

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

**2016**

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Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:  <input 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	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK INC.</b> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>576 FIFTH AVENUE 903</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>NEW YORK, NY 10036</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>THOMAS LASKAWY</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>27-4108978</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(646) 248-6014</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>867,230.</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number ▶
<b>I</b> 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		
<b>J</b> Website: ▶ <b>HTTP://THEFERN.ORG</b>		
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		
<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>2010</b>		<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>NY</b>

**Part I Summary**

<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>SEE SCHEDULE O</u>	
<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.	
<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b> / <b>7</b>
<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b> / <b>6</b>
<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b> / <b>7</b>
<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b> / <b>7</b>
<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b> / <b>0.</b>
<b>7b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b> / <b>0.</b>
<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>8</b> / <b>738,848.</b> / <b>806,648.</b>
<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>9</b> / <b>64,348.</b> / <b>40,673.</b>
<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>10</b> / <b>1,428.</b> / <b>1,359.</b>
<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>11</b> / <b>1,048.</b> / <b>-3,929.</b>
<b>12</b>	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>12</b> / <b>805,672.</b> / <b>844,751.</b>
<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>13</b> / <b>0.</b> / <b>0.</b>
<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>14</b> / <b>0.</b> / <b>0.</b>
<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>15</b> / <b>263,672.</b> / <b>453,713.</b>
<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>16a</b> / <b>0.</b> / <b>0.</b>
<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>0.</b>	
<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	<b>17</b> / <b>476,824.</b> / <b>458,949.</b>
<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>18</b> / <b>740,496.</b> / <b>912,662.</b>
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>19</b> / <b>65,176.</b> / <b>-67,911.</b>
<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>20</b> / <b>558,005.</b> / <b>496,960.</b>
<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>21</b> / <b>47,386.</b> / <b>54,252.</b>
<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>22</b> / <b>510,619.</b> / <b>442,708.</b>

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>THOMAS LASKAWY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b> Type or print name and title	Date _____			
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>GARRETT M. HIGGINS</b>	Preparer's signature <b>GARRETT M. HIGGINS</b>	Date <b>05/11/17</b>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN <b>P00543209</b>
	Firm's name ▶ <b>PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>27-1728945</b>			
	Firm's address ▶ <b>665 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022</b>	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  X

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 \$ 580,264. including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ 28,809.)  
**SEE SCHEDULE O**

4b (Code: \_\_\_\_\_) (Expenses \$ 159,213. including grants of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) (Revenue \$ 11,864.)  
**SEE SCHEDULE O**

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 **739,477.**

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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> .....	<b>X</b>	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?</i> .....	<b>X</b>	
<b>3</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>5</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>7</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>9</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>10</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>d</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>f</b> 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> .....	<b>X</b>	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> .....	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>15</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>16</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>17</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>
<b>18</b> 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> .....	<b>X</b>	
<b>19</b> 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> .....		<b>X</b>

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** *(continued)*

	Yes	No
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? .....		
<b>21</b> 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> .....		X
<b>22</b> 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> .....		X
<b>23</b> 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> .....		X
<b>24a</b> 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> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? .....		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? .....		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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> .....		X
<b>b</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> .....		X
<b>26</b> 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> .....		X
<b>27</b> 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> .....		X
<b>28</b> 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):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>c</b> 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> .....		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>32</b> 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> .....		X
<b>33</b> 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> .....		X
<b>34</b> 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> .....		X
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? .....		X
<b>b</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> .....		
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		X
<b>37</b> 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> .....		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? .....		
<b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O .....	X	

**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
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		
<b>2a</b>	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		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</b>	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
<b>4b</b>	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).		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	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
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	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
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>7h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>9b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>13a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
<b>13b</b>	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		
<b>13c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
<b>14b</b>	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
<b>1a</b> 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.	<b>1a</b>	7		
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	<b>1b</b>	6		
<b>2</b> 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?	<b>2</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>3</b> 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?	<b>3</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<b>4</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	<b>5</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders?	<b>6</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>7a</b> 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?	<b>7a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	<b>7b</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
<b>a</b> The governing body?	<b>8a</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>8b</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b> 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	<b>9</b>			<b>X</b>

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

			Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	<b>10a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</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?	<b>10b</b>			
<b>11a</b> Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>11a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.				
<b>12a</b> Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>12a</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>12b</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>c</b> Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	<b>12c</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b> Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<b>13</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>14</b> Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<b>14</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>15</b> 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?				
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>15a</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization	<b>15b</b>		<b>X</b>	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).				
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	<b>16a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</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?	<b>16b</b>			

**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: **▶**  
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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) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns .....	<b>1a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues .....	<b>1b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events .....	<b>1c</b>	122,181.				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations .....	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) .....	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .....	<b>1f</b>	684,467.				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ .....						
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f .....		806,648.				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> EDITORIAL FEE .....	<b>Business Code</b> 511110	28,809.	28,809.		
<b>b</b> SUBSCRIPTIONS REVENUE .....		519130	11,864.	11,864.			
<b>c</b> .....							
<b>d</b> .....							
<b>e</b> .....							
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue .....							
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f .....			40,673.				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) .....		1,359.			1,359.	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .....						
	<b>5</b> Royalties .....						
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents .....	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses .....					
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) .....					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) .....						
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory .....	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses .....					
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) .....					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) .....						
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 122,181. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 .....	<b>a</b>	17,050.				
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>	22,479.			
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....			-5,429.			-5,429.	
<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 .....	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses .....	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities .....						
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances .....	<b>a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold .....	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory .....						
Miscellaneous Revenue		<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11 a</b> REIMBURSEMENT .....		900099	1,500.			1,500.	
	<b>b</b> .....						
	<b>c</b> .....						
	<b>d</b> All other revenue .....						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d .....			1,500.				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions. ....			844,751.	40,673.	0.	-2,570.	

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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
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	175,100.	138,626.	36,474.	
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	243,231.	192,565.	50,666.	
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	35,382.	26,873.	8,509.	
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal				
<b>c</b> Accounting	25,535.		25,535.	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	169,091.	169,091.		
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	56,581.	54,960.	1,621.	
<b>13</b> Office expenses	20,226.	2,948.	17,278.	
<b>14</b> Information technology	129,269.	128,145.	1,124.	
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy				
<b>17</b> Travel	40,776.	21,802.	18,974.	
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	912.		912.	
<b>20</b> Interest				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
<b>23</b> Insurance	12,070.		12,070.	
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> PHOTOGRAPH LICENSES	4,467.	4,467.		
<b>b</b> MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	22.		22.	
<b>c</b> _____				
<b>d</b> _____				
<b>e</b> All other expenses _____				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	912,662.	739,477.	173,185.	0.
<b>26</b> 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
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	210,657.	<b>1</b>	140,857.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	336,397.	<b>2</b>	187,756.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	150,000.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	10,951.	<b>4</b>	18,347.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....			<b>5</b>
	<b>6</b> 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 .....			<b>6</b>
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....		<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....		558,005.	<b>16</b>	496,960.
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	47,386.	<b>17</b>	41,548.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....		<b>19</b>	12,704.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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 .....			<b>22</b>
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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 .....			<b>25</b>
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....		47,386.	<b>26</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	510,619.	<b>27</b>	242,708.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....		<b>28</b>	200,000.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....		<b>29</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....		510,619.	<b>33</b>	442,708.
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....		558,005.	<b>34</b>	496,960.

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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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	844,751.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	912,662.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-67,911.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	510,619.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0.
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	442,708.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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.			
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
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			
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
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			
<b>c</b>	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?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
<b>3a</b>	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>b</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) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	382,669.	644,113.	688,331.	738,848.	806,648.	3,260,609.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....	382,669.	644,113.	688,331.	738,848.	806,648.	3,260,609.
<b>5</b> 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) .....						1,041,378.
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2,219,231.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....	382,669.	644,113.	688,331.	738,848.	806,648.	3,260,609.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....		698.	1,271.	1,428.	1,359.	4,756.
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....				1,048.	1,500.	2,548.
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						3,267,913.
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					12	142,740.
<b>13 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	<b>14</b>	67.91 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2016.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2015.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2016.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>18 Private foundation.</b> 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 10 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) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> 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 .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</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 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2016.** 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 - 2015.** 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 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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>		
<b>2</b> 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>		
<b>3a</b> 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>b</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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
<b>b</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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>5a</b> 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>b</b> <b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b> <b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b> 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>		
<b>7</b> 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>		
<b>8</b> 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>		
<b>9a</b> 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>b</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>		
<b>c</b> 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>		
<b>10a</b> 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>b</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
<b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b> 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>b</b> A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b> 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
<b>1</b> 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.		
<b>2</b> 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
<b>1</b> 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
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>2</b> 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).		
<b>3</b> 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**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> 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>b</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.		
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
<b>a</b> 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>b</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.		

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**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 (explain in Part VI.) **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(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	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(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	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):		
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	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			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	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> 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)*

<b>Section D - Distributions</b>	<b>Current Year</b>
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

<b>Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)</b>	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016</b>
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b> From 2013			
<b>d</b> From 2014			
<b>e</b> From 2015			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2016. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2017.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2013			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2014			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2015			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2016			

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**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 B**

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

Department of the Treasury  
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**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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**2016**

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. Don't 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 isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't 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 doesn't 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) (2016)

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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		\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2		\$ 63,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3		\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4		\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5		\$ 35,424.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6		\$ 70,500.	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	_____ _____ _____	\$ 60,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	_____ _____ _____	\$ 75,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input 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
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
<b>Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4</b>		<b>Relationship of transferor to transferee</b>	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
<b>Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4</b>		<b>Relationship of transferor to transferee</b>	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
<b>Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4</b>		<b>Relationship of transferor to transferee</b>	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
<b>(e) Transfer of gift</b>			
<b>Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4</b>		<b>Relationship of transferor to transferee</b>	

**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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**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 .....

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- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance .....             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year .....     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year ..... | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance .....                | <b>1f</b> |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance .....					
<b>b</b> Contributions .....					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses .....					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships .....					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs .....					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses .....					
<b>g</b> End of year balance .....					

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - b** Permanent endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |   | Yes           | No |
|---|---------------|----|
| <b>(i)</b> unrelated organizations .....  | <b>3a(i)</b>  |    |
| <b>(ii)</b> related organizations .....   | <b>3a(ii)</b> |    |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? ..... | <b>3b</b>     |    |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....				
<b>e</b> Other .....				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ..... ▶ 0.

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)	
<b>Total.</b> (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)	
<b>Total.</b> (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	867,230.
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	22,479.	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		22,479.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	844,751.
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	844,751.

**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	935,141.
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	22,479.	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		22,479.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	912,662.
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	912,662.

**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:**

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 2013 REMAIN OPEN TO EXAMINATION BY THE APPLICABLE TAXING AUTHORITIES. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO EXAMINATIONS IN PROGRESS.

**PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:**

DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART

VIII, LINE 8B

22,479.

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information (continued)

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART

VIII, LINE 8B

22,479.



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**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		NYC DINNER (event type)	FERN TALKS AND EATS (event type)	1 (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts .....	74,250.	34,215.	30,766.	139,231.
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions .....	74,250.	17,165.	30,766.	122,181.
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) .....		17,050.		17,050.
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes .....				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes .....				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs .....	1,124.		515.	1,639.
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages .....	528.		455.	983.
	<b>8</b> Entertainment .....				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses .....	2,801.	15,798.	1,258.	19,857.
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....				22,479.
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) .....				-5,429.	

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross revenue .....				
Direct Expenses	<b>2</b> Cash prizes .....				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes .....				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs .....				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses .....				
	<b>6</b> Volunteer labor .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) .....				
	<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) .....				

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_  
**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No  
**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No  
**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_



**Part IV** Supplemental Information (continued)

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**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](http://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, NONPROFIT, NEWS ORGANIZATION THAT PRODUCES AWARD-WINNING INVESTIGATIVE AND EXPLANATORY REPORTING ON FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MEDIA OUTLETS. THROUGH IMPARTIAL, FACT-BASED JOURNALISM, FERN EXPLORES THE FULL IMPACT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ON PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT. WE SHINE A LIGHT ON INJUSTICES AND ABUSES OF POWER, BOTH CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENTAL AND ACT AS A BULWARK AGAINST THE GROWING SUPPRESSION OF SCIENCE WITHIN GOVERNMENT. WE UNCOVER AND EXPLAIN NEWS THAT IS CRITICAL TO THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO KNOW ABOUT FOOD, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

FERN PRIMARILY PRODUCES NEWS ARTICLES OF BETWEEN 1,500 AND 5,000 WORDS, AND FUNCTIONS AS A FULL-SERVICE NEWS ORGANIZATION. FERN'S PROCESS INCLUDES STORY AND PITCH DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTING WITH JOURNALISTS, PROVIDING EDITORIAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES AND NEGOTIATING DISTRIBUTION

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AGREEMENTS WITH MAINSTREAM PUBLICATIONS. FERN COMPLEMENTS ITS WRITTEN REPORTS WITH INFOGRAPHICS AND OTHER VISUALIZATIONS, WITH SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY, THROUGH RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCAST COLLABORATIONS, AND THROUGH LIVE EVENTS. FERN RIGOROUSLY TRACKS THE IMPACT OF ITS STORIES USING A RANGE OF METRICS. 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 FREE FROM HIDDEN AGENDAS OR BIASES AND PRESERVES TOTAL EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE BY MAINTAINING A STRICT FIREWALL AMONG FUNDERS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND OUR EDITORIAL OPERATIONS.

THE ISSUES FERN COVERS ARE AT THE HEART OF TODAY'S POLITICAL (AND SOMETIME PHYSICAL) BATTLES. TRADE, IMMIGRATION, TOXIC CHEMICALS, WATER QUALITY, AND LABOR ARE ALL FUNDAMENTAL TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND ARE SOME OF THE MOST CONTENTIOUS AREAS OF DEBATE. FERN PROVIDES THE EDITORIAL EXPERTISE TO EXPLORE, EXPLAIN AND INVESTIGATE ALL CORNERS OF THE FOOD SYSTEM AS WELL AS TO FILL GAPS IN COVERAGE THAT HAVE ARISEN DUE TO THE ONGOING AND ACCELERATING DISRUPTION BY DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY OF THE TRADITIONAL MEDIA BUSINESS MODEL. FERN EXPANDS PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF THESE CRUCIAL ISSUES AT A TIME WHEN TRUSTED SOURCES OF FACTS ARE ESSENTIAL. FERN STORIES HAVE APPEARED IN A WIDE RANGE OF OUTLETS, INCLUDING ABC'S WORLD NEWS TONIGHT, THE WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORKER, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, EATING WELL, MOTHER JONES, PACIFIC STANDARD, HARPER'S, THE NATION, FAST COMPANY, THE GUARDIAN, SUNSET MAGAZINE, PRI'S THE WORLD, NPR'S LATINO USA, THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, AND CALIFORNIA SUNDAY.

IN ITS FIRST FIVE YEARS OF OPERATIONS, FERN HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A TRUSTED SOURCE FOR NEWS AND IS A MULTIPLE JAMES BEARD AWARD WINNER FOR ITS REPORTING ON FOOD POLITICS, POLICY AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS

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A MULTIPLE WINNER OF THE IACP AWARD FOR "WRITING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE." OVERALL, FERN HAS WON OVER A DOZEN REPORTING AWARDS. 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."

WE HAVE REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED AN ABILITY TO DELIVER HIGH-IMPACT JOURNALISM THAT REACHES A LARGE AUDIENCE. IN THE LAST YEAR ALONE, SEVERAL OF OUR STORIES HAVE HELPED SPUR POLICY CHANGES AT THE INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL, AND STATE LEVELS. OUR COLLABORATIVE DISTRIBUTION MODEL GIVES US THE RARE ABILITY TO REACH AUDIENCES THAT ARE NOT ALREADY EXPOSED TO, OR FAMILIAR WITH, THE ISSUES BOUND UP IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE. OUR CAPACITY TO DELIVER SUCH RESULTS IS SIGNIFICANT AT A TIME WHEN THE PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY IS FOCUSED ON THE SOCIAL RETURN ON ITS INVESTMENTS AND IMPACT. FERN MAINTAINS THAT SUPPORT OF TRULY INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM SUCH AS OURS IS CRITICAL IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY. INDEED, INDEPENDENT REPORTING FROM A TRUSTED SOURCE CAN HAVE AN OUTSIZED EFFECT ON PUBLIC-POLICY DEBATES.

A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT CORPORATION BASED IN NEW YORK AND OPERATING SINCE 2011, FERN HAS WORKED WITH 42 FREELANCE WRITERS ON 89 STORIES THAT HAVE APPEARED IN 44 OUTLETS. FERN IS A MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE FOR NONPROFIT NEWS, THE PRIMARY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION FOR NONPROFIT NEWS ORGANIZATIONS, AND HAS BUILT KEY PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER NONPROFIT NEWS OUTLETS LIKE THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM, THE PULITZER CENTER FOR CRISIS REPORTING AND PUBLIC RADIO INTERNATIONAL. WE SHARE THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF ALL INVESTIGATIVE

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JOURNALISTS: TO EMPOWER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS TO ADVOCATE FOR CHANGE AT THE CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL. IN AGGREGATE, OUR STORIES HAVE REACHED OVER 150 MILLION AMERICANS. WE ALSO PRODUCE FERN'S AG INSIDER, A DAILY FOOD AND AGRICULTURE POLICY PAID SUBSCRIPTION NEWS SERVICE AND HAVE JUST RELEASED OUR FIRST BOOK, THE DIRT: DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT LINES OF FOOD AND FARMING 2011-2016, AN ANTHOLOGY OF OUR FIRST FIVE YEARS OF REPORTING.

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.

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 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.

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. FERN USES FREELANCE

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JOURNALISTS AND EDITORS CLOSELY SUPERVISED BY OUR EDITORIAL STAFF.

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

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

IN 2016, FERN PRODUCED 18 STORIES, INCLUDING FOUR INTERNATIONAL STORIES, ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF PALM OIL PRODUCTION IN INDONESIA TO THE EFFORT TO RESTORE POLLINATOR HABITAT AND ALSO CREATE JOBS IN AN ECONOMICALLY-CHALLENGED RURAL AREA. WE ADDED NEW PARTNERSHIPS, FOR A TOTAL OF 44 MAINSTREAM MEDIA PUBLISHING PARTNERS, INCLUDING SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, AUDUBON, THE INTERCEPT, THE NATION AND MORE.

FERN'S REPORTING GARNERED SEVERAL AWARDS IN 2016. WE WERE GRATIFIED TO LEARN THAT FERN WON TWO AWARDS FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF FOOD JOURNALISM THIS YEAR. TED GENOWAY'S PIECE "HEART OF AGAVE" (PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MOTHER JONES) TOOK HOME FIRST PLACE FOR BEST WRITING ON BEER, WINE OR SPIRITS, AND PAUL GREENBERG'S "THE FISHERMEN'S DILEMMA" (PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CALIFORNIA SUNDAY) EARNED SECOND PLACE FOR BEST STORY ON FOOD POLICY OR FOOD ISSUES. MEANWHILE, FERN'S DEEP DIVE INTO THE INFLUENCE OF AGRIBUSINESS IN IOWA POLITICS BY RICHARD MANNING FOR HARPER'S MAGAZINE WON AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CULINARY PROFESSIONALS AWARD FOR "WRITING THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE."

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FERN'S STORY WRITTEN BY JOCELYN ZUCKERMAN AND PRODUCED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS (THE PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING ORGANIZATION BEHIND THE "PANAMA PAPERS") AND THE HUFFINGTON POST ABOUT CHILDREN DISPLACED BY PALM OIL PLANTATIONS IN INDONESIA WON A GOLD KEYBOARD AWARD - THE HIGHEST HONOR - FROM THE NEW YORK PRESS CLUB, AS PART OF A LARGER INVESTIGATIVE SERIES ON THE WORLD BANK BY ICIJ CALLED "EVICTED AND ABANDONED." THE SERIES OF STORIES ALSO WON THE WHITMAN BASSOW AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING FROM THE OVERSEAS PRESS CLUB. IT WAS ALSO A FINALIST FOR A GERARD LOEB AWARD AND THE INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS AND EDITOR'S AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM.

FERN ALSO WON AN EDWARD R. MURROW AWARD FROM THE RADIO TELEVISION DIGITAL NEWS ASSOCIATION FOR USE OF SOUND IN THE RADIO STORY "GRAPES OF WRATH: THE FORGOTTEN FILIPINO-AMERICANS WHO LED THE '65 DELANO GRAPE STRIKE." WRITTEN AND PRODUCED BY LISA M. MOREHOUSE, THE STORY REVEALS HOW FILIPINO-AMERICANS SPEARHEADED THE HISTORIC FARM LABOR MOVEMENT, MADE FAMOUS BY THE UNITED FARM WORKERS AND CESAR CHAVEZ. THE STORY ORIGINALLY APPEARED ON KQED'S THE CALIFORNIA REPORT.

FERN IS A SMALL, NIMBLE ORGANIZATION THAT PUNCHES WELL ABOVE ITS WEIGHT; OUR 2016 BUDGET WAS \$930,000. OUR FUNDING COMES FROM A MIX OF FOUNDATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING THE 11TH HOUR PROJECT, THE WOODCOCK FOUNDATION, THE PACKARD FOUNDATION, THE TOMKAT CHARITABLE TRUST, THE MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION, NELL NEWMAN FOUNDATION, AND THE SOROS FUND AMONG OTHERS.

OUR CONTINUED FUNDRAISING SUCCESS HAS ALLOWED US TO EXPAND OUR REPORTING CAPABILITIES, INCLUDING HIRING ADDITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CREATING INFOGRAPHICS AND EXPLAINERS TO ACCOMPANY STORIES.

IN SEPTEMBER 2016, WE AGAIN HELD OUR ANNUAL NEW YORK CITY FUNDRAISER AT

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HAVEN'S KITCHEN FEATURING AUTHOR AND NYU FOOD STUDIES PROFESSOR MARION NESTLE IN CONVERSATION WITH FERN EDITOR-IN-CHIEF SAM FROMARTZ. FERN EDITOR-AT-LARGE GEORGE BLACK ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE INCREASINGLY CRUCIAL POSITION FERN HOLDS WITHIN THE NEWS INDUSTRY. DINNER WAS PREPARED BY CHEF SUZANNE CUPPS OF DANNY MEYER'S RESTAURANT UNTITLED. THE EVENT RAISED OVER \$70,000.

IN ADDITION, WE HELD OUR SECOND FERN TALKS & EATS EVENT IN OCTOBER 2016 IN SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA AT THE DOMENICO WINERY. FERN TALKS & EATS SILICON VALLEY PRESENTED TWO PANELS OF ENTREPRENEURS AND INVESTORS WHO CONSIDERED HOW SUSTAINABILITY CAN BECOME MORE THAN A JUST A BUZZWORD FOR THE "NEW FOOD" AND AG TECH BUSINESSES OF TOMORROW. PANELISTS INCLUDED ANYA FERNALD OF BELCAMPO, JOSH TETRICK OF HAMPTON CREEK, KAT TAYLOR IN HER ROLE AT RADICLE IMPACT, STEPHEN DEBERRY OF BRONZE INVESTMENTS, SARAH VARED OF MISSIONPOINT VENTURES AND REFED, VISHAL VASISHTH OF OBVIOUS VENTURES, AND ADAM ZBAR OF SUN BASKET. THE PANELS WERE MODERATED BY ROB TRICE OF MIXING BOWL VENTURES AND FERN'S SAM FROMARTZ. WE EARNED TICKET REVENUE TOTALING OVER \$18,000 FROM THIS EVENT, BOTH FOR ENTRY TO THE PANELS AND ALSO FOR A VIP DINNER.

#### ENGAGEMENT AND BUSINESS LINE DEVELOPMENTS

DURING THE YEAR, WE ADDED SEVERAL NEW PUBLISHING PARTNERS BUT OF PARTICULAR NOTE WERE THE NEW YORKER, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, AUDUBON AND THE INTERCEPT. BEYOND THE BIG NAMES, THOUGH, THE RANGE OF THESE OUTLETS SHOWS THE BROAD SCOPE AND APPEAL OF FERN'S WORK TO DIVERSE AUDIENCES. THERE'S THE LITERARY AUTHORITY OF THE NEW YORKER, THE GLOBAL REACH AND CREDIBILITY OF SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, THE DEEP CONSERVATION FOCUS AT AUDUBON AND THE POINTED INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AT THE INTERCEPT. THE

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STORIES WE PUBLISHED ALSO SPEAK TO FERN'S CONSIDERABLE RANGE:  
 ASSASSINATION AND INTERNATIONAL INTRIGUE IN A PALM OIL STORY;  
 INNOVATIVE AND INSPIRING EFFORTS TO SAVE WILD POLLINATORS IN THE  
 SOUTHWEST; POACHING AND BIODIVERSITY IN INDONESIA; AND AN  
 INVESTIGATION-CUM-MEDIA CRITICISM STORY ABOUT SPINNING SCIENCE FOR  
 CORPORATE INTERESTS.

IN 2016, FERN'S SOCIAL-MEDIA PRESENCE CONTINUE TO EXPAND ITS REACH AND  
 INFLUENCE.

#### FACEBOOK

SINCE THE START OF 2016, WE WENT FROM ABOUT 7,000 PAGE LIKES TO OVER  
 13,000 PAGE LIKES. THAT INCREASE IN OVER 5,000 LIKES REPRESENTS A  
 GROWTH BY MORE THAN 71%. WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED THIS THROUGH PERSONAL  
 NETWORKING, POSTING ENGAGING CONTENT (INCLUDING FERN-SPECIFIC POSTS),  
 BOOSTED (I.E. PAID) POSTS, AND OTHER FB CAMPAIGNS. OUR AUDIENCE IS 62%  
 WOMEN AND 37% MEN (FB DOESN'T HAVE GENDER INFO FOR ALL PROFILES, SO  
 THERE IS UNKNOWN FACTOR OF 1%). THE MAJORITY OF OUR FANS OVERALL ARE  
 WOMEN AGES 25-44. THIS TREND HAS REMAINED THE SAME THE LAST YEAR.  
 APPROXIMATELY 53% OF OUR FANS (OVER 6,800) ARE IN THE UNITED STATES.  
 TOP FIVE US CITIES ARE NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, DC, AND  
 PHILADELPHIA. OUR FACEBOOK POSTS HAD A REACH OF APPROXIMATELY 1.4  
 MILLION USERS, UP FROM 1.15 MILLION USERS IN 2015.

#### TWITTER

OUR TWITTER FOLLOWING GREW 15% FROM 20,000 FOLLOWERS TO 23,028. OUR

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AUDIENCE IS 56% WOMEN AND 44% MEN. WE TYPICALLY SEE A SLIGHTLY HIGHER FOLLOWING FROM WOMEN THAN MEN ON TWITTER. THE TOP INTERESTS ARE POLITICS & CURRENT EVENTS AND BUSINESS & NEWS. THOUGH THESE OTHER INTERESTS ACCOUNT FOR A HIGH PERCENTAGE: SCIENCE NEWS, FOODIE NEWS, COOKBOOKS/FOOD/WINE, AND COOKING. THE TOP CONSUMER BUYING STYLES ARE PREMIUM BRANDS, FRESH & HEALTHY, HOME COOKING, ETHNIC EXPLORERS, AND NATURAL LIVING. APPROXIMATELY 69% OF OUR FOLLOWERS (ABOUT 16,000) ARE IN THE UNITED STATES. THE MAJORITY OF OUR US FOLLOWERS ARE IN CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK. OUR TWITTER POSTS HAD A REACH OF APPROXIMATELY 3.8 MILLION USERS AS OF 12/18/16, WHICH IS ON A PACE TO EQUAL THE 3.9 MILLION USERS REACHED IN 2015.

#### INSTAGRAM

AT THE START OF 2016, WE BEGAN POSTING REGULARLY TO INSTAGRAM. WE STARTED THE YEAR WITH A FEW DOZEN FOLLOWERS AND TO DATE WE HAVE NEARLY 500 FOLLOWERS. WE NOW HAVE ACCESS TO INSTAGRAM'S AUDIENCE INSIGHTS, WHICH HAS ALLOWED US TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHO IS FOLLOWING US HERE. WE'VE LEARNED THAT OUR AUDIENCE IS 65% WOMEN AND 35% MEN (SIMILAR TO FACEBOOK). THE MAJORITY OF OUR FOLLOWERS OVERALL ARE WOMEN AGES 25-44 (EXACTLY THE SAME AS FACEBOOK). OUR AUDIENCE IS MAINLY IN THE US, WITH THE TOP CITIES AS NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, LOS ANGELES, AND ATLANTA. OUR FOLLOWING HERE APPEARS TO INCLUDE A MIX OF JOURNALISTS, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, MEDIA, BUSINESSES RELATED TO FOOD AND AGRICULTURE, SOCIAL ENTERPRISES, AND INDIVIDUALS WITH A PASSION FOR FOOD AND WINE.

#### BUSINESS LINE DEVELOPMENT

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FERN'S AG INSIDER, OUR PAID POLICY NEWS SERVICE, SHOWED A NET GAIN OF OVER 50 NEW SUBSCRIBERS IN 2016 FOR A TOTAL OF OVER 200 PAID SUBSCRIBERS AND MADE SEVERAL NEW SALES TO UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES, INCLUDING HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY, AND NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. WE SEE FERN'S AG INSIDER, PARTICULARLY INSTITUTIONAL AND CORPORATE SALES, AS A SIGNIFICANT AREA FOR POTENTIAL EARNED REVENUE GROWTH

WHILE PUTTING CONTENT BEHIND A PAYWALL REDUCES THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE INFORMATION, THE KIND OF REPORTING AG INSIDER FEATURES - DETAILED REGULATORY AND POLICY JOURNALISM ON AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES AND FOOD-RELATED BUSINESSES - IS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED AND NOT MEANT FOR A GENERAL AUDIENCE. SINCE IT IS PRIMARILY AN AUDIENCE OF PROFESSIONALS AND ADVOCATES, WE BELIEVE A MODEST FEE, WHICH IS LESS THAN MOST COMPETING OFFERINGS, IS EASILY JUSTIFIED. WE ALSO HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS WHO SUBSCRIBE AND USE AG INSIDER AS A "TIP SHEET." AS A RESULT, AG INSIDER REPORTING DOES ULTIMATELY AND OFTEN FIND ITS WAY TO A LARGER AUDIENCE. FINALLY, WE REGULARLY PUT PIECES THAT WE THINK MAY HAVE WIDER APPEAL OUTSIDE THE PAYWALL AS WELL AS LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO SYNDICATE AG INSIDER ARTICLES TO OTHER OUTLETS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A CONTINUATION:

DURING THE YEAR, WE EXPANDED OUR REPORTING TEAM FOR AG INSIDER IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGE OF HAVING ENOUGH CONTENT AND ADDED VALUE TO JUSTIFY A PAID PRODUCT. WE ADDED KRISTINA JOHNSON AS OUR WESTERN STATES CORRESPONDENT WHILE TWO FREELANCE CORRESPONDENTS ATTENDED THE PARIS CLIMATE TALKS FILING A NUMBER OF PIECES. OTHER AG INSIDER CONTRIBUTORS THIS YEAR INCLUDE CHRISTOPHER LEONARD, JUDITH SCHWARTZ, ERICA BERRY,

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LIZA GROSS AND LEAH DOUGLAS. WE ALSO RECENTLY HIRED MARYN MCKENNA,  
PERHAPS THE FOREMOST JOURNALIST COVERING THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS  
OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE, AS A REGULAR CONTRIBUTOR.

AT THE END OF THE YEAR, WE PRODUCED AND PUBLISHED THE DIRT: DISPATCHES  
FROM THE FRONT LINES OF FOOD AND FARMING 2011-2016, A LARGE-FORMAT  
ANTHOLOGY OF 16 OF OUR FAVORITE STORIES FROM THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF  
FERN WITH AN ORIGINAL FOREWORD BY MICHAEL POLLAN.

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

FERN'S AG INSIDER IS A DAILY FOOD AND AGRICULTURE POLICY PAID  
SUBSCRIPTION NEWS SERVICE. IT INCLUDES ORIGINAL REPORTING, ANALYSIS,  
AND A DAILY SURVEY OF BREAKING NEWS IN THE AREAS OF FEDERAL AND STATE  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE POLICY AS WELL AS RELATED CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS.  
THE PRODUCT IS AIMED AT AN AUDIENCE OF POLICYMAKERS, ADVOCATES,  
JOURNALISTS, AND FOOD INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES. FERN'S AG INSIDER PAID  
SUBSCRIPTION FEATURES INCLUDE:

OA, DEDICATED, PAYWALLED AG INSIDER MINI-SITE ON THE FERN WEBSITE  
OORIGINAL, IN-DEPTH REPORTING AND ANALYSIS  
OARTICLES TAGGED AND VIEWABLE BY SUBJECT  
OA SEARCHABLE ARCHIVE OF ALL AG INSIDER REPORTING

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

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.

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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.

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'S FORM 990 AND THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC INSPECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 6104 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. IT IS POSTED ON NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL WEBSITE, GUIDESTAR.ORG AND OTHER SIMILAR TYPES OF WEBSITES. IN ADDITION, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST AT 576 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10036 OR BY CALLING THE ORGANIZATION DIRECTLY AT (646)248-6014.

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

## WRITERS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	98,641.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	98,641.

## STORY EDITORS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	25,150.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	25,150.

## PHOTOGRAPHER:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	24,837.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,837.

## AG INSIDER:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	5,000.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,000.

## COPYEDITING &amp; FACT CHECKING:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	5,305.
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MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,305.

PROJECT MANAGER:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	10,158.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,158.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	169,091.

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.