

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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A For the **2023** calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2023** and ending **JUN 30, 2024**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Start Early</div> Doing business as <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">33 W. Monroe, Suite 1200</div> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Chicago, IL 60603</div> F Name and address of principal officer: Diana Rauner <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">same as C above</div>	D Employer identification number <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">36-3186328</div> E Telephone number <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">(312) 922-3863</div> G Gross receipts \$ 141,302,292. H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions H(c) Group exemption number
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		
J Website: startearly.org		
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		L Year of formation: 1982
M State of legal domicile: IL		

Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: See Schedule O		
2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	33
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	33
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	462
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	33
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	8	116,062,919.
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	9	129,261,283.
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	10	2,117,826.
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	11	3,100,842.
12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	12	208,179.
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	13	-35,477.
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	14	120,133,044.
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	15	134,930,918.
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	16a	34,910,742.
16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	16b	36,018,053.
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	17	0.
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	18	49,475,753.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	19	54,979,982.
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	20	68,078.
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	21	500,039.
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	22	2,894,506.
23	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	23	23,644,591.
24	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	24	22,329,749.
25	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	25	108,099,164.
26	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	26	113,827,823.
27	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	27	12,033,880.
28	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	28	21,103,095.
29	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	29	106,687,603.
30	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	30	129,438,415.
31	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	31	32,136,595.
32	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	32	74,551,008.

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 Diana Rauner, President	Date	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Rebekuh Eley	Preparer's signature Rebekuh Eley	Date 03/17/25
	Firm's name RSM US LLP	Firm's EIN 42-0714325	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN P01247672
	Firm's address 30 South Wacker Dr, Ste. 3300 Chicago, IL 60606	Phone no. 312-634-3400	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Start Early advances quality early learning for families with
children, before birth through their earliest years, to help close the
opportunity gap.

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 \$ 42,092,770. including grants of \$ 20,817,656.) (Revenue \$ 18,705.)

Start Early provides high-quality early childhood services for
low-income children, birth to age five, and their families, as well as
services to pregnant women, through a multi-site network of Early Head
Start and Head Start directly-operated programs and partner and
delegate agencies in high-needs communities throughout Chicago and
surrounding suburbs. In the fiscal year 2024, Start Early directly
operated two programs at the Educare Chicago school at 5044 S Wabash
Ave and Healthy Parents and Babies at 100 N Western Avenue, and
subcontracted with 11 agencies at 21 geographically and racially
diverse sites, serving more than 2,300 young children, pregnant women,
and their families.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 14,864,130. including grants of \$ 12,197,151.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

Start Early's Home Visiting and Doula Network annually reaches
approximately 1,600 at-risk young children, pregnant women, and their
families through our statewide network of home visiting and Doula
services. Home Visiting and Doula Network conducts specialized training
and technical assistance for 200 early childhood professionals working
in 28 community agencies across Chicago and throughout Illinois.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 10,764,828. including grants of \$ 1,993,629.) (Revenue \$ 1,066,966.)See Schedule O**4d** Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)(Expenses \$ 25,140,765. including grants of \$ 1,009,617.) (Revenue \$ 1,518,599.)**4e** Total program service expenses 92,862,493.

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> ? See instructions	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 Rev. Proc. 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 donor-restricted endowments or in 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 other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <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 other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <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> See instructions	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	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21 X	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a	X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a	X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	X
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? <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 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	X
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash 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	X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	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 on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck 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	199
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	X

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

		Yes	No
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 462		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X	
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	3b		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		X
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		X
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		X
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	X	
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c		X
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d		
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a		
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a		
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? 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? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on 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? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15		X
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16		X
17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person 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 line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on 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

	1a	1b	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 on Schedule O.	33			
b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		33		
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?				X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?				X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?				X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?				X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?				X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?				X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?				X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a The governing body?			X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?			X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O				X

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

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
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?		
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
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	X	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	X	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
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?		X
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?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL

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

19 Describe on 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
Diana Rauner - (312)922-3863
33 W. Monroe, Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60603

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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, box 6 of 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, 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.

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 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) Mr. Michael Hoffman Chief Operating Officer	37.50 0.00				X			384,024.	0.	22,712.
(2) Ms. Aisha Gayle Turner Chief Development Officer	37.50 0.00					X		307,328.	0.	59,146.
(3) Ms. Sarah Rittling Executive Director, FFYF	37.50 1.00					X		278,582.	0.	73,600.
(4) Mr. Ashon McKenzie Executive Dir, Illinois until 3/24	37.50 0.00					X		281,032.	0.	68,707.
(5) Ms. Daphne Logan Senior Vice President until 8/23	37.50 0.00				X			307,761.	0.	33,213.
(6) Ms. Donna Iwanski Chief Financial Officer	37.50 0.00			X				268,623.	0.	50,473.
(7) Ms. Cynthia Jackson Executive Director, ELN	37.50 0.00					X		264,064.	0.	36,937.
(8) Ms. Kristin Bernhard Chief Policy & Res Off. until 6/24	37.50 0.00					X		269,050.	0.	23,348.
(9) Ms. Johanna Vetter Chief Marketing Officer	37.50 0.00				X			260,295.	0.	17,384.
(10) Ms. Sheetal Singh Executive Director, ELL	37.50 0.00				X			191,376.	0.	56,275.
(11) Ms. Bridget Byville VP, Strategy & Impact	37.50 0.00				X			199,744.	0.	43,553.
(12) Mr. Michael Owens VP, Information Technology	37.50 0.00				X			206,248.	0.	13,980.
(13) Ms. Diana Rauner President	37.50 1.00			X				0.	0.	0.
(14) Ms. Diana Sands Board Chair	1.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(15) Ms. Mary Hasten Board Vice Chair	1.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(16) Mr. Suk Shah Board Treasurer	1.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(17) Ms. Lula Ford Board Secretary	1.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below 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			
(18) Ms. Billie Wright Adams Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) Mr. Curt R. Bailey Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) Ms. Sheila Caestany Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) Mr. David Casper Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) Ms. Mawiyah Coates Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) Ms. Nancy Carrington Crown Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(24) Ms. Deborah Daro Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) Ms. Kelly King Dibble Director	1.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) Ms. Vicki Escarra Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal								3,218,127.	0.	499,328.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								3,218,127.	0.	499,328.

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

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3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

	Yes	No
3		X
4	X	
5		X

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Winterbridge LLC, 800 Westchers Ave Suite N-641, Rye Brook, NY 10573	Advertising, Consulting	1,195,657.
S-3 GROUP LLC 418 C Street, NE, Washington, DC 20002	Government Relations Services	399,450.
Teaching Strategies LLC P.O. Box 896912, Charlotte, MD 21289	Teaching Solutions	364,935.
Key Systems Inc. 26W464 Geneva Road, Carol Stream, IL 60188	Security Services	321,512.
Loving Guidance LLC 820 W. Broadway, Oviedo, FL 32765	Learning Soutlions	293,796.

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

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See Part VII, Section A Continuation sheets

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
(27) Ms. Marilyn Fields Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(28) Ms. Marquia Fields Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(29) Mr. Bill Friend Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(30) Mr. Tom Gimbel Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(31) Ms. Keith Kiley Goldstein Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(32) Mr. Charles Matthews Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(33) Mr. Paul Metzger Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(34) Mr. Dan O'Keefe Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(35) Ms. Isabel Navarrete Polsky Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(36) Mr. Michael Rapelyea Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(37) Mr. Raul Raymundo Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(38) Mr. Richard Rothkopf Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(39) Ms. Diane Schanzenbach Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(40) Mr. John Schreiber Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(41) Ms. Catherine Siegel Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(42) Ms. Linda Smith Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(43) Ms. Laura Thonn Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(44) Ms. Anne Tuohy Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(45) Mr. Sam Yagan Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(46) Ms. Helen Zell Director	1.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Total to Part VII, Section A, line 1c										

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a						
	b Membership dues	1b						
	c Fundraising events	1c	1,068,159.					
	d Related organizations	1d						
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	70,982,534.					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f	57,210,590.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f							129261283.
Program Service Revenue	2 a Consulting Revenue	Business Code	611710	1,577,265.	1,577,265.			
	b Training Revenue		611710	521,029.	521,029.			
	c National Conference		611710	457,142.	457,142.			
	d Family Aid		624100	18,705.	18,705.			
	e							
	f All other program service revenue		900099	30,129.	30,129.			
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			2,604,270.				
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			2,111,332.			2111332.
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds								
5 Royalties								
6 a Gross rents		6a	(i) Real (ii) Personal					
b Less: rental expenses ...		6b						
c Rental income or (loss)		6c						
d Net rental income or (loss)								
7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		7a	(i) Securities (ii) Other					
b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		7b	7,154,753.					
c Gain or (loss)		7c	6,165,243.					
d Net gain or (loss)			989,510.					
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 1,068,159. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		8a		22,390.				
b Less: direct expenses		8b		206,131.				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				-183,741.				
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		9a						
b Less: direct expenses	9b							
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
10 a 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	11 a Reimbursements from FFAF	Business Code	900099	148,264.			148,264.	
	b							
	c							
	d All other revenue							
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			148,264.				
	12 Total revenue. See instructions			134930918.	2,604,270.	0.	3065365.	

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 ...	36,018,053.	36,018,053.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	3,469,803.	1,538,617.	1,287,034.	644,152.
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	39,806,867.	30,632,478.	8,023,188.	1,151,201.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	3,623,073.	2,837,275.	706,178.	79,620.
9 Other employee benefits	5,033,895.	3,869,039.	1,019,607.	145,249.
10 Payroll taxes	3,046,344.	2,344,010.	614,244.	88,090.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	260,539.	184,233.	74,306.	2,000.
c Accounting	126,851.		126,851.	
d Lobbying	993,669.		993,669.	
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	500,039.			500,039.
f Investment management fees	60,021.		60,021.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	7,544,354.	6,732,825.	811,529.	
12 Advertising and promotion	807,104.	632,607.	174,497.	
13 Office expenses	1,372,561.	1,200,970.	157,192.	14,399.
14 Information technology	3,404,533.	1,071,965.	2,240,710.	91,858.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	2,107,906.	1,705,402.	342,859.	59,645.
17 Travel	1,301,108.	1,134,389.	107,686.	59,033.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,679,010.	1,515,122.	138,802.	25,086.
20 Interest	12,116.	224.	11,892.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,203,192.	729,410.	473,782.	
23 Insurance	197,641.		197,641.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Subscription and Dues</u>	437,802.	189,375.	240,966.	7,461.
b <u>Classroom Meal Services</u>	282,697.	282,697.		
c <u>Office Furniture</u>	100,393.	75,269.	25,124.	
d <u>UBI Tax</u>	19,341.		19,341.	
e All other expenses	418,911.	168,533.	223,705.	26,673.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	113,827,823.	92,862,493.	18,070,824.	2,894,506.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	3,600.	1	3,600.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	31,829,704.	2	23,248,500.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	9,224,503.	3	38,502,345.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	13,941,017.	4	14,741,301.
	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		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2,747,457.	9	3,025,244.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 20,719,027.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 11,553,821.	10c	9,165,206.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	25,893,856.	11	27,856,736.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	1,759,010.	12	1,759,010.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	11,783,388.	15	11,136,473.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	106,687,603.	16	129,438,415.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,751,274.	17	15,622,271.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	719,546.	19	1,027,233.
	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		23	
	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	15,665,775.	25	14,824,120.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	32,136,595.	26	31,473,624.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	23,583,559.	27	20,395,079.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	50,967,449.	28	77,569,712.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	74,551,008.	32	97,964,791.
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	106,687,603.	33	129,438,415.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	134,930,918.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	113,827,823.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	21,103,095.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	74,551,008.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	2,310,688.
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 on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	97,964,791.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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 on 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 Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? _____	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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____	3b	X

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Start Early

Employer identification number

36-3186328

Part I	Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.
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The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention, or association of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
 - 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
 - 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 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 ☐ 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 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
 - 12 ☐ 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 ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s). _____

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 fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	70931489.	67807178.	85958347.	116062919.	129261283.	470021216.
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	70931489.	67807178.	85958347.	116062919.	129261283.	470021216.
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)						41017289.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						429003927.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	70931489.	67807178.	85958347.	116062919.	129261283.	470021216.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	57,294.	690,955.	659,255.	895,004.	211,1332.	4413840.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	1,189.	0.	164,515.	284,886.	0.	450,590.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)			113,412.	90,424.	148,264.	352,100.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						475237746.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	9,082,528.

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 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	90.27 %
15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	90.80 %

16a 33 1/3% support test - 2023. 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 - 2022.** 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 - 2023.** 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 - 2022.** 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 III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(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 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2023. 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 - 2022. 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, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, 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 officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
1		
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.		
2		

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).		
1		

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?		
1		
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).		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described on 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.		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental 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.		
2a		
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.		
2b		
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 .		
3a		
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.		
3b		

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

- 1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). **See instructions.**
All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<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 0.85 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	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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 (prior IRS approval required - <i>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 2023 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-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1 Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023			
a From 2018			
b From 2019			
c From 2020			
d From 2021			
e From 2022			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2019			
b Excess from 2020			
c Excess from 2021			
d Excess from 2022			
e Excess from 2023			

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.)

Schedule A, Part II, Line 10, Explanation for Other Income:**Reimbursements from FFAF**

2021 Amount: \$ 113,412.

2022 Amount: \$ 90,424.

2023 Amount: \$ 148,264.

Schedule B
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2023

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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36-3186328

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☒ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**☐ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.**Special Rules**☒ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990) (2023)

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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
<u>1</u>		\$ <u>46,370,711.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>2</u>		\$ <u>40,000,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>3</u>		\$ <u>16,056,576.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>4</u>		\$ <u>5,017,525.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>5</u>		\$ <u>3,739,176.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____

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

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

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

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under Section 501(c) and Section 527
Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Inspection**

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then:

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then:

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then:

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures \$
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses, and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.

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Schedule C (Form 990) 2023

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)		40,117.	
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		953,552.	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		993,669.	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		112274091.	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		113267760.	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		1,000,000.	
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:		
not over \$500,000,	20% of the amount on line 1e.		
over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000,	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.		
over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000,	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.		
over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000,	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.		
over \$17,000,000,	\$1,000,000.		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		250,000.	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.	
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.
See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	4,000,000.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					6,000,000.
c Total lobbying expenditures	552,194.	669,772.	928,608.	993,669.	3,144,243.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000.	250,000.	250,000.	250,000.	1,000,000.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	10,349.	34,190.	64,473.	40,117.	149,129.

Schedule C (Form 990) 2023

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? ...			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to not be described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990.

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2023

Open to Public
Inspection

Name of the organization

Start Early

Employer identification number

36-3186328

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, 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 2d 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 make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).

a ☐ Public exhibition

d ☐ Loan or exchange program

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other _____

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets

to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	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	23,245,334.	22,458,264.	26,711,473.	21,964,866.	22,869,984.
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	2,782,270.	1,752,070.	-3,341,209.	5,667,607.	-47,118.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	964,000.	965,000.	912,000.	921,000.	858,000.
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	25,063,604.	23,245,334.	22,458,264.	26,711,473.	21,964,866.

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment 21.9100 %

b Permanent endowment 56.1800 %

c Term endowment 21.9100 %

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? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(ii) Related organizations? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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				
b Buildings		8,450,679.	4,358,920.	4,091,759.
c Leasehold improvements		8,662,198.	4,284,867.	4,377,331.
d Equipment		3,606,150.	2,910,034.	696,116.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				9,165,206.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

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) Due to/from FFAF	72,404.
(2) Operating leases, right-of-use assets	10,772,048.
(3) Finance leases, right-of-use assets	292,021.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	11,136,473.

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) SERP Plan	276,736.
(3) Finance lease liabilities	328,562.
(4) Operating lease liabilities	14,218,822.
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	14,824,120.

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 FASB 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	
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	
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	

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	
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	
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	

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part V, line 4:

The primary purpose of the endowment is to provide general operating funding to our operations.

Part X, Line 2:

Start Early has received a favorable determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service stating that it is exempt from federal income taxes under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, except for income taxes pertaining to unrelated business income. The Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance that requires tax effects from uncertain tax positions to be recognized in the financial statements only if the position is more likely than not to

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

be sustained if the position were to be challenged by a taxing authority.

Management has determined there are no material uncertain tax positions that require recognition in the financial statements, as such, no provision for income taxes is reflected. Additionally, there is no interest or penalties recognized in the statements of activities or statements of financial position.

Start Early files Form 990 in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and the state of Illinois.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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2023

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

Start Early

Employer identification number

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

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

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

2 a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

☒ Yes☐ No

- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
For Momentum - 1816 Independence Square, Suite D,	Corporate fundraising support		X	0.	283,440.	-283,440.
Winterbridge LLC - 800 Westchester Avenue, Suite	Media planning & campaign optimazation		X	0.	216,599.	-216,599.
Total					500,039.	-500,039.

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

AL	AK	AZ	AR	CA	CO	CT	DE	FL	GA	HI	ID	IL	IN	IA	KS	KY	LA	ME	MD	MA	MI	MN	MS	MO	MT	NE	NV	NH	NJ	NM	NY	NC	ND	OH	OK	OR	PA	RI	SC	SD	TN	TX	UT	VT	VA	WA	WV	WI	WY
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Schedule G (Form 990) 2023

See Part IV for continuations

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		Annual Luncheon (event type)	(event type)	None (total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	1,090,549.			1,090,549.
	2 Less: Contributions	1,068,159.			1,068,159.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	22,390.			22,390.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	24,150.			24,150.
	7 Food and beverages	65,108.			65,108.
	8 Entertainment	62,291.			62,291.
	9 Other direct expenses	54,582.			54,582.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				206,131.
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-183,741.	

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

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

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

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | 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. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

Schedule G, Part I, Line 2b, List of Ten Highest Paid Fundraisers:

(i) Name of Fundraiser: For Momentum

(i) Address of Fundraiser:

1816 Independence Square, Suite D, Atlanta, GA 30338

(i) Name of Fundraiser: Winterbridge LLC

(i) Address of Fundraiser:

800 Westchester Avenue, Suite N-641, Rye Brook, NY 10573

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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.
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Name of the organization

Start Early

Employer identification number
36-3186328

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.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Academy for Global Citizenship 4647 W. 47th Street Chicago, IL 60632	11-3748466	501(c)(3)	366,168.	0.			Program Support
Asian Human Services 2838 West Peterson Avenue Chicago, IL 60659	36-3005889	501(c)(3)	1,717,753.	0.			HS/EHS Program
Aunt Martha's YSP 233 W. Joe Orr Rd. Chicago Hts., IL 60411	23-7188150	501(c)(3)	381,075.	0.			HS/EHS & Comm Based Family Services
Casa Central 1343 North California Chicago, IL 60622	36-2728618	501(c)(3)	2,282,079.	0.			HS/EHS Program
Catholic Charities 641 W. Lake St., Ste 306 Chicago, IL 60661	36-2170821	501(c)(3)	696,283.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Chicago Child Care Society 5467 S University Ave Chicago, IL 60615	36-2166998	501(c)(3)	2,618,494.	0.			Comm Based Family Services

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table **58.**

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table **0.**

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Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II.)

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Child Abuse Council 525 West 16th St. Moline, IL 61265	36-2937848	501(c)(3)	264,651.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Child Trends, Inc. 7315 Wisconsin Ave Ste 1200W Bethesda, MD 20814	13-2982969	501(c)(3)	171,885.	0.			National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement
Children's Development Center 650 North Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	36-2643791	501(c)(3)	634,241.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Children's Home + Aid/Children's Society of IL - 125 S Wacker Dr. Fl. 14 - Chicago, IL 60606	36-2167743	501(c)(3)	1,491,530.	0.			HS/EHS & Comm Based Family Services
Clayton Early Learning Institute 3751 Martin Luther King Blvd Denver, CO 80205	84-0432238	501(c)(3)	73,478.	0.			Program Support
Educare Lincoln, NE 1111 N 13th St Omaha, NE 68102	46-0568146	501(c)(3)	148,635.	0.			Program Support
Educare of California, Silicon Valley - 1399 Santee Drive - San Jose, CA 95122	45-5147937	501(c)(3)	43,478.	0.			Program Support
Educare of Omaha 2123 Paul Street Omaha, NE 68102	80-0015385	501(c)(3)	131,956.	0.			Program Support
Educare of Washington DC 640 Anacosta Ave. NE Washington, DC 20019	27-2481956	501(c)(3)	143,478.	0.			Program Support

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Educare West DuPage 851 Pearl Road West Chicago, IL 60185	26-2259307	501(c)(3)	96,728.	0.			Program Support
El Hogar 1710 S. Loomis Street Chicago, IL 60608	36-2749858	501(c)(3)	3,329,243.	0.			HS/EHS Program
Family Focus, Inc 310 S. Peoria St.Ste 401 Chicago, IL 60607	36-2884042	501(c)(3)	1,970,967.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Fayette County Health Dept. 509 West Edwards Street Vandalia, IL 62471	36-6000800	501(c)(3)	195,816.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
First Step Child Care Center 22025 Governors Hwy Richton Park, IL 60471	36-4241883	501(c)(3)	1,029,572.	0.			HS/EHS Program
Fox Valley VNA 400 N. Highland Ave. Aurora, IL 60506	36-2182095	501(c)(3)	266,029.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning & Children's Media (Saint Vincent College) - 300 Fraser Purchase Rd - Latrobe, PA 15650	25-1215087	501(c)(3)	15,732.	0.			National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement
Genesee Intermediate School 2413 W Maple Ave Flint, MI 48507	38-1714600	501(c)(3)	118,478.	0.			Program Support
Illinois Action for Children 4753 N Broadway Ste 1200 Chicago, IL 60640	36-2712912	501(c)(3)	20,074.	0.			Program Support

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Illinois Masonic 2025 Windsor Drive Oak Brook, IL 60523	36-3196629	501(c)(3)	332,609.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Kennebec Valley Communication Action - 97 Water Street - Waterville, ME 04901	01-0277678	501(c)(3)	43,478.	0.			Program Support
Kingsley House Inc. 1600 Constance Street New orleans, LA 70130	72-0408940	501(c)(3)	88,478.	0.			Program Support
Lift, Inc. 999 North Capitol ST NE, Suite 310 Washington, DC 20002	52-2168409	501(c)(3)	196,299.	0.			National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement
Long Beach Unfied 1515 Hughes Way Long Beach, CA 90810	95-6001888	501(c)(3)	43,478.	0.			Program Support
Macon-Piatt 1690 Hudson Drive Decatur, IL 62526	37-0985257	501(c)(3)	358,616.	0.			Program Support
Marillac Social Center 212 South Francisco Chicago, IL 60612	36-2109717	501(c)(3)	3,045,830.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Metropolitan Family Services 1 N. Dearborn, Suite 1000 Chicago, IL 60602	36-2167940	501(c)(3)	661,099.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
New Moms 2825 West McLean Chicago, IL 60647	36-3265804	501(c)(3)	673,247.	0.			Comm Based Family Services

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Next Door Foundation 2545 N. 29th Street Milwaukee, WI 53210	39-1162969	501(c)(3)	98,478.	0.			Program Support
Northern Illinois University 148 N 3rd Street Dekalb, IL 60115	36-6008480	501(c)(3)	8,250.	0.			Program Support
Northwestern University 633 Clark Street Evanston, IL 60208	36-2167817	501(c)(3)	15,000.	0.			Program Support
One Hope United 215 N. Milwaukee Ave Lake Villa, IL 60046	36-2181967	501(c)(3)	2,463,278.	0.			HS/EHS & Comm Based Family Services
Pilsen-Little Village 2319 South Damen Avenue Chicago, IL 60608	36-2836998	501(c)(3)	325,575.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Project Eagle 444 Minnesota Ave, Ste. 100 Kansas City, KS 66101	48-1108830	501(c)(3)	58,478.	0.			Program Support
Public Health Foundation of NW IL 10 West Linden Street Freeport, IL 61032	11-3676983	501(c)(3)	639,421.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Puget Sound Educational Services 800 S Oakesdale Ave., SW Renton, WA 98057	91-0851413	501(c)(3)	54,103.	0.			Program Support
Sangamon County Dept of Public Health - 2833 S. Grant Ave, E. - Springfield, IL 62073	37-6002039	501(c)(3)	593,640.	0.			Comm Based Family Services

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SGA Youth & Family Services 11 E. Adams, Ste 1500 Chicago, IL 60603	36-2167916	501(c)(3)	1,545,142.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Sheltering Arms Educare Atlanta 385 Centennial Olympic Park Dr NW Atlanta, GA 30313	58-0566236	501(c)(3)	118,478.	0.			Program Support
Southwest Human Development Arizona - 2850 North 24th Street - Phoenix, AZ 85008	86-0407179	501(c)(3)	43,478.	0.			Program Support
Springfield Operations ECS Inc DBA Educare Springfield (Educare of Springfield M - 100 Hickory Street - Springfield, MA 01109	82-3148338	501(c)(3)	58,478.	0.			Program Support
Sunbeam Family Services Inc 1100 NW 14th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73106	73-0590119	501(c)(3)	58,478.	0.			Program Support
Teen Parent Connection 739 Roosevelt Rd. Glen Ellyn, IL 60137	36-3387034	501(c)(3)	621,864.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
Texas A&M San Antonio Fdn (Educare of San Antonio) - One University Way - San Antonio, TX 78224	26-0895198	501(c)(3)	250,000.	0.			Program Support
The Children's Home 2130 N Knoxville Ave Peoria, IL 61603	37-0662601	501(c)(3)	1,461,536.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
The Children's Place Association 3059 W. Augusta Blvd Chicago, IL 60622	36-3641017	501(c)(3)	1,173,356.	0.			HS/EHS Program

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Tulsa Educare Inc 2190 S. 67th East Ave. Tulsa, OK 74129	20-1232950	501(c)(3)	203,912.	0.			Program Support
United Methodist Children's Home 2023 Richview Road Mt. Vernon, IL 62864	37-0673515	501(c)(3)	858,527.	0.			Comm Based Family Services
United Way of Miami 3250 SW 3rd Avenue Miami, FL 33129	59-0830840	501(c)(3)	88,478.	0.			Program Support
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Office - 104 Airport Drive, Suite 2200, CB1350 - Chapel Hill, NC 25799	56-6001393	501(c)(3)	198,762.	0.			National Center on Parent, Family, and Community Engagement
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska PO Box 687 Winnebago, NE 68071	47-0489118	501(c)(3)	54,103.	0.			Program Support
YMCA of Chicago 1030 W Van Buren St Chicago, IL 60607	36-2179782	501(c)(3)	718,367.	0.			Program Support
YWCA - Harris 360 N Wabash Ave.Ste 800 Chicago, IL 60601	36-2179765	501(c)(3)	657,414.	0.			Comm Based Family Services

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 non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

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

Part I, Line 2:

Start Early monitors the use of grant funds through established procedures written in our agreements with sites. Throughout the fiscal year, Start Early staff routinely monitors the annual budgets, quarterly expense reports, and progress reports from sites. Close monitoring of their financial reports ensures that program funds are efficiently expended. Annual fiscal and program reports are reviewed and approved by Start Early's fiscal and program staff.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest
Compensated Employees
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b 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, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the 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.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 section 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 on 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)?

Yes No

1b

2

4a

4b

4c

5a

5b

6a

6b

7

8

9

X

X

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X

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X

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2023

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

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 aren't 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.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) Mr. Michael Hoffman Chief Operating Officer	(i)	384,024.	0.	0.	20,928.	1,784.	406,736.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) Ms. Aisha Gayle Turner Chief Development Officer	(i)	307,328.	0.	0.	14,385.	44,761.	366,474.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) Ms. Sarah Rittling Executive Director, FFYF	(i)	278,582.	0.	0.	17,953.	55,647.	352,182.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) Mr. Ashon McKenzie Executive Dir, Illinois until 3/24	(i)	281,032.	0.	0.	15,922.	52,785.	349,739.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(5) Ms. Daphne Logan Senior Vice President until 8/23	(i)	207,761.	0.	100,000.	9,280.	23,933.	340,974.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(6) Ms. Donna Iwanski Chief Financial Officer	(i)	268,623.	0.	0.	16,716.	33,757.	319,096.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(7) Ms. Cynthia Jackson Executive Director, ELN	(i)	264,064.	0.	0.	16,249.	20,688.	301,001.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(8) Ms. Kristin Bernhard Chief Policy & Res Off. until 6/24	(i)	269,050.	0.	0.	16,564.	6,784.	292,398.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(9) Ms. Johanna Vetter Chief Marketing Officer	(i)	260,295.	0.	0.	15,600.	1,784.	277,679.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(10) Ms. Sheetal Singh Executive Director, ELL	(i)	191,376.	0.	0.	12,067.	44,208.	247,651.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(11) Ms. Bridget Byville VP, Strategy & Impact	(i)	199,744.	0.	0.	12,526.	31,027.	243,297.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(12) Mr. Michael Owens VP, Information Technology	(i)	206,248.	0.	0.	11,160.	2,820.	220,228.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
	(ii)							
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	(ii)							

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.

Part I, Line 4a:

The following individual received a severance payment during 2023:

- Daphne Logan \$100,000

SCHEDULE O
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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.
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Form 990, Part I, Line 1, Description of Organization Mission:

Start Early advances quality early learning for families with children,
before birth through their earliest years, to help close the
opportunity gap.

Form 990, Part III, Line 3, Changes in Program Services:

The Organization ceased the Knowledge Navigator program.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c, Program Service Accomplishments:

The Educare Learning Network (ELN) extends the impact of Start Early's
extensive early childhood knowledge and expertise in states across the
country through consultation and technical assistance on program,
public policy and systems work; research and evaluation; organizational
capacity building; and philanthropic engagement strategies. ELN is the
National Coordinating Office (NCO) for a multi-state collective of
Educare Schools across the country, that provides and promotes
high-quality, transformative early learning experiences for children,
birth to five, and their families from historically under-resourced
communities. The Educare NCO and its partnership Educare schools share
expertise with local and national educators, researchers and
policymakers so they can elevate quality strengthening early childhood
environments and family engagement in communities across the country.

An avenue used to share expertise is through the Essential Practices of
Educare professional development and learning opportunities. This
professional development series provides practical instruction to make
it easier for center- and school-based program leaders, teachers and

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family engagement staff to focus their time and resources on cross-cutting practices that lead to improvement at the individual child, classroom, family and program levels.

Start Early's National Policy Team advances federal policy priorities through administrative advocacy, indirect legislative advocacy, and activation of those most impacted by early childhood policy.

Start Early Consulting provides consulting services in an effort to offer our decades of experience and research in early childhood programming to benefit as many children and families as possible. We offer consulting services and deep early childhood expertise to local and state early childhood government leaders and advocates seeking to build high-quality, equitable systems.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d, Other Program Services:

Start Early's Professional Learning programs connect early childhood professionals with the tools and knowledge they need to deliver strong child outcomes. Our portfolio of courses translates field-tested approaches to training early childhood educators into research-validated professional development offerings. From our decades of experience supporting teachers, leaders, and home visitors across Illinois, and the nation, we have designed a portfolio of in-person and online training programs to help early childhood professionals deliver high-quality learning experiences. The Essential 0-5 Survey is an evidence-based measurement system that acts as a catalyst for program improvement delivering transformative results among staff, families, and children. The Essentials of Home Visiting provides home visitor education with relevant topics and a flexible, accredited training experience delivered through a comprehensive catalog of online courses

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to support home visiting in any model. The Essential Practices of Educare pass on the knowledge and practices from Educare's best-in-class early childhood programs to educators and communities across the country.

Expenses \$ 3,320,716. including grants of \$ 0. Revenue \$ 1,015,934.

Professional Learning Network & Washington State

Expenses \$ 6,149,457. including grants of \$ 358,616. Revenue \$ 256,354.

First Five Years Fund

Expenses \$ 4,354,972. including grants of \$ 25,000. Revenue \$ 562.

Illinois Policy Team

Expenses \$ 3,646,041. including grants of \$ 43,324. Revenue \$ 101,000.

Research-Practice Partnership

Expenses \$ 536,618. including grants of \$ 0. Revenue \$ 120,181.

Early Learning Lab

Expenses \$ 1,780,819. including grants of \$ 0. Revenue \$ 105.

National Center

Expenses \$ 4,544,583. including grants of \$ 582,677. Revenue \$ 0.

Learning Hub

Expenses \$ 807,559. including grants of \$ 0. Revenue \$ 0.

Other

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Expenses \$ 0. including grants of \$ 0. Revenue \$ 24,463.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b:

The Form 990 is prepared by a national public accounting firm. The finance committee of the Board of Directors reviews and comments on the draft Form 990. The full Board subsequently receives the draft Form 990 prior to its electronic filing with the IRS.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c:

The director or key employee is obligated to disclose any conflict of interest. The executive committee reviews and votes on recommendations to the Board regarding the conflict of interest. The full Board takes action on the recommendations. The minutes of the meeting are disclosed to the full Board membership.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15:

In preparation for the budget each year, the performance and compensation committee, an independent committee of the Board of Directors, reviews and approves the proposed compensation for Start Early president, COO, and all other key employees using contemporaneous documentation which is measured against comparable data from the market.

An independent compensation firm provided market data to assist Start Early in determining the reasonableness of the compensation provided to members of Start Early's executive team, consistent with guidance in Treasury regulations under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 4958.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19:

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The annual report, which includes audited financial statements, is posted on Start Early's website. The articles of incorporation, bylaws, and conflict of interest policy are available upon request.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Start Early

Employer identification number
36-3186328

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
Bounce Network LLC - 27-0294142 33 W. Monroe, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60603	Educare Exp	Delaware	0.	0.	Start Early
First Five Years Fund LLC - 85-4329600 33 W. Monroe, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60603	Child Program	Delaware	1,947,753.	3,038,612.	Start Early

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
First Five Action Fund - 85-1075023 1010 Vermont Avenue NW, Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005	Advocate for high-quality early childhood education	District of Columbia	501(c)(4)		Start Early	X	

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Schedule R (Form 990) 2023

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.

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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.

[illegible]

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.

	Yes	No
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	1a	X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b	X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c	X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d	X
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e	X
f Dividends from related organization(s)	1f	X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g	X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h	X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i	X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j	X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k	X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l	X
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m	X
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n	X
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o	X
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p	X
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q	X
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r	X
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s	X
2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.		

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) First Five Action Fund	O	112,661.	FMV
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

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

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

[illegible]

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

**Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization
Return or Excise Taxes Related to Employee Benefit Plans**

File a separate application for each return.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8868 for the latest information.

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Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 to request up to a 6-month extension of time to file any of the forms listed below except for Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts. An extension request for Form 8870 must be sent to the IRS in a paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of Form 8868, visit www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits.

Caution: If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-TE and Form 8879-TE for payment instructions.

All corporations required to file an income tax return other than Form 990-T (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Part I - Identification

Type or Print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization, employer, or other filer, see instructions. Start Early	Taxpayer identification number (TIN) 36-3186328
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 33 W. Monroe, Suite 1200	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Chicago, IL 60603	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) **01**

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 5227	10
Form 990-PF	04	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 8870	12
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 5330 (individual)	13
Form 990-T (corporation)	07	Form 5330 (other than individual)	14
Form 1041-A	08		

• After you enter your Return Code, complete either Part II or Part III. Part III, including signature, is applicable only for an extension of time to file Form 5330.

• If this application is for an extension of time to file Form 5330, you must enter the following information.

Plan Name _____
Plan Number _____
Plan Year Ending (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Part II - Automatic Extension of Time To File for Exempt Organizations (see instructions)

The books are in the care of **Diana Rauner**
33 W. Monroe, Suite 1200 - Chicago, IL 60603

Telephone No. **(312) 922-3863** Fax No. _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four-digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and TINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **May 15**, 20 **25**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
☐ calendar year 20 ____ or
☒ tax year beginning **JUL 1**, 20 **23**, and ending **JUN 30**, 20 **24**

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return
☐ Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

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