

## Forms 990 / 990-EZ Return Summary

For calendar year 2021, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

52-2009938

### Touchstones Discussion Project, Inc

<b>Net Asset / Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</b>		<u>537,901</u>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Contributions	<u>319,673</u>	
Program service revenue	<u>156,559</u>	
Investment income	<u>160</u>	
Capital gain / loss	<u>          </u>	
Fundraising / Gaming:		
Gross revenue	<u>          </u>	
Direct expenses	<u>          </u>	
Net income	<u>          </u>	
Other income	<u>-59,560</u>	
<b>Total revenue</b>		<u>416,832</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services	<u>283,755</u>	
Management and general	<u>44,035</u>	
Fundraising	<u>67,670</u>	
<b>Total expenses</b>		<u>395,460</u>
<b>Excess / (deficit)</b>		<u>21,372</u>
Changes		<u>          </u>
<b>Net Asset / Fund Balance at End of Year</b>		<u><u>559,273</u></u>

Reconciliation of Revenue	
Total revenue per financial statements	<u>416,832</u>
Less:	
Unrealized gains	<u>          </u>
Donated services	<u>          </u>
Recoveries	<u>          </u>
Other	<u>          </u>
Plus:	
Investment expenses	<u>          </u>
Other	<u>          </u>
<b>Total revenue per return</b>	<u><u>416,832</u></u>

Reconciliation of Expenses	
Total expenses per financial statements	<u>395,460</u>
Less:	
Donated services	<u>          </u>
Prior year adjustments	<u>          </u>
Losses	<u>          </u>
Other	<u>          </u>
Plus:	
Investment expenses	<u>          </u>
Other	<u>          </u>
<b>Total expenses per return</b>	<u><u>395,460</u></u>

Balance Sheet			
	Beginning	Ending	Differences
Assets	<u>727,115</u>	<u>766,399</u>	
Liabilities	<u>189,214</u>	<u>207,126</u>	
Net assets	<u><u>537,901</u></u>	<u><u>559,273</u></u>	<u>21,372</u>

#### Miscellaneous Information

Amended return \_\_\_\_\_  
Return / extended due date 11/15/22  
Failure to file penalty \_\_\_\_\_

Form **8879-TE**

**IRS e-file Signature Authorization  
for a Tax Exempt Entity**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2021, or fiscal year beginning . . . . . 2021, and ending . . . . . 20 . . . . .

▶ **Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form8879TE](http://www.irs.gov/Form8879TE) for the latest information.**

**2021**

Name of filer: **Touchstones Discussion Project, Inc** EIN or SSN: **52-2009938**

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax: **Stefanie Takacs, MS.Ed.  
Executive Director**

**Part I Type of Return and Return Information**

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	<u>416,832</u>
2a Form 990-EZ check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	_____
3a Form 1120-POL check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	_____
4a Form 990-PF check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b	_____
5a Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	_____
6a Form 990-T check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	_____
7a Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	_____
8a Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	_____
9a Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	_____
10a Form 8038-CP check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	_____

**Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that  I am an officer of the above entity or  I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) \_\_\_\_\_, (EIN) \_\_\_\_\_ and that I have examined a copy of the 2021 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

**PIN: check one box only**

I authorize JBS & Co. LLC to enter my PIN 09938 as my signature  
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the tax year 2021 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2021 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date ▶ 11/15/22

**Part III Certification and Authentication**

**ERO's EFIN/PIN.** Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

27064602112  
Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2021 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ J. Brian Stitcher, CPA Date ▶ 11/15/22

**ERO Must Retain This Form — See Instructions**  
**Do Not Submit This Form to the IRS Unless Requested To Do So**

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2021**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization Touchstones Discussion Project, Inc		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 52-2009938
	Doing business as		<b>E</b> Telephone number 410-604-3309
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 143 Log Canoe Circle		Room/suite
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Stevensville MD 21666		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 422,632
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: Stefanie Takacs, MS.Ed. 143 Log Canoe Circle Stevensville MD 21666			<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.touchstones.org](http://www.touchstones.org)

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

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

**L** Year of formation: 1996

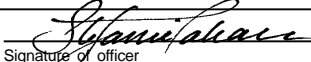
**M** State of legal domicile: MD

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>See Schedule O</b>			
	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	10
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2021 (Part V, line 2a)	5	9
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	55
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0	
<b>Revenue</b>	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		292,268	319,673
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		103,477	156,559
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		88	160
	12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		14,601	-59,560
			410,434	416,832
<b>Expenses</b>	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)			0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		170,654	212,205
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			0
	16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 67,670			
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		223,018	183,255
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		393,672	395,460	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		16,762	21,372	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		727,115	766,399
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		189,214	207,126
		537,901	559,273	

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	 Signature of officer	11/15/2022 Date
	Stefanie Takacs, MS.Ed. Type or print name and title	Executive Director

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name J. Brian Stitcher, CPA	Preparer's signature J. Brian Stitcher, CPA	Date 11/14/22	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN P00082903
	Firm's name ▶ JBS & Co. LLC		Firm's EIN ▶ 27-4032675	
	Firm's address ▶ 101 Log Canoe Cir Ste I Stevensville, MD 21666-2106		Phone no. 410-956-6902	

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

**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:

**Touchstones builds critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills through respectful and engaging discussion-based programs within the United States and internationally.**

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 \$ **180,509** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ **156,559** )

**See schedule O**

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **41,391** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**See schedule O**

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ **61,855** including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

**See schedule O**

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

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

4e Total program service expenses **283,755**

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

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

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

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

<b>Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance</b> <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No		
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	<b>2a</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note:</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.	<b>2b</b>		<b>X</b>	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	<b>3b</b>			
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	<b>4a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>			
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	<b>6a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	<b>7a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7d</b>			
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>			
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>			
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>			
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>			
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>			
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>			
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>			
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note:</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	<b>13a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	<b>13b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>			
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	<b>14b</b>			
<b>15</b>	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	<b>15</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>16</b>	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	<b>16</b>			<b>X</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(21) organizations.</b> Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	<b>17</b>			

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

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

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

		Yes	No
<b>10a</b>	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<b>X</b>
<b>10b</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?		
<b>11a</b>	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>X</b>	
<b>11b</b>	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>X</b>	
<b>12b</b>	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>X</b>	
<b>12c</b>	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done	<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b>	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<b>X</b>	
<b>14</b>	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<b>X</b>	
<b>15</b>	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?		
<b>15a</b>	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>X</b>	
<b>15b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions.		<b>X</b>
<b>16a</b>	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<b>X</b>
<b>16b</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 **MD**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.  
 Own website     Another's website     Upon request     Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records ▶

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**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, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Kurt Redfield	3.00									
Board Chair	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) Howard Zeiderman	40.00									
Board Secretary	0.00	X		X			4,500	0	0	
(3) Stefanie Takacs, MS.Ed.	60.00									
Executive Director	0.00	X					85,100	0	0	
(4) Debra Valentine	3.00									
Board Treasurer	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) Nicholas Maistrellis	3.00									
Board Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) Laurie de Grazia	0.50									
Board Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) Gregg Steinberg	0.50									
Board Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) Garreth Heidt	0.50									
Board Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) Rachel Lewis	0.50									
Board Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) Ford Rowan	0.50									
Board Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) Greg Hodges	0.50									
Board Member	0.00	X					0	0	0	



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>						
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>						
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>						
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>						
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>		71,536				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>		248,137				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	\$	87,150				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f			319,673				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> Workshops and Coaching		Business Code 611710	58,300	58,300		
<b>b</b> Contracts			611710	49,188	49,188			
<b>c</b> Book Sales			611710	49,071	49,071			
<b>d</b>								
<b>e</b>								
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue								
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f				156,559				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			160	160			
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	<b>5</b> Royalties							
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		<b>6a</b>						
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)	<b>6c</b>						
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)							
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		<b>7a</b>						
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	<b>7b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>						
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)							
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18							
		<b>8a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses		<b>8b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events								
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19								
	<b>9a</b>							
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances								
	<b>10a</b>			12,075				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>		5,800				
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory				6,275	6,275			
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11a</b> Sale Discounts		Business Code	-65,835	-65,835			
	<b>b</b>							
	<b>c</b>							
	<b>d</b> All other revenue							
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d				-65,835			
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions				416,832	97,159	0	0	

**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				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	<b>86,601</b>	<b>57,282</b>	<b>14,212</b>	<b>15,107</b>
<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)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	<b>95,418</b>	<b>63,114</b>	<b>15,659</b>	<b>16,645</b>
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	<b>11,356</b>	<b>9,828</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>1,373</b>
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	<b>18,830</b>	<b>12,812</b>	<b>3,085</b>	<b>2,933</b>
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal	<b>105</b>	<b>105</b>		
<b>c</b> Accounting	<b>15,460</b>	<b>11,210</b>	<b>2,110</b>	<b>2,140</b>
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	<b>97,321</b>	<b>75,826</b>	<b>4,800</b>	<b>16,695</b>
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,002</b>		<b>106</b>
<b>13</b> Office expenses	<b>17,249</b>	<b>11,732</b>	<b>2,365</b>	<b>3,152</b>
<b>14</b> Information technology	<b>12,877</b>	<b>10,111</b>	<b>1,091</b>	<b>1,675</b>
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	<b>20,045</b>	<b>16,455</b>		<b>3,590</b>
<b>17</b> Travel	<b>7,029</b>	<b>6,753</b>		<b>276</b>
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
<b>20</b> Interest	<b>95</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>24</b>	
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
<b>23</b> Insurance	<b>2,308</b>	<b>2,285</b>		<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> <b>Meals</b>	<b>5,589</b>	<b>2,361</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>2,740</b>
<b>b</b> <b>Bank Charges</b>	<b>4,069</b>	<b>2,808</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,215</b>
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b> All other expenses				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	<b>395,460</b>	<b>283,755</b>	<b>44,035</b>	<b>67,670</b>
<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>	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	46,880	1	129,743
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	182,975	2	143,008
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	324,360	3	324,862
	4	Accounts receivable, net	19,819	4	21,720
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	153,081	8	147,066
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D		10a	
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation		10b	10c
	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		15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	727,115	16	766,399	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	9,014	17	7,426
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	180,200	24	199,700
	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	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	189,214	26	207,126
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	<b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	524,157	27	438,951
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	13,744	28	120,322
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>				
	<b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31		
32	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	537,901	32	559,273	
33	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	727,115	33	766,399	

**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>416,832</b>
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	<b>395,460</b>
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	<b>21,372</b>
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	<b>537,901</b>
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	<b>559,273</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 on 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	<b>X</b>	
<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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		<b>X</b>
<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 on Schedule O.	<b>X</b>	
<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>X</b>
<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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2021**

**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.**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Touchstones Discussion Project, Inc**

Employer identification number

**52-2009938**

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

(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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2020, (e) 2021, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2017, (b) 2018, (c) 2019, (d) 2020, (e) 2021, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 %
15 Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2021. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions



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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	180,585	426,117	288,277	200,598	319,673	1,415,250
<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	215,998	253,576	85,674	108,777	102,959	766,984
<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	396,583	679,693	373,951	309,375	422,632	2,182,234
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	15,300	255,170	15,060	86,146	31,100	402,776
<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	12,500	54,318	119,044	90,000	39,600	315,462
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b	27,800	309,488	134,104	176,146	70,700	718,238
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						1,463,996

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6	396,583	679,693	373,951	309,375	422,632	2,182,234
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	3	13		88	160	264
<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	3	13		88	160	264
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on 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.)	78,044	51,037	161,255	71,972	21,315	383,623
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	474,630	730,743	535,206	381,435	444,107	2,566,121
<b>14 First 5 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 2021 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	57.05 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	70.61 %

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2021</b> (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2020</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021.** 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—2020.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**

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

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> 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>		
<b>2</b>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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>		
<b>1</b>		

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>1</b>		
<b>2</b> 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>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		
<b>3</b>		

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

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
<b>a</b> 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
<b>2a</b>			
<b>b</b> Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>			
<b>2b</b>			
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
<b>a</b> 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>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>			
<b>3a</b>			
<b>b</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>			
<b>3b</b>			

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

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

<b>Section C – Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	

7  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
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required— <i>provide details in Part VI</i> )	
<b>6</b> Other distributions ( <i>describe in Part VI</i> ). See instructions.	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive ( <i>provide details in Part VI</i> ). See instructions.	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required— <i>explain in Part VI</i> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021			
<b>a</b> From 2016 .....			
<b>b</b> From 2017 .....			
<b>c</b> From 2018 .....			
<b>d</b> From 2019 .....			
<b>e</b> From 2020 .....			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2021 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2017 .....			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2018 .....			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2019 .....			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2020 .....			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2021 .....			

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

**Part III, Line 12 - Other Income Detail**

<b>Noncash Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 514,850</b>
<b>Copyright Settlement</b>	<b>\$ 30,000</b>
<b>Campaign Kickoff Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 4,080</b>
<b>Uncollectible Pledges</b>	<b>\$ -79,773</b>
<b>Sales Discounts</b>	<b>\$ -85,534</b>

**Supplemental Information**

**Noncash Contributions Breakdown:**

<b>2017:</b>	<b>\$ 48,044</b>
<b>2018:</b>	<b>\$ 46,957</b>
<b>2019:</b>	<b>\$ 241,028</b>
<b>2020:</b>	<b>\$ 91,671</b>
<b>2021:</b>	<b>\$ 87,150</b>

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**Total \$ 514,850**

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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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: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?, 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?

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 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. (2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register), 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?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

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

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

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

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

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

- a**  Public exhibition
- b**  Scholarly research
- c**  Preservation for future generations
- d**  Loan or exchange program
- e**  Other .....

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

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

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

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

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

- c** Beginning balance .....
- d** Additions during the year .....
- e** Distributions during the year .....
- f** Ending balance .....

	Amount
<b>1c</b>	
<b>1d</b>	
<b>1e</b>	
<b>1f</b>	

**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  Yes  No

**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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance .....					
<b>b</b> Contributions .....					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses .....					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships .....					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs .....					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses .....					
<b>g</b> 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** Term endowment ▶ ..... %

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

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

- (i)** Unrelated organizations .....
- (ii)** Related organizations .....

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		
<b>3a(ii)</b>		
<b>3b</b>		

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

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

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land .....				
<b>b</b> Buildings .....				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements .....				
<b>d</b> Equipment .....				
<b>e</b> Other .....				

**Total.** Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) ▶



**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	
(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 FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII





**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.**  
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**Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

**1 For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  Yes  No

**2 For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

**3 Activities per Region.** (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
<b>Canada</b>					
<b>(1)</b>			<b>Progam Services</b>	<b>Digital Conent Sales</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>(2)</b>					
<b>(3)</b>					
<b>(4)</b>					
<b>(5)</b>					
<b>(6)</b>					
<b>(7)</b>					
<b>(8)</b>					
<b>(9)</b>					
<b>(10)</b>					
<b>(11)</b>					
<b>(12)</b>					
<b>(13)</b>					
<b>(14)</b>					
<b>(15)</b>					
<b>(16)</b>					
<b>(17)</b>					
<b>3a Subtotal</b> .....					<b>1,000</b>
<b>b Total from continuation sheets to Part I</b> .....					
<b>c Totals</b> (add lines 3a and 3b)					<b>1,000</b>

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

**Part IV Foreign Forms**

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions With Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865)* .....  Yes  No
  
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)* .....  Yes  No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.

**Part I, Line 3 - Activities per Region**

Region	Expenditures	Investments
Canada	\$ 1,000	\$ 0



**SCHEDULE L**  
**(Form 990)**

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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.**

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and section 501(c)(29) 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) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

- 2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by 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-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the org.?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
			(1)									
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												

**Total** ..... ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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 of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				



**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.**
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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				
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 ▶ ( )	<b>X</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>87,150</b>	
26 Other ▶ ( )				
27 Other ▶ ( )				
28 Other ▶ ( )				

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

	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?		<b>X</b>
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?		<b>X</b>
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		<b>X</b>
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 - Supplemental Information**

Artwork was left through the Zuckerman Estate and valued based on the cost of the materials.

Other various services were donated as well as the use of a facility. These were valued based on the fair market value of such services or rental of facility.

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
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Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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**52-2009938****Form 990 - Organization's Mission or Most Significant Activities**

Touchstones' discussion-based programs develop thinking and collaboration at the highest levels for all students and learners. Touchstones primary focus is to address gaps in education in K-12 schools by teaching educators and students to use structured dialogue to activate and enliven their thinking and build cooperation and leadership. These programs are held in schools, prisons, senior centers, and with veterans and executive groups.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - First Accomplishment**

K-12 School Programming, Enrichment and After School Programs, Youth Workforce Development, Educational Conferences, & Teacher Professional Development

**Teacher Training, Instructional Support, and Digital Contracts**

In 2021, Touchstones led 19 workshops for educators, administrators, and volunteers in the US and Canada. These workshops were held both online and in-person for educators at the K-12 and College level and including coaching, Open Enrollment Workshops, Exploring American Perspectives training, and classroom observation tailored to the needs of the school or program. On average, about 15 people attended each workshop for a total of about 170 participants receiving continued or introductory training and professional development from Touchstones staff.

These interactive workshops provide teachers with hands-on experience leading inclusive discussions, strategies for continued development in

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discussion leadership, and tools to identify and devise solutions to issues in discussion dynamics. Educators learn to include students in evaluating their own and the classes' outcomes, as the teacher models active listening and respectful engagement with all students, measures student progress over time, and assesses and refines their own professional skills as leaders and classroom managers throughout the year. In-class coaching provided by Touchstones staff affords additional and tailored guidance to support continued development in instructional and leadership capacities. Teachers using Touchstones often report becoming more skilled and confident in their leadership roles as well as in activities outside the classroom.

As part of our outreach and direct engagement in delivering training services, Touchstones provided 80 scholarship seats to volunteers and educators who sought Touchstones training and professional development but had no funding. This ensures that educators and volunteers are able to bring inclusive discussion to their communities regardless of financial limitations.

In addition to providing exceptional professional development training to existing and new customers, we delivered print and digital school curriculum to more than 28 schools in 18 states, the District of Columbia, the UK, and Ontario, Canada. We estimate more than 3,000 new students were introduced to Touchstones in those schools alone—joining the many tens of thousands of other students around the U.S. and the world whose teachers already use Touchstones curricula in their classrooms. These new engagements are distinct from those described in the next section.

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To bring Touchstones into more classes online, we expanded the number of digital programs available to include almost all of our English and French volumes, as well as our middle school math and science and community service programs. We secured a province-wide contract with the Bureau de l'éducation française in Manitoba, Canada, which provided access to Touchstones programs to hundreds of educators and more than 19,000 students in that province. Through grants related to school program development, we expanded partnerships with Washington Latin Public Charter School in Washington, DC, and public and public/charter schools in Wilmington, DE.

Touchstones launched a new professional development program online in 2020 called the "Fellows Program," using our curriculum Exploring American Perspectives, Vol 1. This online training program responded to the growing awareness among teachers and students of the need to develop and practice skills of civil discourse in the classroom. In 2021, Touchstones staff replicated the "Fellows Program" twice to provide more than 40 hours of intensive professional development in total to 18 educators. Over both eight-week programs, each teacher worked with Touchstones staff to prepare for and then lead a Touchstones discussion and evaluation with their peers.

Guided and trained by the Touchstones staff, each cohort explored issues of voice, perceived legitimacy, active listening, marginalization, bias, and inclusion through the lenses of African American and Black authors, poets, politicians, artists, and philosophers. This intensive and immersive experience in the Touchstones method and curricula offers all participants the opportunity to explore their own strengths and identify areas for continued development as discussion leaders.

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**After School/Enrichment Programs**

To meet the developmental and social needs of children outside the school environment—particularly during a time when many children were schooled remotely—Touchstones launched its own programs to bring students together for meaningful connected and continued learning. Touchstones staff ran two fee-based online leadership programs for middle-school and high school students on the West Coast. Touchstones staff also developed and ran two weeks of free summer enrichment programming for middle school aged learners in Queenstown, MD. Students used Touchstones lessons to develop shared leadership and discussion skills during the first week of the program, and the second week focused on lessons in creative writing and math and science pulled from Touchstones volumes. An optional art workshop that reinforced the students' sense of discovery was delivered by a local artist and underwritten by Touchstones, for all interested students.

As students and teachers headed back to school, Touchstones designed and offered free discussion-based lessons centered around stories from *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. Those lessons were provided in both English & Spanish and were disseminated to educators throughout the fall, in parallel with the National Endowment for the Arts' Big Read programming nationwide. Our lessons were shared with 50 educators and more than 1,000 students participated across 20 states and abroad.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Second Accomplishment****Adult and Community Programs**

In 2021, Touchstones held an online art raffle featuring two works by Dr.



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Elliott Zuckerman, who bequeathed more than 180 paintings to the Touchstones Discussion Project in 2019 when he passed away. His gift left an entire collection of his works to support Touchstones' educational programs. Over the course of four weeks, 235 tickets were sold and generated \$4,500+ in ticket sales. Throughout the raffle period, Touchstones staff and volunteers engaged local communities in learning more about Touchstones' work in education. Each painting is accompanied by a custom Touchstones discussion lesson plan. These lessons will be compiled and edited for use in a Touchstones Discussion Project art volume for release within the next several years.

#### Community Program Online

At the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 and in recognition of the types of support and contact that people would need during periods of great uncertainty and potential isolation, Touchstones initiated a free online twice-monthly discussion program with the topic of community and connections as its central focus. This Saturday morning program continued throughout 2021, and a Thursday evening program was added to engage additional participants. The discussions engaged Touchstones staff, volunteers, community members, board members, and those new to Touchstones in lively and thoughtful discussions about community and our responsibilities as members of society. Touchstones staff and trained volunteers ran more than 30 discussions, which included 126 different individuals participating in at least one discussion session, with ten participants (on average) attending each session.

#### Programs with Incarcerated Adults

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Due to the global pandemic, there was no Touchstones programming during 2021 at any of the prisons or detention centers where weekly programs had been in place prior to March 2020.

#### Veterans Programs

Touchstones ran a veterans' volunteer training in Annapolis, MD to re-engage the volunteer corps after the pandemic and discuss goals and ideas for veterans' programs going forward. 12 participants, including three staff members, met in person in August 2021 to explore issues of connection and homecoming using a lesson from our veteran-focused program, Completing the Odyssey: A Journey Home. Between 2018-2021, Touchstones trained approximately 16 veterans to run this program and, with them, piloted implementations including more than 50 veterans. Due to continued pandemic-related public safety concerns throughout most of 2021, there was no additional programming for veterans aside from informal gatherings organized by Touchstones.

#### Older Adults

Because of the pandemic and the extreme vulnerability of older populations, existing Touchstones programming with the elderly and the development and piloting of new programs for this population was halted in 2020. In 2019, Touchstones had completed work on Elderstones Volume 1, the first volume in a new series designed specifically for older adults experiencing cognitive decline or impairment. The materials in Elderstones were to have been piloted extensively in 2020 in multiple memory care facilities to engage staff, family, and residents in active learning and constructive socialization. The project is expected to expand as the pandemic eases,

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based on encouraging data from the pilot period, once local and national health conditions permit renewed contact with this population in-person.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c - Third Accomplishment

Leadership & Executive Development Programs

Executives and managers in different types and sizes of businesses and organizations gain a better sense of teamwork through custom Touchstones programs. Executives systematically improve how they access, assess, and utilize diverse perspectives and collective knowledge in problem-solving. At the same time, Touchstones workshops or custom programs help them identify and grow leadership capacity, build more inclusive and cohesive teams, and improve organizational functionality and management. These programs take place with teams in non-profit and higher ed leadership, corporate settings, and governmental agencies. Touchstones staff continues to work with potential subcontractors to build organizational capacity that will deliver more transformational and inclusive engagement in a growing market.

In 2021, Touchstones ran custom programs online for executives located across the United States, including Delaware, New York, Colorado, Maryland, Illinois, California, Virginia, and Washington. This programming brings executives together to explore topic-oriented programs such as "Listening to the Voices of Women Thinkers" and "Contemporary American Poetry." Both of these programs use discussion as a forum for examining how gender and identity shape our self-concepts and our society and how writers respond to and influence emerging environments.

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In addition, Touchstones staff ran two multi-day customized programs on collaborative leadership for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Department of Criminal Justice Master's Program in Emergency and Crisis Management. These custom programs for policy experts, professionals, executives, and those wishing to enter these fields, each engaged about 40 graduate students and faculty.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishments

Marketing & Social Outreach Programs

Since the pandemic began in March of 2020, the way that we interact with one another personally and professionally has shifted drastically. Within most fields, many professionals now work in hybrid or remote environments and rely more heavily on technology to stay connected. To meet the new and emerging needs arising from these changes in 2021, Touchstones continued exploring how to best leverage our decades of experience in building authentic connection and community through discussion training and programs.

At a time when people need skills of civil discourse, critical thinking, creative problem solving, cooperation, and collaboration more than ever, Touchstones is rising to the challenge. In conjunction with the Executive, Community and K-12 programs and outreach, in 2021 Touchstones redoubled its online presence through social media engagement, newsletter and blog publications, and more outreach to current and prospective volunteers. In addition, we continued stewardship and cultivation of relationships with advocates and donors, to report on how charitable support to Touchstones yields immediate and direct benefit at the individual and societal level.

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We also retooled our website to enliven the user experience and streamline access to important information about our mission and work in education. During the first four months of this initiative (Fall 2021), our engagement across four social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn) grew exponentially. We saw an over 700% increase in impressions, 50% growth in engagement and 250% growth in followers. As our world changes, Touchstones will continue to evolve and adapt to maximize the benefits of our unique and highly effective discussion-based trainings and programs that build a more inclusive world for all people.

## Form 990, Part VI, Line 2 - Related Party Information Among Officers

Howard Zeiderman

Stefanie Takacs

BOD Secretary

Ex. Director

Spouse

## Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

The Board of Directors is provided with drafts of the 990 during its preparation period. Once a final version is ready, the 990 is provided electronically for the entire Touchstones Board to review and reply with questions, comments, or requests for changes. After that review period, the final 990 is signed and filed.

## Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

The executive director provides monthly summary reports to the Board outlining key program activities, financial contracts, and other current and prospective business arrangements. Any potential conflicts would be reported in these summaries and approved or prohibited by independent

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(non-interested) Board members. Directors are required to notify the Chair of any potential conflicts.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official Performance of the executive director is evaluated based on data and information relayed throughout the year in the form of monthly summaries, fundraising and communications plans and deliverables, financial reports, and general oversight of management policy and practices. The annual evaluation also includes a review and discussion of the executive director's performance by several Board officers, if not the entire Board, during the year-end board meeting. The Board shares its findings with the executive director at the end of an executive session.

As the organization's co-founder and vice-chair is a voting member of the Board and does not carry primary responsibility for Touchstones operations and management, his performance is not evaluated except in terms of annual compensation relative to current job responsibilities in executive program development and implementation.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

Upon receipt of written request, printed copies of Touchstones governing documents, financial statements, and/or conflict of interest policy are made available. These documents are also posted on the Touchstones website.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Services

Description

Tot/Prog Service

Mgt & General

Fundraising

Consultants



Form <b>990</b>	<b>Two Year Comparison Report</b>	<b>2020 &amp; 2021</b>
For calendar year 2021, or tax year beginning _____, ending _____		

Name

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		2020	2021	Differences
<b>R e v e n u e</b>	1. Contributions, gifts, grants .....	1. 257,268	248,137	-9,131
	2. Membership dues and assessments .....	2.		
	3. Government contributions and grants .....	3. 35,000	71,536	36,536
	4. Program service revenue .....	4. 103,477	156,559	53,082
	5. Investment income .....	5. 88	160	72
	6. Proceeds from tax exempt bonds .....	6.		
	7. Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory .....	7.		
	8. Net income or (loss) from fundraising events .....	8.		
	9. Net income or (loss) from gaming .....	9.		
	10. Net gain or (loss) on sales of inventory .....	10. 5,300	6,275	975
	11. Other revenue .....	11. 9,301	-65,835	-75,136
	12. <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1 through 11	12. 410,434	416,832	6,398
<b>E x p e n s e s</b>	13. Grants and similar amounts paid .....	13.		
	14. Benefits paid to or for members .....	14.		
	15. Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc. ....	15. 89,122	86,601	-2,521
	16. Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits .....	16. 81,532	125,604	44,072
	17. Professional fundraising fees .....	17.		
	18. Other professional fees .....	18. 139,369	112,886	-26,483
	19. Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance .....	19. 18,616	20,045	1,429
	20. Depreciation and Depletion .....	20.		
	21. Other expenses .....	21. 65,033	50,324	-14,709
	22. <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 21	22. 393,672	395,460	1,788
	23. <b>Excess or (Deficit).</b> Subtract line 22 from line 12	23. 16,762	21,372	4,610
<b>O t h e r I n f o r m a t i o n</b>	24. Total exempt revenue .....	24. 410,434	416,832	6,398
	25. Total unrelated revenue .....	25.		
	26. Total excludable revenue .....	26. 118,166	97,159	-21,007
	27. Total assets .....	27. 727,115	766,399	39,284
	28. Total liabilities .....	28. 189,214	207,126	17,912
	29. Retained earnings .....	29. 537,901	559,273	21,372
	30. Number of voting members of governing body .....	30. 11	10	
	31. Number of independent voting members of governing body .....	31. 10	10	
	32. Number of employees .....	32. 8	9	
	33. Number of volunteers .....	33. 50	55	



Form <b>990</b>	<b>Tax Return History</b>	<b>2021</b>
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Name <b>Touchstones Discussion Project, Inc</b>	Employer Identification Number <b>52-2009938</b>
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	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Contributions, gifts, grants .....	228,629	473,074	529,305	292,268	319,673	
Membership dues .....						
Program service revenue .....	215,998	253,576	126,226	103,477	156,559	
Capital gain or loss .....						
Investment income .....	3	13		88	160	
Fundraising revenue (income/loss) .....		4,080				
Gaming revenue (income/loss) .....						
Other revenue .....	30,000		-120,325	14,601	-59,560	
<b>Total revenue</b> .....	<b>474,630</b>	<b>730,743</b>	<b>535,206</b>	<b>410,434</b>	<b>416,832</b>	
Grants and similar amounts paid .....						
Benefits paid to or for members .....						
Compensation of officers, etc. ....	160,633	136,684	91,985	89,122	86,601	
Other compensation .....	85,106	105,276	112,893	81,532	125,604	
Professional fees .....	49,609	63,744	134,228	139,369	112,886	
Occupancy costs .....	21,052	37,442	22,579	18,616	20,045	
Depreciation and depletion .....						
Other expenses .....	198,383	145,221	67,889	65,033	50,324	
<b>Total expenses</b> .....	<b>514,783</b>	<b>488,367</b>	<b>429,574</b>	<b>393,672</b>	<b>395,460</b>	
<b>Excess or (Deficit)</b> .....	<b>-40,153</b>	<b>242,376</b>	<b>105,632</b>	<b>16,762</b>	<b>21,372</b>	
<b>Total exempt revenue</b> .....	<b>474,630</b>	<b>730,743</b>	<b>535,206</b>	<b>410,434</b>	<b>416,832</b>	
Total unrelated revenue .....						
Total excludable revenue .....	246,001	253,589	5,901	118,166	97,159	
Total Assets .....	214,856	476,034	598,042	727,115	766,399	
Total Liabilities .....	12,724	31,526	47,902	189,214	207,126	
Net Fund Balances .....	202,132	444,508	550,140	537,901	559,273	

**Federal Statements****Taxable Interest on Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Unrelated Business</u>	<u>Exclusion Code</u>	<u>Postal Code</u>	<u>Acquired after 6/30/75</u>	<u>US Obs (\$ or %)</u>
Interest Income	\$ 160					
Total	<u>\$ 160</u>					

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**Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Service (Non-employee)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Program Service</u>	<u>Management &amp; General</u>	<u>Fund Raising</u>
Consultants	\$ 8,575	\$ 4,580	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,695
Consultants	100	100		
Consultants	1,496	1,496		
Donated Services	87,150	69,650	2,500	15,000
Total	<u>\$ 97,321</u>	<u>\$ 75,826</u>	<u>\$ 4,800</u>	<u>\$ 16,695</u>

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**Schedule A, Part III, Line 1(e)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Small Business Administration	\$ 3,000
QAC Dept of Economic & Tourism Dev	2,000
ERTC Credit	4,636
Paycheck Protection Loan Forgiven	61,900
Various	160,987
Miscellaneous In-Kind	
Donated Services	87,150
Total	\$ <u>319,673</u>

**Schedule A, Part III, Line 2(e)**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Book Sales	\$ 49,071
Workshops and Coaching	58,300
Contracts	49,188
Interest Income	160
Sale Discounts	-65,835
PPP Loan receipts	
Artwork	12,075
Total	\$ <u>102,959</u>

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**Schedule A, Part III, Line 7a - Support from Disqualified Persons**

<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Howard Zeiderman	\$	\$	\$	\$ 52,963	\$ 10,100
Stefanie Takacs				33,183	
Ford Rowan					5,000
Mikael Salovaara					
Kurt Redfield					5,000
Debra Valentine					11,000
Various Individuals	15,300	255,170	15,060		
Total	\$ <u>15,300</u>	\$ <u>255,170</u>	\$ <u>15,060</u>	\$ <u>86,146</u>	\$ <u>31,100</u>

**Federal Statements****Schedule A, Part III, Line 7b - Excess Gross Receipts**

<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Excess</u>
	\$	\$
2018	61,625	54,318
Chichester duPont Foundation		
2021	25,000	20,000
Aspen Community Foundation		
2021	7,500	2,500
Mikael & Beth Salovaara Foundation		
2021	20,100	15,100
2020	30,000	25,000
Philip Richmond		
2021	7,000	2,000
Rachel Moore Weller		
2020	15,000	10,000
Irene Crowe		
2020	10,000	5,000
Jill Wilkinson		
2020	10,000	5,000
George and Linnea Takacs		
2020	50,000	45,000
Alice Ericsson		
2019	10,100	4,748
2017	10,000	5,000
Thomas Dabney		
2019	105,000	99,648
Anne Arundel Women Giving Together		
2019	20,000	14,648
Arthur and Susan Fleischer		
2017	7,500	2,500
Beth Stewart		
2017	10,000	5,000
Total	\$ <u>398,825</u>	\$ <u>315,462</u>