

Kalamazoo Strong Organization™
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KALAMAZOO, MI –The Kalamazoo Strong Organization (KSO) wants to inform the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek communities of which it serves of an unfortunate incident within its operating activities.

Concerns of financial integrity came to the attention of the KSO Board of Directors in December 2016, and upon an internal investigation it was determined that a sole individual within the organization inappropriately used the organization's funds.

The board of directors acted swiftly and identified the inappropriate transactions and immediately recovered the initial funds. After being confronted, the individual resigned and the KSO Board removed all of that individual's access to the organization's payment systems, bank accounts, social media platforms, and communications. While access to these systems were being revoked the board uncovered additional transactions that were not approved in addition to deleted records and receipts which were meant to protect the perpetrating individual's spending history.

The KSO Board has taken the necessary steps to report this situation to the Portage Police Department, and have partnered with them to review accounts to ensure these actions are properly handled by the authorities.

The KSO Board is clear in their stance that the actions of this individual are in no way deemed acceptable. Due to the ongoing investigation by the Portage Police Department, the KSO has remained silent on this matter to preserve the integrity of the police investigation.

The KSO Board is grateful for the support from the community, who allow us to serve those in need. New processes and measures have been put in place to assure another situation of this kind does not occur.

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