

Form **8879-EO**

IRS e-file Signature Authorization for an Exempt Organization

OMB No. 1545-1878

For calendar year 2015, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2015, and ending _____, 20____

2015

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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▶ **Information about Form 8879-EO and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8879eo.**

Name of exempt organization

Employer identification number

SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE, INC.

56-1683450

Name and title of officer

**CAROL HEAD
PRESIDENT**

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, 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 1 line in Part I.**

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| 1a | Form 990 check here | ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | b | Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1b | 1,381,984. |
| 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, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c) | 5b | |

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer


Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2015 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 organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's 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 organization's 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 organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize **CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP** to enter my PIN **31497**
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the organization's tax year 2015 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 of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2015 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.

Officer's signature ▶  Date ▶ **11-14-16**

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.

95369031497
do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2015 electronically filed return for the organization 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 ▶  Date ▶ **11/14/16**

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Form **8879-EO** (2015)

TAXABLE YEAR
2015

California e-file Return Authorization for Exempt Organizations

FORM
8453-EO

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|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Exempt Organization name | | Identifying number |
| SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE, INC. | | 56-1683450 |

Part I Electronic Return Information (whole dollars only)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---------------------|
| 1 | Total gross receipts (Form 199, line 4) | 1 | 1,399,070.00 |
| 2 | Total gross income (Form 199, line 8) | 2 | 1,399,070.00 |
| 3 | Total expenses and disbursements (Form 199, line 9) | 3 | 1,612,127.00 |

Part II Settle Your Account Electronically for Taxable Year 2015

4 Electronic funds withdrawal 4a Amount _____ 4b Withdrawal date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Part III Banking Information (Have you verified the exempt organization's banking information?)


5 Routing number _____
 6 Account number _____
 7 Type of account: Checking Savings

Part IV Declaration of Officer

I authorize the exempt organization's account to be settled as designated in Part II. If I check Part II, Box 4, I authorize an electronic funds withdrawal for the amount listed on line 4a.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above exempt organization and that the information I provided to my electronic return originator (ERO), transmitter, or intermediate service provider and the amounts in Part I above agree with the amounts on the corresponding lines of the exempt organization's 2015 California electronic return. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the exempt organization's return is true, correct, and complete. If the exempt organization is filing a balance due return, I understand that if the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) does not receive full and timely payment of the exempt organization's fee liability, the exempt organization will remain liable for the fee liability and all applicable interest and penalties. I authorize the exempt organization return and accompanying schedules and statements be transmitted to the FTB by the ERO, transmitter, or intermediate service provider. If the processing of the exempt organization's return or refund is delayed, I authorize the FTB to disclose to the ERO or intermediate service provider the reason(s) for the delay.

Sign Here


Signature of officer


11-14-16
Date

PRESIDENT
Title

Part V Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer.


I declare that I have reviewed the above exempt organization's return and that the entries on form FTB 8453-EO are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. (If I am only an intermediate service provider, I understand that I am not responsible for reviewing the exempt organization's return. I declare, however, that form FTB 8453-EO accurately reflects the data on the return.) I have obtained the organization officer's signature on form FTB 8453-EO before transmitting this return to the FTB; I have provided the organization officer with a copy of all forms and information that I will file with the FTB, and I have followed all other requirements described in FTB Pub. 1345, 2015 e-file Handbook for Authorized e-file Providers. I will keep form FTB 8453-EO on file for four years from the due date of the return or four years from the date the exempt organization return is filed, whichever is later, and I will make a copy available to the FTB upon request. If I am also the paid preparer, under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above exempt organization's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I make this declaration based on all information of which I have knowledge.

ERO Must Sign

ERO's signature:  Date: 11/15/2016
 Check if also paid preparer: Check if self-employed: ERO's PTIN: _____
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address: **CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP**
301 N. LAKE AVE., SUITE 900
PASADENA, CA
 FEIN: **41-0746749**
 ZIP code: **91101**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above organization's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I make this declaration based on all information of which I have knowledge.

Paid Preparer Must Sign

Paid preparer's signature:  Date: 11/15/2016
 Check if self-employed: Paid preparer's PTIN: **P00157338**
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) and address: **CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP**
301 N. LAKE AVE., SUITE 900
PASADENA, CA
 FEIN: **41-0746749**
 ZIP code: **91101**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

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|--|--|---|--|
| B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending | C Name of organization SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE, INC. | | D Employer identification number 56-1683450 |
| | Doing business as | | E Telephone number 704-364-0016 |
| | Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite | |
| | 5455 WILSHIRE BLVD | | 806 |
| City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LOS ANGELES, CA 90036 | | G Gross receipts \$ 1,399,070. | |
| F Name and address of principal officer: CAROL HEAD SAME AS C ABOVE | | H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |
| I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 | | H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) | |
| J Website: WWW.SOLVECFS.ORG | | H(c) Group exemption number ▶ | |
| K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ | | L Year of formation: 1987 | M State of legal domicile: NC |

| Part I Summary | | | |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| Activities & Governance | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: FOR ME/CFS TO BE WIDELY UNDERSTOOD, DIAGNOSABLE AND TREATABLE. | | |
| | 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 | 13 |
| | 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 12 |
| | 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 13 |
| | 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 0 |
| | 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | 0. |
| b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | 0. | |
| Revenue | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | Prior Year 1,315,510. | Current Year 1,376,982. |
| | 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 1,500. | 0. |
| | 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 631. | 775. |
| | 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | -1,000. | 4,227. |
| | 12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1,316,641. | 1,381,984. |
| Expenses | 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | 180,722. | 125,304. |
| | 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | 0. | 0. |
| | 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 595,252. | 576,806. |
| | 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | 0. | 0. |
| | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 243,494. | | |
| | 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 620,807. | 941,732. |
| 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 1,396,781. | 1,643,842. | |
| 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | -80,140. | -261,858. | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | Beginning of Current Year 1,746,808. | End of Year 1,172,410. |
| | 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 81,956. | 84,703. |
| | 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 1,664,852. | 1,087,707. |

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.

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|--|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Sign Here | Signature of officer | Date | | | |
| | CAROL HEAD, PRESIDENT Type or print name and title | | | | |
| Paid Preparer Use Only | Print/Type preparer's name BARED DILACAR | Preparer's signature | Date 11/15/16 | Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/> | PTIN P00157338 |
| | Firm's name ▶ CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP | Firm's EIN ▶ 41-0746749 | Phone no. 626-793-3600 | | |
| Firm's address ▶ 301 N. LAKE AVE., SUITE 900 PASADENA, CA 91101 | | | | | |

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO MAKE ME/CFS UNDERSTOOD, DIAGNOSABLE AND TREATABLE BY STIMULATING RESEARCH AIMED AT THE EARLY DETECTION, OBJECTIVE DIAGNOSIS AND EFFECTIVE TREATMENT THROUGH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT. SUBSTANTIALLY ALL OF THE ORGANIZATION'S REVENUE IS DERIVED FROM

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No 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 [X] 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 \$ 787,474. including grants of \$ 125,304.) (Revenue \$ 0.) SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE ("SMCI") INVESTS OUR CONSTITUENTS' DONATIONS IN OUR RESEARCH PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES SEVERAL COMPONENTS. WE PROVIDE EARLY FUNDING TO PROMISING ME/CFS RESEARCHERS, WE CONTINUE TO EXPAND OUR SOLVE CFS BIOBANK & PATIENT REGISTRY TO PUT PATIENTS AT THE CENTER OF THAT RESEARCH. WE BRING PATIENT INFORMATION AND SAMPLES WITH HIGHLY CAPABLE INVESTIGATORS FROM PRESTIGIOUS MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS. THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE, 1) SOLVE CFS BIOBANK AND PATIENT REGISTRY - GREW THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN BIOBANK DURING 2015. SERVED 3 ME/CFS RESEARCHERS WITH INFORMATION FROM OUR BIOBANK; 2) PARTNERED WITH THE BATEMAN CLINIC TO OBTAIN SAMPLES AND INFORMATION FROM WELL-CHARACTERIZED PATIENTS; 3) FUNDED RESEARCH INTO EPIGENETIC CHANGES IN PATIENTS VERSUS CONTROLS WITH DR.PATRICK MCGOWAN.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 369,521. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0.) ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM- SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE ("SMCI") KNOWS THAT WE CAN'T ACHIEVE OUR GOALS WITHOUT AN INFORMED AND CONNECTED PATIENT CONSTITUENCY. PATIENTS, AND THEIR LOVED ONES, ARE THE KEY TO MAKING ME/CFS UNDERSTOOD, DIAGNOSABLE AND TREATABLE. WE WORK TO INFORM AND EMPOWER THEM WITH INFORMATION DELIVERED BY SOCIAL MEDIA, BLOG POSTS, E-NEWSLETTERS AND A PRINTED JOURNAL. ADDITIONALLY, SMCI HOLDS THE MOST EXTENSIVE LIBRARY OF PATIENT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES, REPORTS ON THE LATEST UPDATES AND RESEARCH AND HELPS PATIENTS FEEL LESS ALONE. NUMBER OF ME/CFS CONSTITUENTS RECEIVING THE QUARTERLY PRINT CHRONICLE. WE PARTICIPATED IN THREE HHS CFSAC MEETINGS (FEDERAL CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME ADVISORY COMMITTEE), PRODUCED EIGHT WEBINARS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FROM KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RESEARCHERS TO ANYONE IN

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 1,156,995.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> | | X |
| b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? | | |
| 21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> | X | |
| 22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> | | X |
| 23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> | X | |
| 24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> | | X |
| b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | |
| c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | |
| d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | |
| 25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | X |
| b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> | | X |
| 26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i> | | X |
| 27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> | | X |
| 28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | |
| a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | X |
| 29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | X | |
| 30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | X |
| 31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | X |
| 32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> | | X |
| 33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> | | X |
| 34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> | X | |
| 35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | | X |
| b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | |
| 36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | X |
| 37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> | | X |
| 38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? | X | |

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Input box for Schedule O check

Main table with columns for question ID, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes rows 1a-14b with various tax-related questions.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (13); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (12); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (X); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (X); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (X); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (X); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (X); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (X); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (X); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? (X); b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (X); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (X).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (X); 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (X); 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (X); 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (X); 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done (X); 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (X); 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (X); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (X); b Other officers or key employees of the organization (X); If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (X); 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: LINDA LEIGH - (704) 364-0016 5455 WILSHIRE BLVD. SUITE 806, LOS ANGELES, CA 90036

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|--|---|---|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (1) VICTORIA BOIES CHAIR | 8.00 | X | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (2) CHRISTINE WILLIAMS VICE CHAIR | 8.00 | X | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (3) BETH GARFIELD TREASURER | 6.00 | X | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (4) AARON PAAS SECRETARY | 1.00 | X | | X | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (5) MIKE ATHERTON DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (6) BRETT BALZER DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (7) DIANE R BEAN DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (8) CAROL S MAHONEY DIRECTOR (ON LEAVE) | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (9) JOHN NICOLS DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (10) FRED FRIEDBERG DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (11) SUE PERPICH DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (12) SUSAN VITKA DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
| (13) CAROL HEAD PRESIDENT | 55.00 | X | | X | | | | 171,443. | 0. | 10,688. |
| (14) TERRY TYLER DIRECTOR | 1.00 | X | | | | | | 0. | 0. | 0. |
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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

| | | | (A) | (B) | (C) | (D) | |
|--|---|---|---------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|
| | | | Total revenue | Related or exempt function revenue | Unrelated business revenue | Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514 | |
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1 a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f 1,376,982. | | | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ | 255,947. | | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | ▶ | 1,376,982. | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2 a _____ | Business Code | | | | | |
| | b _____ | | | | | | |
| | c _____ | | | | | | |
| | d _____ | | | | | | |
| | e _____ | | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | ▶ | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | ▶ | 775. | | | 775. | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | ▶ | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | ▶ | | | | | |
| | 6 a Gross rents | (i) Real | 21,313. | | | | |
| | | (ii) Personal | | | | | |
| | | b Less: rental expenses | 17,086. | | | | |
| | | c Rental income or (loss) | 4,227. | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | ▶ | 4,227. | | | 4,227. | |
| | 7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | | | | | |
| | | (ii) Other | | | | | |
| | | b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | | |
| | | c Gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | ▶ | | | | | |
| | 8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | a | | | | | |
| | | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | ▶ | | | | | |
| 9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | b | | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | ▶ | | | | | |
| 10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | a | | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost of goods sold | b | | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | ▶ | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Business Code | | | | | |
| 11 a _____ | | | | | | | |
| | b _____ | | | | | | |
| | c _____ | | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | | |
| | e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | ▶ | | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See instructions. | ▶ | 1,381,984. | 0. | 0. | 5,002. | | |

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 X

| Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 | 48,018. | 48,018. | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | 77,286. | 77,286. | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 182,131. | 98,351. | 61,924. | 21,856. |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 324,923. | 197,999. | 51,956. | 74,968. |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | 5,380. | 2,905. | 1,829. | 646. |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 13,431. | 7,253. | 4,566. | 1,612. |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 50,941. | 27,508. | 17,320. | 6,113. |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | 1,276. | 689. | 434. | 153. |
| b Legal | 232. | 125. | 79. | 28. |
| c Accounting | 18,941. | 10,228. | 6,440. | 2,273. |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.) | 198,211. | 132,477. | 7,195. | 58,539. |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | 5,267. | 4,263. | 742. | 262. |
| 13 Office expenses | 97,337. | 43,983. | 35,297. | 18,057. |
| 14 Information technology | 16,021. | 16,021. | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 38,685. | 20,890. | 13,153. | 4,642. |
| 17 Travel | 38,681. | 31,163. | 2,555. | 4,963. |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 35,258. | 12,588. | 19,873. | 2,797. |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 9,311. | 5,028. | 3,166. | 1,117. |
| 23 Insurance | 9,908. | 5,350. | 3,369. | 1,189. |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| a RESEARCH EXPENSES | 272,312. | 272,312. | | |
| b PRINTING AND POSTAGE | 93,170. | 66,754. | 1,633. | 24,783. |
| c ADVOCACY & COMMUNICATIO | 69,986. | 69,986. | | |
| d OTHER OPERATING EXPENSE | 25,854. | 5,818. | 540. | 19,496. |
| e All other expenses | 11,282. | | 11,282. | |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 1,643,842. | 1,156,995. | 243,353. | 243,494. |
| 26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. | | | | |

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

Part X Balance Sheet

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

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year |
|---|--|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Assets | 1 Cash - non-interest-bearing | 1,392,079. | 1 | 738,798. |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 186,067. | 2 | 186,322. |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | 124,901. | 3 | 208,782. |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 795. | 4 | |
| | 5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | |
| | 6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L | | 6 | |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 6,023. | 9 | 5,890. |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a 84,222. | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 10b 76,773. | 10,229. | 10c 7,449. |
| | 11 Investments - publicly traded securities | 15,431. | 11 | 15,543. |
| | 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 | 11,283. | 15 | 9,626. |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 1,746,808. | 16 | 1,172,410. | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 68,511. | 17 | 79,129. |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | | 19 | |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | |
| | 22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | |
| | 25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | 13,445. | 25 | 5,574. |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 81,956. | 26 | 84,703. |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | |
| | 27 Unrestricted net assets | 1,167,594. | 27 | 856,904. |
| | 28 Temporarily restricted net assets | 491,858. | 28 | 225,403. |
| | 29 Permanently restricted net assets | 5,400. | 29 | 5,400. |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. | | | |
| | 30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| 33 Total net assets or fund balances | 1,664,852. | 33 | 1,087,707. | |
| 34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 1,746,808. | 34 | 1,172,410. | |

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

| | | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 1,381,984. |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 1,643,842. |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | -261,858. |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 1,664,852. |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | -48,800. |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | -266,487. |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 1,087,707. |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

| | | Yes | No |
|---|--|-----|----|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |
| If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | | X |
| If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis | | | |
| b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | | X |
| 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 | | | |
| c | If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? | | |
| If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O. | | | |
| 3a | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits | | |

Form 990 (2015)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization **SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE, INC.** Employer identification number **56-1683450**

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - 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 1-9 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 | | |
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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

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

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2011 | (b) 2012 | (c) 2013 | (d) 2014 | (e) 2015 | (f) Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | 1,196,911. | 1,088,346. | 2,261,366. | 1,315,510. | 1,376,982. | 7,239,115. |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge ... | | | | | | |
| 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3 | 1,196,911. | 1,088,346. | 2,261,366. | 1,315,510. | 1,376,982. | 7,239,115. |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | 1,490,829. |
| 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | 5,748,286. |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2011 | (b) 2012 | (c) 2013 | (d) 2014 | (e) 2015 | (f) Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 1,196,911. | 1,088,346. | 2,261,366. | 1,315,510. | 1,376,982. | 7,239,115. |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources ... | 1,275. | 2,615. | 2,432. | 4,506. | 22,088. | 32,916. |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on ... | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) | 1,449. | 851. | | | | 2,300. |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 7,274,331. |
| 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) | | | | | 12 | 19,591. |
| 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 79.02 % |
| 15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | 79.70 % |
| 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b 33 1/3% support test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

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

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ► | (a) 2011 | (b) 2012 | (c) 2013 | (d) 2014 | (e) 2015 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 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 | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ► | (a) 2011 | (b) 2012 | (c) 2013 | (d) 2014 | (e) 2015 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) | | | | | | |
| 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) | | | | | | |

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|---|
| 15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | % |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 | 16 | % |

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|---|-----------|---|
| 17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | % |
| 18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 | 18 | % |

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2015. 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 - 2014. 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 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No" describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i> | | |
| 2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i> | | |
| 3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i> | | |
| b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i> | | |
| c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i> | | |
| 4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i> | | |
| b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i> | | |
| c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i> | | |
| 5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i> | | |
| b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document? | | |
| c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control? | | |
| 6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | |
| 7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (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 or 990-EZ).</i> | | |
| 8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i> | | |
| 9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | |
| b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | |
| c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | |
| 10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i> | | |
| b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i> | | |

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

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

| Section B - Minimum Asset Amount | | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | | |
| a | Average monthly value of securities | 1a | |
| b | Average monthly cash balances | 1b | |
| c | Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c | |
| d | Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d | |
| e | Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI): | | |
| 2 | Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets | 2 | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2 from line 1d | 3 | |
| 4 | Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). | 4 | |
| 5 | Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 | |
| 6 | Multiply line 5 by .035 | 6 | |
| 7 | Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 | |
| 8 | Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 | |

| Section C - Distributable Amount | | (A) Prior Year | Current Year |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A) | 1 | |
| 2 | Enter 85% of line 1 | 2 | |
| 3 | Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A) | 3 | |
| 4 | Enter greater of line 2 or line 3 | 4 | |
| 5 | Income tax imposed in prior year | 5 | |
| 6 | Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions) | 6 | |
| 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions). | | |

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

| Section D - Distributions | Current Year |
|---|--------------|
| 1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes | |
| 2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity | |
| 3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations | |
| 4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets | |
| 5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required) | |
| 6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions. | |
| 7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6. | |
| 8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions. | |
| 9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6 | |
| 10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount | |

| Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions) | (i) Excess Distributions | (ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015 | (iii) Distributable Amount for 2015 |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6 | | | |
| 2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions) | | | |
| 3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015: | | | |
| a | | | |
| b | | | |
| c | | | |
| d From 2013 | | | |
| e From 2014 | | | |
| f Total of lines 3a through e | | | |
| g Applied to underdistributions of prior years | | | |
| h Applied to 2015 distributable amount | | | |
| i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions) | | | |
| j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f. | | | |
| 4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$ | | | |
| a Applied to underdistributions of prior years | | | |
| b Applied to 2015 distributable amount | | | |
| c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4. | | | |
| 5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions). | | | |
| 6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions). | | | |
| 7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c. | | | |
| 8 Breakdown of line 7: | | | |
| a | | | |
| b | | | |
| c Excess from 2013 | | | |
| d Excess from 2014 | | | |
| e Excess from 2015 | | | |

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Part VI

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

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

▶ **Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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

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

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

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

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

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

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

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

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

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

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

Yes No

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

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

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

Yes No

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

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

▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

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

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

| | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

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

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|--|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | 15,431. | 15,265. | 13,346. | 12,031. | 12,462. |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | 112. | 166. | 2,078. | 1,478. | -288. |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | 159. | 163. | 143. |
| g End of year balance | 15,543. | 15,431. | 15,265. | 13,346. | 12,031. |

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

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

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

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

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

| | Yes | No |
|--------|-----|----|
| 3a(i) | X | |
| 3a(ii) | | X |
| 3b | | |

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

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | 84,222. | 76,773. | 7,449. |
| e Other | | | | |

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) 7,449.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

| 1. (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|---|----------------|
| (1) Federal income taxes | |
| (2) CAPITAL LEASE PAYABLE | 5,574. |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶ | 5,574. |

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

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

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

| | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | | 1 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 2a | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | 2e |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | 3 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1: | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | 4c |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) | | 5 |

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

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

| | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | 1 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | 2e |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | 3 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | 4c |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) | | 5 |

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

PART V, LINE 4:

THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDOWMENT CONSISTS OF A DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE A METHOD FOR FUNDING OF THE ORGANIZATION TO GROW AND ALLOW THE INVESTMENT OF THESE "ENDOWED FUNDS" FOR LONG-TERM PROJECTS.

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; do not 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; do not 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.

PART I, LINE 2:

SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE ("SMCI") FUNDS MEDICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF ME/CFS. TO ENSURE THAT THE MOST WORTHY AND PROMISING RESEARCH PROJECTS ARE FUNDED, THE ORGANIZATION PERIODICALLY ENGAGES VOLUNTEER SCIENTIST PEER REVIEWER WITH DIRECT EXPERIENCE IN THE RELEVANT DISCIPLINES. THEIR REVIEWS FOR SCIENTIFIC AND STRATEGIC MERIT ARE WEIGHTED HEAVILY BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FINAL FUNDING DECISIONS APPLICANTS AND THEIR SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS MUST AGREE AND ADHERE TO THE POLICIES GOVERNING THE FUNDING AWARDS WHEN COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM. THE ORGANIZATIONS APPROVED FOR FUNDING ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT WRITTEN QUARTERLY REPORTS OF THE STUDY'S PROGRESS TO THE SMCI RESEARCH DIRECTOR. ORGANIZATIONS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO SUBMIT INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT. FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED REPORTS BY STATED DEADLINES WILL RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF FUTURE QUARTERLY GRANT DISBURSEMENT UNTIL ALL OUTSTANDING REPORTS ARE RECEIVED. THE ORGANIZATION'S RESEARCH DIRECTOR MAY REQUEST A SITE VISIT OR CONFERENCE CALL TO DISCUSS INFORMATION CONTAINED IN INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS AND GENERAL PROGRESS TOWARD STATED PROJECT MILESTONES. A RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPRISED OF RESEARCHERS, PHYSICIANS AND OTHER EXPERTS PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON SMCI'S RESEARCH STRATEGY TO THE STAFF AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Name of the organization **SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE, INC.** Employer identification number **56-1683450**

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

| 1 (a) Name and address of organization or government | (b) EIN | (c) IRC section if applicable | (d) Amount of cash grant | (e) Amount of non-cash assistance | (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (g) Description of non-cash assistance | (h) Purpose of grant or assistance |
|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| BATEMAN HORNE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE INC - 1002 E. EOUTH TEMPLE - SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84102 | 87-0687610 | 501(C)(3) | 48,018. | 0. | | | BATEMAN HORNE CENTER, WITH DEEP CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING ME/CFS |
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- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2015)

SEE PART IV FOR COLUMN (H) DESCRIPTIONS

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

| (a) Type of grant or assistance | (b) Number of recipients | (c) Amount of cash grant | (d) Amount of non-cash assistance | (e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) | (f) Description of non-cash assistance |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
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Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

PART II, LINE 1, COLUMN (H):

NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR GOVERNMENT:

BATEMAN HORNE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE INC

(H) PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE: BATEMAN HORNE CENTER, WITH DEEP

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE IN DIAGNOSING AND TREATING ME/CFS PATIENTS, WILL

PROVIDE BLOOD SAMPLES AND OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING WELL-CHARACTERIZED

PATIENTS TO THE SOLVE MECFS BIOBANK. THOSE SAMPLES WILL BE USED AS THE

PATIENT COHORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDY OF THE DIFFERENCES IN

METHALATION STATUS BETWEEN PATIENTS AND CONTROLS.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Compensation Information

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

2015

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization **SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE, INC.** Employer identification number **56-1683450**

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----------|----------|
| 1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) | | |
| b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain | 1b | |
| 2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a? | 2 | |
| 3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee | | |
| 4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: | | |
| a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? | 4a | X |
| b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? | 4b | X |
| c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? | 4c | X |
| If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III. | | |
| Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9. | | |
| 5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: | | |
| a The organization? | 5a | X |
| b Any related organization? | 5b | X |
| If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III. | | |
| 6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: | | |
| a The organization? | 6a | X |
| b Any related organization? | 6b | X |
| If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III. | | |
| 7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III | 7 | X |
| 8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III | 8 | X |
| 9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? | 9 | |

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2015

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

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

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

| (A) Name and Title | | (B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation | | | (C) Retirement and other deferred compensation | (D) Nontaxable benefits | (E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D) | (F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990 |
|-----------------------------|------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | (i) Base compensation | (ii) Bonus & incentive compensation | (iii) Other reportable compensation | | | | |
| (1) CAROL HEAD PRESIDENT | (i) | 171,443. | 0. | 0. | 10,688. | 0. | 182,131. | 0. |
| | (ii) | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. | 0. |
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**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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

Name of the organization **SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE, INC.** Employer identification number **56-1683450**

| 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 | X | 4 | 59,283. | FMV |
| 13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures | | | | |
| 14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other | | | | |
| 15 Real estate - Residential | | | | |
| 16 Real estate - Commercial | | | | |
| 17 Real estate - Other | | | | |
| 18 Collectibles | | | | |
| 19 Food inventory | | | | |
| 20 Drugs and medical supplies | | | | |
| 21 Taxidermy | | | | |
| 22 Historical artifacts | | | | |
| 23 Scientific specimens | | | | |
| 24 Archeological artifacts | | | | |
| 25 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |
| 26 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |
| 27 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |
| 28 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |

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

| | 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 is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? | | X |
| b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II. | | |
| 31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions? | | X |
| 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? | X | |
| b If "Yes," describe in Part II. | | |
| 33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II. | | |

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

SCHEDULE M, PART I, COLUMN (B):

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTION IS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS.

SCHEDULE M, LINE 32B:

THE ORGANIZATION USES CHARLES SCHWAB & WELLS FARGO TO LIQUIDATE STOCK DONATIONS.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM DONORS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND GRANTS FROM
FOUNDATIONS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

THE ME/CFS PATIENT COMMUNITY AT NO CHARGE, AND HELD A BRIEFING ON
CAPITOL HILL TO INFORM CONGRESS AND JOURNALISTS ABOUT THE FINDINGS OF
THE INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE REPORT IN ME/CFS.

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

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (FOC) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEWING THE
ORGANIZATION'S TAX RETURN AND PROVIDING COMMENTS PRIOR TO IT BEING
SUBMITTED TO THE IRS. THE FOC CONSISTS OF THE BOARD CHAIR, BOARD
VICE-CHAIR, BOARD TREASURER, PRESIDENT & CEO AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER.
ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVE A COPY OF THE REVIEWED TAX
RETURN PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE IRS BUT ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
COMMENTS.

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

EACH DIRECTOR, OFFICER AND COMMITTEE MEMBER WITH GOVERNING BOARD DELEGATED
POWERS ANNUALLY SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH AFFIRMS SUCH PERSON HAS: RECEIVED A
COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY;
AGREED TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY; AND UNDERSTANDS THE ORGANIZATION IS A
CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS FEDERAL TAX EXEMPT
STATUS, MUST ENGAGE PRIMARILY IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ACCOMPLISH ONE OR MORE OF
ITS TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSES.

Name of the organization

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IN CONNECTION WITH ANY ACTUAL OR POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST, AN INTERESTED PARTY MUST DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE OF THE FINANCIAL INTEREST AND BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCLOSE ALL MATERIAL FACTS, WHETHER EXISTING OR PROPOSED, TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. AFTER DISCLOSURE OF THE FINANCIAL INTEREST AND ALL MATERIAL FACTS, INCLUDING ALL FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, THE INTERESTED PARTY SHALL RECUSE HIM/HERSELF FROM ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE WHETHER A CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS AND SHALL REPORT THAT DETERMINATION TO THE BOARD CHAIR.

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

EMPLOYEES OF THE ORGANIZATION UNDERGO PERIODIC PERFORMANCE AND COMPENSATION REVIEWS. COMPENSATION LEVEL IS DETERMINED UPON PERFORMANCE, MARKET AND THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE ORGANIZATION. HISTORICALLY, COMPENSATION INCREASES FOLLOW A 4-6% TREND. THE PRESIDENT AND THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PERFORM ALL REVIEWS, EXCEPT FOR THAT HELD FOR THE PRESIDENT WHICH IS DONE BY MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF RECRUITING AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (PSRCC). THIS COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. TO ENSURE SALARY COMPENSATION IS COMPARABLE TO SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS, THE COMMITTEE CONSULTS WITH PUBLISHED SALARY SURVEYS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO GUIDESTAR AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR NON-PROFITS. ALL REVIEWS INCLUDE A WRITTEN DOCUMENT WHICH IS DISCUSSED IN PERSON WITH THE EMPLOYEE. EMPLOYEES ALSO PROVIDE A SELF-ASSESSMENT AS WELL AS AN EVALUATION OF THEIR IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR. WRITTEN REVIEWS AND SELF-ASSESSMENTS ARE KEPT IN EACH EMPLOYEE'S PERSONNEL FILE IN A LOCKED CABINET IN THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S OFFICE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 18:

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|---|--|
| Name of the organization SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE, INC. | Employer identification number 56-1683450 |
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THE ASSOCIATION'S TAX RETURN AND ANNUAL REPORT ARE AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE -WWW.SOLVECFS.ORG. THESE REPORTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON GUIDESTAR'S WEBSITE FOR VISITORS TO THAT ORGANIZATION. UPON REQUEST, THE ASSOCIATION WILL MAKE AVAILABLE COPIES OF ITS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, FORM 1023, GOVERNING BY-LAWS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY.

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

THE ORGANIZATION'S TAX RETURN AND ANNUAL REPORT ARE AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE (WWW.SOLVECFS.ORG). THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1A

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE CHAIR (WHO SERVES AS CHAIR OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE), VICE CHAIR, PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, AND ANY OTHER OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD. WHEN THE BOARD IS NOT IN SESSION, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS AND MAY EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS OF THE BOARD, NOT OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY THE BYLAWS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS THE EXPRESS AUTHORITY TO ALLOCATE THE CORPORATION'S RESTRICTED FUNDS AMONG THE GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE CORPORATION. ADDITIONALLY, THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO ONE OR MORE RESTRICTED FUNDS. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHICH EXPENSES INCURRED BY DIRECTORS ARE REIMBURSABLE. THE MINUTES OF EACH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ARE SENT TO THE FULL BOARD IN A TIMELY FASHION AND THE BOARD USES SUCH MINUTES TO MONITOR THE ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

CONSULTING:

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| PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES | 132,477. |
| MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES | 7,195. |
| FUNDRAISING EXPENSES | 58,539. |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 198,211. |
| TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A | 198,211. |

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

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| REFUND OF GRANTS | -266,487. |
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FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2:

THE AUDIT IS IN PROGRESS AS OF THE FILING DATE.

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

| (a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Total income | (e) End-of-year assets | (f) Direct controlling entity |
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Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

| (a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Exempt Code section | (e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3)) | (f) Direct controlling entity | (g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity? | |
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| | | | | | | Yes | No |
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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

| (a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Direct controlling entity | (e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514) | (f) Share of total income | (g) Share of end-of-year assets | (h) Disproportionate allocations? | | (i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) | (j) General or managing partner? | | (k) Percentage ownership |
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| | | | | | | | Yes | No | | Yes | No | |
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Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

| (a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization | (b) Primary activity | (c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country) | (d) Direct controlling entity | (e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust) | (f) Share of total income | (g) Share of end-of-year assets | (h) Percentage ownership | (i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity? | |
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| | | | | | | | | Yes | No |
| INNOVATIVE RESEARCH COMPANY - 46-3580047 5455 WILSHIRE BLVD SUITE 806 LOS ANGELES, CA 90036 | HOLDING COMPANY | DE | SOLVE ME/CFS INITIATIVE | C CORP | | | 100.00% | X | |
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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

| | Yes | No |
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| a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity | | X |
| b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) | | X |
| c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) | | X |
| d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) | | X |
| e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) | | X |
| f Dividends from related organization(s) | | X |
| g Sale of assets to related organization(s) | | X |
| h Purchase of assets from related organization(s) | | X |
| i Exchange of assets with related organization(s) | | X |
| j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) | | X |
| k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) | | X |
| l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) | | X |
| m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) | | X |
| n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) | | X |
| o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) | | X |
| p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses | | X |
| q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses | | X |
| r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) | | X |
| s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) | | X |

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

| (a) Name of related organization | (b) Transaction type (a-s) | (c) Amount involved | (d) Method of determining amount involved |
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| (1) | | | |
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