

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

2025

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Internal Revenue Service

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A For the **2025** calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION		D Employer identification number 13-6089816
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 212-977-0176
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 8,008,731.
	1350 BROADWAY SUITE 1920		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NEW YORK, NY 10018		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
F Name and address of principal officer: HENRY DONAHUE SAME AS C ABOVE		If "No," attach a list. See instructions	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: WWW.SAVETHEMUSIC.ORG			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		L Year of formation: 1955	M State of legal domicile: NY

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION'S MISSION IS TO HELP STUDENTS, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES REACH THEIR		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	17
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	17
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2025 (Part V, line 2a)	5	21
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	20
	7 a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 10,592,240.	Current Year 7,735,008.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	0.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	79,361.	100,526.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	3,530.	-5,223.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	10,675,131.	7,830,311.
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	5,276,126.
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)		2,484,321.	2,474,700.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0.	0.
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		1,596,541.	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		1,245,971.	1,364,184.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	9,006,418.	8,067,862.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,668,713.	-237,551.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 7,335,889.	End of Year 8,303,421.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	636,791.	1,624,918.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	6,699,098.	6,678,503.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer		Date		
	HENRY DONAHUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	DOUGLAS FARRINGTON	DOUGLAS FARRINGTON	05/26/26		P00370668
Preparer Use Only	Firm's name	Firm's EIN		Phone no.	
	CBIZ ADVISORS, LLC 685 THIRD AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017	87-3707167		212-503-8800	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION HELPS KIDS, SCHOOLS, AND COMMUNITIES REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH THE POWER OF MAKING MUSIC.

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 [X] No

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

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 6,170,988. including grants of \$ 4,228,978.) (Revenue \$) SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION ("FOUNDATION") IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO CREATING SYSTEMIC CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BY RESTORING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMS AND BY RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC EDUCATION.

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 6,170,988.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions 2a through 17 regarding employee counts, tax returns, unrelated business income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and various organizational requirements.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
	17		
b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
	17		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	X	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	X	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		X

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AK, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
HENRY DONAHUE, ED - 212-977-0176
1350 BROADWAY SUITE 1920, NEW YORK, NY 10018

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) HENRY DONAHUE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASST. SECRETARY	60.00			X				292,774.	0.	11,874.
(2) DANIELLE ZALAZNICK CHIEF DEV. OFFICER & DEPUTY E.D.	50.00			X				221,395.	0.	14,304.
(3) CHIHO FEINDLER CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER	50.00			X				162,436.	0.	22,422.
(4) JACLYN RUDDEROW SENIOR DIR, SCHOOL PROGRAMS	50.00					X		114,863.	0.	59,761.
(5) ARIEL USATIN SENIOR DIR., PHILANTHROPY	50.00					X		140,845.	0.	6,318.
(6) TOM CREASER SR. DIR. OF FIN. & OPTS (OUTGOING)	50.00			X				72,006.	0.	18,861.
(7) SUZANNE HALL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						5,000.	0.	0.
(8) ALAN SARTIRANA DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) ALEC GLASSER DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) BOB CARRIGAN DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) CANDICE BRANCAZIO DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) ELENA DIAZ CO-CHAIR (PARTIAL); DIRECTOR (OUTGOI	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(13) JAY KAPADIA DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) JENNIFER GRADY CHAIRPERSON, DIRECTOR	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(15) JESSE COLLINS DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) KENNARD GARRETT DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(17) KEVIN NG DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) LARRY WADE DIRECTOR (OUTGOING)	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(19) LESLIE FRAM DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(20) LEX BORRERO DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(21) MALIKA QUEMARIAS DIRECTOR (OUTGOING)	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(22) NAT ZILKHA DIRECTOR	1.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(23) NYASHA FOY VICE CHAIRSPERSON & SECRETARY	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(24) ROBERT GILLESPIE DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(25) TIM WEATHERSPOON DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(26) WANDA CORIANO DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
1b Subtotal								1,009,319.	0.	133,540.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,009,319.	0.	133,540.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization 5

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
			Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	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 238,514.					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f 7,496,494.					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$2,332,480.					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		7,735,008.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a _____	Business Code					
	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)		70,030.			70,030.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties		1,704.			1,704.	
	6 a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental expenses ...	6b					
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	179,888.			
			(ii) Other				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	149,392.				
c Gain or (loss)	7c	30,496.					
d Net gain or (loss)		30,496.			30,496.		
8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 238,514. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a		22,101.				
			29,028.				
b Less: direct expenses	8b						
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-6,927.		-6,927.		
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
b Less: direct expenses	9b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a						
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b						
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory							
Miscellaneous Revenue	11 a _____	Business Code					
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions			7,830,311.	0.	0.	95,303.	

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 ...	4,228,978.	4,228,978.		
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	821,072.	328,288.	98,879.	393,905.
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	1,280,166.	705,608.	41,575.	532,983.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	25,975.	20,934.	621.	4,420.
9 Other employee benefits	186,085.	109,873.	9,868.	66,344.
10 Payroll taxes	161,402.	94,689.	10,494.	56,219.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	38,165.	12,375.	5,817.	19,973.
c Accounting	236,840.	76,795.	36,100.	123,945.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	16,161.		16,161.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	135,762.	44,021.	20,694.	71,047.
12 Advertising and promotion	173,353.	77,755.	128.	95,470.
13 Office expenses	50,588.	18,247.	7,134.	25,207.
14 Information technology	194,809.	88,057.	24,199.	82,553.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	96,180.	47,168.	3,253.	45,759.
17 Travel	84,492.	51,617.	4,139.	28,736.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials ...				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	7,703.	4,672.	369.	2,662.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,904.	920.	64.	920.
23 Insurance	40,373.	10,824.	19,157.	10,392.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a PROGRAM EXPENSE	246,419.	246,419.		
b PRODUCTION COSTS	39,754.	3,748.		36,006.
c MISCELLANEOUS	1,681.		1,681.	
d _____				
e All other expenses _____				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	8,067,862.	6,170,988.	300,333.	1,596,541.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	2,947,305.	1	1,816,268.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,946,421.	2	196,576.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	2,206,365.	3	2,263,775.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	21,631.	4	13,120.
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	16,531.	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	122,797.	9	54,197.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 34,772.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 1,904.	10c 0.	32,868.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	74,839.	11	2,596,634.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0.	15	1,329,983.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	7,335,889.	16	8,303,421.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	336,633.	17	194,133.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	5,000.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	300,158.	25	1,425,785.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	636,791.	26	1,624,918.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	3,533,914.	27	2,764,260.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	3,165,184.	28	3,914,243.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	6,699,098.	32	6,678,503.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	7,335,889.	33	8,303,421.	

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	7,830,311.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	8,067,862.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-237,551.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	6,699,098.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	216,956.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	6,678,503.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? _____		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____		

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) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	8201721.	8234087.	8888573.	10592240.	7735008.	43651629.
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	8201721.	8234087.	8888573.	10592240.	7735008.	43651629.
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)						4152882.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						39498747.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2021	(b) 2022	(c) 2023	(d) 2024	(e) 2025	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	8201721.	8234087.	8888573.	10592240.	7735008.	43651629.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	2,651.	4,099.	1,436.	81,482.	71,734.	161,402.
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.)	95,559.	82,313.	77,200.	170,083.	22,101.	447,256.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						44260287.

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

13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2025 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	89.24 %
15 Public support percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	84.38 %

16a 33 1/3% support test - 2025. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test - 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2025. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2021, (b) 2022, (c) 2023, (d) 2024, (e) 2025, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2021, (b) 2022, (c) 2023, (d) 2024, (e) 2025, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support.

14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2025 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2025 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 17 %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2024 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2025. 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 - 2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		
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Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>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).</i>		
1		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3 By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		
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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 <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental supported organization. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental supported organization (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of its supported organization(s)? <i>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 each of its supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>			
b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>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.</i>			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a, 3b, and 3c below.			
a Are the organization and its supported organization(s) part of an integrated system (for example, a hospital system)? <i>If "Yes," provide details in Part VI.</i>			
b Did the organization direct the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>			
c Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect (and remove) a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>			
2a			
2b			
3a			
3b			
3c			

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

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

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - <i>provide details in Part VI</i>)	5
6	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 5.	6
7	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (<i>provide details in Part VI</i>). See instructions.	7
8	Distributable amount for 2025 from Section C, line 6	8
9	Line 7 amount divided by line 8 amount	9

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2025	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2025
1 Distributable amount for 2025 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2025 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i>). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2025			
a From 2020			
b From 2021			
c From 2022			
d From 2023			
e From 2024			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to under distributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2025 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2020 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2025 from Section D, line 6: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2025 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2025, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2025. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2026. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2021			
b Excess from 2022			
c Excess from 2023			
d Excess from 2024			
e Excess from 2025			

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, 3b, and 3c; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5 and 7; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

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

SPECIAL EVENTS REVENUE

2021 AMOUNT: \$ 95,559.

2022 AMOUNT: \$ 82,313.

2023 AMOUNT: \$ 77,200.

2024 AMOUNT: \$ 170,083.

2025 AMOUNT: \$ 22,101.

**Schedule B
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Name of the organization

SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

13-6089816

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$ _____

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

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

Schedule B (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

Name of organization SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 13-6089816
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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 250,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 179,246.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 970,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 185,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 365,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 170,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 13-6089816
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
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Name of organization SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 13-6089816
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this info. once.) \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

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

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

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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OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

13-6089816

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).

Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes No

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

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes No

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

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

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

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

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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$ _____

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

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X \$ _____

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange program
 - 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 in Part XIII

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	2,887,466.				
b Contributions	60,000.	2,866,205.			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	317,128.	21,261.			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	16,161.				
g End of year balance	3,248,433.	2,887,466.			

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment 63.8000 %
 - b** Permanent endowment 36.2000 %
 - c** Term endowment _____ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | X | |
| (ii) Related organizations? | | X |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
- 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				
d Equipment		34,772.	1,904.	32,868.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				32,868.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) OPERATING LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS	1,329,983.
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	1,329,983.

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) OPERATING LEASE LIABILITIES	1,425,785.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	1,425,785.

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	8,230,085.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a 216,956.		
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2b 220,785.		
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d -21,806.		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	415,935.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	7,814,150.
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 16,161.		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	16,161.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	7,830,311.

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	8,250,680.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
	a Donated services and use of facilities	2a 220,785.		
	b Prior year adjustments	2b		
	c Other losses	2c		
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
	e Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	220,785.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	8,029,895.
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 16,161.		
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b 21,806.		
	c Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	37,967.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	8,067,862.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

PART V, LINE 4:

DURING THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024, THE FOUNDATION ESTABLISHED A BOARD-DESIGNATED NET ASSETS FUND AND AN ENDOWMENT FUND WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO PROVIDE AN ONGOING STREAM OF REVENUE THAT WILL SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION'S OPERATING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY, AND IN THE FUTURE, WHILE MAINTAINING PURCHASING POWER.

PART X, LINE 2:

THE FOUNDATION HAS NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH FASB ASC TOPIC 740, WHICH PROVIDES STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING AND CLASSIFYING ANY TAX PROVISIONS FOR UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

INDIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES -21,806.

PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

INDIRECT FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 21,806.

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))
		HOMETOWN 2 HOMETOWN (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	260,615.		260,615.
	2	Less: Contributions	238,514.		238,514.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	22,101.		22,101.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages	18,678.		18,678.
	8	Entertainment	10,350.		10,350.
	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)				-6,927.

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue			
	2	Cash prizes			
Direct Expenses	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: _____

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
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OMB No. 1545-0047

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Name of the organization **SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION** Employer identification number **13-6089816**

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? **Yes** **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 10 N. MAIN STREET AKRON, OH 44308	34-1424026	GOVERNMENT	0.	60,842.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 501 NORTH CRESCENT WAY ANAHEIM, CA 92801	33-0735418	GOVERNMENT	0.	103,081.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 130 TRINITY AVENUE SW ATLANTA, GA 30303	58-6000134	GOVERNMENT	0.	110,256.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 200 EAST NORTH AVE BALTIMORE, MD 21202	52-2064235	GOVERNMENT	0.	179,082.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
CENTRALIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT - 6625 LA PALMA AVENUE - BUENA PARK, CA 90620	95-6000552	GOVERNMENT	0.	111,575.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
CINCINNATI PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2651 BURNET AVENUE CINCINNATI, OH 45219	31-6000758	GOVERNMENT	0.	106,014.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 52.
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table _____

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Schedule I (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT - 1111 SUPERIOR AVE E. STE 1800 - CLEVELAND, OH 44114	34-6000662	GOVERNMENT	0.	30,452.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
COBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 514 GLOVER STREET SOUTHEAST MARIETTA, GA 30060	58-2487501	GOVERNMENT	0.	42,696.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
COLUMBUS CITY SCHOOLS 270 E. STATE ST COLUMBUS, OH 43215	31-6400416	GOVERNMENT	0.	117,060.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 501 S. SANTA FE AVENUE COMPTON, CA 90220	95-2650551	GOVERNMENT	0.	39,414.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
DALLAS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 9400 N. CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY DALLAS, TX 75231	75-6001278	GOVERNMENT	0.	51,513.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1701 MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD - STONE MOUNTAIN, GA 30083	58-6000227	GOVERNMENT	0.	45,436.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - 1200 FIRST STREET - WASHINGTON, DC 20002	53-6001131	GOVERNMENT	0.	52,028.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 8141 DE PALMA STREET DOWNEY, CA 90241	95-6006586	GOVERNMENT	0.	130,054.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
EAST ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 199 4TH AVENUE EAST ORANGE, NJ 07017	22-6001770	GOVERNMENT	0.	42,207.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION

Schedule I (Form 990)

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS 500 NORTH BROAD STREET ELIZABETH, NJ 07208	39-1320110	GOVERNMENT	0.	21,149.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOLS 111 FAYETTE AVE FAYETTEVILLE, WV 25840	55-6000315	GOVERNMENT	0.	53,007.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
FULTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 6201 POWERS FERRY ROAD NORTHWEST ATLANTA, GA 30339	58-6000246	GOVERNMENT	0.	114,233.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT - 10331 STANFORD AVE - GARDEN GROVE, CA 92840	95-2378800	GOVERNMENT	0.	59,961.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
HARRISON COUNTY SCHOOLS 408 E. B. SAUNDERS WAY CLARKSBURG, WV 26302-1370	55-6000329	GOVERNMENT	0.	106,014.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
IRVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1 UNIVERSITY PLACE IRVINGTON, NJ 07111	22-6000691	GOVERNMENT	0.	50,827.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 662 S. PRESIDENT STREET JACKSON, MS 39201	64-6000505	GOVERNMENT	0.	19,707.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 346 CLAREMONT AVENUE JERSEY CITY, NJ 07305	22-6002012	GOVERNMENT	0.	21,149.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
KANAWHA COUNTY SCHOOLS 200 ELIZABETH STREET CHARLESTON, WV 25311	55-0697014	GOVERNMENT	0.	53,007.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOLS 4750 DATE AVENUE LA MESA, CA 91942	95-6001813	GOVERNMENT	0.	53,007.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOLS 10 MARLAND AVE HAMLIN, WV 25523	55-6000341	GOVERNMENT	0.	53,007.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT - 333 SOUTH BEAUDRY AVENUE - LOS ANGELES, CA 90017	95-6001908	GOVERNMENT	0.	454,030.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
MARION COUNTY SCHOOLS 200 GASTON AVENUE FAIRMONT, WV 26554	94-7002853	GOVERNMENT	0.	53,007.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
MEMPHIS SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS 160 S. HOLLYWOOD ST MEMPHIS, TN 38112	62-6000834	GOVERNMENT	0.	23,120.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
MERCER COUNTY SCHOOLS 1403 HONAKER AVENUE PRINCETON, WV 24740	55-6000358	GOVERNMENT	0.	53,007.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS - 2601 BRANSFORD AVE - NASHVILLE, TN 37204	62-0717138	GOVERNMENT	0.	63,157.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1450 NE SECOND AVE MIAMI, FL 33132	59-6000572	GOVERNMENT	0.	372,495.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - 52 CHAMBERS STREET - NEW YORK, NY 10007	12-6400434	GOVERNMENT	0.	537,537.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
NEWPORT MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT - 2985 BEAR STREET - COSTA MESA, CA 92626	95-2417783	GOVERNMENT	0.	111,451.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 1000 BROADWAY OAKLAND, CA 94607	94-6000385	GOVERNMENT	0.	58,251.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 451 LINCOLN AVENUE ORANGE, NJ 07050	22-6002180	GOVERNMENT	0.	77,577.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 351 SOUTH HUDSON AVENUE PASADENA, CA 91109	23-7149451	GOVERNMENT	0.	19,707.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
PASSAIC PUBLIC SCHOOLS 663 MAIN AVENUE PASSAIC, NJ 07055	22-6002193	GOVERNMENT	0.	21,059.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 90 DELAWARE AVENUE PATERSON, NJ 07503	22-6002193	GOVERNMENT	0.	21,149.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
ROANE COUNTY SCHOOLS 813 CAPITOL STREET SPENCER, WV 25276	55-6000396	GOVERNMENT	0.	106,014.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS 24661 LAHSER ROAD SOUTHFIELD, MI 48033	38-6003094	GOVERNMENT	0.	50,788.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
SUNFLOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT - 196 MLK DRIVE N - INDIANOLA, MS 38751	46-4432711	GOVERNMENT	0.	59,694.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION

Schedule I (Form 990)

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
TOLEDO PUBLIC SCHOOLS 1609 NORTH SUMMIT STREET TOLEDO, OH 43604	34-6401449	GOVERNMENT	0.	59,961.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
WYOMING COUNTY SCHOOLS 155 PARK STREET PINEVILLE, WY 24874	55-6000422	GOVERNMENT	0.	53,007.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
SUCCESSFUL INCORPORATED 9653 WOODLAND MANOR CV CORDOVA, TN 38018	83-2609179	501(C)(3)	18,200.	28,722.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION 15 STATE STREET NEWARK, NJ 07103	22-6002140	GOVERNMENT	0.	5,888.	FMV	MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS	MUSIC EDUCATION
SOUTHERNWORD 1704 CHARLOTTE AVENUE SUITE 200 NASHVILLE, TN 37203-2972	26-3547391	501(C)(3)	11,500.	0.			MUSIC EDUCATION
MUSIC EDUCATION GROUP 270 LAWRENCE PLACE ATLANTA, GA 30349	20-1512362	501(C)(3)	31,104.	0.			MUSIC EDUCATION
YOUNG MUSICIANS UNITE 1584 NW 29TH STREET MIAMI, FL 33142	46-2610764	501(C)(3)	15,000.	0.			MUSIC EDUCATION
WE MAKE NOISE INC 2812 WEST JASPER DRIVE CHANDLER, AZ 85224	84-4427785	501(C)(3)	43,000.	0.			MUSIC EDUCATION
THE MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION 2550 N. HOLLYWOOD WAY STE. 302 BURBANK, CA 91505	95-4604927	501(C)(3)	25,500.	0.			MUSIC EDUCATION

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY PO BOX 5190 KENT - PO BOX 5190 - KENT, OH 44242	31-6402079	501(C)(3)	5,775.	0.			MUSIC EDUATION
AOSA/NORTHERN NJ ORFF SCHULWERK ASSOCIATION - 39 DOGWOOD ROAD - BOONTON, NJ 07005	22-2638470	501(C)(3)	12,500.	0.			MUSIC EDUATION
EL SISTEMA SANTA CRUZ/PAJARO VALLEY - 235 SOUTH BRANCIFORTE AVE - SANTA CRUZ, CA 95062	84-4998415	501(C)(3)	10,000.	0.			MUSIC EDUATION

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance

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

PART I, LINE 2:

SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION DBA VH1 SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION SURVEYS CURRENT AND FORMER GRANT RECIPIENTS, AS WELL AS MAKES SITE VISITS. THE FOUNDATION AND GRANTEEES COMMUNICATE BY REGULAR MAIL, ELECTRONIC MAIL, TELEPHONE, AND IN PERSON DURING THE YEAR. INFORMATION AND ADVICE ARE PROVIDED TO SCHOOL DISTRICT ART SUPERVISOR AND GRANTEEES CERTIFIED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHERS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS, PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH PROMOTING, MAINTAINING, AND SUSTAINING PROGRAMS PUT IN PLACE.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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

SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

13-6089816

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b	
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?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:		
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a	X
b Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	X
c Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c	X
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?	5a	X
b Any related organization?	5b	X
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?	6a	X
b Any related organization?	6b	X
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	7	X
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	8	X
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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Schedule J (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) HENRY DONAHUE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ASST. SECRETARY	(i)	275,000.	17,000.	774.	11,874.	0.	304,648.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) DANIELLE ZALAZNICK CHIEF DEV. OFFICER & DEPUTY E.D.	(i)	220,981.	0.	414.	10,062.	4,242.	235,699.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(3) CHIHO FEINDLER CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER	(i)	162,166.	0.	270.	7,302.	15,120.	184,858.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(4) JACLYN RUDDEROW SENIOR DIR, SCHOOL PROGRAMS	(i)	114,593.	0.	270.	5,657.	54,104.	174,624.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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Part III Supplemental Information

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

PART I, LINE 7:

**THE BONUS REPORTED IN SHEDULE J, PART II, WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD MEMBERS
OF THE ORGANIZATION.**

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

OMB No. 1545-0047

2025

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 29 or 30.
Attach to Form 990.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization **SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION** Employer identification number **13-6089816**

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded				
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles	X	23	65,864.	FMV
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (<u>MUSIC INSTRUMEN</u>)	X	15,327	2,266,616.	FMV
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 V, Donee Acknowledgment **29** **0**

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 3 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	

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 IN COLUMN (B) REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF ITEMS CONTRIBUTED.

SCHEDULE M, PART I, LINE 32B:
STMF USES CHARITYBUZZ TO CONDUCT ONLINE AUCTION TO SELL DONATED GOODS AND SERVICES SUCH AS SIGNED GUITARS, AIRFARE AND CONCERT TICKET COMBO, ETC.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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Name of the organization

SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

13-6089816

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:
FULL POTENTIAL THROUGH THE POWER OF MAKING MUSIC.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:
ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

THE FOUNDATION VALUES MUSIC AS A CRITICAL LEARNING TOOL THAT KEEPS
STUDENTS ENGAGED IN SCHOOL, HELPS DEVELOP WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS, AND
ENCOURAGES SKILLS THAT ARE VITAL FOR SUCCESS IN THE 21ST CENTURY.

PROGRAM STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE FOUNDATION WORK CLOSELY WITH
SUPERINTENDENTS, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, PRINCIPALS, ARTS COORDINATORS,
AND MUSIC EDUCATORS IN EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT TO IDENTIFY SCHOOLS THAT
ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE. THE FOUNDATION WORKS WITH LOCAL
POLICYMAKERS AND ADVOCATES TO HELP ENSURE SCHOOLS THAT ARE NOT
CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOUNDATION'S RESTORATION OF
MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS TAKE THE STEPS NEEDED TO BECOME ELIGIBLE. THE
FOUNDATION WORKS TO ENABLE EVERY SCHOOL WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO HAVE
ACCESS TO MUSIC EDUCATION. THE FOUNDATION EXPANDS ITS REACH IN SERVING
ALL PUBLIC-SCHOOL STUDENTS PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE.

THE FOUNDATION HAS DEVELOPED A UNIQUE MODEL TO FOSTER EQUITABLE ACCESS
TO COMPREHENSIVE MUSIC EDUCATION FOR ALL CHILDREN. THROUGH STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE FOUNDATION PROVIDES BRAND-NEW
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, METHOD BOOKS, PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT TO PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH
SCHOOLS, JUMP-STARTING DORMANT MUSIC PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. TO
MAKE CERTAIN THAT MUSIC PROGRAMS REMAIN A CORE PART OF THE CURRICULUM
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND THAT THE PROGRAMS LIVE ON IN PERPETUITY, THE
FOUNDATION WORKS WITH SCHOOLS THAT HAVE AGREED TO IMPLEMENT A
SEQUENTIAL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM BASED ON LOCAL, STATE, AND
NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR MUSIC EDUCATION.

GRANT OFFERINGS AND SCHOOLS SERVED

THE FOUNDATION OFFERS SIX DIFFERENT TYPES OF GRANT PACKAGES TO PUBLIC
SCHOOLS BASED ON GRADE LEVEL, NEED, AND THE SCHOOL'S MUSIC PROGRAM
GOALS. THE GRANT PACKAGES ARE DECIDED UPON WITH THE INPUT OF DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL LEADERS, AND THE FOUNDATION'S PROGRAM STAFF. A
SCHOOL MUST MAKE THE COMMITMENT TO CONDUCT THEIR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
PROGRAM AS PART OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL DAY, PROVIDE A DESIGNATED SPACE
FOR MUSIC INSTRUCTION AND INSTRUMENT STORAGE, AND COMMIT TO HIRING A
FULL-TIME, CERTIFIED MUSIC EDUCATOR. BY GUARANTEEING THAT EACH GRANT
RECIPIENT SCHOOL FULFILLS THE SCHEDULE, SPACE, AND STAFF REQUIREMENTS,
THE FOUNDATION FOSTERS A SUSTAINABLE MUSIC PROGRAM.

IN THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED GRANT PACKAGES (CORE,
INTRO TO MUSIC, J DILLA MUSIC TECH, MIDDLE SCHOOLMUSIC TECH, AND
HOMETOWN MUSIC TECH) TO 99 SCHOOLS, TOTALING MORE THAN 22,000 MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS AND PIECES OF MUSICAL EQUIPMENT, IN 44 SCHOOL DISTRICTS
(LISTED BELOW) ACROSS 16 STATES. THESE GRANTS IMPACTED MORE THAN 72,000
STUDENTS AND MUSIC EDUCATORS BY INCREASING THEIR ACCESS TO QUALITY

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, INSTRUCTIONAL BOOKS, EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND RESOURCES. MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EACH GRANT PACKAGE FOLLOWS. 44 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT RECEIVED GRANT PACKAGES IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 (PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE I FOR LIST OF 44 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT RECEIVED GRANTS IN 2025).

CORE GRANT

THE CORE GRANT IN THE FORM OF BAND, STRING, MARIACHI, OR SONIDOS LATINOS HAS BEEN THE CORNERSTONE GRANT THAT THE FOUNDATION PROVIDES TO SCHOOL GRANT RECIPIENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. EACH CORE GRANT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$80,000 AND JUMP-STARTS A NEW INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM AT A SCHOOL. THE CORE BAND GRANT INCLUDES 36 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - WOODWIND, BRASS, AND PERCUSSION. THE STRING GRANT INCLUDES UP TO 36 STRING INSTRUMENTS - VIOLINS, VIOLAS, CELLOS, AND BASSES. THE MARIACHI GRANT INCLUDES 36 MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS BRASS AND STRING INSTRUMENTS, BOTH FRETTED AND UNFRETTED, AS WELL AS MARIACHI BOWTIE AND BELTS. THE SONIDOS LATINOS GRANT INCLUDES 33 INSTRUMENTS FROM THE BAND PACKAGE BRASS AND CLASSICAL PERCUSSION ALONG WITH 13 PIECES OF LATIN PERCUSSION CONGAS, TIMBALES, BONGOS, CLAVES, ETC. ALL CORE GRANTS INCLUDE MUSIC STANDS, INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD BOOKS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR MUSIC TEACHERS, AND FOUNDATION PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR 10 YEARS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED 31 CORE BAND GRANT PACKAGES, 7 CORE STRINGS GRANT PACKAGES, AND 5 CORE SONIDOS LATINOS GRANT PACKAGES, IMPACTING MORE THAN 25,500 STUDENTS AND MUSIC EDUCATORS.

INTRO TO MUSIC GRANT

THE INTRO TO MUSIC GRANT WAS DEVELOPED IN 2018 AND INCLUDES EVERYTHING A MUSIC TEACHER NEEDS TO PROVIDE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 5 WITH SEQUENTIAL, STANDARDS-BASED GENERAL MUSIC INSTRUCTION FOCUSED ON ACTIVE MUSIC-MAKING AND ENGAGEMENT. THE GRANT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$32,000 INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE AND CULTURALLY RELEVANT INSTRUMENTS AND RESOURCES: DIGITAL PIANO, ACOUSTIC GUITAR, ORFF INSTRUMENTS, WORLD DRUMS, RECORDERS, HAND-HELD PERCUSSION, BOOMWHACKERS, A CLASSROOM SET OF UKULELES, INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD BOOKS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR MUSIC TEACHERS, AND FOUNDATION PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR 10 YEARS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED 29 INTRO TO MUSIC GRANT PACKAGES, IMPACTING MORE THAN 15,000 STUDENTS AND MUSIC EDUCATORS.

J DILLA MUSIC TECH GRANT

THE J DILLA MUSIC TECH GRANT WAS DEVELOPED IN 2018 AND FOCUSES ON DELIVERING THE FUTURE OF MUSIC LEARNING THROUGH INNOVATIVE MUSIC TECH TOOLS AND CURRICULUM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. OUR GOAL IS TO BRING OUT STUDENTS' INNER CREATIVITY, TALENT, AND CONFIDENCE BY TEACHING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ELECTRONIC MUSIC CREATION, RECORDING, AND PRODUCTION. IN 2019, THE MUSIC TECH GRANT WAS NAMED AFTER THE LATE, INFLUENTIAL INDUSTRY RAPPER AND HIP-HOP RECORD PRODUCER J DILLA. THE GRANT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$73,000, WHICH INCLUDES HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE TO SUPPORT INSTRUCTION IN AUDIO RECORDING, AUDIO ENGINEERING, DJ-ING, BEAT-MAKING, ALONG WITH IN-DEPTH TRAINING FOR MUSIC TEACHERS, INCLUDING A ONE-ON-ONE MENTORSHIP WITH A LOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY PARTNER AND FOUNDATION PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR 10 YEARS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE

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FOUNDATION DELIVERED 12 J DILLA MUSIC TECH GRANT PACKAGES, IMPACTING MORE THAN 19,000 STUDENTS AND MUSIC EDUCATORS.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC TECH GRANT

IN ADDITION TO THE J DILLA MUSIC TECH GRANT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, THE FOUNDATION HAS CREATED A MUSIC TECHNOLOGY GRANT PACKAGE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, GRADES 4 THROUGH 8, WITH SIMILAR GOALS. THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC TECH GRANT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$38,000 AND INCLUDES MUSIC CREATION SOFTWARE, TECHNOLOGY, AND EQUIPMENT, ALONG WITH A ONE-ONE-ONE MENTORSHIP WITH A LOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY PARTNER AND FOUNDATION PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR 10 YEARS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED 12 MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC TECH GRANTS, IMPACTING NEARLY 8,000 STUDENTS AND MUSIC EDUCATORS.

HOMETOWN MUSIC TECH GRANT

IN 2020, THE FOUNDATION LAUNCHED A PARTNERSHIP WITH SONGFARM, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WORKING TO BUILD RECORDING STUDIOS IN UNDERSERVED HIGH SCHOOLS, SO KIDS HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES. THE HOMETOWNMUSIC TECH GRANT PACKAGE'S MISSION IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE J DILLA MUSIC TECH GRANT AND IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$73,000. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED 3 MUSIC TECH GRANT PACKAGES, IMPACTING MORE THAN 4,500 STUDENTS WITH ACCESS TO QUALITY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND CONTEMPORARY AUDIO PRODUCTION SOFTWARE ALONG WITH A ONE-ONE-ONE MENTORSHIP WITH A LOCAL MUSIC EDUCATION COMMUNITY PARTNER AND FOUNDATION PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR 10 YEARS.

KEYS + KIDS GRANT

THE KEYS + KIDS GRANT SUPPORTS ANY TYPE OF MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING VOCAL/CHORAL, GENERAL MUSIC, MUSICAL THEATER, OR INSTRUMENTAL. THE GRANT IS VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$22,000 AND INCLUDES A CONTEMPORARY DIGITAL HYBRID PIANO, KEYBOARDS, INSTRUCTIONAL METHOD BOOKS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR MUSIC TEACHERS, AND FOUNDATION PROGRAM SUPPORT FOR 10 YEARS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED 0 KEYS + KIDS GRANT PACKAGES, IMPACTING NEARLY 0 STUDENTS AND MUSIC EDUCATORS.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT RECEIVED SUPPLEMENTAL DONATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2025:

SUPPLEMENTAL DONATIONS WERE GIVEN TO SUCCESSFUL INCORPORATED, A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION SERVING DESERVING BAND STUDENTS AND SCHOOL BAND PROGRAMS IN TENNESSEE AND MISSISSIPPI.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

A GRANT OF INSTRUMENTS, EQUIPMENT, AND RESOURCES PROVIDES THE IMPETUS FOR MUSIC PROGRAMS TO BE RESTORED, BUT THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF THE FOUNDATION'S PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS NATIONWIDE.

GRANT RECIPIENT PRINCIPALS ARE PROVIDED WITH HANDS-ON GUIDANCE IN BUILDING AN IN SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM THE FOUNDATION'S PROGRAM STAFF ASSISTS PRINCIPALS AND MUSIC TEACHERS IN DEVELOPING THEIR MUSIC PROGRAM THROUGH WORKSHOPS, PERSONAL MEETINGS, AND ONGOING SUPPORT SUCH AS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, SITE VISITS AND ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH BOTH FOUNDATION LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARTNERS.

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IN INSTANCES WHERE SCHOOL PROGRAMS, INITIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE FOUNDATION, FACED THE IMMINENT RISK OF ELIMINATION, PROACTIVE MEASURES WERE TAKEN. IN EACH SCENARIO, A LETTER EXPRESSING THE FOUNDATION'S APPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DISCONTINUATION WAS PROVIDED TO THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL, MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE CORRESPONDENCE REFERENCED THE INITIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FOUNDATION AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, SERVING AS A REMINDER OF THE MUTUAL COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINING THE PROGRAM. SUBSEQUENTLY, MEETINGS WERE ORCHESTRATED TO ENGAGE WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, PROVIDING A PLATFORM FOR CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE. NOTABLY, THESE CONCERTED EFFORTS PROVED EFFECTIVE, AS MOST OF THE PROGRAMS WERE SUCCESSFULLY PRESERVED AND SPARED FROM ELIMINATION.

THE CONVERSATIONS THAT TAKE PLACE WHILE ADVOCATING IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES PROVE MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN DECISION MAKERS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS, STAKEHOLDERS, AND FUNDERS ARE ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC EDUCATION. FOR THIS REASON, THE FOUNDATION EMPLOYS SEVERAL STRATEGIES ON A NATIONAL SCALE TO BUILD THE GROUNDWORK FOR SUCCESSFUL LOCAL ADVOCACY.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM STAFF OFFERED NEW GRANT RECIPIENTS MUSIC TEACHERS, SCHOOL LEADERS, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, AND SUPPORT STAFF THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR GRANT AND HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY SUSTAIN THEIR MUSIC PROGRAMS IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. THE FOUNDATION OFFERED THREE VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSIONS IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER. A TOTAL OF 90 GRANT RECIPIENT CONTACTS FROM 27 SCHOOL DISTRICTS ATTENDED.

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TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

THE FOUNDATION AND ITS SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERS STRATEGICALLY CO-CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATORS TO ENGAGE IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING THAT FOCUS ON GROWING THEIR SKILLS AND BUILDING THEIR MUSIC PROGRAMS. SINCE THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR, THE FOUNDATION HAS PRIORITIZED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS AS A NECESSITY FOR EVERY GRANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY. THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE TAILORED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNER. THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, OR TEACHER PROGRAMS, FUNDS WERE SPENT ON PRODUCING WORKSHOPS, SPONSORING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEACHERS TO ATTEND CONFERENCES AND ENROLL IN CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES, AS WELL AS OFFERING A MENTORSHIP PROGRAM BETWEEN TEACHERS AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EXPERTS. TEACHER PROGRAMS ARE DETAILED BELOW.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION SPONSORED 30 WORKSHOPS AND KEYNOTE EXPERIENCES FOR MUSIC EDUCATORS IN 17 ACTIVE GRANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND COMMUNITIES. EXPERT CLINICIANS PRESENTED TOPICS SUCH AS MUSIC TECHNOLOGY, FOUNDATIONS OF ENSEMBLE INSTRUCTION AND INSTRUMENTAL PEDAGOGY, ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODS, CLASSROOM CULTURE AND COMMUNITY, MINDFUL MUSIC MAKING, LANGUAGE ARTS INTEGRATION. THE FOUNDATION OFTEN PRODUCES ELEMENTS OF THE WORKSHOPS INCLUDING CLINICIAN CONTRACTS, PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION, SESSION MATERIALS, AGENDA AND SCHEDULE, FEEDBACK SURVEY, AND HANDS-ON DAY-OF SUPPORT.

THE FOUNDATION PARTNERED WITH 8 ORGANIZATIONS TO SPONSOR 9 DIFFERENT

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 47 MUSIC EDUCATORS IN ACTIVE GRANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ENROLL IN A CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE. SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE THE FULL COST OF TUITION ALONG WITH A CASH STIPEND AS APPLICABLE. THESE COURSES ENHANCE AND ELEVATE TEACHING PRACTICES, THUS EMPOWERING EDUCATORS IN THE CLASSROOM AND EMPOWERING THEIR STUDENTS.

PARTNER, COURSE SCHOOL DISTRICT(S) OR COMMUNITY, STATE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

-MUSIC CONSTRUCTED, LEARNING COURSE SUBSCRIPTION AND GRADUATE COURSE SONOMA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CA 2

-COBB COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, ORFF LEVELS COURSE ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, GA 6

-LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORFF CHAPTER, ORFF LEVELS COURSE GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

-WORLD MUSIC DRUMMING, DRUMMING LEVEL 1 AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OH 4

-KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, ORFF LEVELS COURSE AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OH 7

-WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY, J DILLA MUSIC TECH TEACHING WORKSHOP COURSE CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, OH 2

-WORLD MUSIC DRUMMING, FESTIVAL BRAZIL! MIAMI DADE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FL 11

-NORTHERN NEW JERSEY CHAPTER OF AMERICAN ORFF-SCHULWERK ASSOCIATION, ORFF LEVELS COURSES ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EAST ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ORANGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NJ 7

-NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ORFF-SCHULWERK ASSOCIATION, ORFF LEVELS COURSES NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NY 3

THE FOUNDATION PARTNERED WITH 2 ORGANIZATIONS TO SPONSOR 2 DIFFERENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 9 MUSIC EDUCATORS IN ACTIVE GRANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BECOME MEMBERS OF MUSIC EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONS. SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP COST. THE MEMBERSHIPS PROVIDE MUSIC TEACHING RESOURCES, OPPORTUNITIES TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES, AND CONNECTIONS TO FELLOW EDUCATORS.

PARTNER, MEMBERSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT(S) OR COMMUNITY, STATE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

-NEW YORK CITY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ORFF-SCHULWERK ASSOCIATION, CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NY 1

-LOS ANGELES COUNTY ORFF CHAPTER, CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP GARDEN GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CA - 8

THE FOUNDATION PARTNERED WITH 7 ORGANIZATIONS TO SPONSOR 7 DIFFERENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS FOR 51 MUSIC EDUCATORS IN GRANTEE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ATTEND AN EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE. SCHOLARSHIPS MAY INCLUDE CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS, STIPENDS FOR TRAVEL AND MEAL COSTS, AND HOTEL STAYS, DEPENDING ON THE EASE OF TRAVELING TO THE EVENT. CONFERENCES PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN PROVEN PRACTICES FOR THE MUSIC CLASSROOM AND CONNECT WITH FELLOW EDUCATORS.

PARTNER, CONFERENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT(S) OR COMMUNITY, STATE NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS

-CALIFORNIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA ALL-STATE MUSIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE SACRAMENTO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

-THE NAMM FOUNDATION, THE NAMM SHOW ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL

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DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL	
DISTRICT, SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CA 16	
-MINNESOTA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION, MIDWINTER CONVENTION SAINT	
PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MN 3	
-NEW JERSEY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION, ANNUAL ALL-STATE CONFERENCE	
ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS, JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ORANGE PUBLIC	
SCHOOLS, PASSAIC PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NJ 18	
-CONN SELMER, CONN SELMER INSTITUTE MIDWEST CONFERENCE NEWTON	
MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, MS 1	
-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, STRING TEACHER WORKSHOP COURSE SACRAMENTO	
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CA 1	
-THE MIDWEST CLINIC, THE INTERNATIONAL BAND AND ORCHESTRA CONFERENCE	
WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY SCHOOLS, WV 7	

THE FOUNDATION PARTNERED WITH 18 GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATORS IN ACTIVE GRANTEE COMMUNITIES WITH A HIGH LEVEL OF EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE MENTORSHIP, GUIDANCE, AND INDIVIDUALIZED CONTENT SUPPORT TO 77 GRANTEE MUSIC TEACHERS. HANDS-ON PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAS THE IMPACT OF EMPOWERING TEACHERS AND ELEVATING THEIR SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES TO THEN PASS ON TO THEIR STUDENTS. FOR MUSIC TECHNOLOGY GRANTEE TEACHERS, THE LOCAL MUSIC TECH SUPPORT PARTNER IS ENGAGED TO ENSURE THE GRANT IS IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY IN THEIR CLASSROOMS. MENTORSHIPS WITH ORGANIZATIONS ARE ACTIVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

PARTNER (TYPE OF MENTORSHIP) SCHOOL DISTRICT(S) OR COMMUNITY, STATE NUMBER OF MENTEES

-WE MAKE NOISE PHOENIX (MUSIC TECH) MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PHOENIX UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AZ 3

-WE MAKE NOISE LOS ANGELES (MUSIC TECH) ANAHEIM UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, COMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, SAN GABRIEL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DOWNEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CA 11

-BRIAN SOLIS OF SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE (MUSIC TECH) SWEETWATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CA 1

-BLUE BEAR SCHOOL OF MUSIC (MUSIC TECH) OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, CA 4

-YOUNG MUSICIANS UNITE (MUSIC TECH) MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FL 6

-MUSIC EDUCATION GROUP (MUSIC TECH) ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DEKALB COUNTY SCHOOLS, COBB COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS, GA 14

-DARREN SAUNDERS (MUSIC TECH) - BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MD 2

-MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL-DETROIT (MUSIC TECH) DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT, WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MI 3

-4 LEARNING (MUSIC TECH) MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MN 3

-RECORD HIGH (MUSIC TECH) JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND IRVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NJ 3

-WE MAKE NOISE NEW YORK CITY (MUSIC TECH) NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, NY 9

-DR. JAY DORFMAN OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY (MUSIC TECH) AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OH 2

-MEMPHIS MUSIC INITIATIVE (MUSIC TECH) MEMPHIS-SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS, TN 2

-RYAN EASTER OF THE DRAWINGBOARD EXPERIENCE (MUSIC TECH) CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, OH 2

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-SOUTHERN WORD (MUSIC TECH) NASHVILLE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT, TN	
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-DR. JAMES MIKE BOGLE OF DALLAS COLLEGE (MUSIC TECH) DALLAS	
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TX 2	
-WORDS BEATS AND LIFE (MUSIC TECH) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC	
SCHOOLS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 1	
-MINDFULNESS THROUGH MUSIC (INSTRUMENTAL AND ELEMENTARY MUSIC)	
CLAIBORNE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEWTON MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,	
SUNFLOWER COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MS 5	

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VIRTUAL GATHERINGS

IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, SAVE THE MUSIC PROGRAM AND POLICY STAFF MEMBERS HOSTED 14 VIRTUAL GATHERINGS, INCLUDING ROUNDTABLES FOR GRANT RECIPIENT EDUCATORS, AND FREE WORKSHOPS FOR THE FOUNDATION'S NETWORK OF MUSIC TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC.

THE FOUNDATION HOSTED ROUNDTABLES FOR DISTRICT ARTS LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR (AUGUST THROUGH MAY) TO GATHER SCHOOL DISTRICT-LEVEL MUSIC AND CURRICULUM COORDINATORS AND SUPERVISORS NATIONWIDE WHO HAVE RECEIVED, OR WILL RECEIVE, A SAVE THE MUSIC GRANT. PARTICIPANTS WERE INVITED TO DISCUSS CHALLENGES, SUCCESSES, SUSTAINABILITY, EDUCATION POLICY, AND ADVOCACY AS A GROUP WITH THE GOAL OF CREATING A NATIONAL COMMUNITY OF DISTRICT ARTS LEADERS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED 5 OF THESE SESSIONS IMPACTING NEARLY 50 DISTRICT ARTS LEADERS

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THE FOUNDATION HOSTED ROUNDTABLES FOR MUSIC TEACHERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A MUSIC TECHNOLOGY GRANT ALONG WITH THE NETWORK OF LOCAL SUPPORT MENTORS. ATTENDEES SHARED SUCCESS AND CHALLENGES FROM THE CLASSROOM, AS WELL AS IDEAS FOR CURRICULUM AND CLASSROOM LESSONS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED 2 OF THESE SESSIONS IMPACTING NEARLY 30 EDUCATORS AND PARTNERS .

THE FOUNDATION PRODUCED AND HOSTED PUBLIC WORKSHOPS FOR ITS NETWORK OF MUSIC TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC. THE SESSIONS WERE HOSTED IN COLLABORATION WITH EXPERTS, LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS, AS WELL AS FOUNDATION PARTNERS IN WHICH THEIR RESOURCES ARE FEATURED IN SAVE THE MUSIC GRANT PACKAGES. PRESENTERS GAVE RESOURCES AND CONDUCTED DEMONSTRATIONS FOR TEACHERS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT. SESSION TOPICS AND PARTNERS INCLUDED THE FOUNDATION'S MUSIC TECH SET-UP GUIDE FEATURING WE MAKE NOISE, UKULELE PLAYING AND TEACHING WITH MUSIC WILL, PROJECT-BASED LEARNING WITH SPLICE, MAKEMUSIC CLOUD WITH ALFRED MUSIC, AND USING SOUNDTRAP IN THE CLASSROOM. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION DELIVERED 7 OF THESE SESSIONS IMPACTING OVER 100 EDUCATORS.

MUSIC INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

THE FOUNDATION PARTNERS WITH ARTIST MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, MUSIC INDUSTRY LEADERS, AND MUSICIANS FOR IN-CLASSROOM OR IN-OFFICE EVENTS, INTERVIEWS, AND PERFORMANCES AT GRANTEE SCHOOLS. THESE SCHOOL VISITS PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS TO LEARN AND EXPLORE CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. STUDENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO DISCOVER A POTENTIAL JOB OR ROLE IN MUSIC WITH MORE ACCESS TO THOSE IN THE INDUSTRY. ARTISTS AND EXECUTIVES OFTEN VISIT SCHOOLS IN THEIR HOMETOWN OR CURRENT HOME LOCATION, CREATING CONNECTIONS THAT ARE

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IMPACTFUL IN THE COMMUNITY. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, PARTNERS FOR MUSIC INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS INCLUDED BECKY G, SIRIUSXM, BOSE, AMAZON MUSIC, BILLBOARD, SWITCHFOOT, OLD DOMINION, DASHA, AEG, WARNER MUSIC GROUP, ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME.	

ONLINE TEACHING & LEARNING RESOURCES

IN FISCAL YEAR 2020, THE FOUNDATION'S MUSIC EDUCATION RESOURCES PAGE WAS LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES ENGAGE WITH MUSIC WHILE LEARNING AT HOME DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. IN AUGUST 2020, THE MUSIC EDUCATION RESOURCES PAGE WAS RELAUNCHED WITH A NEW, USER-FRIENDLY DESIGN IN TIME FOR THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR. SINCE THEN, THE WEBSITE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY EXPANDED BY LISTING RESOURCES THAT INCLUDE ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, DIGITAL CURRICULUM AND LESSONS, FREE MUSIC CLASSROOM APPS AND SOFTWARE, AND ORIGINAL CONTENT BY THE FOUNDATION. EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA HAVE BEEN USED TO PROMOTE THIS PAGE REGULARLY. THE MUSIC EDUCATION RESOURCES PAGE CONTINUES TO EVOLVE AND IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, IT FEATURED LINKS TO MORE THAN 150 RELEVANT ONLINE PLATFORMS, APPS, TOOLS, WEBSITES, AND ARTICLES FOR EDUCATORS, STUDENTS, AND FAMILIES.

SCHOOL LEADERS

THE FOUNDATION TARGETS SCHOOL LEADER CONFERENCES TO SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE VITAL NEED FOR MUSIC EDUCATION. EACH YEAR, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS GATHER TO SHARE INFORMATION THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO MAKE IMPORTANT DECISIONS ABOUT THE CURRICULUM IN THEIR SCHOOLS. THE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION (AASA) HAS GRANTED THE FOUNDATION AND OTHER MUSIC-EDUCATION ADVOCATES A SECTION OF THEIR CONVENTION SPACES TO BE USED AS A SPECIAL PAVILION DEVOTED TO SPREADING THE WORD ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC EDUCATION. SINCE 2005, SAVE THE MUSIC HAS BEEN JOINED BY INSTRUMENT MANUFACTURERS, RETAILERS, AND THE NAMM FOUNDATION'S SUPPORT MUSIC COALITION IN THE MUSIC PAVILIONS.

THE FOUNDATION HONORS IN FRONT OF THOUSANDS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS AND ADMINISTRATORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEADERS WHO HAVE BEEN SUPPORTIVE OF MUSIC EDUCATION AT AASA'S ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE. IN THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR, THE SAVE THE MUSIC'S NATIONAL AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SUPPORT OF MUSIC EDUCATION WAS PRESENTED TO DR. ADRIENNE BATTLE, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF METRO NASHVILLE SCHOOL IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. IN TOTAL, THE FOUNDATION HAS DELIVERED A TOTAL OF 74 GRANTS SINCE 1999 TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WHERE MUSIC EDUCATION REMAINS A PRIORITY.

CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

THE FOUNDATION OFTEN PROVIDES WORKSHOPS ON THE BENEFITS OF MUSIC EDUCATION AT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES. TOPICS FOR THESE WORKSHOPS INCLUDE BUILDING AND EXPANDING COMMUNITY MUSIC EDUCATION ECOSYSTEMS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION PARTNERED WITH:

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION IN WASHINGTON DC ON 1/10/25 FOR A 45-MINUTE PRESENTATION
NAMM SHOW IN ANAHEIM, CA ON 1/22/25 AND ON 1/25/25 FOR AN HOUR-LONG PRESENTATION EACH
AME INSTITUTE IN BURBANK, CA, ON 6/25/25 FOR AN HOUR-LONG PRESENTATION
ACTE CONFERENCE IN NASHVILLE, TN ON 12/9/25 FOR A 45-MINUTE PRESENTATION
MISSISSIPPI BANDMASTERS CLINIC IN NATCHEZ, MS ON 12/12/25 FOR A**

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50-MINUTE PRESENTATION

MIDWEST BAND & ORCHESTRA CLINIC IN CHICAGO, IL ON 12/18/25 FOR AN HOUR-LONG PRESENTATION

CONVENINGS

A CONVENING IS AN EVENT OVER THE COURSE OF ONE TO THREE DAYS WHERE STAKEHOLDERS, SPEAKERS, AND SPECIAL GUESTS ARE GATHERED TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF MUSIC EDUCATION IN THEIR COMMUNITY. STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATORS, LOCAL COMMUNITY MUSIC PROGRAMS, FOUNDATIONS AND NATIONAL FUNDERS, CITY LEADERS, CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS, ARTS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, AND LOCAL MUSICIANS. STAKEHOLDERS BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND NETWORKS, SHARE RESOURCES, AND COMMIT TO A SHARED VISION OF STRENGTHENING MUSIC EDUCATION IN THEIR COMMUNITY. IN FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE FOUNDATION CO-PRODUCED REMIXING THE INDUSTRY, A TWO-DAY EVENT FOR STUDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS IN NEW YORK CITY, TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF MUSIC EDUCATION AND ITS CONNECTIONS TO CAREER PATHWAYS IN THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. APPROXIMATELY 70 STUDENTS AND 10 TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF WERE IN ATTENDANCE ON THE FIRST DAY FOR STUDENT-FOCUSED CONTENT, AND APPROXIMATELY 39 STAKEHOLDERS ATTENDED THE SECOND DAY FOR COMMUNITY-FOCUSED DISCUSSION.

SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS

THE FOUNDATION SHARES GRANT RECIPIENT UPDATES AND STORIES OF IMPACT ON ITS SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS AND IN EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS WITH FOUNDATION STAKEHOLDERS. STORIES INCLUDE INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PRINCIPALS, PICTURES AND VIDEOS OF STUDENTS PLAYING INSTRUMENTS IN SCHOOL OR IN PERFORMANCE, AND EVENTS THAT OCCUR AROUND THE FOUNDATION'S INVESTMENT OF INSTRUMENTS AT A SCHOOL. IN THESE COMMUNICATIONS, FUNDERS AND PARTNERS ARE OFTEN ACKNOWLEDGED, AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT'S CONTINUED SUPPORT OF MUSIC EDUCATION IN THEIR COMMUNITY. SHARING STORIES OF IMPACT SHOWS THE FOUNDATION'S CONSTANT RELATIONSHIP WITH ITS GRANT RECIPIENT SCHOOLS AND ITS ADVOCACY FOR CONTINUED MUSIC EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. SOCIAL COMMUNICATIONS ALSO INCLUDES RESEARCH ON HOW MUSIC EDUCATION AND SUPPORT FROM MUSICAL ARTISTS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND LOCAL OR STATE LAWMAKERS POSITIVELY IMPACTS CHILDREN. HUNDREDS OF POSTS ARE MADE EACH YEAR TO THOUSANDS OF USERS AND FOLLOWERS. THE FOUNDATION SENDS 11 EMAILS PER YEAR TO THE PROGRAM AND GRANT RECIPIENT NETWORK FOR GRANTEE-SPECIFIC NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES.

HONORS

NO HONORS WERE RECEIVED IN 2025.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2:

CANDICE BRANCAZIO, DIRECTOR; WANDA CORIANO, DIRECTOR; ELENA DIAZ, CO-CHAIRPERSON/DIRECTOR; LESLIE FRAM, DIRECTOR; TIM WEATHERSPOON, DIRECTOR; AND HENRY DONAHUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ASST SECRETARY HAVE A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP. CANDICE BRANCAZIO, DIRECTOR AND LESLIE FRAM, DIRECTOR HAD A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4:

THE ORGANIZATION UPDATED THE BYLAWS IN SEPTEMBER 2025 TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCES TO PARAMOUNT GLOBAL AND VIACOM MEDIA NETWORKS, REFLECTING THE TERMINATION OF THE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARAMOUNT/VMN AND THE FOUNDATION'S NEW INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.

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

PROCESS USED BY THE FOUNDATION TO REVIEW 990 - IRS FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THIRD-PARTY TAX PREPARER ORGANIZATION. IT IS SENT TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS, AND ACTING CONTROLLER TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO THIRD-PARTY TAX PREPARER ORGANIZATION. IF FEEDBACK CREATES CORRECTION, UPDATED DRAFT IS PROVIDED. AFTER UPDATED DRAFT IS PROVIDED, IT IS PROVIDED TO AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBERS. AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING IS HELD IN WHICH IS REVIEWS AND APPROVES 990 SUBJECT TO FULL BOARD REVIEW OF 990. AFTER THE AUDIT COMMITTEE APPROVES DRAFT 990, DRAFT 990 IS SENT TO FULL BOARD FOR THEIR REVIEW. IF THERE ARE NO CORRECTIONS FROM THE BOARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR INSTRUCTS THIRD-PARTY TAX PREPARER ORGANIZATION TO ELECTRONICALLY FILE, FOLLOWED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELECTRONICALLY SIGNING 990.

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

MONITORING AND ENFORCING COMPLIANCE WITH CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY - CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY STATEMENTS ARE REQUESTED FROM EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUALLY. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY STATEMENTS ARE DISTRIBUTED WITH BOARD PACKETS AND AT EACH BOARD MEETING. REMINDERS ARE SENT TO BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT SUBMITTED A COMPLETED CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT. STATEMENTS ARE REVIEWED TO KNOW AND ADDRESS ISSUES REGARDING FAMILY AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS. SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION ADDRESS KNOWN CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025.

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

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION (THE "COMMITTEE") IS RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT OF THE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS PROGRAMS FOR EXECUTIVE LEVEL STAFF (INCLUDING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; CHIEF DEVELOPMENT OFFICER/DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER; AND SENIOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS) AND ENSURING THAT THE COMPENSATION POLICIES OF THE SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION ARE CONSISTENT WITH AND IN SUPPORT OF THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION, VALUES, AND GOALS. THE INTENT OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO PROVIDE A COMPETITIVE TOTAL COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR EXECUTIVES THAT PROMOTES THE ORGANIZATION'S LONG-TERM STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, AND IS REASONABLE, APPROPRIATE, AND FAIR. THE COMMITTEE INCLUDES AT LEAST THREE INDEPENDENT BOARD MEMBERS THAT DETERMINE THE COMPENSATION OF THE KEY EMPLOYEES AND HIGHEST COMPENSATED. THE COMMITTEE IS PROVIDED WITH COMPARABLE SALARY FOR SIMILAR POSITION IN SIMILAR SIZE AND TYPE ORGANIZATIONS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEE CONDUCTS AN ONGOING GOAL-SETTING AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS FOR KEY EMPLOYEES AND HIGHEST COMPENSATED. THE OUTCOME TO THIS PROCESS IS SHARED WITH THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE IS ALSO PROVIDED OVERALL QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS TO THE ORGANIZATION, AND TENURE AT THE ORGANIZATION FOR EACH EXECUTIVE. THE COMMITTEE MAKES THEIR DECISIONS ABOUT COMPENSATION AND DOCUMENTS ITS DECISION IN THE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES. KEY EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION IS THEN RATIFIED BY THE BOARD AS PART OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL BUDGET DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION OF A BOARD MEETING WITH QUORUM PRESENT.

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

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

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE. THE

