

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

**2017**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**A** For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning **04/01**, 2017, and ending **03/31**, 2018

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization **NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY**  
 Doing business as  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**8 E 41ST STREET 8TH FLOOR**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**NEW YORK, NY, 10017**

**D** Employer identification number  
**13-2992567**

**E** Telephone number  
**800-221-4602**

**F** Name and address of principal officer: **SARA WEIR**  
**8 E 41ST STREET 8TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10017**

**G** Gross receipts \$ **3,848,355**

**H(a)** Is this a group return for subordinates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** Are all subordinates included?  Yes  No  
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

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

**J** Website: ▶ **WWW.NDSS.ORG**

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation: **1979** **M** State of legal domicile: **DE**

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

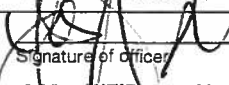
**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>THE NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY IS THE LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH DOWN SYNDROME.</b>		
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>36</b>
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>199</b>
	<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>b</b>	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>
Revenue	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<b>3,130,011</b>	<b>2,510,354</b>
	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>17,221</b>	<b>35,911</b>
	<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>6,394,338</b>	<b>273,312</b>
	<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>427,629</b>	<b>443,510</b>
	<b>12</b>	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>9,969,199</b>	<b>3,263,087</b>
Expenses	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<b>21,021</b>	<b>26,265</b>
	<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<b>1,075,338</b>	<b>1,194,436</b>
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>11,517</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>617,688</b>		
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	<b>1,023,625</b>	<b>2,659,028</b>
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2,131,501</b>	<b>3,879,729</b>
<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>7,837,698</b>	<b>-616,642</b>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<b>12,263,963</b>	<b>12,257,595</b>
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>402,973</b>	<b>372,975</b>
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>11,860,990</b>	<b>11,884,620</b>

**Part II Signature Block**

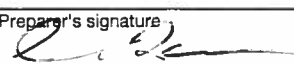
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**

Signature of Officer:  Date: **12/20/2018**

**SARA WEIR, PRESIDENT**  
Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name: **CHRIS SCHOLTES CPA** Preparer's signature:  Date: **12/13/18** Check  if self-employed PTIN: **P01607734**

Firm's name ▶ **CEA SCHOLTES AND ASSOCIATES** Firm's EIN ▶ **03-0483170**

Firm's address ▶ **106 TUNBRIDGE ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21212** Phone no. **410-323-0010**

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

- 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
**THE NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY IS THE LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION FOR ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH DOWN SYNDROME.**
- 2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 268,233 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )  
**INCLUSIVE HEALTH & SPORTS - NATIONAL INCLUSIVE HEALTH AND SPORTS PROGRAM, FEATURING THE NATIONAL BUDDY WALK(R) PROGRAM, ATHLETE AMBASSADOR TEAM, PREMIER CHARITY RACING TEAMS AND OUR HEALTHY COMMUNITY. THE NATIONAL BUDDY WALK(R) PROGRAM IS THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY RECOGNIZED PUBLIC AWARENESS PROGRAM FOR THE DOWN SYNDROME COMMUNITY AND INCLUDES MORE THAN 250 WALKS ACROSS THE US AND INTERNATIONALLY. LAST YEAR, 330,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN A BUDDY WALK(R) EVENT AND RAISED MORE THAN \$14 MILLION TO BENEFIT LOCAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AS WELL AS SUPPORT NDSS' FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WITH DOWN SYNDROME.**

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 842,282 including grants of \$ 25,688 ) (Revenue \$ 35,911 )  
**COMMUNITY OUTREACH - NDSS' COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMS PROVIDE THE BEST, MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND ACCURATE INFORMATION AND RESOURCES ON DOWN SYNDROME IN THE WORLD, AVAILABLE IN OVER 150 LANGUAGES. THROUGH THE GOODWIN INFORMATION & REFERRAL CENTER, NDSS RECEIVES MORE THAN 10,000 REQUESTS A YEAR FOR INFORMATION ON DOWN SYNDROME THROUGH IT TOLL-FREE HELPLINE AND E-MAIL SERVICES. NDSS RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS, PROFESSIONALS, SELF-ADVOCATES AND OTHER INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, NDSS PUBLISHES AND DISSEMINATES NEW AND EXPECTANT PARENT GUIDES, A BOOKLET FOR CAREGIVERS OF OLDER ADULTS WITH DOWN SYNDROME AND INFORMATIONAL BROCHURES, ALL AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND SPANISH. WEB-BASED CONTENT FOR NEW AND EXPECTANT PARENTS IS AVAILABLE IN FOUR TRANSLATED LANGUAGES AND A POSTER/TEACHER'S GUIDE FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IS AVAILABLE AND DISSEMINATED TO SCHOOLS, EDUCATORS AND PARENTS. NDSS IS PROUD TO OFFER VARIOUS ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR SELF-ADVOCATES, INCLUDING, THE O'NEILL TABANI**  
 (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 1)

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 401,618 including grants of \$ 480 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )  
**ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC POLICY - THE NDSS ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY CENTER CREATES SYSTEMIC CHANGE THROUGH LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY AND FOCUSES ON ISSUES ACROSS THE LIFESPAN OF AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DOWN SYNDROME. OUR COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA IS CENTERED AROUND FIVE IMPORTANT AREAS: HEALTHCARE & RESEARCH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY, COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT. THESE PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN SHAPED BY SELF-ADVOCATES, FAMILIES, AFFILIATE LEADERS AND OTHERS UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE NDSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THE ABLE ACT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL IN DECEMBER 2014, NDSS LED A CROSS-DISABILITY INITIATIVE TO PASS 48 STATE ABLE LAWS TO FACILITATE STATE ABLE PROGRAMS. AT THE STATE LEVEL, NDSS WORKED TO PASS DOWN SYNDROME PRO-INFORMATION BILLS, NONDISCRIMINATION IN ORGAN TRANSPLANTATION BILLS AND A BILL TO ESTABLISH THE ETHAN SAYLOR ALLIANCE TO TRAIN SELF-ADVOCATES AS EDUCATORS IN POLICE TRAINING. NDSS RECENTLY**  
 (Continued on Schedule O, Statement 2)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) **See Schedule O, Statement 3**  
 (Expenses \$ 1,409,152 including grants of \$ 97 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

4e Total program service expenses **2,921,285**

**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>	✓	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? . . . . .	✓	
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>		✓
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .</i>	✓	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .</i>	✓	
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>	✓	
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .</i>		✓
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>	✓	
12 a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .</i>	✓	
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>		✓
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .</i>		✓
14 a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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 (see instructions) . . . . .</i>		✓
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>	✓	
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>		✓

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

	Yes	No
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .</i>		✓
b <i>If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .</i>		
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>		✓
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>	✓	
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>	✓	
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>		✓
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 <b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> 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>		✓
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>		✓
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>		✓
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>		✓
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		✓
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		✓
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		✓
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>	✓	
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>		✓
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? . . . . .		✓
b <i>If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		
36 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		✓
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>		✓
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> 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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes lines 1a-1c, 2a-2b, 3a-3b, 4a-4b, 5a-5c, 6a-6b, 7a-7h, 8, 9a-9b, 10a-10b, 11a-11b, 12a-12b, 13a-13c, and 14a-14b.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b 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?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 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; b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 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?; 16b 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 See Schedule O, Statement 4
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
[ ] Own website [ ] Another's website [x] Upon request [ ] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: >

CEA SCHOLTES AND ASSOCIATES, (410)323-0010

106 TUNBRIDGE ROAD, BALTIMORE, MD 21212

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
F GORDON SPOOR CHAIR	1.5 0			✓				0	0	0
CAPT ROBERT P TAISHOFF FORMER CHAIR	1.5 0			✓				0	0	0
CHARLES E SYMINGTON JR VICE CHAIR	1.5 0			✓				0	0	0
CARLO FRAPPOLLI TREASURER	1.5 0			✓				0	0	0
TIFFANY BARFIELD SECRETARY	1.5 0			✓				0	0	0
AMY G ALLYN DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0
CHRISTOPHER BROOKS DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0
PAUL BRUNSWICK DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0
JANET EISSENSTAT DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0
STEVE FREEMAN DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0
SEAN FROMM DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0
CHARLES A GERHARDT III DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0
ELIZABETH GOODWIN DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0
ANTHONY GOSTKOWSKI DIRECTOR	0.70 0			✓				0	0	0

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BRANDON GRUBER ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
ANNETTE HALPRIN ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
MARK JOHNSON ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
RICK KOSMALSKI ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
HEATHER LAVALLEE ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
HONORABLE JIM NUSSLE ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
ROGER H REEVES ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
BRIAN RODGERS ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
ERIN THOMPSON ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
LAURIE WALTERS ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
TIMOTHY WILBRICHT ----- DIRECTOR	0.70 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0	0
SARA WEIR ----- PRESIDENT	40.00 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	256,046	0	11,533
CEA SCHOLTES AND ASSOCIATES ----- DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	30 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	87,246	0	0
HARRY JELLINEK ----- DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	40.00 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	32,138	0	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	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 158,178					
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 0					
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b> 0					
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b> 0					
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b> 0					
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 2,352,176					
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	124,129					
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . . ▶		<b>2,510,354</b>				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	CONFERENCE INCOME	Business Code 900099	35,911	35,911	0	0
<b>b</b>		-----						
<b>c</b>		-----						
<b>d</b>		-----						
<b>e</b>		-----						
<b>f</b>		All other program service revenue .		0	0	0	0	
<b>g</b>		<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . . ▶		<b>35,911</b>				
<b>Other Revenue</b>		<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . . ▶		244,143	0	0	244,143
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶		0	0	0	0	
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . . ▶		0	0	0	0	
	<b>6a</b>	Gross rents . . . . .	(i) Real	0	0			
			(ii) Personal	0	0			
				0	0			
			<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . . ▶		0	0	0
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	215,803	0			
			(ii) Other					
				186,634	0			
			<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . . ▶		29,169	0	0
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . a		808,011				
			<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . . b	396,514			
			<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . ▶		411,497	0	411,497
	<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . . a						
<b>b</b>			Less: direct expenses . . . . . b					
<b>c</b>			Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶					
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . . a		12,641					
		<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . . b	2,120				
		<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶		10,521	10,521	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
<b>11a</b>	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	900099	21,492	21,492	0	0		
<b>b</b>	-----							
<b>c</b>	-----							
<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .		0	0	0	0		
<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . . ▶		<b>21,492</b>					
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions. . . . . ▶		<b>3,263,087</b>	<b>67,924</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>684,809</b>		

**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
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	0	0		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	26,265	26,265		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .	0	0		
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	0	0		
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	331,309	278,153	18,145	35,011
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	706,427	593,088	38,688	74,651
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	24,249	20,418	1,304	2,527
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	57,499	48,415	3,093	5,991
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	74,952	63,110	4,032	7,810
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .	65,215	0	65,215	0
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	110,246	0	110,246	0
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .	43,073	43,073	0	0
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .	17,695	0	17,695	0
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .	2,122	1,879	10	233
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	957,898	789,513	7,236	161,149
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .	65,842	22,382	35,279	8,181
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	159,622	134,402	8,587	16,633
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	570,830	402,811	965	167,054
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	274,565	245,163	13,886	15,516
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .	28,234	25,622	0	2,612
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	18,753	15,790	1,009	1,954
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	13,202	8,676	2,298	2,228
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> CONSULTANTS	134,749	121,104	416	13,229
<b>b</b> MISCELLANEOUS	87,956	46,148	7,205	34,603
<b>c</b> CREDIT CARD FEES	59,800	9	3,946	55,845
<b>d</b> REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	10,073	8,483	541	1,049
<b>e</b> All other expenses	39,153	26,781	960	11,412
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	3,879,729	2,921,285	340,756	617,688
<b>26</b> 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
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	479,112	<b>1</b>	754,279
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	0	<b>2</b>	0
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	1,831,612	<b>3</b>	158,226
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	0	<b>4</b>	0
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	0	<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	0	<b>6</b>	0
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	0	<b>7</b>	0
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	10,575	<b>8</b>	19,846
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	61,600	<b>9</b>	94,772
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	119,766		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	51,901		
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	9,813,396	<b>10c</b>	67,865
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>11</b>	11,140,611
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>12</b>	0
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	0	<b>13</b>	0
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	42,916	<b>14</b>	0
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . .	12,263,963	<b>15</b>	21,996	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	263,800	<b>16</b>	12,257,595
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	0	<b>17</b>	253,164
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	139,173	<b>18</b>	0
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	0	<b>19</b>	119,811
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	0	<b>20</b>	0
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .	0	<b>21</b>	0
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0	<b>22</b>	0
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0	<b>23</b>	0
	<b>25</b> 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 . . . . .	0	<b>24</b>	0
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	402,973	<b>25</b>	0
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .	10,316,024	<b>26</b>	372,975
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .	471,525	<b>27</b>	10,405,554
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .	1,073,441	<b>28</b>	405,625
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	1,073,441
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .		<b>31</b>	
<b>33</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances.</b> . . . . .	11,860,990	<b>32</b>		
<b>34</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.</b> . . . . .	12,263,963	<b>33</b>	11,884,620	
		<b>34</b>	12,257,595	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . . . .	<b>1</b>	<b>3,263,087</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) . . . . .	<b>2</b>	<b>3,879,729</b>
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	<b>-616,642</b>
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) . . . . .	<b>4</b>	<b>11,860,990</b>
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>5</b>	<b>640,272</b>
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses . . . . .	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments . . . . .	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	<b>11,884,620</b>

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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 in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b> 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		✓
<b>b</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	✓	
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	✓	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2017**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

<b>Name of the organization</b> NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY	<b>Employer identification number</b> 13-2992567
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
  - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	2,090,220	2,090,283	1,498,475	3,130,011	2,510,354	11,319,343
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 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	2,090,220	2,090,283	1,498,475	3,130,011	2,510,354	11,319,343
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) . . . . .						94,845
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						11,224,498

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	2,090,220	2,090,283	1,498,475	3,130,011	2,510,354	11,319,343
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	177,668	230,360	208,491	215,967	244,143	1,076,629
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .	3,092	1,492	4,773	0	0	9,357
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .	3,428	9,453	22,543	9,362	34,133	78,919
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						12,484,248
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	109,013
13 <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

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

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	14	89.91 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	15	89.02 %
16a <b>33 1/3% support test—2017.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2016.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a <b>10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .						
<b>14 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	%
<b>19a</b> 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> % support tests—2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %, and line 17 is not more than 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b> 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> % support tests—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %, and line 18 is not more than 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> %, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>20</b> Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		



**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

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

**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 in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
11a			
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
11b			
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
11c			

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
1	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <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 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>		
1			
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <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>		
2			

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <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?		
1			
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
2			
3	By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		
3			

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

1	<i>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).</i>		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. <i>Complete line 2 below.</i>		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. <i>Complete line 3 below.</i>		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. <i>Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).</i>		
2	Activities Test. <i>Answer (a) and (b) below.</i>		
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <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 those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>	Yes	No
2a			
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <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>		
2b			
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. <i>Answer (a) and (b) below.</i>		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
3a			
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over 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>		
3b			

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

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

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Add lines 1 through 3.	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> 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)	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4).	<b>8</b>		
<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b> Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
<b>a</b> Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b> Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>		
<b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>		
<b>e Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Multiply line 5 by .035.	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>		
<b>8 Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>		
<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b> Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> Enter 85% of line 1.	<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>		
<b>4</b> Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	<b>4</b>		
<b>5</b> Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>		
<b>6 Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> <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	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9	Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1	Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6		
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.		
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017		
a			
b	From 2013 . . . . .		
c	From 2014 . . . . .		
d	From 2015 . . . . .		
e	From 2016 . . . . .		
f	<b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e		
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
h	Applied to 2017 distributable amount		
i	Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)		
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.		
4	Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$		
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years		
b	Applied to 2017 distributable amount		
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.		
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.		
7	<b>Excess distributions carryover to 2018.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.		
8	Breakdown of line 7:		
a	Excess from 2013 . . .		
b	Excess from 2014 . . .		
c	Excess from 2015 . . .		
d	Excess from 2016 . . .		
e	Excess from 2017 . . .		



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

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**

**2017**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization <b>NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY</b>	Employer identification number <b>13-2992567</b>
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) . . . . . ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) . . . . .	<b>58,271</b>													
<b>b</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .	<b>60,107</b>													
<b>c</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) . . . . .	<b>118,378</b>													
<b>d</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .	<b>3,761,351</b>													
<b>e</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) . . . . .	<b>3,879,729</b>													
<b>f</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	<b>343,986</b>													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
<b>g</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) . . . . .	<b>85,997</b>													
<b>h</b>	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	<b>0</b>													
<b>i</b>	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	<b>0</b>													
<b>j</b>	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

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

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	269,520	254,000	256,575	343,986	1,124,081
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					1,686,122
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	109,009	137,222	127,841	118,378	492,450
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	67,380	63,500	64,144	85,997	281,021
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					421,532
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	56,683	59,684	55,411	58,271	230,049

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

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Yes, (a) No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation...; a Volunteers?; b Paid staff or management...; c Media advertisements?; d Mailings to members...; e Publications...; f Grants to other organizations...; g Direct contact with legislators...; h Rallies, demonstrations...; i Other activities?; j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?; b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Series of horizontal dashed lines for providing supplemental information.



SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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Name of the organization: NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY; Employer identification number: 13-2992567

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two Yes/No questions regarding donor advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form with multiple questions (1-9) regarding conservation easements, including checkboxes for various purposes, a table for held easements at the end of the tax year, and Yes/No questions about monitoring and reporting.

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.

Form with questions (1a, 1b, 2) regarding collections of art and historical treasures, including Yes/No questions and dollar amount fields for revenue and assets.

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a  Public exhibition
  - b  Scholarly research
  - c  Preservation for future generations
  - d  Loan or exchange programs
  - e  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . .  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . . .  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |                                           | Amount |
|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance . . . . .             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year . . . . .     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year . . . . . | 1e     |
| f Ending balance . . . . .                | 1f     |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII . . . . .

**Part V Endowment Funds.**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance . . . . .	7,420,621	1,140,311	1,226,300	1,204,539	1,121,197
b Contributions . . . . .	0	6,200,000	0	0	0
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses . . . . .	712,405	125,935	-34,379	70,261	141,803
d Grants or scholarships . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .	46,675	45,625	51,610	48,500	58,461
f Administrative expenses . . . . .	0	0	0	0	0
g End of year balance . . . . .	8,086,351	7,420,621	1,140,311	1,226,300	1,204,539

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ 84 %
  - b Permanent endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ 13 %
  - c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ 3 %
- 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 . . . . .                                                                | 3a(i)  | ✓  |
| (ii) related organizations . . . . .                                                                 | 3a(ii) | ✓  |
| b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . | 3b     |    |
- 4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land . . . . .	0	0	0	0
b Buildings . . . . .	0	0	0	0
c Leasehold improvements . . . . .	0	0	0	0
d Equipment . . . . .	0	119,766	51,901	67,865
e Other . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) . . . . .				67,865

**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) _____		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related.**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets.**

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

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

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	<b>0</b>
(2) _____	
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

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

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

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	4,530,291
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	640,272
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	644,626
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	0
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	0
<b>e</b>	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	1,284,898
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	3,245,393
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	17,694
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	17,694
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	3,263,087

**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.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	4,506,661
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	644,626
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	0
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	0
<b>e</b>	Add lines 2a through 2d . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	644,626
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2e from line 1 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	3,862,035
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	17,694
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Add lines 4a and 4b . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	17,694
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	3,879,729

**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.

Schedule D, Part V, Line 4 - UNRESTRICTED BOARD DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND - NDSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND LEADERSHIP DESIGNATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,792,652 WITH THE GOAL OF INVESTING SIGNIFICANT RESOURCES INTO NDSS'S MISSION AND PROGRAMS AND ALLOWING LOCAL DOWN SYNDROME AFFILIATES AND BUDDY WALKS TO MAINTAIN ADDITIONAL LOCAL RESOURCES AND EXPAND THEIR PROGRAMS IN ADVOCACY AND EMPLOYMENT FOR ALL PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME; PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUND - INCOME FROM ENDOWMENT OF \$1,073,441 WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT RESEARCH AND PROGRAMMATIC AREAS RELATED TO AGING AND DOWN SYNDROME INCLUDING PROVIDING RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, HOSTING CONFERENCES, AND SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DOWN SYNDROME, FAMILIES, AND CAREGIVERS. INCOME FROM AN ENDOWMENT OF \$220,258 WILL BE USED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND SOME OF NDSS' CONFERENCES.

Schedule D, Part X, Line 2 - THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES HAS DETERMINED THAT NDSS IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURSUANT TO SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND IS CLASSIFIED AS A PUBLICLY SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 509(A)(1) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization <b>NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY</b>	Employer identification number <b>13-2992567</b>
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**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- |                                                             |                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | e <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants     |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events            |
| d <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |                                                                  |
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
<b>Total</b> .....						

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

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**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))	
		NYC BUDDY WALK (event type)	GALA (event type)	2 (total number)		
Revenue	1	Gross receipts . . . . .	171,838	353,982	282,191	808,011
	2	Less: Contributions . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	171,838	353,982	282,191	808,011
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	5	Noncash prizes . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	6	Rent/facility costs . . . . .	44,858	81,715	75,899	202,472
	7	Food and beverages . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	8	Entertainment . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	9	Other direct expenses . . . . .	17,262	110,544	66,236	194,042
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . . ▶				
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . . ▶					411,497

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross revenue . . . . .				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes . . . . .				
	3	Noncash prizes . . . . .				
	4	Rent/facility costs . . . . .				
	5	Other direct expenses . . . . .				
	6	<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)**

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

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



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Employer identification number

**NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY**

13-2992567

**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 non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

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

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





Description of Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States

		Number of recipients	Amt. of cash grant	Amt. of non-cash asst.
Type of grant	SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DOWN SYNDROME	11	26,265	0
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				

**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

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**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> 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>b</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 . . . . .		
<b>2</b> 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? . . . . .		
<b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee		
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant		
<input 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		
<b>4</b> 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:		
<b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? . . . . .	✓	
<b>b</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? . . . . .		✓
<b>c</b> Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? . . . . .		✓
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.		
<b>Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.</b>		
<b>5</b> 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:		
<b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .		✓
If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.		
<b>6</b> 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:		
<b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .		✓
If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.		
<b>7</b> 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 . . . . .		✓
<b>8</b> 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 . . . . .		✓
<b>9</b> If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? . . . . .		

**Part III 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 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	SARA WEIR, PRESIDENT	256,046	0	0	0	11,533	267,579	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.

Schedule J, Part I, Line 4 - THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE RECEIVED A SEVERANCE PAYMENT DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2017.

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**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
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	(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 . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .	✓	11	9,590	FAIR MARKET VALUE
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ▶ ( AUCTION ITEMS ) . . . . .	✓	81	76,509	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other ▶ ( GIFTS ) . . . . .	✓	35	38,030	DETERMINED BY DONOR
27 Other ▶ ( ) . . . . .				
28 Other ▶ ( ) . . . . .				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement . . . . .	29		0
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		Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .	30a		✓
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.			
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? . . . . .	31	✓	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .	32a	✓	
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.			

**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, Line 32b - METHOD OF DETERMINING REVENUES - THE NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY (NDSS) REQUESTS THAT ALL DONORS OF ITEM ON THE INTERNET AND DETERMINES A FAIR PRICE. IN MOST CASES, THERE IS A MARKET VALUE AVAILABLE, AND IN OTHER CASES WE FIND A COMPARABLE ITEM ON EBAY (OR ANOTHER ONLINE AUCTION SITE) TO DETERMINE THE VALUE. FOOD AND BEVERAGE DONATIONS, AS WELL AS GIFT BAG ITEMS, ARE VALUED PER NON-CASH CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDE A RETAIL VALUE OF THEIR PRODUCT. IF THE VALUE IS NOT PROVIDED OR IS CONSIDERED PRICELESS, NDSS RESEARCHES THE PIECE. THE NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME SOCIETY PAID AN OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION TO SOLICIT AND PROCESS ITEMS FOR AN AUCTION AT OUR ANNUAL DINNER.

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

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

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

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - THE DRAFT FORM 990 IS REVIEWED IN DETAIL BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND THEN GIVEN TO THE ENTIRE BOARD TO REVIEW.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ANNUALLY AFFIRM WHETHER THEY HAVE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR NOT. IF THEY DO HAVE ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THEM.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15 - THE PROCESS FOR DETERMINING THE PRESIDENT'S SALARY MAY INCLUDE OBTAINING COMPARABILITY DATA AND SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE. THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE MAY FORGO THIS PROCEDURE IN THE EVENT THAT THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES ONLY A COST OF LIVING SALARY INCREASE. THERE ARE NO OTHER KEY EMPLOYEES.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND IRS FORM 990 ARE ALSO POSTED ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE.



**Second Program Service Accomplishments Description**

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**Description**

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ENRICHMENT FUND, THE #DSWORKS(R) BLAKE PYRON ENTREPRENEURSHIP SCHOLARSHIP AND THE ETHAN SAYLOR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. EACH SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES INDIVIDUALS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THEIR LIVES WHETHER IT BE THROUGH EDUCATION, BUSINESS OR GETTING STARTED ON THEIR LIFELONG DREAM. ADDITIONALLY, NDSS CONDUCTS MONTHLY INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS, HOSTS A CONFERENCE ON ISSUES RELATED TO AGING AND DOWN SYNDROME AND PARTICIPATES IN DOWN SYNDROME RESEARCH ROADSHOWS WITH ITS AFFILIATE NETWORK.

**Third Program Service Accomplishments Description**

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**Description**

LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN CALLED "LAW SYNDROME", WHICH SEEKS TO ADDRESS THE OUTDATED LEGISLATION THAT PREVENTS THOSE WITH DISABILITIES FROM PURSUING A CAREER OR LIVING INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT RISKING MEDICAID BENEFITS. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT [WWW.LAWSYNDROME.ORG](http://WWW.LAWSYNDROME.ORG).

## Other Program Services Accomplishments

Activity Code	Description	Expense	Grants	Revenue
	PUBLIC AWARENESS - THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, NDSS' PUBLIC AWARENESS INITIATIVES BRING POSITIVE PRESENTATIONS OF DOWN SYNDROME TO THE PUBLIC - COMBATING STEREOTYPES AND IGNITING A NEW WAY FOR THE PUBLIC TO THINK ABOUT PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME. NDSS PROACTIVELY WORKS THROUGH TELEVISION, RADIO, PRINT, NEWSPAPER, ONLINE, AS WELL AS VARIOUS FORMS OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROMOTE AWARENESS, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION OF PEOPLE WITH DOWN SYNDROME. NDSS MANAGES A MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER THAT IS DISSIMILATED TO 35,000 SUPPORTERS, AND NDSS' WEBSITE (WWW.NDSS.ORG) RECEIVES ROUGHLY 30 MILLION PAGE VIEWS PER YEAR. THE NDSS WEBSITE, IS THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES, PROFESSIONALS, 380 NDSS AFFILIATES AND OTHERS, PROVIDING INFORMATION ON HEALTHCARE & RESEARCH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY, COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT.	1,409,152	97	0
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1,409,152</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>0</b>

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