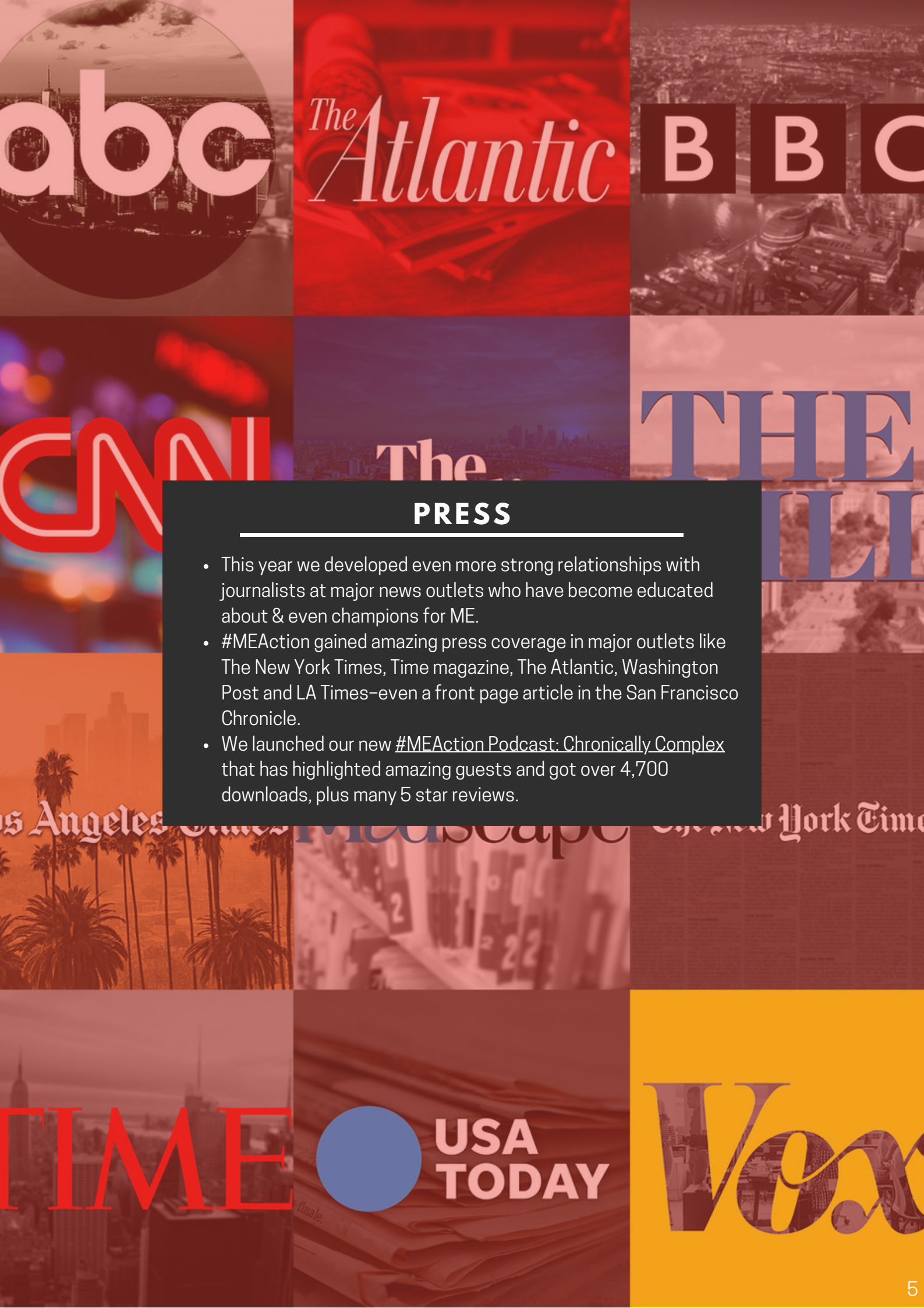
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TREATMENT
TRIALS
for
ME/CFS
NOW!



#MILLIONSMISSING 2022

- #MEAction brought together the powerful Virtual #MillionsMissing Event in May that featured a wide range of diverse speakers and drew in a large audience.
- WE LEVELED UP OUR ADVOCACY with an in-person protests for #MillionMissing September outside the White House to demand federal action for those with ME and Long COVID who are still sick, still fighting.
- We coordinated the very successful virtual arm of the #MillionsMissing September in-person protest in DC that took immense time and effort.
- #MEAction received an astonishing amount of press attention for our #MillionsMissing September protest in Washington, DC.



PRESS

- This year we developed even more strong relationships with journalists at major news outlets who have become educated about & even champions for ME.
- #MEAction gained amazing press coverage in major outlets like The New York Times, Time magazine, The Atlantic, Washington Post and LA Times—even a front page article in the San Francisco Chronicle.
- We launched our new [#MEAction Podcast: Chronically Complex](#) that has highlighted amazing guests and got over 4,700 downloads, plus many 5 star reviews.

SCIENTIFIC & MEDICAL OUTREACH

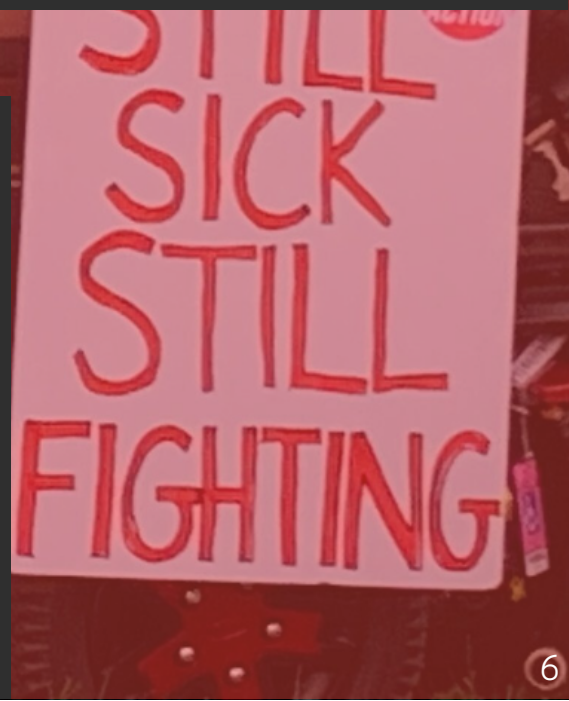
- #MEAAction formed a new collaboration at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN that led to receiving a grant to create a CME, a diagnostic algorithm with management recommendations, patient resources. Plus, working on making edits to ME landing pages on the Mayo website! This win means that quality care at one of the nation's most influential hospitals can improve and have influence!
- We continued to spread the word about pacing including the creation of the [Pediatric Pacing Guide](#) in collaboration with Long COVID Families.
- We rolled out new chapters of the [Symptom Cluster Characterization in Complex Chronic Disease](#), or the Chronic Illness Survey Adventure has been going great and proud of what has been accomplished hand-in-hand with the community.

U.S. ADVOCACY & CAMPAIGNS

- #MEAAction pushed over many years, for a new [diagnostic code](#) for ME/CFS that finally went into effect this October finally enabling disease tracking in newly created electronic health records. This was a HUGE WIN for us and for the community as it can greatly improve patient care.
- We advocated and lead a months-long education effort, resulting in a HHS National Research Action Plan on Long COVID that specifically identified [ME/CFS knowledge and expertise as a critical factor in accelerating research](#)—the strongest government acknowledgement of ME to date.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROGRAMS

- We hosted the inspiring Artist Salons, Writers Salon, and the Severe ME Artist Project with hundreds of participants throughout the year that continue to highlight the creativity in this community.
- We produced the new [Facets Of ME](#) feature which showcases this community's wisdom and has been well received by many.
- Implementing successful fundraising campaigns in May and at the end-of-the-year that will enable #MEAAction to take BOLD ACTION in 2023.



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FINANCIALS





INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Action Network:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Action Network (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as September 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the fiscal 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 audit. We conducted our audit 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 auditors' 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 auditors consider 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.

Opinion In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects,

the financial position of The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Action Network as of September 30, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and cash flows for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Substantial Doubt about the Organization's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Organization will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 8 to the financial statements, the Organization has suffered recurring significant reductions in grant revenues, has a net deficiency in net assets, and has stated that substantial doubt exists about its ability to continue as a going concern. Management's evaluation of the events and conditions and management's plans regarding ~~these~~ ~~these~~ matters also are described in Note 8. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Los Alamitos, California

Evergreen Alliance

June 1, 2023

THE MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS ACTION NETWORK
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 35,204
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,931</u>
	<u>39,135</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 39,135</u>
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 4,342
Accounts payable and accrued expenses – related party	1,049
Accrued employee related expenses	<u>17,873</u>
	23,264

NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES

Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan payable	<u>70,085</u>
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	93,349
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NET ASSETS

Without donor restrictions	(<u>54,214</u>)
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TOTAL NET ASSETS	(<u>54,214</u>)
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 39,135</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**THE MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS ACTION NETWORK
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUE AND SUPPORT			
Grants and contributions	\$ 511,765	\$ --	\$ 511,765
PPP loan forgiveness	70,397	--	70,397
Interest income	<u>16</u>	<u> </u>	<u>16</u>
TOTAL REVENUE AND SUPPORT	582,178	--	582,178
EXPENSES	347,077		347,077
Program services		--	
Supporting services:	219,194		
Management and general		--	219,194
Fundraising	<u>86,476</u>	<u> </u>	<u>86,476</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>652,747</u>	<u> </u>	<u>652,747</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(<u>70,569</u>)	<u> </u>	<u>70,569</u>)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	9) 16,355 <u>5</u>	16,355 <u> </u>	
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	54,21 <u>\$ (4)</u>	\$ <u> </u>	\$ (54,21 <u>4</u>)

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THE MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS ACTION NETWORK
STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	<u>Program Services</u>	<u>Management and General</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
PERSONNEL EXPENSES				
Salaries and wages	\$ 280,985	\$ 79,932	\$ 68,118	\$ 429,035
Employee benefits and taxes	15,445	9,610	9,267	34,322
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	296,430	89,542	77,385	463,357
OTHER EXPENSES	1,912	736	38	2,686
Advertising and outreach				
Bank and merchant fees	--	2,087	--	2,087
Community events	1,850	85	384	2,319
Insurance	--	5,507	--	5,507
Meetings and travel	600	--	--	600
Office expenses	4,771	16,337	2,721	23,829
Outside services	--	2,320	--	2,320
Professional services:				
Accounting	--	15,083	--	15,083
Education and advocacy	26,649	--	--	26,649
Fundraising	--	--	5,875	5,875
Information technology	--	31,200	--	31,200
Legal	--	9,466	--	9,466
Other professional services	--	20,513	--	20,513
Scholarships	1,000	--	--	1,000
Website	13,865	13,865	--	27,730
Other expenses	--	12,453	73	12,526
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	50,647	129,652	9,091	189,390
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 347,077</u>	<u>\$ 219,194</u>	<u>\$ 86,476</u>	<u>\$ 652,747</u>

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THE MYALGIC ENCEPHALOMYELITIS ACTION NETWORK
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Change in net assets	70,569)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets	
Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness	(70,397)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:	2,604
Other receivable – related party	
Prepaid expenses	3,931)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(11,851)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses – related party	1,049
Accrued employee related expenses	5,780
Net Cash Used in Operating Activities	(147,315)

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Proceeds from PPP loan	70,085
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	70,085

**NET CHANGE IN CASH AND
CASH EQUIVALENTS**

(77,230)

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT
BEGINNING OF YEAR**

112,434

**CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT
END OF YEAR**

\$ 35,204

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES

Interest paid	NONE
Income taxes paid	NONE
Noncash investing transactions	NONE
Noncash financing transactions	NONE

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