

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2018

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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A For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

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	C Name of organization FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK INC. Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 576 FIFTH AVENUE 903 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NEW YORK, NY 10036 F Name and address of principal officer: THOMAS LASKAWY SAME AS C ABOVE	D Employer identification number 27-4108978 E Telephone number (646) 248-6014 G Gross receipts \$ 1,125,455. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: ▶ HTTP://THEFERN.ORG		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		
L Year of formation: 2010		M State of legal domicile: NY

Part I Summary

	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O		
Activities & Governance	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	8
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	7
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a)	5	7
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	7
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 38	7b	0.
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 639,205.	Current Year 1,004,498.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	109,921.	107,277.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	357.	23.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-18,737.	-10,747.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	730,746.	1,101,051.
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0.	0.
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		510,689.	526,266.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0.	0.
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 54,523.			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		547,486.	681,726.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,058,175.	1,207,992.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-327,429.	-106,941.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 188,926.	End of Year 141,547.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	73,647.	133,209.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	115,279.	8,338.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer THOMAS LASKAWY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	Date			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name GARRETT M. HIGGINS	Preparer's signature GARRETT M. HIGGINS	Date 05/14/19	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00543209
	Firm's name ▶ PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ 27-1728945	Phone no. (212) 286-2600		
	Firm's address ▶ 665 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10022				

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 775,649. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 76,650.)

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4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 131,719. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 30,627.)

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

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 907,368.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		X
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	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
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	44
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance *(continued)*

			Yes	No
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	7		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b		X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)				
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a			X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	3b			
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a			X
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).				
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			X
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a			X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a 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?	7a		X	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		X	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			X
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? ...	7g			
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:				
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:				
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b			
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a			
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.				
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	13b			
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a			X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O</i>	14b			
15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	15			X
<i>If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.</i>				
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?	16			X
<i>If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.</i>				

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JOANNE KELLEY CHAIR	5.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) NATHANIEL BROWN TREASURER	5.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) SAMUEL FORMARTZ SECRETARY/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF	40.00	X		X			87,550.	0.	24,500.	
(4) DANIEL PULLMAN BOARD MEMBER	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(5) SUSAN WEST BOARD MEMBER	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) LORRAINE FONTANES BOARD MEMBER	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) LESLIE WILLIAMS BOARD MEMBER	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) AILEEN BURDICK BOARD MEMBER	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) THOMAS LASKAWY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X			84,183.	0.	4,209.	

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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	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c	23,564.				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	980,934.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		30,203.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,004,498.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a EDITORIAL FEE	Business Code 511110	76,650.	76,650.		
b SUBSCRIPTIONS REVENUE		519130	30,627.	30,627.			
c _____							
d _____							
e _____							
f All other program service revenue							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			107,277.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		23.			23.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ <u>23,564.</u> of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	10,677.				
		b Less: direct expenses	b	24,404.			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-13,727.			-13,727.	
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11 a REIMBURSEMENT		900099	2,980.			2,980.	
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			2,980.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions			1,101,051.	107,277.	0.	-10,724.	

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 ...				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	200,442.	146,130.	42,546.	11,766.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	284,488.	207,403.	60,385.	16,700.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	41,336.	28,083.	10,992.	2,261.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	28,250.		28,250.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch. O.)	535,640.	479,485.	41,555.	14,600.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	49,836.	12,874.	29,188.	7,774.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	53,543.	33,393.	18,728.	1,422.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,299.		2,299.	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	12,158.		12,158.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a _____				
b _____				
c _____				
d _____				
e All other expenses _____				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,207,992.	907,368.	246,101.	54,523.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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

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Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	102,770.	1	76,676.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	17,687.	2	3,670.	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	60,000.	3	52,500.	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	8,469.	4	8,701.	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L			6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net			7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use			8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities			11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14 Intangible assets			14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11			15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		188,926.	16	141,547.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	56,256.	17	70,411.	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue	17,391.	19	17,798.	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	45,000.
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		73,647.	26	133,209.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	-54,147.	27	-168,007.	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	169,426.	28	176,345.	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
33 Total net assets or fund balances		115,279.	33	8,338.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		188,926.	34	141,547.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,101,051.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,207,992.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-106,941.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	115,279.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	8,338.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	688,331.	738,848.	806,648.	639,205.	1004498.	3877530.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	688,331.	738,848.	806,648.	639,205.	1004498.	3877530.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1388107.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2489423.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	688,331.	738,848.	806,648.	639,205.	1004498.	3877530.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	1,271.	1,428.	1,359.	357.	23.	4,438.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)		1,048.	1,500.	2,533.	2,980.	8,061.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						3890029.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	356,588.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2018 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	63.99 %
15 Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	61.70 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2018. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% support test - 2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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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) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) 2018	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2018 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2018 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2017 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2018. 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 - 2017. 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
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>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.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>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.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>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).</i>		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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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.

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

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

Section C - Distributable Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)		Current Year
2	Enter 85% of line 1		
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)		
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3		
5	Income tax imposed in prior year		
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)		
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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Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2018	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2018 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018			
a From 2013			
b From 2014			
c From 2015			
d From 2016			
e From 2017			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2013 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2018 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2018 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2018, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2018. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2019. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2014			
b Excess from 2015			
c Excess from 2016			
d Excess from 2017			
e Excess from 2018			

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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 Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2018

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

[X] 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

[X] 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 (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), 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).

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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	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>55,500.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>26,500.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>241,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>50,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>37,500.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>33,587.</u>	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	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 32,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 101,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 23,350.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 25,199.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	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

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

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 7/25/06, 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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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

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

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

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

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

1 Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	1,125,455.
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	24,404.	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		24,404.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,101,051.
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	1,101,051.

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	1,232,396.
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	24,404.	
e Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		24,404.
3 Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,207,992.
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	1,207,992.

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 2015 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

24,404.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

DIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES REPORTED ON FORM 990, PART

VIII, LINE 8B

24,404.

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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 (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		DC DINNER (event type)	NY FERN TALKS & EATS (event type)	NONE (total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	13,500.	20,741.		34,241.
	2 Less: Contributions	12,350.	11,214.		23,564.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	1,150.	9,527.		10,677.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs		5,000.		5,000.
	7 Food and beverages	1,625.	9,050.		10,675.
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	1,868.	6,861.		8,729.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				24,404.
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-13,727.	

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	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
Direct Expenses	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 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	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 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)*

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**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization **FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT REPORTING NETWORK INC.** Employer identification number **27-4108978**

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	3	30,203.	AVG. SELLING PRICE
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ()				
26 Other ()				
27 Other ()				
28 Other ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29** **0**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2018

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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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:

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. WITHIN THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SPACE, 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,

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PROVIDING EDITORIAL SUPPORT AND SERVICES AND NEGOTIATING DISTRIBUTION 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.

THE ISSUES FERN COVERS ARE AT THE HEART OF TODAY'S POLITICAL BATTLES. TRADE, IMMIGRATION, PUBLIC HEALTH, TOXIC CHEMICALS, LABOR, NUTRITION AND WATER QUALITY, ALL FALL WITHIN OUR REPORTING MANDATE AND GROW MORE CONTENTIOUS WITH EACH PASSING DAY. 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 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, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, THE WASHINGTON POST, THE NEW YORKER, SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, EATING WELL, MOTHER JONES, PACIFIC STANDARD, HARPER'S, THE NEW FOOD ECONOMY, THE NATION, FAST COMPANY, REVEAL, THE GUARDIAN, SUNSET MAGAZINE, PRI'S THE WORLD, NPR'S LATINO USA, CALIFORNIA SUNDAY, AND VOGUE.

WE HAVE REPEATEDLY DEMONSTRATED AN ABILITY TO DELIVER HIGH-IMPACT JOURNALISM THAT REACHES A LARGE AUDIENCE. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, SEVERAL OF OUR STORIES HAVE HELPED SPUR POLICY CHANGES AT THE

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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 CIVIC COMMUNICATION PARTICULARLY THE STYLE OF INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM WE PRACTICE IS CRITICAL IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY AND IS A GROWING OBLIGATION OF THE PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITY. INDEED, INDEPENDENT REPORTING FROM A TRUSTED SOURCE CAN HAVE AN OUTSIZED EFFECT ON PUBLIC-POLICY DEBATES. WE'VE SHOWN THE POWER OF TAKING THOSE ISSUES AND THE FACTS AND SCIENCE TIED UP WITHIN THEM AND WRAPPING THEM IN CAPTIVATING STORYTELLING.

A 501(C)3 NONPROFIT CORPORATION BASED IN NEW YORK AND OPERATING SINCE 2011, FERN HAS WORKED WITH 61 FREELANCE WRITERS ON OVER 151 STORIES THAT HAVE APPEARED IN 61 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 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 RELEASED THREE PRINT COLLECTIONS, THE DIRT: DISPATCHES FROM THE FRONT LINES OF FOOD AND FARMING 2011-2016, AN ANTHOLOGY OF OUR

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FIRST FIVE YEARS OF REPORTING, THE DIRT 2017 AND THE DIRT 2018.

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IN 2018, WE PRODUCED 35 STORIES ON SUBJECTS RANGING FROM THE EFFECTS OF EXTREME DROUGHT ON FARMERS IN CENTRAL AMERICA'S DRY CORRIDOR IN "'EVERY DAY YOU BECOME MORE DESPERATE'," TO THE END OF THE VAQUITA A SMALL PORPOISE FOUND ONLY IN MEXICO'S GULF OF CALIFORNIA.

WE ADDED SEVERAL IMPORTANT NEW PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE WORLDPOST, EATER, ADIRONDACK LIFE, EDIBLE BROOKLYN, ARKANSAS LIFE, NET (NEBRASKA PUBLIC RADIO), THE NEW FOOD ECONOMY, AND REVEAL.

FERN'S REPORTING GARNERED SEVERAL AWARDS IN 2018. WE WON OUR THIRD JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD FOR "TERROR IN THE HEARTLAND," A FERN STORY REPORTED BY TED GENOWAYS AND PUBLISHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NEW REPUBLIC WHICH WON THE JOURNALISM AWARD IN "INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING." THIS STORY UNCOVERED DETAILS OF HOW AN ELECTION-NIGHT PLOT TO MASSACRE MUSLIM REFUGEES IN A KANSAS MEATPACKING TOWN WAS THWARTED.

IN 2018, FERN'S SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS REACH AND INFLUENCE. WE ARE ACTIVE ON THREE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS TWITTER, FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM. OUR AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT EDITOR SUPERVISES ACTIVITY ON THESE PLATFORMS, INCLUDING THE JUDICIOUS USE OF PAID PROMOTION (A.K.A. "BOOSTS") IN ORDER TO REACH BEYOND OUR FOLLOWERS (AND IN THE CASE OF FACEBOOK, TO REACH A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF OUR FOLLOWERS). WE ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH OUR PUBLICATION PARTNERS' SOCIAL MEDIA STAFF, WHO HELP PROMOTE OUR COLLABORATIONS AS WELL AS "TAGGING" US WITHIN THE INDIVIDUAL PLATFORMS IN WHICH THEY OPERATE. OUR SOCIAL AUDIENCE IS APPROXIMATELY 43,000 USERS AND TOTAL IMPRESSIONS IN 2018 FOR OUR POSTS AND TWEETS WAS APPROXIMATELY 4.4 MILLION PER YEAR.

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THOUGH THE PAST YEAR SAW MODEST GROWTH IN OUR TOTAL NUMBER OF SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS, WE DID SEE VERY LARGE GROWTH IN OUR POST AND TWEET IMPRESSIONS, AS WELL AS POST/TWEET ENGAGEMENTS. OUR 2018 SOCIAL IMPRESSIONS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 27%. WE SAW THE SAME TREND WITH OUR COMBINED SOCIAL MEDIA POST/TWEET ENGAGEMENTS WHICH REGISTERED A 62% INCREASE.

RECENTLY, THE NEED FOR SPENDING MONEY TO INCREASE FOLLOWERS HAS BEEN REPLACED BY THE IMPORTANCE OF BOOSTING SPECIFIC CONTENT IN ORDER TO BUILD A LOYAL AND ENGAGED AUDIENCE AND THAT DEVELOPMENT GUIDED OUR SOCIAL MEDIA INVESTMENTS. AND THOUGH WE WERE PLEASED WITH THE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF IMPRESSIONS WE SAW FROM 2017 TO 2018, IT IS THAT 62% INCREASE IN ENGAGEMENT FROM 2017 TO 2018 THAT HOLDS THE MOST WEIGHT FOR US IN TERMS OF A SOLID SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH FOR FERN OVER THE PAST YEAR. OUR WEBSITE, WHILE NOT DESIGNED TO BE A DESTINATION SITE OUR EXPECTATION IS THAT OUR WORK FINDS ITS AUDIENCE THROUGH OUR PUBLICATION PARTNERS, REACHES 143,000 UNIQUE USERS A YEAR WITH NEARLY 500,000 PAGE VIEWS ANNUALLY. WE HAVE AN EMAIL NEWSLETTER AUDIENCE OF JUST OVER 10,000 PEOPLE.

FOR EARNED MEDIA THROUGHOUT 2018, FERN HAS BUILT AN IMPRESSIVE LIST, BOTH FOR OUR STORIES AND FOR AWARENESS OF THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF. OUR STORIES AND REPORTERS HAVE BEEN FEATURED IN INTERVIEWS WITH HARVEST PUBLIC MEDIA, PRI'S LIVING ON EARTH, KCRW'S GOOD FOOD, THE FARM SHOW, HERITAGE RADIO NETWORK, NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC RADIO, WNYC'S THE TAKEAWAY, AND MORE. FERN STORIES HAVE BEEN MENTIONED BY POPULAR SITES SUCH AS SALON, SCIENCE FRIDAY, THE DAILY CLIMATE, AND YAHOO. INFLUENTIAL GROUPS LIKE UC FOOD OBSERVER, MOTHER JONES FOOD, SLOW FOOD DC, BERKELEY FOOD INSTITUTE, LA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, CAROLINA FARM STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FOOD BANKS, NOFA-NY AND FOOD

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TANK HAVE BEEN VOCAL ABOUT FERN'S WORK.

AND INFLUENCERS SUCH AS MARION NESTLE, MARK BITTMAN, MICHAEL POLLAN,
AND TOM COLICCHIO CONTINUE TO BOOST FERN'S PROFILE VIA THEIR SOCIAL
MEDIA AND PERSONAL BLOGS. AND OUR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WAS PART OF A PANEL
ON MEDIA PARTNERSHIPS AT THE 2018 IRE CONFERENCE (INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTERS & EDITORS). IN ADDITION, FERN HAS HAD TWO SESSIONS SELECTED
FOR SXSW 2019, ONE ON RURAL REPORTING AND THE OTHER ON THE FUTURE OF
SUSTAINABILITY AT LARGE FOOD COMPANIES.

WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN AND SUPPORT FERN'S FRIDAY FEED NEWSLETTER,
A.K.A. THE #FFF, A WEEKLY SURVEY OF THE STORIES IN OUR AREAS OF
INTEREST THAT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY OTHER OUTLETS. SOME SELECTIONS ARE
AT THE TOP OF THE NEWS WHILE OTHERS ARE PRESCIENT OR IN-DEPTH FEATURES
THAT WE THINK OUR READERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT. WE SEND THIS NEWSLETTER
WEEKLY TO A SUBSCRIBER BASE OF 7,300 AS A WAY TO ENHANCE ENGAGEMENT
WITH AN AUDIENCE THAT IS MOSTLY DISTINCT FROM OUR SOCIAL-MEDIA
AUDIENCE. THIS INITIATIVE IS DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH FERN AS A SOURCE FOR
CURATION AND GUIDANCE IN NAVIGATING FOOD MEDIA, AND NOT ONLY A PRODUCER
OF ORIGINAL JOURNALISM. THIS ADDED TOUCH OF ENGAGEMENT HAS ALSO HELPED
US TO HONE IN ON WHICH TOPICS RESONATE MOST WITH OUR AUDIENCE.

WE CONTINUED TO EXPAND OUR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE POLICY NEWS SERVICE,
FERN'S AG INSIDER. FOR A SMALL ANNUAL FEE, SUBSCRIBERS GAIN ACCESS TO
REPORTING, INCLUDING A FULL ARCHIVE ON OUR WEBSITE, WITH A SUBJECT-TAG
ORGANIZATION. THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER, NOW INCLUDING ONLY SUMMARIES OF THE
FULL STORIES, REMAINS FREE. WE HAVE A MODEST BUT GROWING NUMBER OF
INDIVIDUAL AND CORPORATE SUBSCRIBERS AND A GROWING NUMBER OF ACADEMIC
INSTITUTIONAL SUBSCRIBERS, INCLUDING STANFORD UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK
UNIVERSITY, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, TUFTS, YALE, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY. IN ADDITION, AGRICULTURE.COM (ONE OF THE FOREMOST

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NEWS OUTLETS FOR COMMODITY FARMERS), SUCCESSFUL FARMER MAGAZINE, NPR'S THE SALT AND MOTHER JONES CURRENTLY SYNDICATE SELECTED AG INSIDER ARTICLES. WE SEE FERN'S AG INSIDER, PARTICULARLY INSTITUTIONAL AND CORPORATE SALES, AS A SIGNIFICANT AREA FOR EARNED REVENUE GROWTH. AT THE END OF THE YEAR, WE PRODUCED AND PUBLISHED OUR THIRD PRINT COLLECTION, THE DIRT 2018 A SELECTION OF OUR FAVORITE STORIES FROM THE PAST YEAR.

OUR RANGE OF IMPACT IS RISING. WE CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE A VARIETY OF PARTNERS AND AUDIENCES. SOME ARE SMALL BUT HIGHLY FOCUSED, SUCH AS ENSIA, WHICH CATERS TO ENVIRONMENTAL POLICYMAKERS, ADVOCATES AND MEDIA, OR ARKANSAS LIFE, A REGIONAL LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE. OTHERS ARE BROAD AND MAINSTREAM, LIKE EATINGWELL, THE WASHINGTON POST AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. WE SUCCEEDED IN ALERTING MILLIONS OF "NEW TO THE ISSUES" READERS AND PRIMING THEM FOR REFORM.

"BUILDING A BACKUP BEE", BY PAIGE EMBRY, TELLS THE STORY OF HOW THE WONDERFUL COMPANY, THE WORLD'S LARGEST PRODUCER OF ALMONDS, HIRED A SCIENTIST TO CULTIVATE THE BLUE ORCHARD BEE AT SCALE AND AT A PRICE THAT MADE SENSE AS A SUBSTITUTE POLLINATOR FOR THE EMBATTLED HONEYBEE. IT WAS OUR SECOND STORY WITH SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, AND THE FIRST TO MAKE THE CUT FOR THE PRINT MAGAZINE. EMBRY'S PIECE BEGAN AS ONLINE ONLY, BUT BY THE TIME WE DELIVERED THE FIRST DRAFTS AS WELL AS SOME AMAZING PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAY DUNN THE EDITORS AT SCIAM DECIDED IT WAS WORTH ELEVATING TO THE MAGAZINE. AS SUCH, THE STORY REPRESENTS THE BEST OF WHAT FERN BRINGS TO THE TABLE FOR OUR PARTNERS: FUNDING, OF COURSE, BUT ALSO SHREWD EDITORIAL JUDGMENT, SHARP EDITING, AND THE ABILITY TO DELIVER FIRST-RATE ANCILLARY ELEMENTS, SUCH AS PHOTOS AND INFOGRAPHICS.

"WAS YOUR SEAFOOD CAUGHT WITH SLAVE LABOR? NEW TOOL TRIES TO HELP

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RETAILERS." CLARE LESCHIN-HOAR EXPLAINS HOW A NEW DATABASE, DEVELOPED BY THE MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM'S SEAFOOD WATCH PROGRAM, OFFERS RETAILERS SUCH AS WALMART, KROGER, AND RED LOBSTER A WAY TO DETERMINE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE FISH THEY'RE BUYING WAS CAUGHT WITH SLAVE LABOR. THE PIECE WAS PUBLISHED WITH NPR'S THE SALT, AND CLARE WAS INTERVIEWED ON ALL THINGS CONSIDERED THE SAME DAY. OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SALT ALLOWED THE STORY TO BE REPUBLISHED ON SEVERAL OF NPR'S AFFILIATES' WEBSITES, INCLUDING WBUR, NEW ENGLAND PUBLIC RADIO, WYOMING PUBLIC RADIO, DELAWARE PUBLIC MEDIA, MAINE PUBLIC RADIO, LAKESHORE PUBLIC MEDIA, INDIANA PUBLIC MEDIA, AND OTHERS.

"A SLOW-MOTION CATASTROPHE THREATENS 350-YEAR-OLD FARMS" BY VIRGINIA GEWIN, WAS PUBLISHED WITH THE ATLANTIC. VIRGINIA WAS ON WNYC'S THE TAKEAWAY TALKING ABOUT THE STORY. THE STORY WAS ALSO FEATURED ON AGFUNDERNEWS' BLOG. AGFUNDERNEWS IS AN INDUSTRY NEWS SITE AT THE INTERSECTION OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE, TECHNOLOGY AND INVESTMENT.

"CAN AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE CO-EXIST? RICE FARMERS THINK SO." BY LISA MOREHOUSE, WAS PUBLISHED WITH KQED'S CALIFORNIA REPORT. ON SOCIAL MEDIA, OUR LINK TO THE STORY REACHED NEARLY 10,000 PEOPLE. THE STORY WAS TWEETED BY THE CA RICE COMMISSION, CALIFORNIA TROUT, AND SOCIETY OF ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISTS (SEJ), ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND, AND KALW (SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA RADIO). IT WAS ALSO SHARED ON FACEBOOK BY ROOTS OF CHANGE (NONPROFIT BASED IN OAKLAND, CALIF.). LISA WAS ON WBUR'S HERE AND NOW TALKING ABOUT THE STORY.

"IS BPA MAKING US FAT, ANXIOUS AND SICK? A NEW EFFORT TO FIND THE ANSWER MAY BE BREAKING DOWN," BY LINDSEY KONKEL SHOWED HOW THE FDA IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO WHITWASH THE RESULTS OF A YEARS-LONG EFFORT TO PINPOINT THE BEST WAYS TO MEASURE TOXICITY OF MAN-MADE CHEMICALS. OUR PARTNER ON THIS WAS HUFFPOST, AND THE PIECE GOT 122,000 PAGE VIEWS IN

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THE FIRST THREE DAYS.

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HUFFPOST'S SOCIAL EFFORTS FOR THIS STORY DRAMATICALLY HELPED WITH THE SOCIAL REACH. NOT ONLY DID THEY SHARE THE STORY FROM THEIR GENERAL HUFFPOST TWITTER ACCOUNT (11.4 MILLION FOLLOWERS), BUT THEY ALSO SHARED IT FROM THE HUFFPOST POLITICS TWITTER ACCOUNT (1.43 MILLION FOLLOWERS). AND ON FACEBOOK, THEY SHARED IT FROM THEIR HUFFPOST POLITICS PAGE (OVER 2.1 MILLION FOLLOWERS). WHEN COMBINED, THOSE THREE ACCOUNTS HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO REACH ABOUT 15 MILLION SOCIAL MEDIA USERS. NOTE THAT HUFFPOST ALSO TAGGED FERN IN ALL OF THESE SHARES. SO NOT ONLY DID THEY HELP SPREAD THE WORD ON SOCIAL MEDIA ABOUT THE STORY, BUT THEY LET PEOPLE KNOW THAT FERN WAS BEHIND THE STORY.

WE ALSO HAD A NUMBER OF STORIES FOCUSED ON OR DISTRIBUTED TO RURAL AUDIENCES WITHIN THE PAST YEAR. "THE JAMN WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA" BY MARYN MCKENNA WHICH LOOKED AT FARMERS IN GEORGIA DISCOVERING THE BENEFITS OF HERITAGE BREEDS (IN THIS CASE A TYPE OF HOG THAT TYPICALLY ONLY THRIVES IN SPAIN), WAS PUBLISHED WITH EATER. ON SOCIAL MEDIA, EATER'S LINK TO THE STORY HAD OVER 206,000 SOCIAL SHARES. EATER'S COMBINED SOCIAL MEDIA AUDIENCE FOR TWITTER AND FACEBOOK IS OVER 2.5 MILLION.

"DRINKING PROBLEMS," BY ELIZABETH ROYTE, WAS A CLASSIC FERN STORY, A "LETTER FROM PRETTY PRAIRIE, KANSAS" PUBLISHED WITH HARPER'S THAT EXPLAINED WHY THIS TINY FARMING COMMUNITY HAD LIVED FOR DECADES WITH HIGH LEVELS OF NITRATES IN ITS DRINKING WATER. IT OPENED A WINDOW ONTO LIFE IN RURAL AMERICA, AND HOW FARMING STILL HAS EXALTED STATUS EVEN WHEN IT'S FOULING THE TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY. THIS STORY WAS SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY A RANGE OF INFLUENCERS THAT INCLUDE DANIELLE

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NIERENBERG, MARION NESTLE, AND THE NATIONAL NONPROFIT, PUBLIC JUSTICE.

"A DEMOCRAT IN FARM COUNTRY HOPES TO BEAT ONE OF IOWA'S BIGGEST RACISTS," BY BRIAN BARTH, WAS A TIMELY STORY ON FARMER DISCONTENT OVER TRUMP TRADE POLICIES, THROUGH THE LENS OF THE IOWA MIDTERMS. IT EXAMINED A DEMOCRAT WHO WAS VYING IN A PRIMARY TO FACE REP. STEVE KING, PROBABLY THE MOST EXPLICITLY WHITE SUPREMACIST POLITICIAN IN THE HOUSE. IT ILLUSTRATES TWO IMPORTANT THINGS IN TERMS OF FERN'S COVERAGE IN THE TRUMP ERA: FIRST, IT'S A STORY FROM THE MIDDLE OF THE COUNTRY THAT USES FOOD AND AG AS A WAY TO UNDERSTAND POLITICAL AND CULTURAL TRENDS; SECOND, IT WAS A FAIRLY QUICK-TURNAROUND PIECE, SOMETHING THAT OUR ROBUST PARTNERSHIP WITH MOTHER JONES MAKES POSSIBLE.

THIS PARTNER HAS A HUGE SOCIAL MEDIA AUDIENCE AT 2.3 MILLION FOLLOWERS (FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND INSTAGRAM), AND THEIR LINK TO THIS STORY HAD OVER 600 SOCIAL SHARES. THEIR PODCAST, THE BITE, ALSO POINTED TO THE PIECE ON SOCIAL MEDIA. AND UC FOOD OBSERVER INCLUDED THE STORY IN THEIR WEEKLY WRAP. IT WAS PARTICULARLY TIMELY AS THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, JD SCHOLTEN, WHO WON THE PRIMARY BUT LOST TO KING IN NOVEMBER, NEVERTHELESS OPENED UP A DEBATE THAT CONTINUED POST-ELECTION AS TO WHETHER STEVE KING, AN OPEN WHITE SUPREMACIST, HAS ANY PLACE IN CONGRESS. BY EARLY 2019, KING HAD BEEN STRIPPED OF HIS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS BY HIS GOP COLLEAGUES AND LEFT AS A VIRTUAL BYSTANDER TO THE WORK OF CONGRESS.

IN JUNE 2018, WE RELEASED OUR FIRST EXPLAINER VIDEO. IT WAS AN ANIMATED EXPLORATION OF THE FARM BILL, TIMED PERFECTLY FOR THE DEBATE OVER THE FARM BILL'S RENEWAL, WHICH ONLY OCCURS EVERY FIVE YEARS. WE DISTRIBUTED IT ON SOCIAL MEDIA WHILE MOTHER JONES AND NPR EMBEDDED IT ON THEIR SITES AS WELL. IN JUST OVER SEVEN MINUTES, WE EXPLAIN WHAT THE FARM BILL IS, WHY IT MATTERS, AND HOW THE COMPROMISES THAT MADE IT WORK FOR

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DECADES ARE THREATENING TO PULL APART. THE PIECE WAS REPORTED BY BRIDGET HUBER, A REGULAR FERN CONTRIBUTOR, AND OUR DESIGN, ILLUSTRATION, AND ANIMATION TEAM MADE IT AN ESPECIALLY RICH PIECE. IT HAS RECEIVED OVER 15,000 VIEWS (AND COUNTING) AND WAS SHARED WIDELY BY ADVOCATES AND ACTIVISTS. IT WAS PRAISED BY FIGURES ACROSS THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, INCLUDING FROM WITHIN USDA ITSELF.

THIS EXPLAINER WAS MENTIONED WIDELY ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY INFLUENCERS IN FOOD POLICY SUCH AS MARION NESTLE, MARK BITTMAN, SLOW FOOD DC, BERKELEY FOOD INSTITUTE, LA FOOD POLICY COUNCIL, CAROLINA FARM STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION, AND CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FOOD BANKS. PUBLISHERS WHO SHARED THE VIDEO INCLUDED GRIST, HARVEST PUBLIC MEDIA, NEW FOOD ECONOMY, DAILY YONDER, YES!, UC FOOD OBSERVER, AND MIDWEST CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING. IT ALSO REPRESENTS A PROOF OF CONCEPT, AND IS INTENDED TO BE THE START OF A NEW EDITORIAL SERVICE THAT WE COULD POTENTIALLY BRING TO OUR PARTNERSHIPS. AS SUCH, IT WAS AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS WE'VE DONE ALL YEAR.

"THE ENDING: WATCHING A SPECIES VANISH IN REAL TIME", BY BEN GOLDFARB, IS A GORGEOUS NARRATIVE OF A CONTROVERSIAL BAND OF ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVISTS WORKED WITH THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO SAVE THE VAQUITA, A SMALL PORPOISE FOUND ONLY IN THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA THAT IS GOING EXTINCT. THIS WAS THE LATEST IN A BURGEONING PARTNERSHIP WITH PACIFIC STANDARD, A PUBLICATION THAT IS REALLY DOING SOME GREAT JOURNALISM. WE HAD OVER 1.6K SOCIAL SHARES FOR THIS STORY, INCLUDING A TWEET FROM THEIR EDITOR-IN-CHIEF WHO STATED, "THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE RECENT FEATURES IN @PACIFICSTAND. PLEASE CHECK IT OUT. AND THANKS, AS ALWAYS, TO THE @FERNNEWS TEAM FOR HELPING MAKE THIS ONE HAPPEN." ON THE WEB, THE PIECE WAS PICKED UP BY SOURCES INCLUDING MINNPOST, MOTHER NATURE NETWORK, AND LONGFORM.

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"CAN FARMING SAVE PUERTO RICO'S FUTURE?" BY AUDREA LIM, IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF ARTICLES FERN IS HELPING TO PRODUCE WITH THE NATION ON PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE. THESE WERE CONCEIVED AS ONLINE-ONLY PIECES, BUT THE EDITORS WERE SO IMPRESSED WITH THIS FIRST ONE THAT THEY INCLUDED IT IN THE PRINT MAGAZINE. THIS STORY WAS SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY INFLUENCERS WHO WORK TOWARD GLOBAL CHANGE IN FOOD SYSTEMS. THESE SHARED INCLUDED FOOD TANK, CENTER FOR FOOD SAFETY, AND SIANI (THE SWEDISH INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE NETWORK INITIATIVE).

"THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT TO MARKET AND EVERYTHING CHANGED," BY JOHNNY SAIN, IS A FIRSTHAND ACCOUNT, BY A FORMER CONTRACT HOG FARMER FOR CARGILL, OF THE DELETERIOUS EFFECTS THAT CAFOS HAVE HAD ON THE ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, AND CULTURE OF RURAL ARKANSAS COMMUNITIES. THE FIRST-PERSON NATURE OF THE PIECE IS ATYPICAL FOR FERN STORIES, BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE ONE OF THE ARTICLE'S STRENGTHS. WE WORKED WITH ARKANSAS LIFE, A REGIONAL LIFESTYLE MAGAZINE. WHILE IT LACKED THE REACH OF MANY OF OUR PARTNERS, IT GOT FERN'S WORK INTO RURAL AMERICA IN A WAY THAT MANY OF OUR PARTNERS CANNOT.

"HOW'S ORGANIC FARMING FARING IN THE FARM BILL?" BY BARRY YEOMAN, IS AN ANALYSIS OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE FUNDING OF THE ORGANIC MOVEMENT IN THE 2018 FARM BILL DEBATE. LIKE THE VIDEO EXPLAINER LISTED ABOVE, THIS IS PART OF A BROADER EFFORT BY FERN TO DEEPLY COVER THE STORY OF THIS SPRAWLING AND POORLY UNDERSTOOD PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT DETERMINES HOW OUR FOOD IS PRODUCED, AND WHAT HAPPENS TO IT AFTER IT'S PRODUCED. AND LIKE THE STORY WITH ARKANSAS LIFE, WE PARTNERED WITH NEBRASKA PUBLIC BROADCASTING ON THIS PIECE, WHICH AGAIN GETS OUR WORK TO AN IMPORTANT AUDIENCE WE DON'T TYPICALLY REACH. THE STORY WAS ALSO PICKED UP AND SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE ISSUES RELATED TO RURAL AMERICA, SUCH AS THE CAROLINA FARM

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STEWARDSHIP ASSOCIATION (CFSA), WHICH SUPPORTS FARMING THAT IS GOOD FOR CONSUMERS, FOR FARMERS AND FARMWORKERS, AND GOOD FOR THE LAND. A SECOND STORY PUBLISHED WITH NEBRASKA PUBLIC RADIO LOOKED AT PUERTO RICAN FARMERS IN THE AFTERMATH OF MARIA.

NOTABLY, WE HAD A MAJOR SUCCESS RECENTLY WHEN JANE BLACK AND LEAH DOUGLAS, IN A FERN COLLABORATION WITH THE WASHINGTON POST, BROKE NEWS ON HOW AN ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR SNAP BENEFITS AT FARMERS MARKETS WAS FLOUNDERING. A KEY VENDOR IN THIS CHAIN OVERSEEN BY THE USDA WAS ABOUT TO EXIT THE BUSINESS, LEAVING 1,700 FARMERS MARKETS NATIONWIDE WITH NO WAY TO PROCESS ELECTRONIC SNAP BENEFITS AND MANY LOW-INCOME RECIPIENTS WITHOUT ACCESS TO FRESH, LOCAL FOOD. AFTER OUR STORY RAN, A NON-PROFIT FUNDER STEPPED INTO THE GAP, HELPING THE PROVIDER CONTINUE IN BUSINESS UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST. POLITICIANS ALSO DEMANDED THAT THE USDA COME UP WITH A NEW SOLUTION TO AVOID SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS. FOURTEEN DEMOCRATIC SENATORS WROTE A LETTER TO THE USDA, ASKING THE DEPARTMENT TO "EXPLORE EVERY POSSIBLE OPTION TO ENSURE THERE IS NO DISRUPTION IN EBT [ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER] SERVICE AT FARMERS MARKETS DURING THIS CRITICAL MARKET TIME." NEW YORK GOV. ANDREW CUOMO WROTE A SCATHING LETTER TO THE USDA, AND SEVERAL U.S. REPRESENTATIVES ALSO WEIGHED IN. BUT THIS WAS NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE; MANY CONSERVATIVES SUPPORTED THE PROGRAM AS A MARKET-BASED APPROACH THAT HELPS BOTH FARMERS AND LOW-INCOME CONSUMERS. GOV. CUOMO LATER ANNOUNCED A FUNDING PLAN TO ENSURE MARKETS CAN CONTINUE ACCEPTING SNAP BENEFITS THROUGH THE END OF THE MARKET SEASON.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A CONTINUATION:

THE WASHINGTON POST HAS A TOTAL AUDIENCE OF 90.2 MILLION. MODERN FARMER WROTE AN ARTICLE ABOUT OUR STORY AND WHEN WE SHARED THEIR ARTICLE ON

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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, IT PERFORMED NOTICEABLY WELL WITH OUR AUDIENCE.

OVERALL, THE STORY WAS SHARED WIDELY ON SOCIAL MEDIA, ESPECIALLY VIA ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOCUSED ON NUTRITION AND ENSURING THAT ALL PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS. THIS LIST INCLUDED FAIR FOOD NETWORK, OREGON FOOD BANK, FOOD POLICY ACTION, TUFTS NUTRITION, AND TISCH FOOD CENTER. @WAPOFOOD'S TWEET OF THE STORY REACHED NEARLY 124,000.

IN LATE OCTOBER 2018, WE RELEASED TWO STORIES ON THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS AND THEIR IMPACT ON FARM COUNTRY. FROM THE DAIRY FARMS OF PENNSYLVANIA AND NEW YORK TO THE COMMODITY GROWERS IN THE MIDWEST AND THE PRODUCE FIELDS OF CALIFORNIA'S CENTRAL VALLEY, THE FARM-COUNTRY VOTE IS VERY MUCH IN PLAY AS THE MIDTERMS APPROACH. WE TOOK A CLOSER LOOK AT A HANDFUL OF CONTESTS THAT WILL DETERMINE WHETHER DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGERS CAN FLIP THE FARMERS WHO HELPED ELECT DONALD TRUMP.

BRIAN BARTH OFFERED A SURVEY OF EIGHT CLOSE RACES IN FARM COUNTRY, HOW THE CANDIDATES' STRATEGIES ARE PLAYING OUT AND WHAT'S AT STAKE WITH TRADE, IMMIGRATION, SNAP, THE FARM BILL, WATER RIGHTS, AND ETHANOL. WE PRODUCED A SHAREABLE INFOGRAPHIC TO GO ALONG WITH THIS STORY. IN ADDITION, LEAH DOUGLAS WENT TO LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WHERE FIRST-TIME CANDIDATE JESS KING IS WITHIN SINGLE DIGITS OF INCUMBENT REP. LLOYD SMUCKER. KING'S CAMPAIGN, BUILT ON DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS AND A LOT OF PUBLIC EVENTS, IS WINNING CONVERTS AMONG THE DAIRY FARMERS STRUGGLING WITH LOW PRICES AND A GROWING SENSE THAT THE REPUBLICANS THEY'VE ALWAYS SUPPORTED ARE MORE ABOUT BIG AG THAN SMALL FARMERS. THESE PIECES WERE DISTRIBUTED BY MOTHER JONES AND NEW FOOD ECONOMY.

LATE IN THE YEAR, WE PUBLISHED KIMON DE GREEF'S INVESTIGATION OF SEA-CUCUMBER SMUGGLING IN MOROCCO. THIS WAS OUR LATEST "FOOD CRIMES" PIECE WITH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, AND PROVED TO BE A DIFFICULT AND

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LENGTHY PROJECT. KIMON, AND PHOTOGRAPHER WILLIAM DANIELS, SPENT MANY MONTHS TRYING TO FIND THE RIGHT FIXER TO GET THEM ACCESS TO POOR FISHERMEN WHO ARE AT THE HEART OF THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE. IT WAS AN EXPENSIVE STORY, BUT THE END PRODUCT A POWERFUL STORY ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO SUPPLY A GLOBAL BLACK MARKET IS THE KIND OF PIECE THAT FERN WAS CREATED TO PRODUCE.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC HAS 26 MILLION MONTHLY READERS ON THEIR WEBSITE. THEY ALSO HAVE A MASSIVE SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWING, AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THE STORY HAD EXTRAORDINARY REACH AND APPEAL ON TWITTER. OUR TWEET OF THE PIECE HAD NEARLY 370,000 IMPRESSIONS AND 8,400 ENGAGEMENTS.

WE FOLLOWED THAT PIECE UP WITH A CLASSIC DOCUMENT-DRIVEN INVESTIGATION.

"SCIENTISTS WARNED THIS WEEDKILLER WOULD DESTROY CROPS. EPA APPROVED IT ANYWAY," FROM LIZA GROSS DETAILED HOW THE EPA IGNORED DECADES OF

INDEPENDENT SCIENCE AND EFFECTIVELY TOOK MONSANTO'S WORD THAT ITS NEW VERSION OF DICAMBA WOULD NOT DRIFT OFF TARGET AND DAMAGE NEIGHBORING CROPS. THIS WAS OUR FIRST PIECE WITH REVEAL, A MAJOR NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR INVESTIGATIVE STORIES. A RADIO VERSION WILL BE OUT IN SPRING 2019.

THE STORY WAS LINKED TO BY POLITICO IN THEIR MORNING AG BRIEFING. ON SOCIAL MEDIA, THE PIECE WAS SHARED FAR AND WIDE BOTH BY GROUPS FOCUSED ON PESTICIDES/PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AND PUBLISHERS AND JOURNALISTS

INVOLVED WITH INVESTIGATIVE SCIENCE JOURNALISM. SOME EXAMPLES INCLUDE GM WATCH, GMO FREE USA, NATIONAL ORGANIC COALITION, ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRITY PROJECT, CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PESTICIDE ACTION NETWORK, FOODPRINT, INVESTIGATE MIDWEST, NEW FOOD ECONOMY, AND THE SOCIETY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM.

"HOW OAKLAND BECAME A LEADER IN CUTTING SCHOOL FOOD WASTE," BY JONATHAN BLOOM, TOLD THE STORY OF HOW THE HEAD SUSTAINABILITY FOR THE OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT USED COMPOSTING, SHARE TABLES AND DONATIONS TO

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EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE FOOD WASTE. THIS WAS A STRONG SOLUTIONS STORY ABOUT A PROBLEM THAT COSTS AMERICAN SCHOOLS \$5 MILLION A DAY AND PUBLISHED WITH GRIST.

THE STORY WAS FEATURED ON REDDIT AND ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS BITS (WRITTEN AND MAINTAINED BY LAURA L. BARNES, WHO IS THE SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION CURATOR AT THE ILLINOIS SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY CENTER). THE PIECE WAS SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA BY VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN FOOD SECURITY ISSUES, SUCH AS FOODPRINT, FAIR FOOD NETWORK AND SLOW FOOD USA.

"THE AIR THEY BREATHE," BY LEAH DOUGLAS, IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A NEWSY PIECE THAT WE PLACED WITH MOTHER JONES, THAT EXPLAINS HOW THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION AND ITS ALLIES IN CONGRESS EXEMPTED CAFOS FROM AIR-POLLUTION MONITORING.

THE STORY WAS RE-PUBLISHED ONLINE BY THE NEW FOOD ECONOMY AND INVESTIGATE MIDWEST. ON SOCIAL MEDIA, THE PIECE WAS SHARED BY FARM FORWARD AND JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR A LIVEABLE FUTURE. LEAH'S TWEET FOR HER STORY GOT NICE ENGAGEMENT FROM FOLKS LIKE ANNA LAPP AND KCRW'S GOOD FOOD.

AN INVASIVE, ELUSIVE 20-POUND RODENT THREATENS CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURE, IS ANOTHER IN OUR ONGOING RADIO PROJECT WITH LISA MOREHOUSE AND KCRW'S CALIFORNIA REPORT, WHICH HAS 330K LISTENERS IN THE STATE. LIKE SO MANY OF LISA'S STORIES, THIS ONE BLENDS THE ODD WITH THE IMPORTANT, COLORFULLY EXPLAINING HOW THE NUTRIA, A FECUND, VORACIOUS, BEAVER-LIKE RODENT FROM SOUTH AMERICA, IS TEARING UP CROPS, BURROWING INTO FIELDS AND IRRIGATION CANALS, AND GENERALLY MAKING LIFE MISERABLE FOR CENTRAL VALLEY FARMERS. ON SOCIAL MEDIA, THE NUTRIA STORY HAD WIDE REACH AND APPEAL. OUR POST FOR THE STORY RECEIVED REACHED OVER 25,000 AND HAD OVER 3,000 ENGAGEMENTS.

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OUR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING PROGRAM CREATED THE FOLLOWING CONTENT AND
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OUR WORK

JANUARY 2018

AN UNLIKELY CLIMATE CRUSADE IN TRUMP COUNTRY WORLDPOST

FEBRUARY 2018

WAS YOUR SEAFOOD CAUGHT WITH SLAVE LABOR? NEW TOOL TRIES TO HELP
RETAILERS. NPR'S THE SALT

FARM FUMES ARE HARMING OUR HEALTH. HERE'S WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.

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\$40 MILLION LATER, A PIONEERING PLAN TO BOOST WILD FISH STOCKS SHOWS
LITTLE SUCCESS. NPR'S THE SALT

BUILDING A BACKUP BEE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

IS 'SEED TO TABLE' THE NEXT BIG FOOD TREND? ONE TOP CHEF HOPES SO.
THE WASHINGTON POST

MARCH 2018

A SLOW-MOTION CATASTROPHE THREATENS 350-YEAR-OLD FARMS THE ATLANTIC

APRIL 2018

CAN AGRICULTURE AND WILDLIFE CO-EXIST? RICE FARMERS THINK SO.KQED'S
THE CALIFORNIA REPORT

THE JAMN WENT DOWN TO GEORGIA EATER

HOMES OR GARDENS?NPR'S THE SALT

MAY 2018

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EATCOOKING LIGHT

SYRIAN SEEDS AND THE FUTURE OF WHEATYALE ENVIRONMENT 360

JUNE 2018

A DEMOCRAT IN FARM COUNTRY HOPES TO FLIP A CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN

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DISTRICT MOTHER JONES

WHAT IS THE FARM BILL AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

THE END OF THE 'PANDA OF THE SEA' PACIFIC STANDARD

CAN FARMING SAVE PUERTO RICO'S FUTURE? THE NATION

WILL HIGH-TECH INDOOR AGRICULTURE TRANSFORM LOCAL FOOD? EDIBLE

BROOKLYN

THIS MINE THREATENS AMERICA'S LARGEST WILD SALMON RUN MOTHER JONES

JULY 2018

SOME FOOD STAMP RECIPIENTS MAY SOON LOSE ACCESS TO FARMERS MARKET

BENEFITS THE WASHINGTON POST

DRINKING PROBLEMS HARPER'S MAGAZINE

TOXIC OVERSIGHT HUFFPOST

AUGUST 2018

THIS LITTLE PIGGY WENT TO MARKET AND EVERYTHING CHANGED ARKANSAS

LIFE

HOW'S ORGANIC FARMING FARING IN THE FARM BILL? NET'S ON THE TABLE

AFTER A CENTURY'S ABSENCE, A GLIMMER OF POSSIBILITY FOR A NATIVE NEW

YORK SALMON ADIRONDACK LIFE

SEPTEMBER 2018

INDIA IS AWASH IN PALM OIL, AND HEALTH TAKES A HIT THE NATION

A YEAR AFTER HURRICANE MARIA, PUERTO RICO'S FARMERS CLAW BACK NET'S

ON THE TABLE

OCTOBER 2018

'EVERY DAY YOU BECOME MORE DESPERATE' WEATHER.COM

CAN JESS KING FLIP THE FARMERS OF LANCASTER COUNTY?

THESE RACES WILL MAKE OR BREAK THE BLUE WAVE IN FARM COUNTRY

NOVEMBER 2018

SEA CUCUMBERS ARE BEING EATEN TO DEATH NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

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THE AIR THEY BREATHE MOTHER JONES

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

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRESENTS A DRAFT FORM 990 TO THE CHAIR AND TREASURER
OF THE BOARD ELECTRONICALLY, WHO REVIEW AND APPROVE PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO
THE IRS.

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

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

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

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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 POSITIION IS THEN APPROVED BY
THE BOARD AND RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD. THE PROCESS
WAS LAST CONDUCTED IN 2018.

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

THE ORGANIZATION'S FORM 990 AND THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT ARE MADE
AVAILABLE FOR 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.

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

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	179,593.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	3,100.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	182,693.

WRITERS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	96,595.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	96,595.

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EDITORS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	54,700.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	1,750.
TOTAL EXPENSES	56,450.

DESIGN/DEVELOPMENT:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	43,379.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	18,955.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	62,334.

COMMUNICATIONS:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	45,170.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	19,500.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	7,000.
TOTAL EXPENSES	71,670.

MULTIMEDIA:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	35,376.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	5,850.
TOTAL EXPENSES	41,226.

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PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	24,672.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	0.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.

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TOTAL EXPENSES 24,672.

TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A 535,640.

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.