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JULY 27, 2012

FIRST DESCENTS
767 SANTA FE DRIVE
DENVER, CO 80204
ATTENTION: MS. KELLY MALIN, COO

DEAR KELLY,

ENCLOSED ARE THE ORGANIZATION'S 2011 EXEMPT ORGANIZATION RETURNS. THE RETURNS SHOULD BE SIGNED, DATED, AND MAILED.

SPECIFIC FILING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS.

FORM 990 RETURN:

PLEASE SIGN AND MAIL ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 15, 2012.

MAIL TO - DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CENTER
OGDEN, UT 84201-0027

FORM 990-T RETURN:

NO AMOUNT IS DUE ON FORM 990-T.

PLEASE SIGN AND MAIL ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 2012.

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CENTER
OGDEN, UT 84201-0027

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SINCERELY,

RANDY WATKINS

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2011

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Open to Public Inspection

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

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization FIRST DESCENTS		D Employer identification number 81-0539964
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number 303-945-2490
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 2,005,030.
	767 SANTA FE DRIVE		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 DENVER, CO 80204			H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
F Name and address of principal officer: JOEL APPEL			If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
SAME AS C ABOVE			H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: ▶ WWW.FIRSTDESCENTS.ORG			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			L Year of formation: 2003
M State of legal domicile: CO			

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: CURING YOUNG ADULTS OF THE EMOTIONAL EFFECTS OF CANCER AND REGAINING CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 10
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 9
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a) 5 11
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 160
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a <342.>
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b 0.	

		Prior Year	Current Year
		8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	819,863.
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	0.	
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<16,901.>	345.	
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	99,774.	87,398.	
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	902,736.	1,801,154.	
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0.	0.	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.	
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	285,978.	458,788.	
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.	
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 356,512.			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	499,376.	1,031,677.	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	785,354.	1,490,465.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	117,382.	310,689.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 325,180.	End of Year 696,715.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	6,888.	67,734.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	318,292.	628,981.

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
	▶ JOEL APPEL, TREASURER		Type or print name and title
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name RANDY WATKINS	Preparer's signature	Date
	Firm's name ▶ ANTON COLLINS MITCHELL LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ 01-0724563	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> PTIN P00916517
Firm's address ▶ 303 EAST 17TH AVENUE, SUITE 600		Phone no. 303-830-1120	
Firm's address ▶ DENVER, CO 80203			

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 to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: CURING YOUNG ADULTS OF THE EMOTIONAL EFFECTS OF CANCER AND REGAINING CONTROL OF THEIR LIVES

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

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

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 1,023,516. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) DURING THE WEEKLONG FIRST DESCENTS EXPERIENCE, YOUNG ADULT FIGHTERS AND SURVIVORS ARE EMPOWERED THROUGH CONQUERING LEGITIMATE OUTDOOR CHALLENGES TO PUSH THEIR LIMITS AND FACE THEIR FEARS-- AND BY DOING SO, REGAIN THE CONFIDENCE LOST TO CANCER. FIRST DESCENTS PROVIDED 27 OUTDOOR ADVENTURE THERAPY CAMPS (14 KAYAK, 1 SURF AND 10 CLIMBING CAMPS) TO APPROXIMATELY 283 YOUNG ADULTS WITH CANCER DURING 2011.

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 1,023,516.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 20b regarding organizational requirements and financial reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Main form area containing questions 1a through 14b with input fields and Yes/No columns.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
	1a		10
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		9
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **KELLY MALIN - 303.945.2490**
767 SANTA FE DRIVE, DENVER, CO 80204

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) BRADFORD LUDDEN CEO/DIRECTOR & FOUNDER	60.00	X		X				81,333.	0.	0.
(2) BRENT GOLDSTEIN CHAIRMAN	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) JOEL APPEL TREASURER	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) BRIAN WICKMAN SECRETARY	10.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) LARRY SMITH MEDICAL DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) PETER WORLEY DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) EVA HO DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) COREY NEILSON Nielsen DIRECTOR	10.00	X						19,075.	0.	0.
(9) BRAD REISS DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) JENNIFER FEIKIN DIRECTOR	10.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) KELLY MALIN CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	60.00			X				79,667.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(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			
1b Sub-total							180,075.	0.	0.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0.	0.	0.	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							180,075.	0.	0.	

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

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c	71,500.				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	164,191.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		176,608.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		171,341.				
	Program Service Revenue	2 a _____ Business Code _____					
b _____							
c _____							
d _____							
e _____							
f All other program service revenue							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f							
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		345.			345.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
		d Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 71,500. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a		288,775.			
		b Less: direct expenses	b	201,035.			
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		87,740.			87,740.
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less: direct expenses		b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a		2,499.				
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b	2,841.				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		<342.>			<342.>	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11	a _____						
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions			180,114.	0.	<342.>	88,085.	

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	175,500.	74,000.	27,500.	74,000.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	222,622.	142,011.	17,389.	63,222.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	27,104.	11,594.	8,420.	7,090.
10 Payroll taxes	33,562.	18,054.	3,863.	11,645.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	5,171.		5,171.	
c Accounting	4,699.		4,699.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	325,183.	298,503.	16,410.	10,270.
12 Advertising and promotion	96,988.	32,708.		64,280.
13 Office expenses	11,564.	2,766.	1,807.	6,991.
14 Information technology	27,927.	21,441.		6,486.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	115,771.	95,611.	7,285.	12,875.
17 Travel	121,027.	100,326.	6,182.	14,519.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	16,135.	13,083.	2,544.	508.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	6,168.	5,736.	15.	417.
23 Insurance	4,841.	1,430.	3,411.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a RECRUITING/EVENT ENTRIE	113,337.	69,123.		44,214.
b EQUIPMENT RENTAL	59,701.	59,701.		
c PROGRAM MEALS	57,875.	57,875.		
d BANK & MERCHANT FEES	45,736.		5,741.	39,995.
e All other expenses	19,554.	19,554.		
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,490,465.	1,023,516.	110,437.	356,512.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	244,139.	1	69,608.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	395,345.	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	54,396.	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6 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)		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use	21,523.	8	4,510.	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	47,142.	9	51,142.	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 120,158.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 14,767.	12,376.	10c	105,391.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11		
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14 Intangible assets		14		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0.	15	16,323.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	325,180.	16	696,715.		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,888.	17	28,340.	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue		19		
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	39,394.	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	6,888.	26	67,734.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27		
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28		
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0.	30	0.	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0.	31	0.	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	318,292.	32	628,981.	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	318,292.	33	628,981.		
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	325,180.	34	696,715.		

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,801,154.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,490,465.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	310,689.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	318,292.
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0.
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	628,981.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <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.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
2c	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.		
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued 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		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	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.		

Form 990 (2011)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

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

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

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

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

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) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	344,999.	247,693.	424,164.	819,863.	1,713,411.	3,550,130.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	344,999.	247,693.	424,164.	819,863.	1,713,411.	3,550,130.
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)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						3,550,130.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	344,999.	247,693.	424,164.	819,863.	1,713,411.	3,550,130.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	3,927.	2,277.	1,389.	761.	345.	8,699.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	130,817.	177,605.	231,870.	99,774.	206,286.	846,352.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						4,405,181.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	80.59	%
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	73.21	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2007, (b) 2008, (c) 2009, (d) 2010, (e) 2011, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6).

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2007, (b) 2008, (c) 2009, (d) 2010, (e) 2011, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12).

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 17 %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

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

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

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

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

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<u>JOHN WAYNE CANCER FOUNDATION</u> <u>P.O. BOX 1779</u> <u>NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92659</u>	\$ <u>75,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	<u>GENENTECH</u> <u>1 DNA WAY</u> <u>SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080</u>	\$ <u>150,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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

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

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

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

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

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

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

Yes No

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

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

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

Yes No

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

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

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

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
- b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
- (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
- (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X
- 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:
- a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1
- b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

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

(check all that apply):

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

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

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" to 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 XIV 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? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

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

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

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		120,158.	14,767.	105,391.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				105,391.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of security or category, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows include Financial derivatives, Closely-held equity interests, and Other (A-I).

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Description of investment type, (b) Book value, (c) Method of valuation. Rows numbered 1-10.

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description, (b) Book value. Rows numbered 1-10.

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Description of liability, (b) Book value. Row 1 includes Federal income taxes, followed by rows 2-11.

FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, 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).

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

Table with 10 rows for reconciliation of net assets. Rows include: 1 Total revenue, 2 Total expenses, 3 Excess or (deficit) for the year, 4 Net unrealized gains, 5 Donated services, 6 Investment expenses, 7 Prior period adjustments, 8 Other, 9 Total adjustments, 10 Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements.

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

Table with 5 main rows for revenue reconciliation. Rows include: 1 Total revenue, gains, and other support, 2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, 3 Subtract line 2e from line 1, 4 Amounts included on Form 990 but not on line 1, 5 Total revenue. Includes sub-rows 2a-2d and 4a-4b.

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

Table with 5 main rows for expense reconciliation. Rows include: 1 Total expenses and losses, 2 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, 3 Subtract line 2e from line 1, 4 Amounts included on Form 990 but not on line 1, 5 Total expenses. Includes sub-rows 2a-2d and 4a-4b.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to 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, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Multiple horizontal lines provided for entering supplemental information.

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		FD BALL (event type)	HAT PARTY (event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	323,467.	21,877.	14,931.	360,275.
	2 Less: Charitable contributions	71,500.			71,500.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	251,967.	21,877.	14,931.	288,775.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes	124,739.			124,739.
	6 Rent/facility costs	16,481.		1,334.	17,815.
	7 Food and beverages	28,887.	1,276.	775.	30,938.
	8 Entertainment	5,050.	900.		5,950.
	9 Other direct expenses	19,083.	692.	1,818.	21,593.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				(201,035)
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				87,740.

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
b If "Yes," explain: _____

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____
3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
JOEL APPEL	X		19,697.	19,697.		X	X		X	
BRAD REISS	X		19,697.	19,697.		X	X		X	
Total										
				▶ \$	39,394.					

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount and type of assistance

SEE PART V FOR CONTINUATIONS

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
JOEL APPEL	TREASURER	37,393.	MR. APPEL O		X

Part V Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

SCHEDULE L, PART II, LOANS TO AND FROM INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: JOEL APPEL

(B) LOAN TO OR FROM ORGANIZATION? = TO

(C) ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \$ 19,697. (D) BALANCE DUE \$ 19,697.

(E) LOAN IN DEFAULT? = NO

(F) APPROVED BY BOARD OR COMMITTEE? = YES

(G) WRITTEN AGREEMENT? = YES

(A) NAME OF PERSON: BRAD REISS

(B) LOAN TO OR FROM ORGANIZATION? = TO

(C) ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT \$ 19,697. (D) BALANCE DUE \$ 19,697.

(E) LOAN IN DEFAULT? = NO

(F) APPROVED BY BOARD OR COMMITTEE? = YES

(G) WRITTEN AGREEMENT? = YES

SCH L, PART IV, BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING INTERESTED PERSONS:

(A) NAME OF PERSON: JOEL APPEL

(B) RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTERESTED PERSON AND ORGANIZATION:

Part V Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

TREASURER

(C) AMOUNT OF TRANSACTION \$ 37,393.

(D) DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION:

MR. APPEL OWNS 86% OF LAUNCH PAD LLC, A COMPANY THAT DONATED ACCOUNTING SERVICES AND OFFICE SPACE TO FIRST DESCENTS.

(E) SHARING OF ORGANIZATION REVENUES? = NO

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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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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art	X	5	20,350.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
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				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (<u>VACATION PACK</u>)	X	36	120,136.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
26 Other ▶ (<u>CLOTHING/EQUI</u>)	X	49	19,224.	FAIR MARKET VALUE
27 Other ▶ (<u>HOME GOODS</u>)	X	26	14,933.	
28 Other ▶ (<u>JEWELRY</u>)	X	7	1,965.	FAIR MARKET VALUE

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

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

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.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

FIRST DESCENTS OFFERS YOUNG ADULT CANCER FIGHTERS AND SURVIVORS A FREE
OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EXPERIENCE DESIGNED TO ENABLE THEM TO CLIMB, PADDLE
AND SURF BEYOND THEIR DIAGNOSIS, DEFY THEIR CANCER, RECLAIM THEIR LIVES
AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS DOING THE SAME.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE ORGANIZATION'S FORM 990 IS
REVIEWED BY THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AND PERSONNEL RESPONSIBLE FOR
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12: THE ORGANIZATION WILL DISCUSS
IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AT ITS BOARD MEETING ON
MARCH 31, 2012.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: THE ORGANIZATION CONDUCTED AN
ANALYSIS OF NONPROFIT PAY BY REGION, JOB FUNCTION, ETC. IN ORDER TO
DETERMINE SUITABLE COMPENSATION FOR ITS CEO, COO, DIRECTORS AND ALL STAFF.
THE PROPOSED COMPENSATION WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL. THIS
PROCESS WAS LAST CONDUCTED IN APRIL 2011.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BY REQUEST AT ITS OFFICE.

THE ORGANIZATION WAS REDOMICILED IN 2003 TO COLORADO. ALL CHANGES WERE
MADE WITH THE PROPER TAXING AND REPORTING AUTHORITIES TO SHOW COLORADO
AS THE HOME STATE OF RECORD. IN 2011 THE ORGANIZATION MOVED ITS

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**OFFICES WITHIN THE STATE OF COLORADO AND THE NEW OPERATING ADDRESS IS
REFLECTED AS 767 SANTA FE DRIVE, DENVER, CO 80204.**

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Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

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For calendar year 2011 or other tax year beginning , and ending

A Check box if address changed; B Exempt under section 501(c)(3); Name of organization: FIRST DESCENTS; Address: 767 SANTA FE DRIVE, DENVER, CO 80204; D Employer identification number: 81-0539964; E Unrelated business activity codes: 452000

C Book value of all assets at end of year: 695,847.; F Group exemption number; G Check organization type: 501(c) corporation

H Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity: MERCHANDISE SALES

I During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? No

J The books are in care of: KELLY MALIN; Telephone number: 303.945.2490

Table with 4 columns: Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income, (A) Income, (B) Expenses, (C) Net. Rows 1-13 including Total: 0.

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (See instructions for limitations on deductions.) (Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)

Table with 4 columns: Line number, Description, Sub-column, Total. Rows 14-34 including Total deductions: 1,000. and Unrelated business taxable income: 0.

Part III Tax Computation

35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations. See instructions for tax computation. Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here... 36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on line 34 from: 37 Proxy tax. See instructions 38 Alternative minimum tax 39 Total. Add lines 37 and 38 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies

Part IV Tax and Payments

40a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116) 40b Other credits (see instructions) 40c General business credit. Attach Form 3800 40d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827) 40e Total credits. Add lines 40a through 40d 41 Subtract line 40e from line 39 42 Other taxes. Check if from: Form 4255 Form 8611 Form 8697 Form 8866 Other (attach schedule) 43 Total tax. Add lines 41 and 42 44a Payments: A 2010 overpayment credited to 2011 44b 2011 estimated tax payments 44c Tax deposited with Form 8868 44d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions) 44e Backup withholding (see instructions) 44f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941) 44g Other credits and payments: Form 2439 Form 4136 Other Total 45 Total payments. Add lines 44a through 44g 46 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached 47 Tax due. If line 45 is less than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount owed 48 Overpayment. If line 45 is larger than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount overpaid 49 Enter the amount of line 48 you want: Credited to 2012 estimated tax Refunded

Part V Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

1 At any time during the 2011 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country here 2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file. 3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

Schedule A - Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation N/A

1 Inventory at beginning of year 2 Purchases 3 Cost of labor 4a Additional section 263A costs 4b Other costs (attach schedule) 5 Total. Add lines 1 through 4b 6 Inventory at end of year 7 Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2 8 Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here Signature of officer Date Title TREASURER May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? Yes No

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date Check if self-employed PTIN Firm's name Firm's EIN Firm's address Phone no.