

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization PROJECT RETURN INC		D Employer identification number 62-1058325	
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (615) 327-9654	
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 109 LAFAYETTE ST	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 9,325,657	
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NASHVILLE, TN 37210			
F Name and address of principal officer: ELIZABETH HAYES 109 LAFAYETTE STREET NASHVILLE, TN 37210			H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. See instructions. H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527				
J Website: ▶ WWW.PROJECTRETURNINC.ORG				
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶			L Year of formation: 1979 M State of legal domicile: TN	

Part I		Summary	
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization’s mission or most significant activities: PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON ARE TYPICALLY STIGMATIZED, OVERLOOKED, AND PIGEONHOLED BY SOCIETY. WHEN THEY WALK INTO PROJECT RETURN, THEY DISCOVER THAT HERE THEY ARE VALUED, HEARD, AND ENCOURAGED. WHILE REDUCTION OF INCARCERATION AND OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM CONTINUES TO ELUDE THE U.S., PROJECT RETURN SERVES AS PART OF THE SOLUTION. PROJECT RETURN IS SOLELY DEDICATED TO THE SUCCESSFUL NEW BEGINNINGS OF PEOPLE RETURNING TO OUR COMMUNITY AFTER INCARCERATION. NOW IN ITS 44TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO TENNESSEE, PROJECT RETURN PROVIDES REENTRY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TO HUNDREDS OF MEN AND WOMEN EACH YEAR. WE PLACE EMPLOYMENT AT THE CORE OF OUR WORK, BECAUSE IT IS THE BEST PREDICTOR OF A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, AND ALL OF OUR PROGRAM SERVICES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ARE WOVEN TOGETHER TO ENSURE MAXIMAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. THE MISSION OF PROJECT RETURN IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND CONNECT PEOPLE WITH RESOURCES NEEDED TO RETURN SUCCESSFULLY. 		
	2 Check this box ☐ 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	14
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	14
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a)	5	399
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	40
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,541,955	7,549,723
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,153,450	1,691,297
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	2,424	84,363
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	159,366	274
		6,857,195	9,325,657
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	268,781	321,856
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	3,263,461	4,553,509
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 109,040		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	1,448,816	2,099,439
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,981,058	6,974,804
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,876,137	2,350,853
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	5,303,107	7,853,062
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,455,346	1,654,448
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	3,847,761	6,198,614

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 ELIZABETH HAYES, INTERIM CEO Type or print name and title				2023-05-11 Date	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name		Preparer's signature	Date 2023-05-11	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00038531
	Firm's name ▶ BLANKENSHIP CPA GROUP PLLC				Firm's EIN ▶ 45-0491842	
	Firm's address ▶ 215 WARD CIRCLE BRENTWOOD, TN 370272304				Phone no. (615) 373-3771	

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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Briefly describe the organization's mission:

PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON ARE TYPICALLY STIGMATIZED, OVERLOOKED, AND PIGEONHOLED BY SOCIETY. WHEN THEY WALK INTO PROJECT RETURN, THEY DISCOVER THAT HERE THEY ARE VALUED, HEARD, AND ENCOURAGED. WHILE REDUCTION OF INCARCERATION AND OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM CONTINUES TO ELUDE THE U.S., PROJECT RETURN SERVES AS PART OF THE SOLUTION. PROJECT RETURN IS SOLELY DEDICATED TO THE SUCCESSFUL NEW BEGINNINGS OF PEOPLE RETURNING TO OUR COMMUNITY AFTER INCARCERATION. NOW IN ITS 44TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO TENNESSEE, PROJECT RETURN PROVIDES REENTRY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TO HUNDREDS OF MEN AND WOMEN EACH YEAR. WE PLACE EMPLOYMENT AT THE CORE OF OUR WORK, BECAUSE IT IS THE BEST PREDICTOR OF A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, AND ALL OF OUR PROGRAM SERVICES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ARE WOVEN TOGETHER TO ENSURE MAXIMAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. THE MISSION OF PROJECT RETURN IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND CONNECT PEOPLE WITH RESOURCES NEEDED TO RETURN SUCCES

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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.

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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.

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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 \$ 2,328,745 including grants of \$ 321,856) (Revenue \$)

JOB READINESS PROGRAM AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES: EVERY WEEK, PROJECT RETURN CONDUCTS A 2.5-DAY COURSE THAT EQUIPS OUR PARTICIPANTS WITH THE SOFT SKILLS NEEDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE WORKPLACE. FOR PEOPLE BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON AND RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY, THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES SKILLS, INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT, AND OPPORTUNITIES TO FIND AND KEEP A JOB. OUR CURRICULUM INCORPORATES FINANCIAL LITERACY, RELAPSE PREVENTION, AND DIGITAL LITERACY. COMPLETION OF OUR JOB READINESS CLASSES LEADS TO A STRUCTURED DAY OF INDIVIDUALIZED ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING RESUME DEVELOPMENT, MOCK INTERVIEWING, AND JOB SEARCH PLANNING. DURING CLASS COMPLETION DAY, PROJECT RETURN STAFF EVALUATES AND ADDRESS PARTICIPANTS' IMMEDIATE, CRITICAL NEEDS, PROVIDING WRAPAROUND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES SUCH AS: PURCHASING BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND PHOTO IDS; HOUSING ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF REFERRALS AND STIPENDS; PAYING FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND VISION EXAMS; BUS PASSES AND FOOD BAGS; AND TOOLS AND CLOTHING FOR WORK. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AT PROJECT RETURN INCLUDE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, JOB RETENTION SERVICES, HARD SKILLS TRAINING COURSES, AND AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM.

4b

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 355,750 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 154,823)

PRO HOUSING: THE TYPICAL HOUSING TRAJECTORY WE SEE FOR OUR PEOPLE IS THAT THEY ARE FORTUNATE TO RESIDE IN TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF THEIR RELEASE, BUT IT EVENTUALLY COMES TO AN END AND THEY MUST LOOK FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS EARN SATISFACTORY WAGES AND ARE RELIABLE TAXPAYERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, STIGMA OFTEN LEADS TO EXCLUSION FROM THE PRIVATE MARKET, AS LANDLORDS ARE FREE TO USE CONVICTION HISTORY AS A BASIS FOR REJECTING THEIR APPLICATIONS. IT CAN BE PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO GET ON A LEASE, DESPITE THEIR STEADY INCOME, SOLID REFERENCES, CAREFUL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND OVERALL WHEREWITHAL. ADDITIONALLY, RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TO PRISON JUST ONCE EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AT A RATE 7 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WHILE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED MULTIPLE TIMES EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AT A RATE 13 TIMES HIGHER THAN THOSE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN INCARCERATED AT ALL. RECOGNIZING THIS SEVERE NEED FOR ACCESSIBLE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH A CONVICTION HISTORY, AND FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF PROE PROJECT RETURN LAUNCHED ITS SECOND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, PROH (PROJECT RETURN OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSING), IN 2017. THROUGH PROH, PROJECT RETURN ACQUIRES AND REHABS MODEST, SCATTERED-SITE (ANTI-ENCLAVE), MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COME THROUGH PROJECT RETURN'S PROGRAMS. SINCE LAUNCH IN 2017, PROJECT RETURN HAS PURCHASED AND REHABBED 32 UNITS (DUPLEXES AND TRIPLEXES) IN SITES SCATTERED ACROSS NASHVILLE FOR RENT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE LEADING SUCCESSFUL NEW LIVES AFTER INCARCERATION. SPEAKING TO THE SUCCESS OF PROH, RECIDIVISM RATES OF OUR PROH TENANTS IS 3% AFTER SIX YEARS OF OPERATION. BY PROVIDING SAFE, STABLE, PERMANENT HOUSING, INDIVIDUALS CAN LEAD PRODUCTIVE, SUCCESSFUL LIVES AND LEAVE PRISON BEHIND.

4c

(Code:) (Expenses \$ 2,333,589 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,536,474)

PRO EMPLOYMENT (PROE) AND PRO PROPERTY SOLUTIONS (PROPS): DESPITE INCREASING AWARENESS AND WILLINGNESS OF EMPLOYERS TO HIRE PEOPLE WITH CONVICTION HISTORIES, THERE IS STILL TREMENDOUS RELUCTANCE TO HIRE PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION. PROJECT RETURN OFFERS INNOVATIVE, EMPLOYMENT-CREATING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AS A SOLUTION. PROE (PROJECT RETURN OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT), LAUNCHED IN 2013, FUNCTIONS AS A TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM THAT BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN INCARCERATION AND EMPLOYMENT. THROUGH PROE, PROJECT RETURN HIRES ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS TEMPORARILY AND PLACES THEM IN JOBS ON THE WORKSITES OF PARTNERING EMPLOYERS. THOSE COMPANIES GAIN MUCH-NEEDED WORKERS, WHILE PROJECT RETURN'S MOTIVATED JOB SEEKERS GAIN AN IMMEDIATE INCOME AND VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE, PROPELLING THEM INTO LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT. PROJECT RETURN OUTFITS THEM FOR THE JOB, AND PROVIDES TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYEES WITH JOB COACHING, TRAINING, TRANSPORTATION, AND WRAPAROUND SUPPORT. PROE'S SUCCESS AND OUR DESIRE TO EXPAND ON OUR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS LED TO THE CREATION OF ANOTHER SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, PRO PROPERTY SOLUTIONS (PROPS). LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 2019, PROPS IS A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMPANY THAT OFFERS GROUNDSKEEPING AND COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES, AS WELL AS FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND MAKE-READY SERVICES, AND PROPERTY DECONSTRUCTION. WITH THIS ENTERPRISE, WE CREATE MORE EMPLOYMENT AND HARD SKILLS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE, ALL THE WHILE GENERATING EARNED INCOME TO SUPPORT OUR OVERALL AGENCY BUDGET. THROUGH PROPS AND PROE, OUR PARTICIPANTS GAIN REAL-WORLD WORK EXPERIENCE ON THE JOB, AS WELL AS OUR INDIVIDUALIZED COACHING AND FEEDBACK, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER CRITICAL ASSISTANCE, AND PROJECT RETURN GENERATES EARNED INCOME FOR THE OPERATION AND GROWTH OF THESE EMPLOYMENT-CREATING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES. BETWEEN PROE AND PROPS, WE'VE EMPLOYED OVER 1,800 PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRISON, PAID THEM MORE THAN 3.5 MILLION IN WAGES, AND GENERATED MORE THAN 4 MILLION IN EARNED REVENUE.

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

IN SEPTEMBER OF 2022, PROJECT RETURN COMPLETED THE PURCHASE OF ITS HEADQUARTERS OFFICE AT 109 LAFAYETTE STREET IN NASHVILLE. THE PROPERTY WAS RENOVATED IN 2020, WITH PROJECT RETURN STAFF MOVING TO THE LOCATION IN 2021. THE PROPERTY WAS LEASED UNTIL THE FINAL PURCHASE WAS COMPLETED IN 2022.

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

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

4e

Total program service expenses ► 5,018,084

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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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions.	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	No
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	No
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)?	11f Yes	
12a If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X, separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I. See instructions.	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	No

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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	Yes	
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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons?	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		No
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions?	30		No
31	Did the organization reorganize, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		No
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?	33	Yes	
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	Yes	

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	13	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on 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)						
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	399			
b		If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.		2b	Yes			
3a		Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		3a			No	
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			No	
b		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			No	
b		Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b			No	
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			No	
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			No	
b		If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b				
c		Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c			No	
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			No	
f		Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f			No	
g		If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g			No	
h		If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h			No	
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? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		13a				
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			No	
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			No	
16		If the organization is a trust, did it file Form 720, Schedule N, to report the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?		16			No	
17		Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.		17				

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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.	1a14		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b14		
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		No
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		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
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		No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
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		No

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

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	TN
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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: ELIZABETH HAYES 109 LAFAYETTE STREET NASHVILLE, TN 37210 (615) 327-9654	

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 the 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, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization’s **former** officers, key employees, or 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.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

☐ 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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) BETTIE KIRKLAND CEO (RETIRED)	40.00			X				148,800	0	10,800
(2) MARK EPPS PRESIDENT	0.50	X		X				0	0	0
(3) CHARLES STORY VICE-PRESIDE	0.50	X		X				0	0	0
(4) ELIJAH TRUITT SECRETARY	0.50	X		X				0	0	0
(5) IKE NWAELELE TREASURER	0.50	X		X				0	0	0
(6) KELLY HARTER BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(7) EDWIN SANDERS BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(8) BOB BREWER BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(9) ELAINA AL-NIMRI BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(10) BERNARD TURNER BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(11) JENNY CHARLES BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(12) MARK FLEMMING BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(13) DUSTIN CARLTON BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(14) MALCOLM HARRIS BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(15) DEWAYNE KING BOARD MEMBER	0.50	X						0	0	0
(16) ELIZABETH HAYES INTERIM CEO	40.00			X				0	0	0

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		1a Federated campaigns		1a		
Amt Similar Amounts		b Membership dues		1b		
		c Fundraising events		1c		
		d Related organizations		1d		
		e Government grants (contributions)		1e 3,847,881		
		f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above		1f 3,701,842		
		g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$		1g 2,018,596		
		h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		7,549,723		
Program Service Revenue	2a TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM	Business Code				
			1,536,474	1,536,474		
	b PRO HOUSING		154,823	154,823		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue.					
9 Total. Add lines 2a-2f.		1,691,297				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		84,363		84,363	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	6a Gross rents	6a				
	b Less: rental expenses	6b				
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b				
	c Gain or (loss)	7c				
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
	b Less: direct expenses	8b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a				
	b Less: direct expenses	9b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a MISCELLANEOUS			274	274		
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			274			
12 Total revenue. See instructions			9,325,657	1,691,571	84,363	

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	321,856	321,856		
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	159,600	133,397	22,825	3,378
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	3,545,426	2,975,392	500,235	69,799
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	548,202	436,538	102,928	8,736
10 Payroll taxes	300,281	254,263	40,515	5,503
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
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)	514,332	85,790	427,792	750
12 Advertising and promotion	13,040		8,040	5,000
13 Office expenses	118,762	13,117	105,464	181
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	449,623	216,172	228,459	4,992
17 Travel	161,002	114,273	46,729	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,315	527	2,689	99
20 Interest	56,374		56,374	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	223,602		223,602	
23 Insurance	68,935	75,177	-7,136	894
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 EQUIPMENT RENTAL/MAINT	123,067	92,642	30,425	
b PROGRAM SUPPLIES	79,222	73,054	6,168	
c AID TO CLIENTS	76,292	76,255	37	
d MISCELLANEOUS	62,030	61,517	513	
e All other expenses	149,843	88,114	52,021	9,708
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	6,974,804	5,018,084	1,847,680	109,040
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).				

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

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				(A)		(B)	
				Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		344,552	1	202,449	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		1,060,894	2	372,594	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		202,291	3	435,798	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		550,966	4	403,917	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7		
	8	Inventories for sale or use		63,793	8	112,926	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		10,855	9	7,344	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	4,866,131			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	662,841	3,063,756	10c	4,203,290
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		6,000	11	2,114,744	
	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 33)		5,303,107	16	7,853,062		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		305,655	17	132,272	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue			19		
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21		
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		1,149,691	23	1,522,176	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24		
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			25		
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		1,455,346	26	1,654,448	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.						
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		3,595,369	27	5,934,079	
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		252,392	28	264,535	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 29 through 33.						
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			29		
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			30		
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			31		
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		3,847,761	32	6,198,614	
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		5,303,107	33	7,853,062	

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	9,325,657
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	6,974,804
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,350,853
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	3,847,761
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	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	6,198,614

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: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
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: ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
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.	Yes	
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?	Yes	
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.	Yes	

Additional Data

Return to Form

Software ID:

Software Version:

Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Name of the organization PROJECT RETURN INC	Employer identification number 62-1058325
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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 12, check only one box.)

- 1

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A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

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A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3

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A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4

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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

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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

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A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7

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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

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A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9

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An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10

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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.)
- 11

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An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12

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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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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- 10 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		
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 failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . .	3,075,248	2,726,439	3,976,877	5,541,955	7,549,723	22,870,242
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	3,075,248	2,726,439	3,976,877	5,541,955	7,549,723	22,870,242
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) . .						1,544,703
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						21,325,539

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. .	3,075,248	2,726,439	3,976,877	5,541,955	7,549,723	22,870,242
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,154	1,233	1,547	2,424	84,363	90,721
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.). .	535,114	721,312	1,222,886	1,312,816	1,691,571	5,483,699
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						28,444,662

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)

12

5,483,699

13 First 5 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

14 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	74.970 %
15 Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	79.550 %

- 16a **33 1/3% support test—2021.** 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
- ☒
- b **33 1/3% support test—2020.** 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
- ☐
- 17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021.** 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
- ☐
- b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020.** 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
- ☐
- 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
- ☐

Part IIISupport 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) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(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) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(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 on 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 5 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 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2021 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021. 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—2020. 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 on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 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? 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.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
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)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.		
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)? 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.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c 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).		
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? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
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))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
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)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).		

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 on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b	A family member of a person described on 11a above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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

- 1** ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*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):	1
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 (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):	
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 0.015 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 0.035	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	1	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (<i>prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI</i>)	5	
6 Other distributions (<i>describe in Part VI</i>). See instructions	6	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions	8	
9 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	9	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	10	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
1 Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required-- <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:			
a From 2016.			
b From 2017.			
c From 2018.			
d From 2019.			
e From 2020.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2017.			
b Excess from 2018.			
c Excess from 2019.			
d Excess from 2020.			
e Excess from 2021.			

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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
PART II, LINE 10	TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM 4,806,235 PRO HOUSING (RENTAL INCOME) 489,886 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 187,578

Additional Data

Return to Form

Software ID:

Software Version:

Name of the organization
PROJECT RETURN INC

Employer identification number
62-1058325

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?

☐ Yes ☐ 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?

☐ Yes ☐ 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 an 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 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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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 FASB 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 FASB 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

Part 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.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in 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
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Term endowment ▶

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

(i)

Unrelated organizations

(ii)

Related organizations

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
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
1a Land		225,443		225,443
b Buildings		4,124,736	394,165	3,730,571
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		129,055	71,984	57,071
e Other		386,897	196,692	190,205
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				4,203,290

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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. (Column (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. (Column (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	9,325,657
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	9,325,657
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	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	9,325,657

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	6,974,804
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	6,974,804
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	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	6,974,804

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.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PAGE 3, PART X	THE AGENCY IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 501(C)(3) AND THE TAX LAWS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. U.S. GAAP REQUIRES THE AGENCY TO EVALUATE TAX POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE AGENCY AND RECOGNIZE A TAX LIABILITY (OR ASSET) IF THE AGENCY HAS TAKEN AN UNCERTAIN POSITION THAT MORE LIKELY THAN NOT WOULD NOT BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY THE IRS. MANAGEMENT HAS ANALYZED THE TAX POSITION TAKEN BY THE AGENCY AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT, AS OF JUNE 30, 2022, NO UNCERTAIN POSITIONS ARE TAKEN OR ARE EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN THAT WOULD REQUIRE RECOGNITION OF A LIABILITY (OR ASSET) OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE AGENCY IS SUBJECT TO ROUTINE AUDITS BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO AUDITS FOR ANY TAX PERIODS IN PROGRESS. THE AGENCY IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX EXAMINATIONS BY TAX AUTHORITIES FOR YEARS ENDED PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 2019.

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Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the
Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
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PROJECT RETURN INC

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1

Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2

Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

2

Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

3

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1) ST IDS-DRVR LIC-BRTH CERT	585	14,474			
(2) WORK CLOTHES,SHOES,TOOLS	669	92,609			
(3) TRANSPORTATION BUS PASSES	1194	54,844			
(4) TRANSPORTATION RIDE SHARE	7	681			
(5) INCENTIVES	946	63,467			
(6) EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES	1012	25,207			
(7) HELP W/ RENT,UTILITY,MEDS	497	39,395			
(8) MEDICAL SERVICES	688	16,904			
(9) DRUG TESTS	325	10,962			
(10) OTHER	1	13			
(11) SKILLS BUILDING ASSISTANC	11	3,300			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PAGE 1, PART I, LINE 2	PROJECT RETURN STAFF PRELIMINARILY DETERMINES THAT THE WOULD-BE RECIPIENT IS PROPERLY A CLIENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR AGENCY SERVICES. FOR A CLIENT WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICULAR TYPES OF ASSISTANCE - INCLUDING STATE ID, BIRTH CERTIFICATE, DRIVER'S LICENSE, EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND WORK CLOTHES/TOOLS - PROJECT RETURN STAFF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY-ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND/OR GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS OF PARTICULAR GRANTS, COMPLETE A REQUEST FORM SPECIFYING THE DETAILS OF THE ASSISTANCE. THE REQUEST FORM IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND A CHECK IS ISSUED BY THE ACCOUNTANT. SIMILARLY, BUS PASSES AND EMERGENCY FOOD BOXES ARE DISBURSED TO CLIENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGENCY-ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF GRANT FUNDING; FOR BOTH OF THESE TYPES OF ASSISTANCE, THE ITEMS ARE SECURED IN LOCKED CONTAINERS AT PROJECT RETURN, AND ITEMIZED LOG BOOKS OF THE DISBURSEMENTS ARE MAINTAINED BY STAFF.

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Part I

Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. ☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
1b If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain		
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?		
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. ☐ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Form 990 of other organizations ☐ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? If "Yes".to any.of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III. Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: a The organization? b Any related organization? If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III		
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III		
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

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Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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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				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	3	2,018,596	FMV-DATE OF DONATION
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

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?

30a

No

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?

31

No

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

32a

No

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) (2021)

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 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST BEEN RELEASED FROM PRISON ARE TYPICALLY STIGMATIZED, OVERLOOKED, AND PIGEONHOLED BY SOCIETY. WHEN THEY WALK INTO PROJECT RETURN, THEY DISCOVER THAT HERE THEY ARE VALUED, HEARD, AND ENCOURAGED. WHILE REDUCTION OF INCARCERATION AND OTHER CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM CONTINUES TO ELUDE THE U.S., PROJECT RETURN SERVES AS PART OF THE SOLUTION. PROJECT RETURN IS SOLELY DEDICATED TO THE SUCCESSFUL NEW BEGINNINGS OF PEOPLE RETURNING TO OUR COMMUNITY AFTER INCARCERATION. NOW IN ITS 44TH YEAR OF SERVICE TO TENNESSEE, PROJECT RETURN PROVIDES REENTRY ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TO HUNDREDS OF MEN AND WOMEN EACH YEAR. WE PLACE EMPLOYMENT AT THE CORE OF OUR WORK, BECAUSE IT IS THE BEST PREDICTOR OF A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE WE SERVE, AND ALL OF OUR PROGRAM SERVICES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT ARE WOVEN TOGETHER TO ENSURE MAXIMAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. THE MISSION OF PROJECT RETURN IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND CONNECT PEOPLE WITH RESOURCES NEEDED TO RETURN SUCCESSFULLY TO WORK AND COMMUNITY AFTER INCARCERATION. OUR VISION IS A FULL AND FREE LIFE AFTER INCARCERATION. WE MEASURE OUR SUCCESS BY TWO MAIN METRICS: HIGH JOB ACQUISITION AND LOW RECIDIVISM. IN 2022, OF THE 869 PEOPLE WHO ENROLLED IN PROJECT RETURN'S EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM, 657 (75%) GOT JOBS. THIS IS THE OPPOSITE OF THE NATIONAL NORM, IN WHICH RESEARCH SHOWS THAT UP TO 75% OF PEOPLE RETURNING FROM PRISON GAIN NO EMPLOYMENT IN THEIR FIRST 12 MONTHS AFTER RELEASE. RELATEDLY, RECIDIVISM RATES ACROSS OUR STATE AND COUNTRY ARE MEASURED IN NUMEROUS WAYS AND ARE AS HIGH AS 70%, YET PROJECT RETURN'S RECIDIVISM RATE FOR 2022 WAS 12.5%. PROJECT RETURN IS A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE-OPERATING NONPROFIT. THE PEOPLE WE SERVE ARE SEVERELY MARGINALIZED IN THE JOB MARKET AND ROUTINELY EXCLUDED FROM HOUSING. TO ALLEVIATE THE BARRIERS, WE STAND UP OUR OWN BUSINESSES IN THOSE GAPS, TO CREATE IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS LONGTERM, AFFORDABLE RENTAL OPTIONS FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS. WITH OUR MISSIONCENTERED, REVENUE-GENERATING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES, WE MAKE DONATED DOLLARS GO FURTHER WHILE WE GENERATE WAYS FOR PEOPLE TO SUCCEED, AGAINST THE ODDS, AFTER INCARCERATION. WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR YEAR-OVER-YEAR GROWTH. OUR OPERATING BUDGET FOR FY21 WAS 33% HIGHER THAN THAT OF FY20, AND OUR FY22 OPERATING BUDGET INCREASED BY ANOTHER 25% OVER FY21. IN OCTOBER 2020 WE BEGAN THE PLANNING PHASE OF OUR FIRST EXPANSION IN CHATTANOOGA - REPLICATING OUR CULTURE, SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, EMPLOYMENT FOCUS, AND REENTRY SERVICES IN OUR FIRST NEW CITY - AND OPENED THAT OFFICE IN SEPTEMBER 2021. IN OUR FIRST FULL YEAR OF OPENING, THE CHATTANOOGA OFFICE SERVED OVER 200 PEOPLE.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	JOB READINESS PROGRAM AND WRAPAROUND SERVICES: EVERY WEEK, PROJECT RETURN CONDUCTS A 2.5-DAY COURSE THAT EQUIPS OUR PARTICIPANTS WITH THE SOFT SKILLS NEEDED TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE WORKPLACE. FOR PEOPLE BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON AND RETURNING TO THE COMMUNITY, THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES SKILLS, INDIVIDUALIZED SUPPORT, AND OPORTUNITIES TO FIND AND KEEP A JOB. OUR CURRICULUM INCORPORATES FINANCIAL LITERACY, RELAPSE PREVENTION, AND DIGITAL LITERACY. COMPLETION OF OUR JOB READINESS CLASSES LEADS TO A STRUCTURED DAY OF INDIVIDUALIZED ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING RESUME DEVELOPMENT, MOCK INTERVIEWING, AND JOB SEARCH PLANNING. DURING CLASS COMPLETION DAY, PROJECT RETURN STAFF EVALUATES AND ADDRESS PARTICIPANTS' IMMEDIATE, CRITICAL NEEDS, PROVIDING WRAPAROUND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES SUCH AS: PURCHASING BIRTH CERTIFICATES AND PHOTO IDS; HOUSING ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF REFERRALS AND STIPENDS; PAYING FOR MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND VISION EXAMS; BUS PASSES AND FOOD BAGS; AND TOOLS AND CLOTHING FOR WORK. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AT PROJECT RETURN INCLUDE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, JOB RETENTION SERVICES, HARD SKILLS TRAINING COURSES, AND AN ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4B	PRO HOUSING: THE TYPICAL HOUSING TRAJECTORY WE SEE FOR OUR PEOPLE IS THAT THEY ARE FORTUNATE TO RESIDE IN TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF THEIR RELEASE, BUT IT EVENTUALLY COMES TO AN END AND THEY MUST LOOK FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS EARN SATISFACTORY WAGES AND ARE RELIABLE TAXPAYERS IN OUR COMMUNITY, STIGMA OFTEN LEADS TO EXCLUSION FROM THE PRIVATE MARKET, AS LANDLORDS ARE FREE TO USE CONVICTION HISTORY AS A BASIS FOR REJECTING THEIR APPLICATIONS. IT CAN BE PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO GET ON A LEASE, DESPITE THEIR STEADY INCOME, SOLID REFERENCES, CAREFUL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, AND OVERALL WHEREWITHAL. ADDITIONALLY, RESEARCH SHOWS THAT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TO PRISON JUST ONCE EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AT A RATE 7 TIMES HIGHER THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC, WHILE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED MULTIPLE TIMES EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AT A RATE 13 TIMES HIGHER THAN THOSE WHO HAVEN'T BEEN INCARCERATED AT ALL. RECOGNIZING THIS SEVERE NEED FOR ACCESSIBLE AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH A CONVICTION HISTORY, AND FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF PROE PROJECT RETURN LAUNCHED ITS SECOND SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, PROH (PROJECT RETURN OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSING), IN 2017. THROUGH PROH, PROJECT RETURN ACQUIRES AND REHABS MODEST, SCATTERED-SITE (ANTI-ENCLAVE), MULTI-FAMILY PROPERTIES, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COME THROUGH PROJECT RETURN'S PROGRAMS. SINCE LAUNCH IN 2017, PROJECT RETURN HAS PURCHASED AND REHABBED 32 UNITS (DUPLEXES AND TRIPLEXES) IN SITES SCATTERED ACROSS NASHVILLE FOR RENT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE LEADING SUCCESSFUL NEW LIVES AFTER INCARCERATION. SPEAKING TO THE SUCCESS OF PROH, RECIDIVISM RATES OF OUR PROH TENANTS IS 3% AFTER SIX YEARS OF OPERATION. BY PROVIDING SAFE, STABLE, PERMANENT HOUSING, INDIVIDUALS CAN LEAD PRODUCTIVE, SUCCESSFUL LIVES AND LEAVE PRISON BEHIND.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4C	PRO EMPLOYMENT (PROE) AND PRO PROPERTY SOLUTIONS (PROPS): DESPITE INCREASING AWARENESS AND WILLINGNESS OF EMPLOYERS TO HIRE PEOPLE WITH CONVICTION HISTORIES, THERE IS STILL TREMENDOUS RELUCTANCE TO HIRE PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEIR RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION. PROJECT RETURN OFFERS INNOVATIVE, EMPLOYMENT-CREATING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AS A SOLUTION. PROE (PROJECT RETURN OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT), LAUNCHED IN 2013, FUNCTIONS AS A TRANSITIONAL JOBS PROGRAM THAT BRIDGES THE GAP

Return Reference	Explanation
	BETWEEN INCARCERATION AND EMPLOYMENT. THROUGH PROE, PROJECT RETURN HIRES ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS TEMPORARILY AND PLACES THEM IN JOBS ON THE WORKSITES OF PARTNERING EMPLOYERS. THOSE COMPANIES GAIN MUCH-NEEDED WORKERS, WHILE PROJECT RETURN'S MOTIVATED JOB SEEKERS GAIN AN IMMEDIATE INCOME AND VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE, PROPELLING THEM INTO LONG-TERM EMPLOYMENT. PROJECT RETURN OUTFITS THEM FOR THE JOB, AND PROVIDES TRANSITIONAL EMPLOYEES WITH JOB COACHING, TRAINING, TRANSPORTATION, AND WRAPAROUND SUPPORT. PROE'S SUCCESS AND OUR DESIRE TO EXPAND ON OUR IMMEDIATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPANTS LED TO THE CREATION OF ANOTHER SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, PRO PROPERTY SOLUTIONS (PROPS). LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 2019, PROPS IS A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMPANY THAT OFFERS GROUNDSKEEPING AND COMMERCIAL CLEANING SERVICES, AS WELL AS FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND MAKE-READY SERVICES, AND PROPERTY DECONSTRUCTION. WITH THIS ENTERPRISE, WE CREATE MORE EMPLOYMENT AND HARD SKILLS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PEOPLE, ALL THE WHILE GENERATING EARNED INCOME TO SUPPORT OUR OVERALL AGENCY BUDGET. THROUGH PROPS AND PROE, OUR PARTICIPANTS GAIN REAL-WORLD WORK EXPERIENCE ON THE JOB, AS WELL AS OUR INDIVIDUALIZED COACHING AND FEEDBACK, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER CRITICAL ASSISTANCE, AND PROJECT RETURN GENERATES EARNED INCOME FOR THE OPERATION AND GROWTH OF THESE EMPLOYMENT-CREATING SOCIAL ENTERPRISES. BETWEEN PROE AND PROPS, WE'VE EMPLOYED OVER 1,800 PEOPLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRISON, PAID THEM MORE THAN 3.5 MILLION IN WAGES, AND GENERATED MORE THAN 4 MILLION IN EARNED REVENUE.
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	IN SEPTEMBER OF 2022, PROJECT RETURN COMPLETED THE PURCHASE OF ITS HEADQUARTERS OFFICE AT 109 LAFAYETTE STREET IN NASHVILLE. THE PROPERTY WAS RENOVATED IN 2020, WITH PROJECT RETURN STAFF MOVING TO THE LOCATION IN 2021. THE PROPERTY WAS LEASED UNTIL THE FINAL PURCHASE WAS COMPLETED IN 2022.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	A DRAFT COPY OF THE FORM 990 IS EMAILED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR COMMENTS AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	WHEN MEMBERS ANNUALLY SIGN OUR BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DISCLOSURE FORM, THEY EXPRESS THEIR AGREEMENT THAT, IN THE COURSE OF MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES, THEY ARE OBLIGATED TO DISCLOSE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST, OR APPEARANCE OF A CONFLICT, WHEN SUCH ARISES, AND THAT FOR TRANSACTIONS IN WHICH THEY HAVE A CONFLICT, THEY WILL ABSTAIN FROM DISCUSSION AND VOTING.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE PROCESS INCORPORATES COMPARABILITY DATA AND ESTABLISHES THE TIMING, BOARD APPROVAL AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, AS WELL AS THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE COMMITTEE CONDUCTING THE REVIEW AND COMMUNICATION OF THE DECISION PROCESS.
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION SUPPLIES THIS INFORMATION TO GIVINGMATTERS.COM, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO PROVIDES INFORMATION BASED ON SPECIFIC REQUESTS OF DOCUMENTS.

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SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
PROJECT RETURN INC

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.
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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) INNOVESTMENTS LLC 806 4TH AVE S NASHVILLE, TN 37210	REAL ESTAT	TN	154,823	3,188,126	PROJ RETRN

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) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No

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) Disproporionate 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	

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) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

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
1a		
1b		
1c		
1d		
1e		
1f		
1g		
1h		
1i		
1j		
1k		
1l		
1m		
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1s		

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

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.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

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