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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2012

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A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning		and ending	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization THE FIRE FIGHTERS FOUNDATION OF HOUSTON		D Employer identification number 20-4370896
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (713) 547-2084
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
	1221 MCKINNEY ST. STE. 2100		
	City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code HOUSTON, TX 77010		G Gross receipts \$ 257,076.
F Name and address of principal officer: JEFF S. DINERSTEIN 1221 MCKINNEY ST, STE 2100, HOUSTON, TX 770		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527			
J Website: WWW.FFFHOUSTON.COM			
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶		L Year of formation: 2006 M State of legal domicile: TX	

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO ASSIST AND IMPROVE THE HOUSTON AREA FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR FACILITIES. THE		
	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 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	12
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 311,232.	Current Year 173,229.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	22,945.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	71.	27.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-23,778.	-32,958.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	287,525.	163,243.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	87,646.	24,000.
Expenses	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.	0.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 3,000.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	192,520.	147,160.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	280,166.	171,160.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	7,359.	-7,917.
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 47,206.	End of Year 33,720.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	5,569.	0.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	41,637.	33,720.

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		Date
	JEFF S. DINERSTEIN, TREASURER		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date
	WILLIAM J. HICKL, III	<i>William J. Hickl</i>	11/14/13
Preparer Use Only	Firm's name ▶ UHY ADVISORS TX, LLC	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN P00004184
	Firm's address ▶ 2929 ALLEN PARKWAY 20TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77019	Firm's EIN ▶ 76-0522558	Phone no. 713-960-1706

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III ☒

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

1. TO RECEIVE GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS, AND GRANTS OF MONEY OR PROPERTY FROM INDIVIDUAL, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLIC SOURCES, AND ANY AGENCY OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON OR THE STATE OF TEXAS OR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO APPLY, PAY OVER, OR DISBURSE THOSE GIFTS,

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

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

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

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 110,153. Including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 22,945.)
EXPENSES USED TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HOUSTON AREA FIRE FIGHTERS FOR THEIR SERVICES AND TO EDUCATE AND ENHANCE THE PUBLIC'S UNDERSTANDING AND AWARENESS OF THE HOUSTON AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 24,000. Including grants of \$ 24,000.) (Revenue \$)
GRANTS GIVEN TO THE HOUSTON AND SURROUNDING FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO PURCHASE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 134,153.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V ☐

					Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	0				
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0				
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c					
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	0				
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					
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a					X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b					
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a					X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.						
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a					X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b					X
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c					
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a					X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b					
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).						
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a				X	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b				X	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c					X
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d					
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e					X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f					X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g					
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h					
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8					
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.						
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a					
b Did the 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					X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b					

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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 1a <u>14</u>		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b <u>14</u>		
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	☒
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	☒
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	☒
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	☒
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	☒
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	☒
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	☒
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	☒
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	☒
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	☒

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	☒
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	☒
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	☒
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	☒
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	☒
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	☒
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	☒
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	☒
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	☒
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	☒
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 ► NONE

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ►
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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII ☐

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

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

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

• List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

• List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) WILLIAM E KING PRESIDENT & BOARD CHAIRMAN	5.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) BOBBY SINGH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) JEFF DINERSTEIN BOARD MEMBER & TREASURER	5.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) GEORGE HITTNER BOARD MEMBER & SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) C.C. LEE BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) WILLIAM LEE VELA BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) GEORGE EBELT BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) BRAD DEUTSER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) NORMAN NOLASCO BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) STEVEN SELTZER BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) PHILAMENA BAIRD BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) ANN COOK BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) ARTHUR MOORADIAN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) TOM DAVIS BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) JENNIFER MCEWAN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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, 513, or 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c	139,675.				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	33,554.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		38,370.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			173,229.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>PROGRAM TICKET SALES</u>	Business Code 813319		22,945.	22,945.		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			22,945.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			27.			27.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c Gain or (loss)						
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 139,675. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a		60,875.			
	b Less: direct expenses	b		93,833.			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-32,958.			-32,958.
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11 a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12 Total revenue. See instructions.				163,243.	22,945.	0.	-32,931.

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

☒ X

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.				
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	24,000.	24,000.		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
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				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	17,578.		17,578.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	30,000.	19,500.	7,500.	3,000.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	3,854.		3,854.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
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 EVENT EXPENSE	90,653.	90,653.		
b BANK FEES	3,884.		3,884.	
c MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	796.		796.	
d DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	395.		395.	
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	171,160.	134,153.	34,007.	3,000.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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

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Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	47,206.	33,720.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		
	4 Accounts receivable, net		
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		
	14 Intangible assets		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	47,206.	33,720.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		
	18 Grants payable		
	19 Deferred revenue		
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		
	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	5,569.	0.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	5,569.	0.
	Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.	
27 Unrestricted net assets			
28 Temporarily restricted net assets			
29 Permanently restricted net assets			
Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		0.	0.
31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		0.	0.
32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		41,637.	33,720.
33 Total net assets or fund balances		41,637.	33,720.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	47,206.	33,720.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	163,243.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	171,160.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-7,917.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	41,637.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	33,720.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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 in Schedule O.			
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	X	
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2b		X
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	2c		X
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? _____	3a		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____	3b		

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
- a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III - Non-functionally integrated
- e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).**
- f ☐ If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box _____ ☐
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? _____
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? _____
- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? _____
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	206,571.	177,147.	181,068.	311,232.	173,229.	1049247.
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	206,571.	177,147.	181,068.	311,232.	173,229.	1049247.
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)						306,005.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						743,242.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	206,571.	177,147.	181,068.	311,232.	173,229.	1049247.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources ...	1,006.	263.	163.	71.	27.	1,530.
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 IV.)	26,121.	19,272.	41,506.	77,212.	60,875.	224,986.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						1275763.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	22,945.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						▶ ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	58.26	%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	64.80	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2012. 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 - 2011. 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 - 2012. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization			▶ ☐
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. 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 IV 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			▶ ☐

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2012. 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 - 2011. 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

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Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

GROSS RECEIPTS FROM FUNDRAISING EVENTS

OTHER INCOME

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Department of the Treasury
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Schedule of Contributors

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

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

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

☐ 527 political organization

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☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

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

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

☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

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

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 23,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2		\$ 31,500.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4		\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5		\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6		\$ 23,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>7</u>		\$ <u>14,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>8</u>		\$ <u>5,000.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>9</u>		\$ <u>9,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>10</u>		\$ <u>9,000.</u>	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>11</u>		\$ <u>8,150.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>12</u>		\$ <u>5,975.</u>	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
13		\$ 9,150.	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
8	FLORAL DECORATIONS	\$ 5,000.	09/11/12
11	AUCTION ITEM - ARGENTINA DOVE HUNT FOR FOUR PEOPLE	\$ 8,150.	09/11/12
12	AUCTION ITEM - WINE LOVER'S PACKAGE AND AMERICA'S CUP YACHT SAILING	\$ 5,975.	09/11/12
13	AUCTION ITEM - AFRICAN SAFARI	\$ 9,150.	09/11/12
		\$	
		\$	

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

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

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events NONE	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		GALA (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	200,550.			200,550.
	2 Less: Contributions	139,675.			139,675.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	60,875.			60,875.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	11,182.			11,182.
	7 Food and beverages	18,024.			18,024.
	8 Entertainment	6,300.			6,300.
	9 Other direct expenses	58,327.			58,327.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				(93,833.)
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				-32,958.

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

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- 11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:
- | | | |
|-------------------------------|-----|---|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

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

Name ► _____

Address ► _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ► _____

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ► _____

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

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

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

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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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization **THE FIRE FIGHTERS FOUNDATION OF HOUSTON** Employer identification number **20-4370896**

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 Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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.

1 (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 non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT 600 JEFFERSON, 7TH FLOOR HOUSTON, TX 77002	74-6001164	170(C)(1)	0.	20,000.	INVOICE AMOUNT	VARIOUS SUPPLIES	TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO THE HOUSTON AND SURROUNDING FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

- 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 ▶

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Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2: THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES THE ACTUAL EQUIPMENT

AND SUPPLIES TO THE HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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Department of the Treasury
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▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form
990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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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				
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	X	3	775.	DETERMINED BY DONOR
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (<u>VARIOUS ACTIV</u>)	X	45	32,595.	DETERMINED BY DONOR
26 Other ▶ (<u>FLORAL DECORA</u>)	X	1	5,000.	DETERMINED BY DONOR
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

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

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

ORGANIZATION WAS FORMED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE
FIRE DEPARTMENTS, TO ENHANCE THEIR EFFECTIVNESS AND TO EDUCATE AND
ENHANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING.

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

CONTRIBUTIONS, AND GRANTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE RESIDING,
WORKING, OR VISITING IN THE CITY OF HOUSTON OR SURROUNDING COUNTIES,
WITH THIS OBJECTIVE TO BE FURTHERED BY FUNDING, ASSISTING, OR
UNDERTAKING PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN THE
SERVICES, ORGANIZATION, PERFORMANCE, COMPETENCE, AND PROFESSIONALISM OF
THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF HOUSTON AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES
AND THEIR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

2. TO PURSUE INDEPENDENT RESEARCH, STUDIES, PROJECTS, AND PROGRAMS TO
ASSIST AND IMPROVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THEIR FACILITIES,
OPERATIONS, EFFECTIVENESS, MEMBERSHIP, AND THE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING.

3. TO OPERATE WITHOUT PECUNIARY PROFIT OR FINANCIAL GAIN IN
FULFILLING THESE PURPOSES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4: THE BOARD MEMBERS VOTED TO EXTEND
THE SCOPE OF THE PURPOSE TO ASSIST REGIONAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN HOUSTON'S
SURROUNDING COUNTIES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE BOARD MEMBERS REVIEW THE FORM
990 AT THE BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING THE FILING OF THE TAX RETURN.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: THE ORGANIZATION REQUIRES SIGNED ANNUAL STATEMENTS FROM EACH DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE WITH POWERS DELEGATED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD. THIS STATEMENT AFFIRMS SUCH PERSON 1) HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY, 2) HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY, 3) HAS AGREED TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY, AND 4) UNDERSTANDS THE CORPORATION IS CHARITABLE AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION IT MUST ENGAGE PRIMARILY IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ACCOMPLISH ONE OR MORE OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSES.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES UPON REQUEST THEIR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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

CONSULTING FEES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	19,500.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	7,500.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	3,000.
TOTAL EXPENSES	30,000.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	30,000.