

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK INC. Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 576 FIFTH AVENUE 903 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NEW YORK, NY 10036 F Name and address of principal officer: THOMAS LASKAWY SAME AS C ABOVE	D Employer identification number 27-4108978 E Telephone number (646) 248-6014 G Gross receipts \$ 805,672. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ▶ HTTP://THEFERN.ORG		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		
L Year of formation: 2010		M State of legal domicile: NY

Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>	
2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 8
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 7
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5 5
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 7
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0.
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	688,331. 738,848.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	34,369. 64,348.
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,271. 1,428.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-53,465. 1,048.
12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	670,506. 805,672.
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0. 0.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0. 0.
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	155,859. 263,672.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0. 0.
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 7,875.	
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	499,377. 476,824.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	655,236. 740,496.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	15,270. 65,176.
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	484,985. 558,005.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	39,542. 47,386.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	445,443. 510,619.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer THOMAS LASKAWY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	Date			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name GARRETT M. HIGGINS	Preparer's signature GARRETT M. HIGGINS	Date 04/20/16	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00543209
	Firm's name ▶ PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP				Firm's EIN ▶ 27-1728945
	Firm's address ▶ 665 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022				Phone no. (212) 286-2600

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 415,980. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 44,927.)
SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 152,423. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 19,421.)

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4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **568,403.**

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?</i>	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		X
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	20a	X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	38	X

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

			Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	1a	8		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b	7		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2			X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3			X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4			X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5			X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6			X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a			X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b			X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?	8a		X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b		X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9			X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

			Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a			X
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b			
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a			X
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.				
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a		X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b		X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c		X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13		X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14		X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?				
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a		X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b		X	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).				
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a			X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b			

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **▶ NY, CA**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **▶**
THOMAS LASKAWY - (215) 370-2765
725 WESTVIEW ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19119

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a						
	b Membership dues	1b						
	c Fundraising events	1c						
	d Related organizations	1d						
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e						
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	738,848.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$							
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			738,848.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a EDITORIAL FEE	Business Code	511110	44,927.	44,927.			
	b SUBSCRIPTIONS REVENUE		519130	19,421.	19,421.			
	c							
	d							
	e							
	f All other program service revenue							
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			64,348.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			1,428.			1,428.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	5 Royalties							
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
		b Less: rental expenses						
		c Rental income or (loss)						
		d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses						
		c Gain or (loss)						
		d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a						
		b Less: direct expenses	b					
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses		b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a							
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b						
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11 a REIMBURSEMENT		900099		1,048.			1,048.	
	b							
	c							
	d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d				1,048.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.				805,672.	64,348.	0.	2,476.	

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX X

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	157,300.	78,650.	78,650.	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	85,135.	85,135.		
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	21,237.	13,621.	7,616.	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	57,162.	57,162.		
b Legal				
c Accounting	23,950.		23,950.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	187,483.	187,483.		
12 Advertising and promotion	46,124.	45,384.	708.	32.
13 Office expenses	16,068.	2,921.	11,708.	1,439.
14 Information technology	69,343.	69,306.	37.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	55,585.	25,682.	28,315.	1,588.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	6,406.		1,590.	4,816.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	11,619.		11,619.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PHOTOGRAPH LICENSES	2,809.	2,809.		
b RESEARCH MATERIALS	275.	250.	25.	
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	740,496.	568,403.	164,218.	7,875.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

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Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	253,448.	1	210,657.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	179,969.	2	336,397.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	51,568.	4	10,951.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L			6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		484,985.	16	558,005.
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	39,542.	17	47,386.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		39,542.	26
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	395,443.	27	510,619.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	50,000.	28	0.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances		445,443.	33	510,619.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		484,985.	34	558,005.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	805,672.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	740,496.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	65,176.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	445,443.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	510,619.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? _____		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____		

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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	74,858.	382,669.	644,113.	688,331.	738,848.	2,528,819.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	74,858.	382,669.	644,113.	688,331.	738,848.	2,528,819.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						856,242.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						1,672,577.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	74,858.	382,669.	644,113.	688,331.	738,848.	2,528,819.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources			698.	1,271.	1,428.	3,397.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)					1,048.	1,048.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2,533,264.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	102,067.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	▶	<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	▶	<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	▶	<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	▶	<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	▶	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No" describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	Yes	No
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		(A) Prior Year	Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations *(continued)*

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013			
e From 2014			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013			
d Excess from 2014			
e Excess from 2015			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

Schedule A Identification of Excess Contributions Included on Part II, Line 5 2015

**** Do Not File ****
***** Not Open to Public Inspection *****

Contributor's Name	Total Contributions	Excess Contributions
THE SCHMIDT FAMILY FOUNDATION	300,892.	250,227.
CLARENCE E. HELLER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	150,000.	99,335.
COLUMBIA FOUNDATION	80,000.	29,335.
DORIS DUKE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	75,000.	24,335.
JAMES ALBERT ATTWOOD, JR	133,000.	82,335.
PHILIP LASKAWY	125,000.	74,335.
MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION	150,000.	99,335.
MICHAEL RANKOWITZ	124,000.	73,335.
TOMKAT CHARITABLE FOUNDATION	100,000.	49,335.
WOODCOCK FOUNDATION	125,000.	74,335.
Total Excess Contributions to Schedule A, Part II, Line 5		856,242.

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK
INC.

Employer identification number

27-4108978

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2015)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	_____ _____ _____	\$ 100,892.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	_____ _____ _____	\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	_____ _____ _____	\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	_____ _____ _____	\$ 65,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	_____ _____ _____	\$ 20,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	_____ _____ _____	\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8		\$ 20,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9		\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10		\$ 15,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11		\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
12		\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____
		\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this info. once.) ▶ \$ _____
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
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(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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▶ **Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1 Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	805,672.
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	
b Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	805,672.
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5 Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	805,672.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1 Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	740,496.
2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b Prior year adjustments	2b	
c Other losses	2c	
d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	0.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	740,496.
4 Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5 Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	740,496.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART X, LINE 2:

UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES

MANAGEMENT OF FERN HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE NO MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT REQUIRE RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. FERN'S TAX RETURNS FOR ALL YEARS SINCE 2012 REMAIN OPEN TO EXAMINATION BY THE APPLICABLE TAXING AUTHORITIES. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO EXAMINATIONS IN PROGRESS.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

OUR ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE IS TO EVALUATE, COMMISSION AND DISTRIBUTE INVESTIGATIVE NEWS ARTICLES OF BETWEEN 1,500 AND 5,000 WORDS IN LENGTH. THIS INCLUDES PLANNING, CONTRACTING WITH PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS FOR WRITING SERVICES, PROVIDING EDITORIAL OVERSIGHT, AND COPY EDITING, FACT CHECKING AND PROVIDING PRE-PUBLICATION LEGAL REVIEWS OF SUBMITTED STORIES. WE THEN DISTRIBUTE OUR REPORTS AT NO CHARGE TO MAINSTREAM PUBLICATIONS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

THE FOOD & ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK (FERN) IS THE FIRST AND ONLY INDEPENDENT, NON-PROFIT, NON-PARTISAN NEWS ORGANIZATION THAT PRODUCES AWARD-WINNING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING ON FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH THROUGH PUBLICATION PARTNERSHIPS WITH RESPECTED REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MEDIA OUTLETS. THROUGH IMPARTIAL, UNBIASED, FACT-BASED "WATCHDOG" JOURNALISM FROM EXPERIENCED REPORTERS, WE SEEK TO REVEAL CORRUPTION, ABUSE OF POWER, AND EXPLOITATION AND TO EXPOSE ACTIVITIES AND SUBJECTS THAT ARE HIDDEN OR OFTEN IGNORED. THE FOOD & ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK UNCOVERS AND EXPLORES NEWS CRITICAL TO THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

A REGISTERED 501(C)3 NON-PROFIT CORPORATION BASED IN NEW YORK AND OPERATING SINCE EARLY 2011, FERN HAS WORKED WITH 29 FREELANCE WRITERS TO COMMISSION AND PRODUCE 66 STORIES THAT HAVE APPEARED IN 25 OUTLETS - WE ESTIMATE THAT WE HAVE REACHED NEARLY 70 MILLION AMERICANS WITH OUR STORIES IN VARIOUS MEDIA. FERN IS A MEMBER OF THE INVESTIGATIVE NEWS

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NETWORK, THE PRIMARY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION FOR NON-PROFIT NEWS ORGANIZATIONS, AND HAS BUILT KEY PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER NON-PROFIT NEWS ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AND PUBLIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL.

FERN PRIMARILY PRODUCES IN-DEPTH AND INVESTIGATIVE NEWS ARTICLES OF BETWEEN 1,500 AND 5,000 WORDS AND FUNCTIONS AS A FULL-SERVICE NEWS ORGANIZATION. FERN'S PROCESS INCLUDES PLANNING, CONTRACTING WITH JOURNALISTS, PROVIDING EDITORIAL OVERSIGHT AND NEGOTIATING DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS WITH MAINSTREAM PUBLICATIONS. FERN SUPPORTS ITS WRITTEN REPORTS WITH INFOGRAPHICS AND OTHER VISUALIZATIONS, SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY, THROUGH RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST COLLABORATIONS, AND THROUGH LIVE EVENTS.

WE DEVELOP INVESTIGATIONS THAT FIT ONE OF A NUMBER OF CRITERIA: (I) THE STORY UNCOVERS WRONGDOING OR ABUSE OF POWER BY CORPORATE OR GOVERNMENT INTERESTS (II) IT HAS BEEN OVERLOOKED BY NEWS MEDIA YET AFFECTS A SIGNIFICANT GROUP OR POLICY AREA (III) IT INVOLVES COMPLEX OR DIFFICULT-TO-UNDERSTAND POLICY OR SCIENCE THAT OUR SUBJECT-AREA EXPERTISE ALLOWS US TO EXPLICATE IN A MANNER BEYOND THE CAPABILITY OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (IV) CAPTURES AN IMPORTANT ISSUE IN OUR AREA OF INTEREST IN AN ENGAGING OR UNEXPECTED WAY.

OUR EDITORS HAVE BROAD EXPERIENCE IN THE NEWS BUSINESS AND A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECTS WE COVER. OUR FREELANCE MODEL ALLOWS US TO WORK WITH WRITERS WHO SPECIALIZE IN SCIENCE, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, AND POLICY WRITING. OUR DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT TEAM ALSO HAS REAL, MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE IN SOCIAL MEDIA.

WE FOLLOW STRICT ETHICAL GUIDELINES IN OUR NEWS-GATHERING AND PUBLISHING TO ASSURE THAT OUR REPORTING IS GROUNDED IN ACCURACY, IMPARTIALITY AND REASONED ANALYSIS. THROUGH CAREFUL SELECTION OF

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PUBLICATION PARTNERS, FERN TARGETS ITS STORIES AT SPECIFIC AUDIENCES, RANGING FROM BROAD AND NATIONAL TO NARROW, SUCH AS THE TECH COMMUNITY, FARMERS, BUSINESS INSIDERS, MOMS, FOOD ACTIVISTS, AND FOOD INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

IN ITS FIRST THREE YEARS OF OPERATIONS, FERN HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A TRUSTED SOURCE FOR NEWS AND IS A 2013 JAMES BEARD AWARD WINNER AND A 2014 JAMES BEARD AWARD NOMINEE FOR ITS REPORTING ON FOOD POLITICS, POLICY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS A 2014 WINNER OF THE IACP AWARD FOR "WRITING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE." IN ADDITION, FERN WAS SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S PROJECT FOR EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM IN ITS "STATE OF THE NEWS MEDIA 2013" AS ONE OF A HANDFUL OF NEW NON-PROFIT JOURNALISM VENTURES BEGINNING TO EMERGE "THAT COULD ADVANCE CITIZENS' KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PUBLIC ISSUES."

FERN'S EDITOR IN CHIEF, SAM FROMARTZ, HAS FULL INDEPENDENCE TO PURSUE STORIES AND SET THE EDITORIAL AGENDA. IN CONCERT WITH THE EXECUTIVE AND MANAGING EDITORS, FROMARTZ DEVELOPS STORIES, EITHER INTERNALLY OR THROUGH CURATING PITCHES SUBMITTED BY REPORTERS. THE EDITORIAL TEAM THEN ASSIGNS A WRITER (OR APPROVES A WRITER'S PITCH) AND A STORY EDITOR TO MANAGE THE DAY-TO-DAY DEVELOPMENT OF THE STORY.

AS JOURNALISTS, WE RELY ON OUR "NOSE FOR NEWS" WHEN IT COMES TO STORY SELECTION. HOWEVER, WE ALSO EVALUATE A STORY BASED ON THE EXTENT IT HAS OR HAS NOT RECEIVED COVERAGE IN THE PAST, WHETHER IT MEETS OUR CRITERIA AS A SUBJECT FOR INVESTIGATION, AND WHETHER IT REPRESENTS A "LEVER" FOR CHANGE. UPON COMPLETION OF A PITCH, FROMARTZ NEGOTIATES DEVELOPMENT AND PLACEMENT OF THE STORY WITH A PRINT, ONLINE, OR OTHER MEDIA OUTLET.

FERN IS THEN RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING A FIRST DRAFT TO THE PUBLISHER, AFTER WHICH THE PUBLISHER'S EDITORIAL STAFF PREPARES THE STORY FOR

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PUBLICATION - CONSULTING WITH FERN THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. ONCE A STORY IS PUBLISHED, WE FOLLOW IT WITH A STRONG PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN, REACHING OUT TO KEY MEDIA, UTILIZING SOCIAL MEDIA TOOLS, AND FOLLOWING THE STORY AS IT IS RECEIVED.

FERN USES FREELANCE JOURNALISTS AND EDITORS CLOSELY SUPERVISED BY OUR EDITORIAL STAFF. WE FOLLOW STRICT ETHICAL GUIDELINES IN OUR NEWS-GATHERING AND PUBLISHING TO ASSURE THAT OUR REPORTING IS GROUNDED IN ACCURACY, IMPARTIALITY AND REASONED ANALYSIS. FERN OPERATES WITHOUT HIDDEN AGENDAS OR BIASES AND PRESERVES TOTAL EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE, MAINTAINING A STRICT FIREWALL AMONG FUNDERS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OUR EDITORIAL OPERATIONS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 2, NEW PROGRAM SERVICES:

ORIGINALLY LAUNCHED AS A FREE EMAIL NEWSLETTER IN EARLY 2014, FERN'S AG INSIDER WAS RELAUNCHED IN THE FALL OF 2015 AS A PAID SUBSCRIPTION PRODUCT.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

IN 2015, WE PRODUCED 24 STORIES, INCLUDING EIGHT INTERNATIONAL STORIES, ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM THE IMPACT OF PESTICIDES ON CALIFORNIA'S LATINO COMMUNITIES TO THE HIDDEN TOLL OF WORLD BANK-FINANCED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON SOME OF THE PLANET'S POOREST PEOPLE. WE ADDED NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR A TOTAL OF 34 MAINSTREAM MEDIA PUBLISHING PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE THE GUARDIAN, SUNSET, FAST COMPANY, HARPER'S AND MORE.

WE WERE GRATIFIED TO LEARN IN MAY 2015 THAT FERN WON A SECOND JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD FOR OUR STORY, "THE QUINOA QUARREL: WHO OWNS THE GREATEST SUPERFOOD?" WRITTEN BY LISA HAMILTON, THE STORY APPEARED WITH

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ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPHY, ALSO BY HAMILTON, IN HARPER'S MAGAZINE. FERN, HARPER'S AND HAMILTON TOOK HOME THE AWARD FOR BEST REPORTING IN THE CATEGORY OF FOOD POLITICS, POLICY AND THE ENVIRONMENT. IN ADDITION, OUR STORY "FIELDS OF TOXIC PESTICIDES SURROUND THE SCHOOLS OF VENTURA COUNTY," BY REPORTER LIZA GROSS FOR THE NATION WON AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING AWARD FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH CARE JOURNALISTS.

OUR APRIL 2015 DEEP DIVE INTO THE ISSUE OF FARMWORKER HEALTH "FIELDS OF TOXIC PESTICIDES SURROUND THE SCHOOLS OF VENTURA COUNTY," BY REPORTER LIZA GROSS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATION, REVEALED HOW CALIFORNIA'S LATINO COMMUNITIES-AND THE SCHOOLS THEY ATTEND-GET DISPROPORTIONATELY DOSED WITH PESTICIDES, MANY OF WHICH ARE LINKED TO A RANGE OF HEALTH PROBLEMS. THE STORY BEGAN TO ACCRUE IMPACT IN MAY AND JUNE. STARTING MAY 28 IN SACRAMENTO, THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION (DPR) HELD FIVE WORKSHOPS, GETTING PUBLIC INPUT ON NEW STANDARDS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES AND REDUCE THE RISK OF EXPOSURE. THERE WERE FOUR OTHER MEETINGS IN KEY FARMING COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING VENTURA COUNTY, WHICH HAS MORE SCHOOLS WITH HIGH CONCENTRATIONS OF NEARBY PESTICIDE USE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTY IN THE STATE. THE DPR WORKSHOPS FOLLOWED A BRIEFING ON PESTICIDE USE NEAR SCHOOLS FOR LEGISLATIVE STAFF IN SACRAMENTO LAST MONTH, HOSTED BY THE ADVOCACY GROUP PESTICIDE ACTION NETWORK NORTH AMERICA. GROSS WAS INVITED TO LEAD OFF THE BRIEFING BY SHARING THE PRINCIPAL FINDINGS OF HER STORY, IN WHICH SHE REVIEWED SIX YEARS OF DATA FOR 66 PESTICIDES IDENTIFIED BY HEALTH OFFICIALS AS MOST LIKELY TO DRIFT AND CAUSE HARM. GROSS SAYS AN ACQUAINTANCE AT EPA TOLD HER CONFIDENTIALLY THAT THE STORY WAS REMARKABLE FOR HAVING PUT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE BACK INTO THE FRAMEWORK OF CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THAT STAFFERS AT THE AGENCY WHO ARE ON THE "RIGHT SIDE" OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM ARE TRYING TO

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FIGURE OUT HOW TO CAPITALIZE ON THE WAY THE STORY "MOVED THE DISCOURSE" IN A WAY THEY HADN'T SEEN BEFORE. GROSS'S ARTICLE INSTIGATED A POTENTIAL LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION AND HAS CAUSED FEDERAL REGULATORS TO PRESSURE THE CALIFORNIA DPR TO EXPLAIN HOW THIS INEQUALITY PERSISTED FOR SO LONG. STATE PESTICIDE REGULATORS FINALLY SAID THEY WILL SEEK TO STRENGTHEN RESTRICTIONS ON PESTICIDE USE NEAR SCHOOLS.

FROM JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER, 2015, WE EARNED OVER 680,000 IMPRESSIONS ON FACEBOOK, 150% INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS. FERN FACEBOOK PAGE FOLLOWERS INCREASED TO 7,000, 33% JUMP. ON TWITTER BETWEEN JUNE AND DECEMBER 2015, WE EARNED A TOTAL OF 2.5 MILLION IMPRESSIONS, AN IMPRESSIVE 178% INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS SIX MONTHS. FERN'S TWITTER FOLLOWERS WENT FROM 16,500 TO 20,000, AN INCREASE OF 22%, IN THAT PERIOD.

IN SEPTEMBER 2015, WE LAUNCHED FERN'S FRIDAY FEED NEWSLETTER, A.K.A. THE #FFF, A WEEKLY SURVEY OF THE STORIES IN OUR AREAS OF INTEREST THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY OTHER OUTLETS. SOME SELECTIONS ARE AT THE TOP OF THE NEWS WHILE OTHERS ARE PRESCIENT OR IN-DEPTH FEATURES THAT WE THINK OUR READERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT. WE SEND THIS NEWSLETTER WEEKLY TO A SUBSCRIBER BASE OF 3,100 AS A WAY TO ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT WITH AN AUDIENCE THAT IS MOSTLY DISTINCT FROM OUR SOCIAL-MEDIA AUDIENCE. THIS INITIATIVE IS DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH FERN AS A SOURCE FOR CURATION AND GUIDANCE IN NAVIGATING FOOD MEDIA, AND NOT ONLY A PRODUCER OF ORIGINAL JOURNALISM.

IN OCTOBER 2015, WE RELEASED "WITH NO U.S. STANDARDS, POT PESTICIDE USE IS RISING PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT," BY REPORTERS ERICA BERRY OF FERN AND KATIE WILCOX OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS I-NEWS, WHICH EXPLORED THE GLARING ABSENCE OF OVERSIGHT ON THE LEGAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY. OUR COLLABORATIVE POT-AND-PESTICIDE STORY WAS THE TOP STORY OF A ROLLING 30-DAY PERIOD

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SURROUNDING ITS PUBLICATION ON THE I-NEWS SITE IN TERMS OF TRAFFIC.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS I-NEWS DISTRIBUTES STORIES TO ITS NEWS PARTNERS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING ALL MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO PRESS ASSOCIATION, PUBLIC RADIO AND COMMERCIAL TV STATIONS, SOME SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES, AND SEVERAL FOUNDATIONS AND BUSINESSES. THE STORY RECEIVED STRONG INTEREST AND ENGAGEMENT FROM THIS AUDIENCE. IT WAS THE LEAD STORY IN THEIR NEWSLETTER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS I-NEWS WEEKLY, AN OPT-IN SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF RMPBS MEMBERS WHICH HAS 1,100 SUBSCRIBERS. THE STORY ALSO WAS FEATURED ON ITS WEEKLY PUBLIC-AFFAIRS TELEVISION SHOW, COLORADO STATE OF MIND, ON OCT. 2. IT DREW AN AUDIENCE OF 5,557 HOUSEHOLDS.

IN THE WAKE OF THE STORY, JIM JONES, WHO HEADS THE EPA'S OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION, REACHED OUT TO I-NEWS. HE SAID HIS OFFICE HAD GOTTEN SPECIFIC APPROVAL FROM THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN WORKING WITH STATES THAT HAD LEGALIZED MARIJUANA CULTIVATION TO TEST WHICH PESTICIDES CAN BE USED SAFELY ON MARIJUANA. DURING 2015, WE ALSO ADDED A NEW BUSINESS LINE TO DIVERSIFY REVENUE, INTRODUCING A PAID "PROFESSIONAL" PRODUCT. ORIGINALLY LAUNCHED AS A FREE EMAIL NEWSLETTER IN EARLY 2014, FERN'S AG INSIDER INCLUDES DAILY POLICY REPORTING, ANALYSIS, AND AGGREGATION BY LONG-TIME AGRICULTURE REPORTER CHUCK ABBOTT. THE PRODUCT IS AIMED AT AN AUDIENCE OF POLICYMAKERS, ADVOCATES, AND FOOD-INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES. THE FREE NEWSLETTER ACQUIRED AN IMMEDIATE FOLLOWING WITH TEN-FOLD SUBSCRIBER GROWTH.

GIVEN THE AG INSIDER'S VALUE TO ITS AUDIENCE, IN THE FALL OF 2015 WE RE-LAUNCHED IT AS A PAID SUBSCRIPTION PRODUCT. FOR A SMALL ANNUAL FEE, SUBSCRIBERS GAIN ACCESS TO REPORTING, INCLUDING A FULL ARCHIVE ON OUR WEBSITE, WITH A SUBJECT-TAGGED ORGANIZATION. THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER, NOW

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INCLUDING ONLY SUMMARIES OF THE FULL STORIES, REMAINS FREE. WITH A MINIMAL MARKETING EFFORT, WE HAVE GAINED OVER 150 PAID SUBSCRIBERS AND MADE SEVERAL SALES TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES, INCLUDING STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. WE SEE FERN'S AG INSIDER, PARTICULARLY INSTITUTIONAL AND CORPORATE SALES, AS A SIGNIFICANT AREA FOR EARNED REVENUE GROWTH.

WE ALSO HAVE BEGUN TO EXPAND OUR REPORTING TEAM FOR AG INSIDER. WE RECENTLY ADDED KRISTINA JOHNSON AS OUR WESTERN STATES CORRESPONDENT. AND TWO FREELANCE CORRESPONDENTS ATTENDED THE RECENT PARIS CLIMATE TALKS, FROM WHERE THEY FILED A NUMBER OF PIECES FOR AI. WE INTEND TO DO MORE OF THIS IN THE FUTURE, LEVERAGING OUR REPORTING CONTACTS TO AUGMENT AG INSIDER COVERAGE. IN ADDITION, WE BEGAN SYNDICATING CONTENT FROM AG INSIDER TO OTHER OUTLETS, SUCH AS AGRICULTURE.COM, THAT SERVE A SIMILAR AUDIENCE, BOTH AS A REVENUE STREAM AND A MARKETING OPPORTUNITY. WE WILL LEVERAGE EXISTING WRITER RELATIONSHIPS TO GENERATE THESE MODERATE-LENGTH STORIES, AND BRING INFOGRAPHICS TO THE COLUMN AS WELL. OUR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING PROGRAM CREATED THE FOLLOWING CONTENT AND SERVED THE FOLLOWING AUDIENCES:

-SEVEN WAYS CLIMATE CHANGE COULD KILL YOU (REALLY), ANOTHER PIECE FROM OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GUARDIAN, DELIVERED A DISTURBING ROUNDUP OF ALL THE HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT RESEARCHERS HAVE CONNECTED TO CLIMATE CHANGE-FROM DEADLY BUG BITES AND ASTHMA TO OBESITY AND DEPRESSION. THE GUARDIAN DRAWS A 26.5 MILLION MONTHLY US READERSHIP AND A 90.5 MILLION MONTHLY GLOBAL READERSHIP.

-EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT NANOPESTICIDES PROVIDES A FASCINATING LOOK AT THE UNDER-REPORTED DARKER SIDE OF THE PROMISE OF USING NANOTECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE. THIS APPEARED IN MODERN FARMER,

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WHICH DRAWS 2 MILLION READERS EACH MONTH.

-LEAVE IT TO BEAVERS, WHICH APPEARED IN ONEARTH, THE MAGAZINE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, EXAMINES AN UNEXPECTED TWIST IN THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CYCLE: BEAVERS, LONG REVILED AS A NUISANCE, ARE ACTUALLY HELPING MITIGATE THE WATER WOES THAT PIT FARMER AGAINST FISHERMAN. ONEARTH HAS MORE THAN 364,000 READERS AND IS PUBLISHED BY THE NATIONAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, WHICH HAS THE SUPPORT OF MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION MEMBERS AND ONLINE ACTIVISTS.

-UNRAVELING THE GLUTEN-FREE TREND SEPARATES FACT FROM FICTION IN THE RAGING DEBATE ABOUT THE ROLE OF GLUTEN IN A RANGE OF MALADIES, FROM SKIN RASHES AND JOINT PAIN TO GASTROINTESTINAL DISTRESS AND DEPRESSION. IT APPEARED IN EATINGWELL, WHICH HAS NEARLY 2 MILLION TOTAL READERS OF EACH ISSUE.

-THE LETHAL LEGACY OF THE VIETNAM WAR IS OF ONE OF OUR MOST-SUCCESSFUL PIECES TO DATE IN 2015: GEORGE BLACK'S POWERFUL COVER STORY IN THE NATION SHOWED HOW THE TONS OF UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE, HERBICIDES, AND DEFOLIANTS THE US DROPPED ON VIETNAM DURING THE WAR PLAGUE FARMERS, AND AGRICULTURE, THERE TODAY. THE NATION HAS 1.3 MILLION MONTHLY READERS IN PRINT AND ONLINE. PROMINENT AND LONGTIME POLITICAL ACTIVIST TOM HAYDEN WAS AMONG THE MANY WHO SENT THE NATION LETTERS PRAISING BLACK'S WORK.

-CLIMATE CHANGE POSES SERIOUS THREATS TO FOOD DISTRIBUTION INTRODUCED A NEW AND TROUBLING FRAME TO THE CONVERSATION ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE, AND ACCESS TO GOOD FOOD. PUBLISHED MARCH 4, 2015, BY THE EARTH ISLAND JOURNAL, IT WAS SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA 500 TIMES AND THE 1,500 (AND COUNTING) FOLKS WHO READ IT ON THE JOURNAL'S SITE SPENT AN AVERAGE OF FIVE MINUTES WITH THE PIECE-PRETTY GOOD ENGAGEMENT IN OUR CLICK-AND-FLIT DIGITAL WORLD.

-THE FISHERMAN'S DILEMMA IS A STORY ABOUT A RADICAL EXPERIMENT THAT

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CLOSES HUNDREDS OF MILES OF CALIFORNIA COASTLINE TO FISHING. IT WAS
FEATURED IN CALIFORNIA SUNDAY, WHICH HAS A READERSHIP OF 700,000.

-AS HIMALAYAN GLACIERS MELT, TWO TOWNS FACE THE FALLOUT WAS A STORY
FOR WHICH REPORTER DANIEL GROSSMAN TRAVELED TO THE REMOTE MOUNTAINS OF
NORTHERN INDIA TO DESCRIBE THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIVING AT THE EDGE OF
GLOBAL WARMING. HIS STORY APPEARS IN THE ONLINE MAGAZINE YALE
ENVIRONMENT 360 WHICH HAS 4 MILLION ONLINE VIEWERS YEARLY. WE ALSO
PRODUCED A STUNNING VIDEO OF THIS VALLEY AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD, OUR
FIRST SHORT DOCUMENTARY.

-BATTLING DROUGHT ON A CALIFORNIA FARM WAS A PROFILE OF CANNON
MICHAEL, A CENTRAL VALLEY FARMER WHO DEVISED A WATER-SHARING SCHEME TO
HELP HIS STRUGGLING NEIGHBORS COPE WITH THE EPIC DROUGHT. AFTER MORE
THAN 60,000 VIEWS ON ENSIA AND ITS SYNDICATION PARTNERS, BUSINESS
INSIDER, QUARTZ, AND CLIMATE CENTRAL, IT HAD NEARLY 2,000 SOCIAL-MEDIA
SHARES. TWITTER HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE ENSIA (30.3K FOLLOWERS); SUNSET
MAGAZINE (62.6K FOLLOWERS) AND NPRFOOD (48K FOLLOWERS). MICHAEL ALSO
BEGAN APPEARING IN STORIES ABOUT THE DROUGHT IN OUTLETS LIKE THE NEW
YORK TIMES AND NPR.

-FIELDS OF TOXIC PESTICIDES SURROUND THE SCHOOLS OF VENTURA COUNTY ,
WITH INFOGRAPHIC WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NATION. AS OF APRIL 15, THE
STORY--WHICH WAS ONLINE ONLY--HAD MORE THAN 8,000 VIEWS AT THE NATION'S
WEBSITE AND NEARLY 5,000 SOCIAL-MEDIA SHARES.

-BORDERLANDS FOOD BANK: CUTTING FOOD WASTE AT THE BORDER IS A STORY
ABOUT A WOMAN WHO SINGLEHANDEDLY CHANGED THE GAME ON THE SPRAWLING AND
COMPLEX PROBLEM OF FOOD WASTE. THIS STORY ESTABLISHED AN IMPORTANT
PARTNERSHIP WITH LATINO USA, WHICH AIRS ON 141 NPR STATIONS NATIONWIDE,
WAS FEATURED ON NPR'S THE SALT BLOG, AND WAS PICKED UP BY GEORGIA
PUBLIC BROADCASTING AND CITED ON THE HUFFINGTON POST'S WHAT'S WORKING

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BLOG.

-URBAN FARMING IS BOOMING, BUT WHAT DOES IT REALLY YIELD? EXPLORES WHETHER COMMUNITY GARDENS AND ROOFTOP FARMS CAN REALLY PLAY A ROLE IN FEEDING OUR BURGEONING POPULATION. IT WAS PUBLISHED WITH ENSIA.

-SCORCHED, OUR NEWEST CALIFORNIA DROUGHT-RELATED STORY IN WHICH REPORTER LAUREN MARKHAM FOCUSES HER LENS ON THE HUMAN COST OF THIS SLOW-MOTION ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS. THE STORY WAS PUBLISHED ONLINE AND IN PRINT WITH A NEW PARTNER, PACIFIC STANDARD, A BIMONTHLY JOURNAL WHICH HAS A CIRCULATION OF OVER 40,000.

-ZAMBIA: WILDLIFE POACHERS TRADE GUNS FOR GARDENS ABOUT AN ANTI-POACHING STRATEGY THAT PUTS HUNTERS TO WORK. WRITTEN BY BRIDGET HUBER AND PUBLISHED WITH AL JAZEERA AMERICA.

-A LITTLE FISH WITH BIG IMPACT IN TROUBLE ON U.S. WEST COAST INVESTIGATES THE DEVASTATING 90-PERCENT DECLINE IN THE PACIFIC SARDINE STOCK FROM A DAUNTING LIST OF CULPRITS, FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO AQUACULTURE TO BURGEONING DEMAND FOR FISH OIL AND OTHER SUPPLEMENTS. IT COULD BE DISASTROUS FOR MARINE ANIMALS FARTHER UP THE FOOD CHAIN. FOR YALE ENVIRONMENT 360, WHICH HAS 4 MILLION ONLINE VIEWERS PER YEAR.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A CONTINUATION:

-HEART OF AGAVE WHICH APPEARED IN MOTHER JONES, TELLS THE STORY OF AN OPTOMETRIST WHO IS TRYING TO WEAN THE MEXICAN TEQUILA INDUSTRY FROM AGROCHEMICALS--AND IS DISTILLING A SUPERIOR PRODUCT IN THE PROCESS. MOTHER JONES HAS A CIRCULATION OF OVER 200,000 HOUSEHOLDS AND A TOTAL AUDIENCE OF OVER 701,000 READERS.

-THE FORGOTTEN FILIPINO-AMERICANS WHO LED THE '65 DELANO GRAPE STRIKE BY LISA MOREHOUSE IN COLLABORATION WITH KQED'S THE CALIFORNIA REPORT UNCOVERED A LITTLE-KNOWN STORY ABOUT THE ORIGINS OF THE MOST

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SIGNIFICANT LABOR ACTION OF THE MODERN ERA, THE FARMWORKERS' GRAPE STRIKE THAT DRAGGED ON FOR FIVE YEARS IN THE 1960S. KQED OVERALL HAS A COMBINED WEEKLY AUDIENCE OF OVER 4.1 MILLION LISTENERS, VIEWERS AND WEB USERS.

-UNCHARTED WAS PUBLISHED IN COLLABORATION WITH CALIFORNIA SUNDAY MAGAZINE, WHICH HAS OVER 400,000 READERS. WRITER AND PHOTOGRAPHER LISA M. HAMILTON TRAVELLED TO ONE OF THE MOST REMOTE CORNERS OF AUSTRALIA WITH A GROUP OF PLANT GENETICISTS SEARCHING FOR WILD RELATIVES OF RICE.

-MEET THE SCIENTISTS HUNTING AND SAVING WILD SUNFLOWER SEEDS PUBLISHED IN MODERN FARMER'S FALL ISSUE, NELSON HARVEY TAKES A CLOSE LOOK AT SUNFLOWERS, WHICH ARE NATIVE TO NORTH AMERICA. THEY ARE A VITAL OIL-SEED CROP, A DIETARY STAPLE IN CHINA, AND THE SECOND-MOST-CULTIVATED HYBRID IN THE WORLD AFTER CORN.

-WITH NO U.S. STANDARDS, POT PESTICIDE USE IS RISING PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT BY REPORTERS ERICA BERRY OF FERN AND KATIE KUNTZ OF I-NEWS, FOUND A GLARING ABSENCE OF OVERSIGHT ON THE LEGAL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY. IT WAS THE LEAD STORY IN THEIR NEWSLETTER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS I-NEWS WEEKLY, AN OPT-IN SUBSCRIPTION LIST OF RMPBS MEMBERS WHICH HAS 1,100 SUBSCRIBERS. THE STORY WAS ALSO FEATURED ON THEIR WEEKLY PUBLIC AFFAIRS TELEVISION SHOW, COLORADO STATE OF MIND, ON OCT. 2. IT DREW AN AUDIENCE OF 5,557 HOUSEHOLDS.

-CHILDREN LEFT VULNERABLE BY WORLD BANK AMID PUSH FOR DEVELOPMENT BY JOCELYN ZUCKERMAN AND MICHAEL HUDSON FOR THE HUFFINGTON POST IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS PART OF "EVICTED AND ABANDONED," A YEAR-LONG INVESTIGATION INTO THE HIDDEN TOLL OF WORLD BANK-FINANCED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON SOME OF THE PLANET'S POOREST PEOPLE.

-ALLAN SAVORY AND THE SCIENCE OF TRACKING WHERE WE PARTNERED WITH

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DISCOVER MAGAZINE TO SEND WRITER JUDITH SCHWARTZ TO ZIMBABWE TO TALK TO SAVORY, A GLOBAL GURU OF SUSTAINABLE LAND-USE, ABOUT THE LOST ART OF ANIMAL TRACKING. DISCOVER MAGAZINE HAS A TOTAL MONTHLY AUDIENCE OF OVER 6.3 MILLION. TRAVEL FOR THIS STORY WAS SUPPORTED BY THE PULITZER CENTER ON CRISIS REPORTING.

-10 WAYS BIG FOOD IS CHANGING TO MEET CONSUMER DEMAND PUBLISHED WITH EATINGWELL MAGAZINE, WAS A SMART, END-OF-YEAR ROUNDUP OF HOW THE FOOD INDUSTRY HAS BEGUN TO RETHINK WHAT IT SERVES. EATINGWELL HAS A MONTHLY READERSHIP OF 5.1 MILLION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENTS A DRAFT FORM 990 TO THE CHAIR-TREASURER OF THE BOARD ELECTRONICALLY. HE REVIEWS AND APPROVES PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH THE GOVERNING BOARD. AFTER DISCLOSURE, AN INVESTIGATION IS HELD DURING WHICH THE INDIVIDUAL MUST RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM VOTING ON THE MATTER. IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE ANY ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY AND CORRECTIVE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN. SUCH MATTERS INVOLVING THE EXISTENCE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE TO BE DOCUMENTED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD. ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, EACH BOARD MEMBER AND OFFICER IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH AFFIRMS THAT THEY RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15:

TO DETERMINE COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, THE BOARD UTILIZES COMPENSATION DATA FOR EACH POSITION AMONG PEER ORGANIZATIONS. A PROPOSED AMOUNT FOR EACH POSITION IS THEN APPROVED BY THE BOARD AND RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD. THE PROCESS WAS LAST CONDUCTED IN 2015.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS FORM 990 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 6104 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE BY POSTING IT ON GUIDESTAR.ORG. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

WRITERS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	99,713.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	99,713.

STORY EDITORS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	22,500.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	22,500.

PHOTOGRAPHER:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	13,070.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	13,070.

AG INSIDER:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	52,200.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	52,200.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	187,483.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THE ORGANIZATION HAS A COMMITTEE THAT ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR
OVERSIGHT OF THE AUDIT OF ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SELECTION OF AN
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT. THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR
YEAR.