

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

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning Jul 1, 2015, and ending Jun 30, 2016

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. D Employer identification number: 34-0714724. E Telephone number: (216) 721-5722. G Gross receipts: \$9,455,096. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No. I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3). J Website: WRHS.ORG. K Form of organization: Corporation. L Year of formation: 1867. M State of legal domicile: OH.

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission... 2 Check this box... 3-7a Activities & Governance. 8-12 Revenue. 13-19 Expenses. 20-22 Net Assets or Fund Balances.

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: SIGNED COPY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. Signature of officer: KELLY FALCONE-HALL, PRESIDENT & CEO. Date: . Preparer's name: Self-Prepared. Preparer's signature: . Date: . Check self-employed: . PTIN: . Firm's EIN: . Phone no.:

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:

REFER TO 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 \$ 3,459,739. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 1,961,408.)

HISTORY LIBRARY AND MUSEUMS - SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,308,340. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 860,207.)

HALE FARM & VILLAGE - SEE SCHEDULE O

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 84,767. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

OTHER PROPERTIES - SEE SCHEDULE O

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 4,852,846.

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> (see instructions)?	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> (see instructions)		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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H</i>		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
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>		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>		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>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
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>		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>		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>		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>		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>		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>		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>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		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>	X	
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		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>		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>		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>	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		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>		X
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>		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>		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	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

Table with columns for line numbers (1a-14b), descriptions of questions, and Yes/No columns. Includes sections for backup withholding, employee reporting, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and deductible contributions.

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. [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members... 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 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? 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 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.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 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? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 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. 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done. 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 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. 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization. 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? 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?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed Ohio
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
[X] Own website [] Another's website [X] 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:
KELLY FALCONE-HALL PRESIDENT & CEO 10825 EAST BOULEVARD CLEVELAND OH 44106 (216) 721-5722

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

1 a 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 dotted 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) GLENN G. ANDERSON CHAIRMAN	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(2) MARK W. BICHE VICE CHAIRMAN	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(3) GROSVIE R. COOLEY SECRETARY	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(4) GREGORY R. BEAN TREASURER	2.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(5) FREDERICK ASBECK DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(6) WILLIAM G. BATCHELDER III DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(7) CYNTHIA G. BRUML DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) KEVIN R. CALLAHAN DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) CAROLYN CHEVERINE DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) ANTHONY J. CONSTANTINE, CPA DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) DONALD J. DAILEY DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) LIN EMMONS DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) CINDY S. FLYNN DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) GINA HAMISTER DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted 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			
(15) EDITH F. HIRSCH DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) ROBERT H. JACKSON DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) JOHN JENKINS DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(18) HENRI PELL JUNOD, JR. DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(19) PETER KELLEY DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(20) BETTY J. KEMPER DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(21) TERRY KOVEL DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(22) J. RODERICK MACDONALD DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(23) CLIFF MEGERIAN DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(24) SANDRA MORGAN DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
(25) WENDY HOGE NAYLOR DIRECTOR	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
1 b Sub-total							0.	0.	0.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							236,567.	0.	0.	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							236,567.	0.	0.	
2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 2										

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
F. BUDDIE CONTRACTING, LLC 12120 SOBIESKI AVE. CLEVELAND OH 44135	CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	868,515.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **1**

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	1 a					
	b Membership dues	1 b					
	c Fundraising events	1 c					
	d Related organizations	1 d					
	e Government grants (contributions) . .	1 e 1,457,754.					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . .	1 f 2,994,349.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	0.					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		4,452,103.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>ADMISSIONS & MEMBERSHIP</u> Business Code 900099		817,448.	817,448.	0.	0.	
	b <u>FEE FOR SERVICE</u> 900099		112,135.	112,135.	0.	0.	
	c <u>PARKING</u> 900099		59,508.	59,508.	0.	0.	
	d <u>CONCESSIONS</u> 722513		82,134.	82,134.	0.	0.	
	e <u>LIBRARY SALES</u> 900099		24,560.	24,560.	0.	0.	
	f All other program service revenue . . .		8,895.	8,895.	0.	0.	
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶			1,104,680.			
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶		421,839.	0.	0.	421,839.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶							
5 Royalties ▶							
6 a Gross rents		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		272,034.					
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss) . .	272,034.				
d Net rental income or (loss) ▶			272,034.	0.	0.	272,034.	
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		2,839,754.	3,915.				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . .	2,665,425.				
		c Gain or (loss)	174,329.	3,915.			
d Net gain or (loss) ▶			178,244.	3,915.	0.	174,329.	
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including . . \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18.	a	95,750.					
	b Less: direct expenses	b	34,254.				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶			61,496.	0.	0.	61,496.
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	133,318.					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b	75,290.				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶			58,028.	58,028.	0.	0.
Miscellaneous Revenue Business Code							
11 a <u>EVENT RELATED INCOME</u>	722320	131,703.	0.	131,703.	0.		
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶			131,703.			
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶			6,680,127.	1,166,623.	131,703.	929,698.	

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.

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	270,072.	0.	270,072.	0.
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	2,386,105.	1,837,091.	273,515.	275,499.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	32,062.	24,037.	8,003.	22.
9 Other employee benefits	196,070.	144,720.	21,305.	30,045.
10 Payroll taxes	177,372.	136,790.	20,572.	20,010.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	10,195.	2,602.	7,593.	0.
c Accounting	18,000.	0.	18,000.	0.
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 Schedule O.)	137,262.	40,929.	85,290.	11,043.
12 Advertising and promotion	60,937.	0.	0.	60,937.
13 Office expenses	86,138.	33,987.	31,007.	21,144.
14 Information technology	51,856.	29,000.	15,920.	6,936.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	516,030.	492,974.	17,657.	5,399.
17 Travel	15,888.	12,606.	2,505.	777.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	15,605.	6,523.	7,528.	1,554.
20 Interest	19,137.	18,264.	873.	0.
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,183,609.	1,126,054.	56,026.	1,529.
23 Insurance	106,093.	98,806.	5,630.	1,657.
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 <u>DIRECTORS EXPENSE</u>	14,581.	187.	13,679.	715.
b <u>REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE</u>	106,734.	104,684.	1,512.	538.
c <u>SECURITY</u>	57,452.	55,894.	1,149.	409.
d <u>POSTAGE & SHIPPING</u>	18,021.	4,131.	13,890.	0.
e All other expenses	758,012.	683,567.	25,585.	48,860.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	6,237,231.	4,852,846.	897,311.	487,074.
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 <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing	253,212.	1	312,365.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	917,096.	2	1,307,227.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,051,798.	3	1,230,298.
	4	Accounts receivable, net	134,403.	4	80,219.
	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 instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	104,335.	8	101,133.
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	52,281.	9	45,188.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 25,454,046.		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 12,138,738.		
	10c		13,325,962.	10c	13,315,308.
	11	Investments — publicly traded securities	16,142,161.	11	15,057,034.
	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	7,157,148.	15	6,297,710.	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	39,138,396.	16	37,746,482.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	91,325.	17	133,480.
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	122,781.	19	163,073.
	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	1,061,057.	23	740,197.
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	355,727.	25	70,293.
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,630,890.	26	1,107,043.
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	13,504,688.	27	13,758,963.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	9,199,889.	28	8,334,242.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	14,802,929.	29	14,546,234.
	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	37,507,506.	33	36,639,439.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	39,138,396.	34	37,746,482.

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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	6,680,127.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,237,231.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	442,896.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	37,507,506.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-1,310,963.
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	36,639,439.

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.			
2 a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 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?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
3 a	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
3 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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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions — subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')	5,660,609.	4,582,661.	3,248,446.	3,654,667.	4,452,103.	21,598,486.
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	5,660,609.	4,582,661.	3,248,446.	3,654,667.	4,452,103.	21,598,486.
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)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						21,598,486.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	5,660,609.	4,582,661.	3,248,446.	3,654,667.	4,452,103.	21,598,486.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	594,718.	566,017.	415,145.	533,265.	693,873.	2,803,018.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	43,552.	66,684.	129,931.	105,878.	131,703.	477,748.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	753,843.	719,706.	1,333,771.	2,204,182.	1,402,448.	6,413,950.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						31,293,202.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions).					12	
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 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	69.02 %
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	71.03 %
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3% support test – 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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

Section A. Public Support

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

Section B. Total Support

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

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 10b regarding supported organizations, such as 'Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name...', 'Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination...', etc.

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 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? Row 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?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 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)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 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? Row 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? Row 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?

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions): a, b, c. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below. Sub-rows 2a, 2b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below. Sub-rows 3a, 3b.

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 November 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

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

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1 a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1 b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1 c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c).	1 d	
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			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

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

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

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

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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.)

Pt II Ln 10 Other Income Part II, Line 10 Description: PROGRAM SERVICE 2011: 402614. 2012: 505376. 2013: 710461. 2014: 1133319. Description: SPECIAL EVENTS, NET 2011: 115214. 2012: 54704. 2013: 165013. 2014: 81662. Description: RETAIL SALES, NET 2011: 60397. 2012: 44913. 2013: 740. 2014: 78589. Description: OTHER REVENUE 2011: 175618. 2012: 114713. 2013: 457557. 2014: 910612.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two yes/no questions about donor information.

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include purpose of conservation easements, number of easements, and monitoring details.

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.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include reporting requirements for art and historical treasures.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

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

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

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

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1 a Beginning of year balance	15,931,738.	16,402,807.	14,539,449.	13,515,731.	14,284,990.
b Contributions	1,000.	5,000.	100,000.	75,000.	
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-251,893.	245,118.	2,459,228.	1,620,320.	-146,419.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	769,631.	721,187.	695,870.	671,602.	622,840.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	14,911,214.	15,931,738.	16,402,807.	14,539,449.	13,515,731.

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 4.00 %
 - b Permanent endowment ▶ 55.00 %
 - c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 41.00 %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3 a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|---------------------------------------|-----|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | X | |
| (ii) related organizations | | X |
- b If 'Yes' on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? **3b**
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land		1,049,205.		1,049,205.
b Buildings		23,356,274.	11,653,188.	11,703,086.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		862,543.	485,550.	376,993.
e Other		186,024.		186,024.

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ▶ 13,315,308.

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) -----		
(I) -----		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (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)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (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) BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN TRUSTS	6,297,710.
(2) CAPITAL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 15.) ▶	6,297,710.

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) ANNUITY OBLIGATIONS	63,124.
(3) CAPITAL ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	7,169.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.) . . . ▶	70,293.

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	5,444,453.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2 a		-860,258.
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2 b		
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d		-375,416.
	e Add lines 2 a through 2 d		2 e	-1,235,674.
3	Subtract line 2 e from line 1		3	6,680,127.
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	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b		
	c Add lines 4 a and 4 b		4 c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4 c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	6,680,127.

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	6,312,521.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
	a Donated services and use of facilities	2 a		
	b Prior year adjustments	2 b		
	c Other losses	2 c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d		75,290.
	e Add lines 2 a through 2 d		2 e	75,290.
3	Subtract line 2 e from line 1		3	6,237,231.
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	4 a		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b		
	c Add lines 4 a and 4 b		4 c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4 c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	6,237,231.

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.

Pt III, Line 1a

"THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS OF HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT ARTIFACTS, ART OBJECTS, AND OTHER MATERIALS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND PUBLIC EXHIBITION, AND ARE NOT CAPITALIZED BY THE SOCIETY. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSIDER STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING COLLECTION ITEMS TO BE DEACCESSIONED OR SOLD, WHICH MAY OCCUR BECAUSE THE ITEMS ARE DUPLICATES OR NO LONGER MEET THE MISSION OR PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY. NET SALES PROCEEDS ARE USED TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC NEEDS OF THE SOCIETY, INCLUDING DEBT RETIREMENT AS DEEMED WARRANTED. SUCH ACTIVITY IS REFLECTED IN THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AS PROCEEDS FROM THE SALES OF GIFTS-IN-KIND, UNDER NON-OPERATING INCOME."

Pt III, Line 4

THE SOCIETY'S COLLECTIONS OF HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT ARTIFACTS, ART OBJECTS, AND OTHER MATERIALS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

PUBLIC EXHIBITION.

Pt V, Line 4

THE SOCIETY HAS ADOPTED INVESTMENT AND SPENDING POLICIES FOR ENDOWMENT ASSETS THAT ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES WHILE SEEKING TO MAINTAIN THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS.

Pt X, Line 2

"THE SOCIETY CURRENTLY HAS NO SIGNIFICANT UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT IT HAS TAKEN AND BELIEVES THAT IT CAN DEFEND THE SOCIETY'S TAX RETURNS TO ANY JURISDICTION."

Pt XI, Line 2d

CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUSTS, AND RECLASSIFICATION OF COST OF GOODS SOLD

Pt XII, Line 2d

RECLASSIFICATION OF COST OF GOODS SOLD

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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.

REVENUE		(a) Event #1 HUNDRED YEAR CLUB (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other events (total number)	(d) Total events (add column (a) through column (c))	
	1	Gross receipts	95,750.			95,750.
2	Less: Contributions					
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	95,750.			95,750.	
DIRECT EXPENSES	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs				
	7	Food and beverages				
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses	34,254.			34,254.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				34,254.
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				61,496.	

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.

REVENUE		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add column (a) through column (c))
	1	Gross revenue			
DIRECT EXPENSES	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash prizes			
	4	Rent/facility costs			
	5	Other direct expenses			
	6	Volunteer labor	Yes _____ % No	Yes _____ % No	Yes _____ % 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: _____

10 a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13 a	%
b An outside facility	13 b	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15 a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.
- c If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

- 17 Mandatory distributions
- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? _____ Yes No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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- ▶ **Complete if the organizations answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
- ▶ **Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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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	X		0.	N/A
6 Cars and other vehicles	X	1	0.	N/A
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities — Publicly traded				
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	X	11	0.	N/A
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (ARCHIVAL MATERIALS)	X	119	0.	N/A
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 is not 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 non-standard 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 did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

BAA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule M (Form 990) (2015)

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.

Pt I Line 33

COLLECTION ASSETS ARE NOT CAPITALIZED AS ALLOWED UNDER SFAS 116.

Pt I col(b)

REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF DONATIONS OF HISTORIC ARTIFACTS, HISTORIC VEHICLES, MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS, PHOTOGRAPHS, HISTORIC APPAREL

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Pt VI, Line 11b

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORMALLY DELEGATED THE REVIEW OF THE DRAFT FORM OF THE 990 TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE. THE AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEWED AND APPROVED THE DRAFT PRIOR TO FILING.

Pt VI, Line 12c

EACH DIRECTOR MUST SIGN AN ANNUAL STATEMENT AFFIRMING THEY HAVE READ THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY.

Pt VI, Line 15a

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD REGARDING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION. ONLY THOSE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHO ARE FREE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE EVALUATION OF EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, TO THE EXTENT REASONABLY AVAILABLE, TAKES INTO ACCOUNT APPROPRIATE DATA AS TO COMPARABILITY PRIOR TO MAKING ITS RECOMMENDATION, AND CONTEMPORANEOUSLY PLACES SUCH DATA AND OTHER REASONS FOR ITS RECOMMENDATION IN THE MINUTES. ONLY THOSE DIRECTORS WHO ARE FREE FROM CONFLICTS OF INTEREST MAY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION. THE BOARD REVIEWS AND APPROVES EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AFTER A REVIEW OF COMPARABILITY DATA OR OTHER EVIDENCE THAT COMPENSATION IS REASONABLE, AND CONTEMPORANEOUSLY SUBSTANTIATES ITS DELIBERATION AND DECISION IN THE MINUTES.

Pt VI, Line 19

THE SOCIETY ANNUALLY PUBLISHES AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990 ON ITS WEBSITE. THOSE DOCUMENTS AND THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

Pt XII, Line 2c

THE SOCIETY'S AUDIT COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE SELECTION OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR, AND FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Other

PART III, LINE 1 - MISSION STATEMENT - THE WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESERVES AND USES ITS COLLECTIONS, HISTORIC SITES, AND MUSEUMS TO INSPIRE PEOPLE TO DISCOVER THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE BY EXPLORING THE TANGIBLE HISTORY OF NORTHEAST OHIO.

Other

PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, CLEVELAND HISTORY CENTER - THE CLEVELAND HISTORY CENTER IN CLEVELAND'S UNIVERSITY CIRCLE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSES THE INSTITUTION'S ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS, HISTORY MUSEUM, LIBRARY/ARCHIVES & GENEALOGY CENTER, CRAWFORD AUTO AVIATION MUSEUM, KIDZIBITS FAMILY EDUCATION CENTER, AND TWO EARLY 20TH CENTURY HISTORIC MANSIONS - THE HAY MCKINNEY AND BINGHAM-HANNA MANSIONS.

THE COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES ARE AMONG THE MOST EXTENSIVE OF ANY REGIONAL HISTORY CENTER IN THE UNITED STATES, A REFLECTION OF NEARLY 150 YEARS OF COLLECTING. WRHS WAS FOUNDED IN 1867 TO PRESERVE THE HISTORY OF THE CONNECTICUT WESTERN RESERVE, THE NAME FOR THE LAND ON THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE CONNECTICUT TERRITORY WHICH IS NOW NORTHEAST OHIO. TODAY, WRHS COLLECTS, PRESERVES, AND PRESENTS THE HISTORY OF NORTHEAST OHIO TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE, INSPIRING THEM TO DISCOVER THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES BY EXPLORING THE PAST AND IMAGINING THE FUTURE. THIS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH A COMBINATION OF EXHIBITS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR ALL AGES AND INTERESTS. THE WRHS COLLECTIONS ARE VAST

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AND VARIED. THE LIBRARY/ARCHIVES HOLD MILLIONS OF ITEMS INCLUDING BOOKS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MANUSCRIPTS AND DOCUMENTS, MAKING IT A PREMIER RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SCHOLARS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND GENEALOGISTS. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COLLECTION INCLUDE CIVIL WAR MATERIALS, VARIOUS ETHNIC AND COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS SUCH AS THOSE OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN, JEWISH, ITALIAN AND IRISH HISTORIES OF THE REGION, AND EXTENSIVE BUSINESS, INDUSTRIAL, PHILANTHROPIC, ENTREPRENEURIAL AND POLITICAL RECORDS. THE WRHS HISTORIC COSTUME AND TEXTILE COLLECTION IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE UNITED STATES. THE INSTITUTION'S COLLECTIONS OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE SHAKER COMMUNITIES IS, IN FACT, THE LARGEST IN THE U.S. THE DECORATIVE ARTS COLLECTION INCLUDES ABOUT 3,500 ARTIFACTS OWNED BY EARLY RESIDENTS OF THE WESTERN RESERVE, AND APPROXIMATELY 800 PAINTINGS REFLECTING THE HISTORY OF THE REGION. THE CRAWFORD AUTO AVIATION MUSEUM CONTAINS MORE THAN 157 CARS, 10 AIRPLANES, AND NUMEROUS MOTORCYCLES, BICYCLES, AND OTHER AUTOMOTIVE-RELATED ITEMS. ALONG WITH THE LIBRARY'S AUTOMOTIVE MARQUE FILES, THE CRAWFORD COLLECTION TELLS THE STORY OF THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY IN NORTHEAST OHIO. IN NOVEMBER, 2014, THE ICONIC EUCLID BEACH PARK GRAND CAROUSEL OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AFTER RESTORATION, HOUSED IN A SPECTACULAR GLASS PAVILION. THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH COLLABORATION BETWEEN WRHS, THE CLEVELAND EBPN CAROUSEL SOCIETY, AND EUCLID BEACH PARK NOW.

Other

PART III, LINE 4B - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, HALE FARM & VILLAGE. HALE FARM & VILLAGE, IN SCENIC CUYAHOGA VALLEY SOUTH OF CLEVELAND, IS AN OUTDOOR LIVING HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. AT HALE, 19TH CENTURY LIFE IS PRESENTED TO ENGAGE, STIMULATE, AND CHALLENGE VISITORS TO SUSPEND THEIR DISBELIEF, STEP BACK IN TIME, AND USE THE LESSONS OF THE PAST TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE. THE 90 ACRE SITE IS COMPRISED OF 32 HISTORIC, RESTORED 19TH CENTURY STRUCTURES; A MODERN VISITOR'S CENTER WITH GIFT SHOP AND CAFE; SEVERAL GARDENS; HERITAGE LIVESTOCK BREEDS; AND THE EARLY AMERICAN CRAFT AND TRADE PROGRAM FEATURING GLASSBLOWING, BLACKSMITHING, POTTERY, CANDLE, BROOM AND BASKET MAKING; AND HEARTH AND WOODSTOVE COOKING. FOUR GENERATIONS OF THE HALE FAMILY USED THE LAND AND RESOURCES TO CARVE OUT A NICHE FOR THEMSELVES IN THE CUYAHOGA VALLEY. THE MUSEUM BUILDS ITS PROGRAMMING AND OPERATIONS WITH REVERANCE FOR THE HALES' ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT COMBINED WITH A DEEP RESPECT FOR THE PAST. THE GOAL IS TO BUILD SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS THROUGH ENGAGING EDUCATIONAL, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. THE YEAR ROUND PROGRAM CALENDAR FOLLOWS THE SEASONAL CYCLE OF RURAL LIFE IN NORTHEAST OHIO. ANNUAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE THE SUMMER CIVIL WAR ENCAMPMENT WHICH DRAWS HUNDREDS OF CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTORS AND THOUSANDS OF VISITORS. CIVIL WAR-ERA HISTORY AND INTERPRETATION IS A HALLMARK OF HALE PROGRAMMING FEATURED IN ANNUAL HOLIDAY LANTERN TOURS OF THE VILLAGE AND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EDUCATION PROGRAM. HARVEST FESTIVAL IS ANOTHER ANNUAL EVENT DRAWING THOUSANDS OF VISITORS PARTICIPATING IN HARVEST SEASON ACTIVITIES. HALE INCREASINGLY CONSIDERS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SUSTAINABILITY IN ITS PROGRAMS. STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS TEACH THE PRINCIPLES OF ECONOMICS IN EVERYDAY LIFE BY EXPLORING THE ROOTS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN NORTHEAST OHIO AND CONSIDERING WISE USE OF LIMITED RESOURCES. THE PHRASE "COME HOME TO HALE" APTLY DESCRIBES THE VISITOR EXPERIENCE AT HALE FARM & VILLAGE - WHERE ONE MAY CONNECT WITH THE PAST AND FIND ITS RELEVANCE FOR THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE.

Name of the organization WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY	Employer identification number 34-0714724
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Other

PART III, LINE 4C - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, OTHER PROPERTIES. SHANDY HALL IS AN 1815 HOME ON 115 ACRES OF LAND IN ASHTABULA COUNTY, AND CONSISTS OF A MAIN HOUSE AND SEVERAL OUTBUILDINGS. THE HOME WAS OCCUPIED BY SEVEN GENERATIONS OF THE SAME FAMILY AND CONTAINS ORIGINAL FURNISHINGS. THE SITE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR TOURS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. LOGHURST, IN MAHONING COUNTY, SITS ON 7.5 ACRES AND INCLUDES A CIRCA 1805 LOG HOUSE - BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST SUCH STRUCTURE IN NORTHEAST OHIO. WRHS ENJOYS A CO-STEWARDSHIP ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CANFIELD HERITAGE FOUNDATION TO OPERATE THE SITE ON A SEASONAL BASIS.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
 - ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Employer identification number

34-0714724

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) _____ _____ _____					
(2) _____ _____ _____					
(3) _____ _____ _____					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) <u>HOLSEY GATES RESIDENCE PRESERVATION FOUNDATION</u> <u>762 BROADWAY AVE.</u> <u>BEDFORD, OH 44146</u> <u>34-1279724</u>	SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION	OH	501(C)(3)	TYPE I SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION	WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY		X
(2) _____ _____ _____							
(3) _____ _____ _____							
(4) _____ _____ _____							

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) ----- ----- -----												
(2) ----- ----- -----												
(3) ----- ----- -----												

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Sec 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) ----- ----- -----									
(2) ----- ----- -----									
(3) ----- ----- -----									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1 a		X
1 b		X
1 c		X
1 d		X
1 e		X
1 f		X
1 g		X
1 h		X
1 i		X
1 j		X
1 k		X
1 l		X
1 m		X
1 n		X
1 o		X
1 p		X
1 q		X
1 r		X
1 s		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is 'Yes,' see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).



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Important information about your June 30, 2016 Form 990

We approved your Form 8868, Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

We approved the Form 8868 for your
June 30, 2016 Form 990.

Your new due date is February 15, 2017.

What you need to do

File your June 30, 2016 Form 990 by February 15, 2017. We encourage you to use electronic filing—the fastest and easiest way to file.

Visit www.irs.gov/charities to learn about approved e-File providers, what types of returns can be filed electronically, and whether you are required to file electronically.

Additional information

- Visit www.irs.gov/cp211a.
- For tax forms, instructions, and publications, visit www.irs.gov or call 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).
- Keep this notice for your records.

If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.