

# CHAR500

2016

NYS Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations  
www.CharitiesNYS.com

Send with fee and attachments to:  
NYS Office of the Attorney General  
Charities Bureau Registration Section  
120 Broadway  
New York, NY 10271

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## 1. General Information

For Fiscal Year Beginning (mm/dd/yyyy) <u>01</u> / <u>01</u> / 2016 and Ending (mm/dd/yyyy) <u>12</u> / <u>31</u> / <u>2016</u>		
Check if Applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Final Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Filing <input type="checkbox"/> Reg ID Pending	Name of Organization: <b>Media Matters for America</b>	Employer Identification Number (EIN): <b>47-092800</b>
	Mailing Address: <b>455 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Suite 600</b>	NY Registration Number: <b>40-49-53</b>
	City / State / Zip: <b>Washington, DC 20001</b>	Telephone: <b>202-756-4100</b>
	Website: <b>www.mediamatters.org</b>	Email: <b>mparker@cckc-law.com</b>
	Check your organization's registration category: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7A only <input type="checkbox"/> EPTL only <input type="checkbox"/> DUAL (7A & EPTL) <input type="checkbox"/> EXEMPT	
Confirm your Registration Category in the Charities Registry at <a href="http://www.CharitiesNYS.com">www.CharitiesNYS.com</a> .		

## 2. Certification

See instructions for certification requirements. Improper certification is a violation of law that may be subject to penalties.

*We certify under penalties of perjury that we reviewed this report, including all attachments, and to the best of our knowledge and belief, they are true, correct and complete in accordance with the laws of the State of New York applicable to this report.*

President or Authorized Officer:

Signature

Angelo Carusone, President  
Print Name and Title

12/4/17  
Date

Chief Financial Officer or Treasurer:

Signature

Pilar Martinez, Chief Financial Officer  
Print Name and Title

12/5/17  
Date

## 3. Annual Reporting Exemption

Check the exemption(s) that apply to your filing. If your organization is claiming an exemption under one category (7A or EPTL only filers) or both categories (DUAL filers) that apply to your registration, complete only parts 1, 2, and 3, and submit the certified Char500. No fee, schedules, or additional attachments are required. If you cannot claim an exemption or are a DUAL filer that claims only one exemption, you must file applicable schedules and attachments and pay applicable fees.

☐ **3a. 7A filing exemption:** Total contributions from NY State including residents, foundations, government agencies, etc. did not exceed \$25,000 and the organization did not engage a professional fund raiser (PFR) or fund raising counsel (FRC) to solicit contributions during the fiscal year. Or the organization qualifies for another 7A exemption (see instructions).

☐ **3b. EPTL filing exemption:** Gross receipts did not exceed \$25,000 and the market value of assets did not exceed \$25,000 at any time during the fiscal year.

## 4. Schedules and Attachments

See the following page for a checklist of schedules and attachments to complete your filing.

☒ Yes   ☐ No

4a. Did your organization use a professional fund raiser, fund raising counsel or commercial co-venturer for fund raising activity in NY State? If yes, complete Schedule 4a.

☐ Yes   ☒ No

4b. Did the organization receive government grants? If yes, complete Schedule 4b.

## 5. Fee

See the checklist on the next page to calculate your fee(s). Indicate fee(s) you are submitting here:

7A filing fee:

\$ 25.00

EPTL filing fee:

\$ 0.00

Total fee:

\$ 25.00

Make a single check or money order payable to:  
**"Department of Law"**

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## Annual Filing Checklist

Simply submit the certified CHAR500 with no fee, schedule, or additional attachments IF:

- Your organization is registered as 7A only and you marked the 7A filing exemption in Part 3.
- Your organization is registered as EPTL only and you marked the EPTL filing exemption in Part 3.
- Your organization is registered as DUAL and you marked both the 7A and EPTL filing exemption in Part 3.

## Checklist of Schedules and Attachments

Check the schedules you must submit with your CHAR500 as described in Part 4:

- ☒ If you answered "yes" in Part 4a, submit Schedule 4a: Professional Fund Raisers (PFR), Fund Raising Counsel (FRC), Commercial Co-Venturers (CCV)
- ☐ If you answered "yes" in Part 4b, submit Schedule 4b: Government Grants

Check the financial attachments you must submit with your CHAR500:

- ☒ IRS Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF, and 990-T if applicable
- ☐ All additional IRS Form 990 Schedules, including Schedule B (Schedule of Contributors).
- ☐ Our organization was eligible for and filed an IRS 990-N e-postcard. We have included an IRS Form 990-EZ for state purposes only.

If you are a 7A only or DUAL filer, submit the applicable independent Certified Public Accountant's Review or Audit Report:

- ☐ Review Report if you received total revenue and support greater than \$250,000 and up to \$750,000.
- ☒ Audit Report if you received total revenue and support greater than \$750,000
- ☐ No Review Report or Audit Report is required because total revenue and support is less than \$250,000
- ☐ We are a DUAL filer and checked box 3a, no Review Report or Audit Report is required

## Calculate Your Fee

For 7A and DUAL filers, calculate the 7A fee:

- ☐ \$0, if you checked the 7A exemption in Part 3a
- ☒ \$25, if you did not check the 7A exemption in Part 3a

For EPTL and DUAL filers, calculate the EPTL fee:

- ☐ \$0, if you checked the EPTL exemption in Part 3b
- ☐ \$25, if the NET WORTH is less than \$50,000
- ☐ \$50, if the NET WORTH is \$50,000 or more but less than \$250,000
- ☐ \$100, if the NET WORTH is \$250,000 or more but less than \$1,000,000
- ☐ \$250, if the NET WORTH is \$1,000,000 or more but less than \$10,000,000
- ☐ \$750, if the NET WORTH is \$10,000,000 or more but less than \$50,000,000
- ☐ \$1500, if the NET WORTH is \$50,000,000 or more

## Send Your Filing

Send your CHAR500, all schedules and attachments, and total fee to:

NYS Office of the Attorney General  
Charities Bureau Registration Section  
120 Broadway  
New York, NY 10271

### Is my Registration Category 7A, EPTL, DUAL or EXEMPT?

Organizations are assigned a Registration Category upon registration with the NY Charities Bureau:

**7A** filers are registered to solicit contributions in New York under Article 7-A of the Executive Law ("7A")

**EPTL** filers are registered under the Estates, Powers & Trusts Law ("EPTL") because they hold assets and/or conduct activities for charitable purposes in NY.

**DUAL** filers are registered under both 7A and EPTL.

**EXEMPT** filers have registered with the NY Charities Bureau and meet conditions in **Schedule E - Registration Exemption for Charitable Organizations**. These organizations are not required to file annual financial reports but may do so voluntarily.

Confirm your Registration Category and learn more about NY law at [www.CharitiesNYS.com](http://www.CharitiesNYS.com).

### Where do I find my organization's NET WORTH?

NET WORTH for fee purposes is calculated on:

- IRS Form 990 Part I, line 22
- IRS Form 990 EZ Part I line 21
- IRS Form 990 PF, calculate the difference between Total Assets at Fair Market Value (Part II, line 16(c)) and Total Liabilities (Part II, line 23(b)).

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Schedule 4a: Professional Fund Raisers, Fund Raising Counsels, Commercial Co-Venturers  
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If you checked the box in question 4a in Part 4 on the CHAR500 Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations, complete this schedule for EACH Professional Fund Raiser (PFR), Fund Raising Counsel (FRC) or Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV) that the organization engaged for fund raising activity in NY State. The PFR or FRC should provide its NY Registration Number to you. Include this schedule with your certified CHAR500 NYS Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations and use additional pages if necessary.

## 1. Organization Information

Name of Organization: <b>Media Matters for America</b>	NY Registration Number: <b>4 0 - 4 9 - 5 3</b>
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## 2. Professional Fund Raiser, Fund Raising Counsel, Commercial Co-Venturer Information

Fund Raising Professional type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Professional Fund Raiser <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising Counsel <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Co-Venturer	Name of FRP: <b>The Bonner Group, Inc.</b> Mailing Address: <b>455 Massachusetts Ave NW, Suite 640</b> City / State / Zip: <b>Washington, DC 20001</b>	NY Registration Number: <b>3 2 - 6 3 - 5 7</b> Telephone: <b>(2 0 2) 7 3 7 - 5 8 7 7</b>
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## 3. Contract Information

Contract Start Date: <b>01-01-2009</b>	Contract End Date: <b>On-Going</b>
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## 4. Description of Services

Services provided by FRP: <b>Fundraising Consulting Services</b>
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## 5. Description of Compensation

Compensation arrangement with FRP: <b>\$15,000 per month plus commission</b>	Amount Paid to FRP: <b>1,230,712.00</b>
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## 6. Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV) Report

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If services were provided by a CCV, did the CCV provide the charitable organization with the interim or closing report(s) required by Section 173(a) part 3 of the Executive Law Article 7A?
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## Definitions

A **Professional Fund Raiser (PFR)**, in addition to other activities, conducts solicitation of contributions and/or handles the donations (Article 7A, 171-a.4). A **Fund Raising Counsel (FRC)** does not solicit or handle contributions but limits activities to advising or assisting a charitable organization to perform such functions for itself (Article 7A, 171-a.9). A **Commercial Co-Venturer (CCV)** is an individual or for-profit company that is regularly and primarily engaged in trade or commerce other than raising funds for a charitable organization and who advertises that the purchase or use of goods, services, entertainment or any other thing of value will benefit a charitable organization (Article 7A, 171-a.6).

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Schedule 4b: Government Grants  
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If you checked the box in question 4b in Part 4 on the CHAR500 Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations, complete this schedule and list EACH government grant. Use additional pages if necessary. Include this schedule with your certified CHAR500 NYS Annual Filing for Charitable Organizations.

## 1. Organization Information

Name of Organization: **Media Matters for America**

NY Registration Number:

**4 0 - 4 9 - 5 3**

## 2. Government Grants

Name of Government Agency	Amount of Grant
1. <b>None</b>	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
6.	6.
7.	7.
8.	8.
9.	9.
10.	10.
11.	11.
12.	12.
13.	13.
14.	14.
15.	15.
Total Government Grants:	Total:

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

OMB No. 1545-0047

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**A** For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

**B** Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☐ Initial return  
☐ Final return/terminated  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

**C** Name of organization

**MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA**

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

**455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW**

Room/suite

**6TH FL**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

**WASHINGTON, DC 20001**

**F** Name and address of principal officer: **ANGELO CARUSONE**

**SAME AS C ABOVE**

**D** Employer identification number

**47-0928008**

**E** Telephone number

**(202) 756-4100**

**G** Gross receipts \$ **11,829,060.**

**H(a)** Is this a group return

for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No

**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

**H(c)** Group exemption number

**I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

**J** Website: **WWW.MEDIAMATTERS.ORG**

**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

**L** Year of formation: **2003** **M** State of legal domicile: **DC**

**Part I Summary**

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: **SEE PART III, LINE 1.**

**2** Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

**3** Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) **3**

**4** Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **4**

**5** Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a) **84**

**6** Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **5**

**7a** Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **0.**

**b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 **0.**

**8** Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

Prior Year

**9,124,676.**

Current Year

**10,603,401.**

**9** Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

**0.**

**0.**

**10** Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

**85,352.**

**82,564.**

**11** Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

**5,036.**

**5,787.**

**12** Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

**9,215,064.**

**10,691,752.**

**13** Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)

**199,850.**

**680,000.**

**14** Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

**0.**

**0.**

**15** Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)

**5,457,629.**

**5,765,491.**

**16a** Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

**1,130,384.**

**1,230,712.**

**b** Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) **1,563,330.**

**17** Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)

**3,314,944.**

**3,191,627.**

**18** Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

**10,102,807.**

**10,867,830.**

**19** Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12

**-887,743.**

**-176,078.**

**20** Total assets (Part X, line 16)

Beginning of Current Year

**4,982,197.**

End of Year

**4,346,947.**

**21** Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

**2,725,321.**

**2,245,173.**

**22** Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20

**2,256,876.**

**2,101,774.**

**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 **ANGELO CARUSONE, PRESIDENT**  
Date **11/15/17**

**Paid Preparer Use Only**  
Print/Type preparer's name **Eric J. Lawrence CPA** Preparer's signature **EJL CPA** Date **11/10/17** Check ☐ self-employed PTIN **P0054270**  
Firm's name **GELMAN, ROSENBERG & FREEDMAN** Firm's EIN **52-1392008**  
Firm's address **4550 MONTGOMERY AVE SUITE 650N**  
**BETHESDA, MD 20814-2930** Phone no. **(301) 951-9090**

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:

DEDICATED TO COMPREHENSIVELY MONITORING, ANALYZING, AND CORRECTING  
CONSERVATIVE MISINFORMATION IN THE U.S. MEDIA.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 \$ 8,076,903. including grants of \$ 680,000. ) (Revenue \$ )  
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PUNDITS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT INSTANCES OF MISINFORMATION,  
PROVIDING THEM WITH THE RESOURCES TO REBUT FALSE CLAIMS AND TAKE DIRECT  
ACTION AGAINST OFFENDING MEDIA INSTITUTIONS.

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

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 8,076,903.

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	X	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X

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**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	

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

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**Part V** Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax 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	14	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
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	84	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
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)?		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?		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
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?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
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?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	N/A	
9	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	N/A	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	N/A	
10	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	N/A	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	N/A	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	N/A	
13	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	N/A	
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		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

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

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

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	1a	1b	2	3	4	5	6	7a	7b	8a	8b	9
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	6											
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.												
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		5										
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?			2							X		
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?				3							X	
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?				4							X	
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?				5							X	
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?				6							X	
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?				7a							X	
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?				7b							X	
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:												
a The governing body?				8a						X		
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?				8b						X		
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O				9								X

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **SEE SCHEDULE O**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **ANGELO CARUSONE - (202) 756-4100**  
**455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW, NO. 6TH FL, WASHINGTON, DC 20001**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DAVID BROCK CHAIRMAN	27.00	X		X				280,060.	0.	12,589.
(2) WILL LIPPINCOTT SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) CHRIS BELL TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) BONNIE TURNER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) MARK BUELL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) TOM CASTRO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) BRADLEY BEYCHOK PRESIDENT (THROUGH 11/30/16)	57.00			X				243,361.	0.	7,828.
(8) ANGELO CARUSONE EXEC. VP (UNTIL 11/16)-PRES. (12/16)	50.00			X				171,906.	0.	12,864.
(9) PILAR MARTINEZ CFO	45.00			X				150,000.	0.	11,478.
(10) ERIC BOEHLERT SENIOR FELLOW	40.00				X			150,000.	0.	4,396.
(11) SCOTT DEROME IT DIRECTOR	40.00				X			146,890.	0.	9,304.
(12) MATTHEW GERTZ RESEARCH DIRECTOR	40.00				X			150,000.	0.	9,629.
(13) JULIE MILLICAN CHIEF OF STAFF	40.00				X			119,198.	0.	5,276.
(14) SERGIO MUNOZ DEPUTY RESEARCH DIRECTOR	40.00				X			125,056.	0.	11,011.

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**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					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	10,603,401.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		1,127,493.				
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			10,603,401.				
Program Service Revenue	Business Code						
	2 a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f							
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		85,699.			85,699.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties		5,787.			5,787.	
	(i) Real (ii) Personal						
	6 a Gross rents						
	b Less: rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		1,134,173.				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		1,137,308.				
	c Gain or (loss)		-3,135.				
	d Net gain or (loss)		-3,135.			-3,135.	
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18						
	b Less: direct expenses						
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19						
	b Less: direct expenses						
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
	b Less: cost of goods sold						
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
	Miscellaneous Revenue						
	11 a						
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			10,691,752.	0.	0.	88,351.	

**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	680,000.	680,000.		
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	890,086.	495,695.	356,347.	38,044.
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	4,112,372.	3,818,558.	281,564.	12,250.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	82,392.	75,182.	6,602.	608.
9 Other employee benefits	293,567.	271,753.	21,785.	29.
10 Payroll taxes	387,074.	339,505.	44,777.	2,792.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	185,140.	135,380.	42,593.	7,167.
c Accounting	30,064.	22,869.	7,195.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	1,230,712.			1,230,712.
f Investment management fees	18,190.	13,837.	4,353.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	254,866.	215,012.	2,604.	37,250.
12 Advertising and promotion	6,422.	6,422.		
13 Office expenses	124,233.	94,829.	24,067.	5,337.
14 Information technology	232,790.	213,096.	19,427.	267.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	924,758.	703,442.	221,316.	
17 Travel	259,287.	79,753.	4,626.	174,908.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	90,439.	40,232.	7,727.	42,480.
20 Interest	6,918.	5,262.	1,656.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	625,545.	475,838.	149,707.	
23 Insurance	52,370.	39,837.	12,533.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <b>ONLINE SERVICES &amp; SUBS.</b>	144,332.	139,137.	2,384.	2,811.
b <b>RESEARCH</b>	132,009.	127,648.	3,522.	839.
c <b>REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE</b>	57,187.	47,920.	9,267.	
d <b>TRAINING</b>	24,754.	24,754.		
e All other expenses	22,323.	10,942.	3,545.	7,836.
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	10,867,830.	8,076,903.	1,227,597.	1,563,330.
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	415,044.	1	1,049,215.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments .....	543,350.	2	74,672.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	1,241,491.	3	254,631.
	4 Accounts receivable, net .....		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net .....		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use .....		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	30,526.	9	176,969.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	10a 4,325,778.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation .....	10b 3,147,888.	10c	1,177,890.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities .....	997,554.	11	1,560,877.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....	8,167.	12	1,167.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		13	
	14 Intangible assets .....		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	154,173.	15	51,526.
16 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	4,982,197.	16	4,346,947.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	869,130.	17	614,534.
	18 Grants payable .....		18	
	19 Deferred revenue .....		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....	150,606.	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 .....	1,705,585.	25	1,630,639.
	26 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	2,725,321.	26	2,245,173.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	27 Unrestricted net assets .....	244,341.	27	1,296,046.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets .....	2,012,535.	28	805,728.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets .....		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		32	
33 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> .....	2,256,876.	33	2,101,774.	
34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....	4,982,197.	34	4,346,947.	

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**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	10,691,752.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	10,867,830.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-176,078.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,256,876.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	20,976.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,101,774.

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

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? \_\_\_\_\_  
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? \_\_\_\_\_  
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? \_\_\_\_\_  
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? \_\_\_\_\_
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits \_\_\_\_\_

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
 ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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**Open to Public Inspection**

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number  
47-0928008

<b>Part I Reason for Public Charity Status</b> (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 of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An 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 in 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). \_\_\_\_\_

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		
<b>Total</b>						

**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) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	9,598,333.	12,501,819.	10,021,188.	9,124,676.	10,603,401.	51,849,417.
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	9,598,333.	12,501,819.	10,021,188.	9,124,676.	10,603,401.	51,849,417.
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)						3,313,936.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						48,535,481.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	9,598,333.	12,501,819.	10,021,188.	9,124,676.	10,603,401.	51,849,417.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	53,035.	70,643.	86,872.	82,760.	91,486.	384,796.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	2,325.					2,325.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						52,236,538.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	92.91	%
15 Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	90.57	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2016. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6</b> Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8</b> Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>13</b> Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
<b>14</b> First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2016.** 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 - 2015.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3a		
3b		
3c		
4a		
4b		
4c		
5a		
5b		
5c		
6		
7		
8		
9a		
9b		
9c		
10a		
10b		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

- 11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?
- b A family member of a person described in (a) above?
- c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.

	Yes	No
11a		
11b		
11c		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

- 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).

	Yes	No
1		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

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

	Yes	No
1		
2		
3		

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

- 1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).
- a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
- b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
- c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).
- 2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.
- a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.
- b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.
- 3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.
- a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.
- b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
3b		

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

- 1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on 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	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (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	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> 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).	

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI). See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:			
a			
b			
c From 2013			
d From 2014			
e From 2015			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2016. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b Excess from 2013			
c Excess from 2014			
d Excess from 2015			
e Excess from 2016			

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**Part VI**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information.  
(See instructions.)



**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

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.**  
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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**Open to Public 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.

Name of organization

**MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA**

Employer identification number

**47-0928008**

**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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**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 (grass roots lobbying)	0.													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	0.													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	0.													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	10,867,830.													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	10,867,830.													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	693,392.													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	173,348.													
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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	710,061.	685,124.	655,140.	693,392.	2,743,717.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					4,115,576.
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	177,515.	171,281.	163,785.	173,348.	685,929.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,028,894.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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**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 be not 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 expenditure 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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Employer identification number

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

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

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., 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 in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

### Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a ☐ Public exhibition  
 b ☐ Scholarly research  
 c ☐ Preservation for future generations  
 d ☐ Loan or exchange programs  
 e ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

	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 on Part XIII ☐

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %  
 b Permanent endowment ☐ %  
 c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ %

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

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations  
 (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

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

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				
c Leasehold improvements		2,182,926.	1,410,997.	771,929.
d Equipment		1,698,034.	1,369,447.	328,587.
e Other		444,818.	367,444.	77,374.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				1,177,890.

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**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

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

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

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

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

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) SUBLEASE DEPOSITS PAYABLE	64,184.
(3) DEFERRED RENT ABATEMENT	1,109,946.
(4) CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATION	210,071.
(5) DUE TO RELATED PARTIES	246,438.
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	10,712,728.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	20,976.
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	20,976.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	10,691,752.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	10,691,752.

**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	10,867,830.
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	0.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	10,867,830.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	10,867,830.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

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

**PART X, LINE 2:**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016, MMFA HAS DOCUMENTED ITS CONSIDERATION OF FASB ASC 740-10, INCOME TAXES, THAT PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR REPORTING UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES AND HAS DETERMINED THAT NO MATERIAL UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS QUALIFY FOR EITHER RECOGNITION OR DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA

Employer identification number

47-0928008

**Part 19**

**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			
BONNER GROUP, INC. - 455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., SUITE	PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING		X	10,453,918.	1,230,712.	9,223,206.
<b>Total</b>				10,453,918.	1,230,712.	9,223,206.

- 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.

AK, AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MN, MO, MS, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY  
OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV

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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))
	(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
<b>Revenue</b>				
1 Gross receipts .....				
2 Less: Contributions .....				
3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) .....				
<b>Direct Expenses</b>				
4 Cash prizes .....				
5 Noncash prizes .....				
6 Rent/facility costs .....				
7 Food and beverages .....				
8 Entertainment .....				
9 Other direct expenses .....				
10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....				
11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) .....				

**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))
<b>Revenue</b>				
1 Gross revenue .....				
<b>Direct Expenses</b>				
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: BONNER GROUP, INC.

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: \_\_\_\_\_

455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., SUITE 640, WASHINGTON, DC 20001

**Part IV** Supplemental Information (continued)

**SCHEDULE I**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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**MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA**

**Part I** General Information on Grants and Assistance

Employer identification number  
**47-0928008**

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 non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
FRANKLIN EDUCATION FORUM 455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. NW, 6TH FL WASHINGTON, DC 20001	46-3009324	501(C)(3)	105,000.	0.			GENERAL OPERATIONS
MEDIA MATTERS ACTION NETWORK 455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. NW, 6TH FL WASHINGTON, DC 20001	77-0646754	501(C)(4)	125,000.	0.			EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
AMERICAN BRIDGE 21ST CENTURY FOUNDATION - 455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. NW, 6TH FL - WASHINGTON, DC 20001	27-5278038	501(C)(4)	200,000.	0.			EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS 1333 H STREET, NW, 10TH FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20005	30-0126510	501(C)(3)	250,000.	0.			GENERAL OPERATIONS

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

2.

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

2.

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2016)

## Page 2

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

GRANTEES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT FINANCIAL REPORTS DESCRIBING HOW THE GRANT WAS SPENT.

**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.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**47-0928008**

**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.

☐ First-class or charter travel

☐ Travel for companions

☐ Tax indemnification and gross-up payments

☐ Discretionary spending account

☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use

☐ Payments for business use of personal residence

☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees

☐ Personal services (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 filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

☐ Compensation committee

☐ Independent compensation consultant

☐ Form 990 of other organizations

☐ Written employment contract

☒ Compensation survey or study

☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee

**4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

**a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?

**b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?

**c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only 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

X

X

X

X

X

X

X



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.

Area with horizontal lines for supplemental information.



**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Noncash Contributions**

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

Name of the organization

**MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA**

Employer identification number

**47-0928008**

**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	15	1,127,493.FMV	
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ( )				
26 Other ▶ ( )				
27 Other ▶ ( )				
28 Other ▶ ( )				

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

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?

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

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a		X
33		

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2016)

**Part II**

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

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

THE NUMBER REPORTED IN THIS COLUMN ARE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF  
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED.

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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

THE FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED BY THE CFO, LEGAL COUNSEL, AND APPROVED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE RETURN WAS FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS BEFORE FILING WITH THE IRS.

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

ALL EMPLOYEES AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY INTERESTS THAT  
COULD GIVE RISE TO CONFLICTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. INDIVIDUALS WITH KNOWLEDGE  
OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST MUST DISCLOSE THE CONFLICT TO THE OTHER  
DIRECTORS, OTHER MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR AN  
OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION. UPON DISCLOSURE, THE REMAINING DIRECTORS, OR  
IN THE EVENT OF AN EMPLOYEE, THE OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION, WILL GATHER  
INFORMATION AND DETERMINE WHETHER A CONFLICT EXISTS. IF IT IS DETERMINED  
THAT A CONFLICT DOES EXIST, THEN THE INTERESTED PERSON WILL BE RECUSED FROM  
ANY DECISION MAKING POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE TRANSACTION. A TRANSACTION,  
ARRANGEMENT, OR SOME ALTERNATIVE, MAY BE APPROVED IF IT IS IN THE  
ORGANIZATION'S BEST INTEREST AND FOR ITS OWN BENEFIT, IS FAIR AND  
REASONABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION, AND IS THE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TRANSACTION OR  
ARRANGEMENT THE ORGANIZATION CAN OBTAIN WITH REASONABLE EFFORTS UNDER THE  
CIRCUMSTANCES. IF AN EMPLOYEE, OFFICER, DIRECTOR, OR MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE,  
WITH BOARD-DELEGATED POWERS, VIOLATES THIS POLICY, DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY  
BE TAKEN INCLUDING TERMINATION OF THE TRANSACTION OR ARRANGEMENT GENERATING  
THE CONFLICT, FORMAL REPRIMAND, SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT  
AND/OR REMOVAL FROM THE BOARD AS APPROPRIATE.

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

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2016)

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Name of the organization

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THE COMPENSATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL WAS  
BASED ON COMPENSATION STUDIES USING COMPARATIVE DATA FROM OTHER  
ORGANIZATIONS. THE FINAL COMPENSATION WAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS. COMPENSATION FOR OTHER EMPLOYEES WAS APPROVED BY THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION. ALL COMPENSATION PROCESSES ARE DELIBERATED  
AND DOCUMENTED. THE LAST COMPENSATION REVIEW TOOK PLACE IN DECEMBER 2016.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:

AK,AL,AR,CA,CO,CT,FL,GA,HI,IL,KS,KY,MA,MD,ME,MI,MN,MO,MS,NC,ND,NH,NJ,NM,NY  
OH,OK,OR,PA,RI,SC,TN,UT,VA,WA,WI,WV

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

THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND FORM 990 AVAILABLE  
UPON REQUEST.

# Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

► **File a separate application for each return.**

► **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868).**

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 to request a 6-month automatic extension of time to file any of the forms listed below with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, for which an extension request must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile), click on Charities & Non-Profits, and click on e-file for Charities and Non-Profits.

## Automatic 6-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

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.

		Enter filer's identifying number
Type or print  File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions:  <b>MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA</b>	Employer identification number (EIN) or  <b>47-0928008</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>455 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW, NO. 6TH FL</b>	Social security number (SSN)
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>WASHINGTON, DC 20001</b>	

Enter the Return Code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 1

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

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- The books are in the care of ► **WASHINGTON, DC 20001**

Telephone No. ► **(202) 756-4100**

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 EINs of all members the extension is for.

**1** I request an automatic 6-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15, 2017**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

► ☒ calendar year **2016** or

► ☐ tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

**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

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$	<b>0.</b>
<b>b</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.	<b>3b</b>	\$	<b>0.</b>
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	<b>0.</b>

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

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

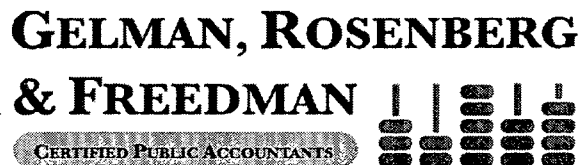
**MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016  
WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL  
INFORMATION FOR 2015**

## **MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Media Matters for America  
Washington, D.C.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Media Matters for America (MMFA), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2016, and the related statements of activities and change in net assets, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of MMFA as of December 31, 2016, and the change in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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### **Report on Summarized Comparative Information**

We have previously audited MMFA's 2015 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those audited financial statements in our report dated September 1, 2016. In our opinion, the summarized comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

*Gelman Rosenberg & Friedman*

August 2, 2017

## MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**  
**WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2015**

<b>ASSETS</b>			
		<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,123,887	\$ 958,394
Grants receivable		229,631	1,191,491
Due from related parties		41,379	107,401
Prepaid expenses and other		<u>187,116</u>	<u>77,298</u>
Total current assets		<u>1,582,013</u>	<u>2,334,584</u>
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Furniture		444,818	439,037
Computer equipment		1,698,034	1,512,413
Leasehold improvements		<u>2,182,926</u>	<u>2,162,785</u>
		4,325,778	4,114,235
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>(3,147,888)</u>	<u>(2,522,343)</u>
Net fixed assets		<u>1,177,890</u>	<u>1,591,892</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>			
Investments		1,562,044	1,005,721
Grants receivable, net of current portion		<u>25,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total other assets		<u>1,587,044</u>	<u>1,055,721</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>4,346,947</u></b>	<b><u>4,982,197</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Capital lease obligation	\$	116,718	\$ 210,492
Line of credit		-	150,606
Accounts payable		495,662	522,975
Due to related parties		246,438	-
Accrued liabilities		118,872	346,155
Deferred rent abatement		<u>291,471</u>	<u>260,255</u>
Total current liabilities		<u>1,269,161</u>	<u>1,490,483</u>
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>			
Capital lease obligation, net of current portion		93,353	81,091
Sublease deposits payable		64,184	51,284
Deferred rent abatement, net of current portion		<u>818,475</u>	<u>1,102,463</u>
Total long-term liabilities		<u>976,012</u>	<u>1,234,838</u>
Total liabilities		<u>2,245,173</u>	<u>2,725,321</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
Unrestricted		1,296,046	244,341
Temporarily restricted		<u>805,728</u>	<u>2,012,535</u>
Total net assets		<u>2,101,774</u>	<u>2,256,876</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>4,346,947</u></b>	<b><u>4,982,197</u></b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGE IN NET ASSETS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016  
WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2015**

	<b>2016</b>			<b>2015</b>
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Contributions and grants	\$ 8,967,734	\$ 1,635,667	\$ 10,603,401	\$ 9,124,676
Interest income	85,699	-	85,699	77,724
Realized (loss) gain	(3,135)	-	(3,135)	7,628
Unrealized gain (loss)	20,976	-	20,976	(45,313)
Royalty income	5,787	-	5,787	5,036
Net assets released from donor restrictions	<u>2,842,474</u>	<u>(2,842,474)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenue	<u>11,919,535</u>	<u>(1,206,807)</u>	<u>10,712,728</u>	<u>9,169,751</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program Services	<u>8,076,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,076,903</u>	<u>7,903,839</u>
Supporting Services:				
Management and General	1,227,597	-	1,227,597	961,274
Fundraising	<u>1,563,330</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,563,330</u>	<u>1,237,694</u>
Total supporting services	<u>2,790,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,790,927</u>	<u>2,198,968</u>
Total expenses	<u>10,867,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,867,830</u>	<u>10,102,807</u>
Change in net assets	1,051,705	(1,206,807)	(155,102)	(933,056)
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>244,341</u>	<u>2,012,535</u>	<u>2,256,876</u>	<u>3,189,932</u>
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,296,046</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 805,728</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,101,774</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,256,876</u></b>

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**STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016  
WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2015**

	2016			2015	
	Supporting Services				
	Program Services	Management and General	Fundraising	Total Expenses	Total Expenses
Salaries	\$ 4,291,766	\$ 617,275	\$ 48,658	\$ 4,957,699	\$ 4,735,869
Occupancy	703,442	221,316	-	924,758	936,025
Payroll taxes and benefits	696,852	90,000	5,065	791,917	721,760
Consulting	279,072	2,604	37,250	318,926	670,324
Professional fundraising fees	-	-	1,230,712	1,230,712	1,130,384
Research	127,648	3,522	839	132,009	125,991
Professional fees	172,086	54,141	7,167	233,394	277,124
Travel and meetings	119,985	12,353	217,387	349,725	135,959
Depreciation and amortization	475,838	149,707	-	625,545	588,762
Contribution	680,000	-	-	680,000	199,850
Telephone and internet	67,218	12,443	672	80,333	91,918
Server hosting	125,980	16,905	-	142,885	102,104
Advertising	6,422	-	-	6,422	3,631
Supplies	39,255	7,757	1,180	48,192	41,292
Miscellaneous	19,633	5,860	8,232	33,725	50,406
Dues and subscription	139,718	2,384	2,811	144,913	95,779
Insurance	51,912	16,332	-	68,244	79,089
Media services	-	-	-	-	57,840
Training	24,754	-	-	24,754	9,623
Repairs and maintenance	47,920	9,267	-	57,187	26,560
Printing and copying	1,970	1,809	3,072	6,851	9,663
Equipment rental	5,104	1,606	-	6,710	9,666
Postage and shipping	328	2,316	285	2,929	3,188
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,076,903</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,597</b>	<b>\$ 1,563,330</b>	<b>\$ 10,867,830</b>	<b>\$ 10,102,807</b>

## MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016**  
**WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2015**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in net assets	\$ (155,102)	\$ (933,056)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	625,545	588,762
Unrealized (gain) loss	(20,976)	45,313
Realized loss (gain)	3,135	(7,628)
(Increase) decrease in:		
Grants receivable	986,860	(9,782)
Due from related parties	66,022	16,028
Prepaid expenses and other	(109,818)	46,065
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(27,313)	(25,725)
Due to related parties	246,438	(52,198)
Accrued liabilities	(227,283)	(163,637)
Deferred rent abatement	(252,772)	(205,978)
Sublease deposits payable	<u>12,900</u>	<u>4,000</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>1,147,636</u>	<u>(697,836)</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of fixed assets	(63,394)	(154,065)
Purchase of investments	(1,672,655)	(1,132,943)
Proceeds from sale of investments	<u>1,134,173</u>	<u>1,466,746</u>
Net cash (used) provided by investing activities	<u>(601,876)</u>	<u>179,738</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net (payments) proceeds from line of credit	(150,606)	150,606
Payments of capital lease obligations	<u>(229,661)</u>	<u>(192,201)</u>
Net cash used by financing activities	<u>(380,267)</u>	<u>(41,595)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	165,493	(559,693)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>958,394</u>	<u>1,518,087</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,123,887</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 958,394</u></b>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016  
WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:</b>		
Interest Paid	\$ <u>6,918</u>	\$ <u>14,733</u>
<b>SCHEDULE OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING TRANSACTIONS</b>		
Donated Securities	\$ <u>1,127,493</u>	<u>710,300</u>
Capital Lease Obligation Incurred for Use of Equipment	\$ <u>148,149</u>	\$ <u>150,538</u>

**MEDIA MATTERS FOR AMERICA**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Organization -**

Media Matters for America (MMFA) is a not-for-profit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia on August 15, 2003. MMFA is a national non-profit organization dedicated to comprehensive monitoring, analyzing and correcting conservative misinformation in the United States media.

MMFA's primary program is to notify activists, journalists, pundits and the general public about instances of misinformation, providing them with resources to rebut false claims and take direct action against offending media institutions.

MMFA is supported primarily by contributions.

**Basis of presentation -**

The accompanying financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting, and in accordance with FASB ASC 958, *Not-for-Profit Entities*.

The financial statements include certain prior year summarized comparative information in total but not by net asset class. Such information does not include sufficient detail to constitute a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, such information should be read in conjunction with MMFA's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015, from which the summarized information was derived.

**Cash and cash equivalents -**

MMFA considers all cash and other highly liquid investments with initial maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Bank deposit accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to a limit of \$250,000. At times during the year, MMFA maintains cash balances in excess of the FDIC insurance limits. Management believes the risk in these situations to be minimal.

**Investments -**

Investments are recorded at their readily determinable fair value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are separately stated in the Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets.

**Grants receivable -**

Grants receivable approximate fair value. Management considers all amounts to be fully collectible. Accordingly, an allowance for doubtful accounts has not been established.

**Fixed assets -**

Fixed assets in excess of \$1,000 are capitalized and stated at cost. Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related assets, generally three to seven years.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION  
(Continued)**

**Fixed assets (continued) -**

Leasehold improvements are amortized over the remaining life of the lease. The cost of maintenance and repairs is recorded as expenses are incurred. Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2016 totaled \$625,545.

**Impairment of long-lived assets -**

Management reviews asset carrying amounts whenever events or circumstances indicate that such carrying amounts may not be recoverable. When considered impaired, the carrying amount of the assets is reduced, by a charge to Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets, to its current fair value.

**Income taxes -**

MMFA is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the accompanying financial statements. MMFA is not a private foundation.

**Uncertain tax positions -**

For the year ended December 31, 2016, MMFA has documented its consideration of FASB ASC 740-10, *Income Taxes*, that provides guidance for reporting uncertainty in income taxes and has determined that no material uncertain tax positions qualify for either recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

**Net asset classification -**

The net assets are reported in two self-balancing groups as follows:

- **Unrestricted net assets** include unrestricted revenue and contributions received without donor-imposed restrictions. These net assets are available for the operation of MMFA and include both internally designated and undesignated resources.
- **Temporarily restricted net assets** include revenue and contributions subject to donor-imposed stipulations that will be met by the actions of MMFA and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets as net assets released from restrictions.

**Contributions and grants -**

Unrestricted and temporarily restricted contributions and grants are recorded as revenue in the year notification is received from the donor. Temporarily restricted contributions and grants are recognized as unrestricted support only to the extent of actual expenses incurred in compliance with the donor-imposed restrictions and satisfaction of time restrictions. Such funds in excess of expenses incurred are shown as temporarily restricted net assets in the accompanying financial statements.



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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION**  
**(Continued)**

**Use of estimates -**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Functional allocation of expenses -**

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

**Risks and uncertainties -**

MMFA invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rates, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the accompanying financial statements.

**Fair value measurement -**

MMFA adopted the provisions of FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*. FASB ASC 820 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the quality of inputs (assumptions that market participants would use in pricing assets and liabilities, including assumptions about risk) used to measure fair value, and enhances disclosure requirements for fair value measurements. MMFA accounts for a significant portion of its financial instruments at fair value or considers fair value in their measurement.

**New accounting pronouncement -**

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958), intended to improve financial reporting for not-for-profit entities.

The ASU will reduce the current three classes of net assets into two: with and without donor restrictions. The change in each of the classes of net assets must be reported on the Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets. The ASU also requires various enhanced disclosures around topics such as board designations, liquidity, functional classification of expenses, investment expenses, donor restrictions, and underwater endowments.

The ASU is effective for years beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The ASU should be applied on a retrospective basis in the year the ASU is first applied. While the ASU will change the presentation of MMFA's financial statements, it is not expected to alter MMFA's reported financial position.

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**2. INVESTMENTS**

Investments consisted of the following at December 31, 2016:

	<u><b>Fair Value</b></u>
Equities	\$ 480,620
Mutual funds	111,836
Corporate bonds	968,421
Partnership interest	<u>1,167</u>
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,562,044</u></b>

**3. GRANTS RECEIVABLE**

As of December 31, 2016, contributors to MMFA have made written promises to give totaling \$254,631. Grants are due as follows at December 31, 2016:

Less than one year	\$ 229,631
One to five years	<u>25,000</u>
<b>TOTAL GRANTS RECEIVABLE</b>	<b><u>\$ 254,631</u></b>

**4. CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATION**

MMFA has entered into various capital leases for computer equipment, which expire in 2021. As of December 31, 2016, the cost and related accumulated amortization of the leased asset were \$741,273 and \$545,783, respectively. Amortization of assets held under capital leases is included with depreciation expense. Future minimum lease payments at December 31, 2016 are as follows:

<u><b>Year Ending December 31,</b></u>	
2017	\$ 119,356
2018	60,450
2019	30,713
2020	2,520
2021	<u>1,260</u>
	214,299
Less: Interest	<u>(4,228)</u>
	210,071
Less: Current portion	<u>(116,718)</u>
<b>LONG-TERM PORTION</b>	<b><u>\$ 93,353</u></b>

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**5. LINE OF CREDIT**

MMFA has entered into a bank line of credit. The total amount that may be drawn on the account is based on the sum of the loanable amount of eligible securities as defined under the line of credit agreement. The eligible securities serve as collateral. Interest is charged based on the bank's base rate. As of December 31, 2016, there was no outstanding balance on the line of credit.

**6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

Temporarily restricted net assets consisted of the following at December 31, 2016:

Coordination Litigation	\$ 30,000
Environmental Initiative	63,198
Equality Matters	244,083
Money in politics	11,118
Metis	92,013
Reproductive Rights	282,801
Spanish Language	32,515
Grants - Time Restriction	<u>50,000</u>
	<b><u>\$ 805,728</u></b>

The following temporarily restricted net assets were released from donor restrictions by incurring expenses (or through the passage of time) which satisfied the restricted purposes specified by the donors:

Economic Initiative	\$ 596,781
Environmental Initiative	249,163
Equality Matters	208,319
Gun and Public Safety Initiative	175,000
Money in politics	15,549
Metis	26,113
Reproductive Rights	403,873
Spanish Language	17,485
Grants - Passage of Time	1,137,600
Immigration	<u>12,591</u>
	<b><u>\$ 2,842,474</u></b>

**7. LEASE COMMITMENTS**

MMFA entered into a lease in 2009 for office space in Washington, D.C. The lease expires on June 30, 2020. Base rent is set at \$88,624 per month, with an annual increase of 2.50%.

In connection with the lease, MMFA provided a letter of credit totaling \$531,744 as a security deposit. The security deposit requirement is reduced each of the first five years to a minimum of \$88,624 in the fifth year. The letter of credit amount as of December 31, 2016 was \$88,624.

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**7. LEASE COMMITMENTS (Continued)**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the total rent commitment should be recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Accordingly, the difference between the actual monthly payments and the rent expense being recognized for financial statement purposes is recorded as a deferred rent liability on the Statement of Financial Position.

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	
2017	\$ 1,279,875
2018	1,311,872
2019	1,344,669
2020	<u>689,143</u>
	<u>\$ 4,625,559</u>

MMFA subleases a portion of its office space under various leases expiring throughout 2020. The following is a schedule of the future minimum rental income:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	
2017	\$ 162,421
2018	151,323
2019	155,106
2020	<u>79,492</u>
	<u>\$ 548,342</u>

Rent expense for the year ended December 31, 2016, net of rental income of \$410,670 was \$752,113, and is included in occupancy expense in the accompanying Statement of Functional Expense. The deferred rent liability was \$1,109,946.

**8. RETIREMENT PLAN**

Effective January 1, 2015, MMFA merged into the Media Advocates 401(k) Plan (the Plan) as a participating employer. The Plan is a multiple employer defined contribution plan (profit-sharing plan) and matches employee contributions up to certain levels. The Plan has a four-year graduated vesting schedule for employer contributions. Contributions to the plan during the year ended December 31, 2016 totaled \$105,790, net of forfeitures of \$3,081.

**9. RELATED PARTY**

During the year ended December 31, 2016, MMFA shared employees, office space and other related expenses and services with the Media Matters Action Network (the Network), a not-for-profit organization exempt under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. MMFA granted the Network \$125,000 during the year ended December 31, 2016.

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**9. RELATED PARTY (Continued)**

During the year ended December 31, 2016, MMFA shared employees and other related expenses and services with The American Independent (AI), a not-for-profit journalism organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, in furtherance of its journalism efforts. As of December 31, 2016, MMFA had amounts due from AI totaling \$1,838.

MMFA has sublease agreements with the following entities, all of whom have elected the MMFA's Chair of the Board of Directors as the Chair of the Board of Directors of their respective entities:

- American Bridge 21st Century (American Bridge), a political action committee and American Bridge 21st Century Foundation (the Foundation), a non-profit organization exempt under Section 501(c)(4) of the Code - American Bridge and the Foundation have subleases from MMFA. During the year ended December 31, 2016, rental income received from the subleases totaled approximately \$87,822, and MMFA granted \$200,000 to American Bridge. As of December 31, 2016, MMFA had amounts due from American Bridge and the Foundation totaling \$11,329 and \$1,016, respectively.
- The Franklin Education Forum (The Forum) - The Forum is a not-for-profit organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. The Forum had a sublease agreement with MMFA which expired June 30, 2014, when the sublease became month-to-month. During the year ended December 31, 2016, rental income received from The Forum totaled approximately \$14,894, and MMFA granted \$105,000 to The Forum. As of December 31, 2016, MMFA had a amounts due from The Forum totaling \$6,333.
- Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) - CREW has a sublease with MMFA that commenced on February 1, 2015, and expired on December 31, 2016. The lease continued on a month-to-month basis through April 30, 2017. The lease was not renewed. During the year ended December 31, 2016, rental income received from CREW totaled approximately \$44,300. As of December 31, 2016, MMFA had amounts due from CREW totaling \$5,106.
- During the year ended December 31, 2016, MMFA shared office space and other related expenses and services with Correct The Record, a political action committee. During the year ended December 31, 2016, rental income received from Correct The Record totaled \$85,044. As of December 31, 2016, MMFA had amounts due from Correct The Record totaling \$15,757.

**10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

In accordance with FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurement*, MMFA has categorized its financial instruments, based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique, into a three-level fair value hierarchy.

The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3).

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## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2016

### 10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (Continued)

If the inputs used to measure the financial instruments fall within different levels of hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument.

Investments recorded in the Statement of Financial Position are categorized based on the inputs to valuation techniques as follows:

**Level 1.** These are investments where values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets in an active market MMFA has the ability to access.

**Level 2.** These are investments where values are based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, or model-based valuation techniques that utilize inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full-term of the investments.

**Level 3.** These are investments where inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for investments measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2016.

- *Equities* - Valued at the closing price reported on the active market in which the individual securities are traded.
- *Mutual funds* - The fair value is equal to the reported net asset value of the fund, which is the price at which additional shares can be obtained.
- *Corporate bonds* - Fair value is based upon current yields available on comparable securities of issuers with similar ratings, the security's terms and conditions, and interest rate and credit risk.
- *Partnership interests* - These do not have a readily determinable fair value. The fair values used are generally determined by the general partner or management of the entity and are based on appraisals or other estimates that require varying degrees of judgment. Inputs used in determining fair value may include the cost and recent activity concerning the underlying investments in the partnerships.

The table below summarizes, by level within the fair value hierarchy, MMFA's investments as of December 31, 2016:

	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Asset Class:</b>				
Equities	\$ 480,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 480,620
Mutual funds	111,836	-	-	111,836
Corporate bonds	-	968,421	-	968,421
Partnership interest	-	-	1,167	1,167
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 592,456</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 968,421</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,167</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,562,044</u></b>

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**10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT (Continued)**

**Level 3 Financial Assets**

The following table provides a summary of changes in fair value of MMFA's financial assets for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	<u>Investments</u>
Beginning balance as of January 1, 2016	\$ 8,167
Amortization of Partnership Interest	<u>(7,000)</u>
<b>BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,167</u></b>

**11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

In preparing these financial statements, MMFA has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through August 2, 2017, the date the financial statements were issued.

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