Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Α	For the	2024 caleng	dar year, or tax year beginning	01/01/2024	and ending	12/31/	2024	
В	Check if a	applicable:	C Name of organization ASCEND	CARES FOUNDATION			D Emplo	oyer identification number
П	Address of	change	Doing business as					90-0709302
\exists	Name cha		Number and street (or P.O. box if	f mail is not delivered to stre	et address)	Room/suite	E Teleph	none number
H	Initial retu	· ·	1010 TRAVIS STREET SUITE					713-351-5700
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\vdash	Amended		HOUSTON, TX 77002					receipts \$ 1,346,443
Ш	Application	on pending	F Name and address of principal off			1		or subordinates? Yes No
			1010 TRAVIS ST STE 900, HO					es included? Yes No
<u> </u>	Tax-exem	npt status:	✓ 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.)	4947(a)(1) or 527	If "No," attach	a list. See ir	nstructions.
J	Website:	ASCEND	MATERIALS.COM/WHO/ASCE	ND-CARES		H(c) Group 6	exemption	number
K	Form of or	rganization: 🗸	Corporation Trust Associa	ation Other	L Year of for	mation: 2011	M State	of legal domicile: DE
Р	art l	Summa	ry					
	1	Briefly des	cribe the organization's miss	sion or most significar	t activities: THE	CORPORATION	SHALL P	ROVIDES AID TO
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Activities & Governance	6	Total numb	ber of volunteers (estimate if	necessary)			6	8,834
•	7a -	Total unrel	lated business revenue from	Part VIII, column (C),	line 12		7a	160,803
	b I	Net unrelat	ted business taxable income	from Form 990-T, Pa	rt I, line 11		7b	0
			Prior Yea	ar	Current Year			
d)	8 (Contributio	ons and grants (Part VIII, line	1h)		1,	436,251	1,132,917
Revenue			ervice revenue (Part VIII, line			·	0	
Š	1	•	t income (Part VIII, column (A	•			0	0
æ			nue (Part VIII, column (A), line				299,525	160,803
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			nue-add lines 8 through 11 (n				735,776	1,293,720
			d similar amounts paid (Part I		•	1,	626,278	832,288
		-	aid to or for members (Part IX				0	0
es			ther compensation, employee	•			0	0
Expenses	16a	Profession	al fundraising fees (Part IX, c	olumn (A), line 11e)			0	0
жbе	b -	Total fundr	raising expenses (Part IX, col	umn (D), line 25)	0			
Ш	17 (Other expe	enses (Part IX, column (A), lin	es 11a-11d, 11f-24e)			268,536	63,750
	18	Total expe	enses. Add lines 13-17 (must	equal Part IX, column	(A), line 25) .	1,	894,814	896,038
	19	Revenue le	ess expenses. Subtract line 1	8 from line 12		_	159,038	397,682
or es			·			Beginning of Cur		End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total asset	ts (Part X, line 16)				318,620	701,758
Ass Bal	21		ities (Part X, line 26)				52,731	38,187
E e	22		or fund balances. Subtract li	ine 21 from line 20			265,889	663,571
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Part	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III
1	Briefly describe the organization's mission: ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION (THE "CORPORATION") IS ORGANIZED AND
•	SHALL BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE
	MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 IN FURTHERANCE OF SUCH PURPOSES,
	THE CORPORATION SHALL PROVIDE AID TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL OR CIVIL DISASTERS OR EMERGENCY HARDSHIPS
	(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 1)
2	Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the
	prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?
	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?
	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 \$ 658,906 including grants of \$ 658,906) (Revenue \$ 0)
	THE ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION SERVES ALL AREAS WHERE ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS HAS A
	PRESENCE BY FUNDING VARIOUS NONPROFITS PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS BENEFITTING THE NEEDY AND THE
	COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.
4b	(Code:) (Expenses \$139,150 including grants of \$139,150) (Revenue \$0)
	THE ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE
	AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. APPLICANTS EXPLAIN THEIR FINANCIAL NEED AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN AN ESSAY
	FORMAT; PAYMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL. TO BE ELIGIABLE, APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND A 4 YEAR
	COLLEGE OR JUNIOR COLLEGE, AND MUST BE CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES IN GOOD STANDING. IN
	2024, 93 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED.
4c	(Code:) (Expenses \$ 86,954 including grants of \$ 86,954) (Revenue \$ 0)
	THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT IS TO SUPPORT SEVERAL ASCEND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS DURING
	ILLNESS OR DISASTER. TO BE ELIGIBLE THE EMPLOYEE FILLS OUT AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE AND IS
	APPROVED BY THE ASCEND CARES COMMITTEE. 28 HARDSHIP GRANTS WERE GIVEN DURING 2024.
4.1	Other many many considers (Describe on Cabadula C.) and a sixty of the
4d	Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) See Schedule O, Statement 2
A -	(Expenses \$ 11,028 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)
4e	Total program service expenses 896,038

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Part	Checklist of Required Schedules		Vaa	- NI-
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	Yes	No
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions	2	<i>v</i>	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4		,
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6		,
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>	7		,
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes,"</i> complete Schedule D, Part III	8		,
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>	9		,
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V </i>	10		-
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.			
а	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a		,
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b		/
С	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c		/
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d		,
e f	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> 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>	11e		-
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a		,
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b		,
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		'
14a b	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14a		\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
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>	15		,
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV.	16	~	
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i> See instructions	17		
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>	18	,	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19		-

20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H

If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?

Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II

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Part I	V Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)		-	
			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	,	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23		~
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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a		,
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		_
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		,
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		~
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		,
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).			
а	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		_
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		~
	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		_
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29		~
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>	30		_
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31		~
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		~
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</i> "Yes," <i>complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		~
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III,			
	or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	~	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		~
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
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>	36		~
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>	37		_
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	~	
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1a b	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable			
С	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	10		

Part	V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return 0			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? .	2b		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		~
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O .	3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over,			
_	a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		~
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country			
- -	See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		/
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		~
c 6a	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
ou	organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		~
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b		•
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	UD		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods			
	and services provided to the payor?	7a		
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
С	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was			
	required to file Form 8282?	7c		
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year			
е	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? .	7f		
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
а	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			
b 11	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . 10b Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
ii a	Gross income from members or shareholders			
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources			
	against amounts due or received from them.)			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 12b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
а	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a		
	Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which			
_	the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans			
C 1/10	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	14a		•/
14a b	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a 14b		/
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or	טדו		
. •	excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	15		~
	If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.			
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?	16		~
	If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.			
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities			
	that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953?	17		
	If "Yes," complete Form 6069.			

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Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure. For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a

response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions. Section A. Governing Body and Management Yes No 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . . 1a 12 If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O. Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent . 1b 0 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with 2 1 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct 3 supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . 3 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 4 4 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . 5 6 6 Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint 7a Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, 7b Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a 8b Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.) Yes No **10a** Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10a 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? 10b 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11a **b** Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. **12a** Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No," go to line 13* 12a ~ Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12b Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," 12c 13 13 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14 14 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? The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15a 15b If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions. 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement 16a v b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the Section C. Disclosure List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed None 17 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c) 18 (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. ✓ Own website ☐ Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O) Another's website Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, 19 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. ANDREW RALSTON, (713)315-5700

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

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

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

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

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

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization no	r any relate	d org	aniz			ompe	nsa	ted any current	otticer, director,	or trustee.
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Name and title	Average	box,	do not check more than one ox, unless person is both an			n an	Reportable	Reportable	Estimated amount	
	hours per week		_	_	_	or/trust		compensation from the	compensation from related	of other compensation
	list any	Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	High	Former	organization (W-2/	organizations (W-2/	from the
	hours for related	lirec	it	cer	em	nest	mer	1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	organization and related organizations
	organizations	or a	onal		Вo	e con		1099-1120)	1099-1120)	related organizations
	below	uste.	tru		ee	nper				
	dotted line)	Ж	stee			Highest compensated employee				
DIW MODIVITY	40.00					<u> </u>				
PHIL MCDIVITT	40.00	_								
DIRECTOR	0.50	· ·						0	0	0
ANDREW RALSTON DIRECTOR	40.00 0.50	·						0	0	0
SCOTTY HALL	40.00							0	0	0
DIRECTOR	0.50	·						0	0	0
MIMI SMITH	40.00	-						0	0	0
SECRETARY	0.50	·		~				0	0	0
RACHELL GOLD	40.00			Ť						
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.50	·		~				0	0	0
MICHAEL WALTERS	40.00									
DIRECTOR	0.50	1						0	0	0
PETER PARKER	40.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	1						0	0	0
LISA DOZIER	40.00									
TREASURER	0.00	'		~				0	0	0
BEN BRYANT	40.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	~						0	0	0
CHRIS JOHNSON	40.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	~						0	0	0
SCOTT MCCORMICK	40.00]								
DIRECTOR	0.00	~						0	0	0
SEBASTIAN CARMONA	40.00	1								
DIRECTOR	0.00	~						0	0	0
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	_	-								
					1	1	1			1

Part	VII Section A. Officers, Directors, 7	rustees,	Key I	Em	plo	yee	s, an	d F	lighest Compe	nsated Er	nplo	yees (continued)
					(6	C)						
	(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours	box,	unles	neck ss pe	rson	e than o is both or/trus	n an	(D) Reportable compensation	(E) Reportab	tion	(F) Estimated amount of other
		per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	from relationg organizations 1099-MIS 1099-NEG	(W-2/ C/	compensation from the organization and related organizations
			-									
			-									
			-									
			-									
			-									
1b	Subtotal	 VII Contin	 	٠	•	•			0		0	0
c d	Total from continuation sheets to Part Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	vii, Secuo	шА	•	•	•		•	0		0	0
2	Total number of individuals (including reportable compensation from the organi		limite	ed 1	to t	hos	e lis	ted	_	eceived mo	-	
3	Did the organization list any former of employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete s											Yes No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the organization and related organizations	sum of re	portal	ble	con	npe	nsatio	n a	and other compe	nsation fror	n the	
5	individual											5 ,
Secti	on B. Independent Contractors	. 11 100, 0	στηρι	010	001	1001	110 0 1	0, 0			•	3 0
1	Complete this table for your five high compensation from the organization. Report											
	(A) Name and business add	ress							(B) Description of serv	vices	((C) Compensation
None												
2	Total number of independent contractor received more than \$100,000 of compens	•	-					th	nose listed abov	e) who		

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		Check if Schedule	Осо	ntains a re	spon	se or note to an	y line in this Pa	rt VIII....		🗌
							(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512–514
ts,	1a	Federated campaig	ns .		1a	0				
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	b	Membership dues			1b	0				
တ် ဥ	С	Fundraising events			1c	0				
ţş,	d	Related organization			1d	617,269				
를 ಪ	e	Government grants			1e	0				
is,	f	All other contribution								
io s	-	and similar amounts no			1f	515 640				
the the	q	Noncash contribution				515,648				
	9	lines 1a–1f			4	_				
o Pu					1g					
0 %	h	Total. Add lines 1a-	-1† .				1,132,917			
						Business Code				
<u>ğ</u>	2a									
ē ē	b									
gram Ser Revenue	С									
am eve	d									
چ ۾	е									
Program Service Revenue	f	All other program se								
-	g	Total. Add lines 2a-					0			
	3	Investment income								
		other similar amoun	•	•						
	4	Income from investr	-							
					•					
	5	Royalties	<u> </u>	() D						
	_		_	(i) Rea	l	(ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross rents	6a							
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b							
	С	Rental income or (loss)			0	0				
	d	Net rental income o	r (los	s)						
	7a	Gross amount from		(i) Securit	ties	(ii) Other				
		sales of assets								
		other than inventory	7a							
ø	b	Less: cost or other basis								
Revenue		and sales expenses .	7b							
Š	С	Gain or (loss)	7c		0	0				
æ	q	Net gain or (loss)	-70			0				
ē	-				· · ·					
Other	8a	Gross income from		naraising						
		events (not including		_ 0	-					
		of contributions rep	-		_					
		1c). See Part IV, line			8a	213,526				
		Less: direct expens			8b	52,723				
	С	Net income or (loss)			g eve	nts	160,803		160,803	0
	9a	Gross income f								
		activities. See Part I	IV, lin	e 19 .	9a					
	b	Less: direct expens	es .		9b					
	С	Net income or (loss)) from	n gaming a	ctivitie	s				
		Gross sales of ir								
		returns and allowan			10a					
	b	Less: cost of goods			10b					
		Net income or (loss)				l NTV				
	С	INEL INCOME OF (IOSS)	, 11011	i saits Oi If	iveill	-				
Sn						Business Code				
ne eo	11a									
scellaneo Revenue	b									
e e	С									
Miscellaneous Revenue	d	All other revenue								
≥	е	Total. Add lines 11a	<u>a–11</u> c	<u>1</u> .			0			
	12	Total revenue. See					1,293,720	0	160,803	0

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	X Statement of Functional Expenses				(4)
Sectio	n 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must comp				
	Check if Schedule O contains a response t include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b,	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service	(C) Management and	(D) Fundraising
	, and 10b of Part VIII.	Total expenses	expenses	general expenses	expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations				
_	and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	592,949	592,949		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic				
_	individuals. See Part IV, line 22	226,104	226,104		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign				
	organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
_		13,235	13,235		
4 5	Benefits paid to or for members Compensation of current officers, directors,				
5	trustees, and key employees				
6					
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 8	Other salaries and wages				
·	section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes				
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
е	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 Schedule O.) .	5,000	5,000		
12	Advertising and promotion	18,264	18,264		
13	Office expenses				
14	Information technology	35,456	35,456		
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy				
17 18	Travel	5,030	5,030		
10	for any federal, state, or local public officials				
10	Conferences, conventions, and meetings .				
19 20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization .				
23	Insurance				
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered				
	above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If				
	line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column				
	(A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
а					
b					
С					
d					
е	All other expenses	0			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	896,038	896,038	0	0
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)				
	10110 WILLIS OCT 30-2 (700 300-120)				

Part X Balance Sheet

		Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in the	nis Part X		
			(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	. 223,486	1	620,034
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	. 95,134	3	81,724
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, direct			
		trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 3			
		controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defi			
		under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(1)		6	
ţs	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
Assets	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
Ä	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other			
		basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D 10a			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation 10b		10c	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)		_	701,758
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	38,187
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 22	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, direct		21	
ţį	22	trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 3			
ij		controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
Liabilities	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 t		27	
		parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Pa			
		of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	. 52,731		38,187
ű		Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here	33/101		33/131
JCe		and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
<u>=</u>	27	Net assets without donor restrictions		27	
Ä	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
pur		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here 🔽			
Net Assets or Fund Balances		and complete lines 29 through 33.			
0 0	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	. 0	29	0
šet	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	. 0	30	0
ASS	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	663,571
et '	32	Total net assets or fund balances		32	663,571
Ź	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	. 318,620	33	701,758

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Part	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)			1,293	3,720
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)			896	6,038
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1			397	7,682
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A)) 4			26	5,889
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments				0
6	Donated services and use of facilities				0
7	Investment expenses				0
8	Prior period adjustments				0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)				0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line				
	32, column (B))			663	3,571
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: Cash Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain	<u></u>			
	Schedule O.				
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		2a		~
	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.				
	☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis				
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	. [2b		~
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited or	n a 📗			
	separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.				
	☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis				
С	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight				
	the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	<u> </u>	2c		
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain Schedule O.	on			
3a		the			
	Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		3a		~
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo				
	required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		3b	200	

Form **990** (2024)

SCHEDULE A (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

Employer identification number Name of the organization **ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION** 90-0709302 Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions. The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.) A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i). A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).) A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). 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: 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.) ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v). 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.) ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.) 8 An agricultural research organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix) operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: An organization that normally receives (1) more than 331/3% 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 33½% 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.) An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12a, Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving а 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. 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. Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) d 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. Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type III, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization. Enter the number of supported organizations . . . Provide the following information about the supported organization(s). (iii) Type of organization (vi) Amount of (i) Name of supported organization (ii) EIN (iv) Is the organization (v) Amount of monetary (described on lines 1-10 listed in your governing support (see other support (see above (see instructions)) document? instructions) instructions) Yes No (A) (B) (C) (D) (E) **Total**

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) Part II (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) 2020 **(b)** 2021 (c) 2022 (d) 2023 **(e)** 2024 (f) Total Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . 1,104,000 1,602,743 1,373,532 1,436,251 1,132,917 6,649,443 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf The value of services or facilities 3 furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3 1,132,917 4 1,104,000 1,602,743 1,373,532 1,436,251 6,649,443 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) 2,661,883 **Public support.** Subtract line 5 from line 4 3,987,560 Section B. Total Support Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) (a) 2020 **(b)** 2021 (c) 2022 (d) 2023 (e) 2024 (f) Total 7 Amounts from line 4 1,104,000 1,602,743 1,373,532 1,436,251 1,132,917 6,649,443 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources Net income from unrelated business 9 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.) **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10 11 6,649,443 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) 13 Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 59.97 % Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 331/3% support test - 2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 331/3% or more, check this ~ 331/3% support test - 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 331/3% or more, check 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2024. 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 b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2023. 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

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

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

Secti	on A. Public Support			- ,		,	
Calen	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees	• •				, ,	
2	received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise						
2	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						
С	Add lines 7a and 7b						
8	Public support. (Subtract line 7c from						
0 1:	line 6.)						
	on B. Total Support	() 0000	# \ 0004	() 0000	(B 0000	() 000 ((0 T : 1
	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(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						
С	Add lines 10a and 10b						
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or						
12	loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14	First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization, check this box and stop he	•			or fifth tax ye		
Secti	on C. Computation of Public Suppor						<u>_</u> _
15	Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8						%
16	Public support percentage from 2023 Sch	nedule A, Part	III, line 15 .	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	16	%
Secti	on D. Computation of Investment In-	come Perce	ntage				
17	Investment income percentage for 2024 (-			%
18	Investment income percentage from 2023						%
19a	331/3% support tests – 2024. If the organ						
	17 is not more than 33 ¹ / ₃ %, check this box		_	-		=	_
b	331/3% support tests—2023. If the organiz						
00	line 18 is not more than 33½%, check this l	_	=	=	-		_
20	Private foundation. If the organization di	u not check a	DOX ON TIME 14	, 19a, or 19b, 0	CHECK THIS DOX	and see instru	CUONS . 🔲

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Part IV **Supporting Organizations**

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

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Jecu	on A. All Supporting Organizations		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1	163	140
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.	3a		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b		
С	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.	4b		
С	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in 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.	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a		
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?	5b		
С	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c		
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			
7	benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>	6		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	8		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b		
С	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to			

determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

10b

Schedule A (Form 990) 2024 Page 5 Part IV **Supporting Organizations** (continued) Yes No Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization? 11a **b** A family member of a person described on line 11a above? 11b c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI. 11c Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations Yes No 1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year. 1 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. 2 Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations Yes No 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). 1 Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations Yes No 1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? 1 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). 2 By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard. 3 Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below. The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. *Complete line 3 below.* С The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions). 2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below. Yes No 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. 2a b Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? 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. 2b Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b 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? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI. 3a

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.

3b

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	Type III Non Eunstianally Integrated 500(a)(2) Supporting Ora	10-	izotiono	rage C
Part				
1	Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying			
Sect	instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organion A-Adjusted Net Income	ıızal	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1		(0)
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
_ _ _	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		
Sect	on 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):			
а	Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b		
С	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
е	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 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6		
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
Sect	on C-Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1		
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2		
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3		
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4		
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to			
	emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6		
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functional (see instructions)	ally i	ntegrated Type III support	rting organization

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Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued) Part V Section D-Distributions **Current Year** Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes 1 2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity 2 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations 3 4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets 4 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI) 5 5 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions. 6 6 7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6. 7 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive 8 (provide details in Part VI). See instructions. 8 Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6 9 9 10 10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount (ii) (iii) Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions) **Underdistributions Distributable Excess Distributions** Pre-2024 Amount for 2024 Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6 2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions. Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024 a From 2019 From 2020 **c** From 2021 **d** From 2022 **e** From 2023 Total of lines 3a through 3e Applied to underdistributions of prior years Applied to 2024 distributable amount Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions) j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f. Distributions for 2024 from 4 Section D, line 7: Applied to underdistributions of prior years Applied to 2024 distributable amount Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4. Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions. Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions. Excess distributions carryover to 2025. Add lines 3j and 4c. Breakdown of line 7: Excess from 2020 . . . Excess from 2021 . . . Excess from 2022 . . . Excess from 2023 . . . Excess from 2024 . . .

Schedule A (Form 990) 2024 Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part Part VI 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.)

SCHEDULE F (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

Attach to Form 990.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Employer identification number

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ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION 90-0709302 General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Part I Form 990. Part IV. line 14b. For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and 1 other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to ☐ Yes 2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States. Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.) 3 (c) Number of (a) Region (b) Number (d) Activities conducted in the (e) If activity listed in (d) is (f) Total employees, of offices in expenditures for region (by type) (such as, a program service, agents, and fundraising, program services, the region describe specific type of and investments independent investments, grants to recipients service(s) in the region in the region contractors located in the region) in the region (1) (2)(3)(4)(5) (6)(7) (8) (9) (10) (11)(12)(13)(14)(15)(16) (17)Subtotal Total from continuation sheets to Part I c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)

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

section and EIN (if applicable)	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
						nter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as a tax kempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

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

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1) DISASTER RELIEF.	Europe (including Iceland	7	11,433	CHECK	0		
(2)							
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(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

1	Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see the 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 the Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; don't file with Form 990)	☐ Yes	✓ No
3	Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Corporations (see the 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 the 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 the 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 the Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)	☐ Yes	✓ No

Supplemental Information

Part V

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

SCHEDULE G (Form 990)

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

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Name o	of the organization					Employer ident	ification number
ASCE	ND CARES FOUNDATION					9	0-0709302
Par	Fundraising Activities. Form 990-EZ filers are r				vered "Yes" on F	orm 990, Part I\	/, line 17.
1	Indicate whether the organization	<u> </u>			owing activities. Cl	neck all that apply	·.
а	☐ Mail solicitations		e [ion of nongovernm		
b	☐ Internet and email solicitation	ons	f [Solicitat	ion of government	grants	
С	☐ Phone solicitations		g [Special	fundraising events		
d	☐ In-person solicitations						
2a	Did the organization have a writ						
	or key employees listed in Form	=	-		=	=	
b	If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid			draisers) pı	ursuant to agreem	ents under which	the fundraiser is to be
	compensated at least \$5,000 by	y the organization	on.				
		1			1		
	(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	custody	ndraiser have or control of butions?	(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
			Yes	No		col. (i)	
1							
2							
3							
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5							
6							
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8							
9							
10							
Total							
Total 3	List all states in which the orga	nization is regis	stered or lic	ensed to s	Landicit contributions	or has been not	ified it is exempt from
·	registration or licensing.	inzation to regic	otoroa or ne	0011000 10 0		or nas been net	mod it is exempt from
	3						

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Pa	rt II	Fundraising Events. Conthan \$15,000 of fundraising gross receipts greater that	ng event contributions			
			(a) Event #1 ASCEND CARES GOLF	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through
			(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	213,526			213,526
ш.	2	Less: Contributions	0			0
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	213,526			213,526
	4	Cash prizes	0			0
	5	Noncash prizes	0			0
enses	6	Rent/facility costs	0			0
Direct Expenses	7	Food and beverages	0		0	0
Direc	8	Entertainment	0		0	0
	9	Other direct expenses .	52,723			52,723
	10	Direct expense summary. Ad	dd lines 4 through 9 in c	olumn (d)		52,723
	11	Net income summary. Subtr		olumn (d)		160,803
Pa	rt III	Gaming. Complete if th \$15,000 on Form 990-E	ne organization answe Z, line 6a.	ered "Yes" on Form !	990, Part IV, line 19,	or reported more than
Revenue			(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Reve	1	Gross revenue				

	•	Entortaminont			0	`
	9	Other direct expenses .	52,723			52,723
	10	Direct expense summary. Ac				52,723
	11	Net income summary. Subtra				160,80
Pa	rt III		e organization answe	ered "Yes" on Form s	990, Part IV, line 19,	or reported more tha
		\$15,000 on Form 990-E	Z, line 6a.	Γ		Т
ne			(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c)
/en				biligo/progressive biligo		coi. (a) through coi. (c))
Revenue	_					
_	1	Gross revenue				
	•	O a ala maria a a				
ses	2	Cash prizes				
Sen	2	Nanagah prizas				
Ä	3	Noncash prizes				
Direct Expenses	4	Rent/facility costs				
Ä	7	Henriacinty costs				
_	5	Other direct expenses .				
		Carior direct expenses :	☐ Yes%	☐ Yes%	☐ Yes%	
	6	Volunteer labor	□ No	□ No		
	7	Direct expense summary. Ac	dd lines 2 through 5 in c	olumn (d)		
		,	· ·	()		
	8	Net gaming income summar	y. Subtract line 7 from li	ine 1, column (d)		
			-			,
9	Е	Enter the state(s) in which the or	ganization conducts ga	ming activities:		
	a ls	s the organization licensed to co	onduct gaming activities	s in each of these states	s?	Yes No
	b l1	f "No," explain:				
10	a V	Vere any of the organization's g	jaming licenses revoked	l, suspended, or termin	ated during the tax year	r? . 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
	b l1	f "Yes," explain:				

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11	Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?	☐ Yes	☐ No
12	Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary, or trustee of a trust; or a member of a partnership or other entity		
40	formed to administer charitable gaming?	☐ Yes	∐ No
13 a	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in: The organization's facility		%
b	An outside facility		
14	Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and		
	records:		
	Name		
	Address		
	, ida, coc		
15a	Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming	_	_
	revenue?	☐ Yes	☐ No
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$		
С	If "Yes," enter the name and address of the third party:		
	γ.,		
	Name		
	Addross		
	Address		
16	Gaming manager information:		
	Name		
	Gaming manager compensation \$		
	Description of services provided		
	☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor		
17	Mandatory distributions:		
а	Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to		_
L	retain the state gaming license?	∐ Yes	∐ No
D	spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year		
Part	·	iii) and (v); and
	Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any addition		
	See instructions.		

SCHEDULE I (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Employer identification number

ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION							90-0709302	
Part I General Information of	on Grants and	Assistance						
 Does the organization maintain and the selection criteria used Describe in Part IV the organization Part II Grants and Other Assemble Part IV, line 21, for any 	to award the gra ation's procedur sistance to Do	ints or assistance es for monitoring mestic Organiz	? the use of grant furations and Dom	nds in the United	States. ents. Complete if	the organization	□ Yes n answered "Yes" on l	☑ No Form 990,
1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description noncash assistar	1	•
(1) Sch I, Stmt 1								
(2)								
(3)								
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								
(10)								
(11)								
(12)								
2 Enter total number of section 5		•						17
3 Enter total number of other org	anizations listed	in the line 1 table	e					0

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	recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistan
ARDSHIP ASSISTANCE	26	86,954			
CHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS	90	139,150			
Supplemental Information. Prov	vide the information re	equired in Part I, lin	e 2; Part III, colum	n (b); and any other addition	onal information.
le I, Part I, Line 2 - ALL EMPLOYEE AND DIS	ASTER HARDSHIP GRAI	NTS GO THROUGH A D	DETAILED PROCESS	TO ENSURE THE APPLICANT I	S ELIGIBLE FOR THE
AND THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR	CHARITABLE PURPOS	ES.			
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		Recipient EIN	Amt. of cash grant	Amt. of non-
Name and address	Dan's House of Hope	27-2343010	7,500	
	4917 Jackson St		,,,,,,,	
	Houston, TX 77004			
IRC code section	501 (c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	General Support			
Name and address	Fire Outreach of Houston	84-1788749	6,000	
	1801 Smith St Ste 600			
	Houston, TX 77002			
IRC code section	501 (c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	General Support			
Name and address	Make a Wish Texas Gulf Coast & Lousiana	76-0116615	21,319	
	12625 Southwest Fwy			
	Stafford, TX 77477			
IRC code section	501 (c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	General Support			
Name and address	The Women's Home	74-1467811	7,885	
	607 Westheimer Rd			
	Houston, TX 77006			
IRC code section	501 (c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	General Support			
Name and address	Yellowstone Academy Inc	76-0686870	39,600	
	3000 Trulley Street			
	Houston, TX 77004			
IRC code section	501 (c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	General Support			
Name and address	DePelchin Childrens Center	76-0318867	25,000	
	4950 Memorial Dr			
	Houston, TX 77007			
IRC code section	501 (c)(3)			
Method of valuation				
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.				
Purpose of grant	General Support			
Name and address	Alvin Independent School District	74-6000030	18,290	
	301 E House St			
	Alvin, TX 77511			
IRC code section	501 (c)(3)			
Method of valuation				

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Desc. of Non-Cash Asst. Purpose of grant	General Support		
Name and address	Cantonment Improvement Committee 208 Webb St	47-5184596	10,852
IRC code section Method of valuation	Cantonment, FL 32533 501 (c)(3)		
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.			
Purpose of grant	General Support		
Name and address	Wreaths Across America 4 Point Street Columbia Falls, ME 04623	20-8362270	11,509
IRC code section Method of valuation Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.	501 (c)(3)		
Purpose of grant	General Support		
Name and address	Council on Aging Chill Out Event for Seniors PO Box 17066 Pensacola, FL 32522	59-1373939	7,500
IRC code section Method of valuation Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.	501 (c)(3)		
Purpose of grant	General Support		
Name and address	Escambia County Public Schools 30 East Texar Drive Suite 113 Pensacola, FL 32503	59-2715995	12,356
IRC code section Method of valuation Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.	501 (c)(3)		
Purpose of grant	General Support		
Name and address	Decatur City Schools Foundation PO Box 1224 Decatur, AL 35602	58-2004353	7,069
IRC code section Method of valuation Desc. of Non-Cash Asst. Purpose of grant	501 (c)(3) General Support		
Name and address	Habitat for Humanity International 121 Habitat St Americus, GA 31709	91-1914868	10,000
IRC code section Method of valuation Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.	501 (c)(3)		
Purpose of grant	General Support		
Name and address	Parents and Children Together PO Box 1247 Decatur, AL 35602	63-0770591	10,000
IRC code section Method of valuation Desc. of Non-Cash Asst. Purpose of grant	501 (c)(3) General Support		
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Name and address

Marine Toys for Tots Foundation

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18251 Quantico Gateway Dr

Triangle, VA 22172

IRC code section

501 (c)(3)

Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

Purpose of grant General Support

Name and address Trees for Houston

1911 W 34th St Houston, TX 77018

IRC code section 501(c)(3)

Method of valuation
Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.
Purpose of grant

Name and address United Way Worldwide

701 N Fairfax Street Alexandria, VA 22314 501(c)(3)

IRC code section
Method of valuation

Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.
Purpose of grant

13-1635294 7,200

76-0046318

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

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Name of the organization

ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION

90-0709302

Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION (THE "CORPORATION") IS ORGANIZED AND SHALL BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC, AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986. IN FURTHERANCE OF SUCH PURPOSES, THE CORPORATION SHALL PROVIDE AID TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL OR CIVIL DISASTERS OR EMERGENCY HARDSHIPS AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE AID TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL OR CIVIL DISASTERS OR EMERGENCY HARDSHIPS. ASCEND CARES COORDINATES VOLUNTEERS AND PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO 503(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY, EDUCATION, HOUSING, HUNGER, AND THE MILITARY.

Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 8b - THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT HAVE COMMITTEES

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL BE PROVIDED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 BEFORE THE FORM IS FILED WITH THE IRS.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION MAINTAINS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. COMPLIANCE WITH THE POLICY WAS ENSURED BY OBTAINING ANNUAL CERTIFICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND REVIEWING ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. IT IS DETERMINEDTHAT A DIRECTOR HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST, THE DIRECTOR RECUSES HIMSELF/HERSELF FROM ANY VOTE THAT COULD CAUSE POTENTIAL CONFLICT. ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION (THE "CORPORATION") IS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION THE BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS OF WHICH SERVE THE PUBLIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH IT IS DEDICATED. THESE PERSONS HAVE A DUTY TO CONDUCT THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH SUCH PURPOSES AND NOT TO ADVANCE THEIR PERSONAL INTERESTS. THIS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS INTENDED TO PERMIT THE CORPORATION AND ITS BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS TO IDENTIFY, EVALUATE AND ADDRESS ANY REAL, POTENTIAL OR APPARENT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THAT MIGHT, IN FACT OR IN APPEARANCE, CALL INTO QUESTION THEIR DUTY OF UNDIVIDED LOYALTY TO THE CORPORATION. COVERED TRANSACTIONS THIS POLICY APPLIES TO TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND THE CORPORATION'S BOARD MEMBERS AND MANAGERS (EACH A "COVERED PERSON"), OR BETWEEN THE CORPORATION AND ANOTHER PARTY WITH WHICH A COVERED PERSON HAS A SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP. A COVERED PERSON IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIP WITH ANOTHER PARTY IF: THE OTHER PARTY IS A FAMILY MEMBER, INCLUDING A SPOUSE, PARENT, SIBLING, CHILD, STEPCHILD, GRANDPARENT, GRANDCHILD, GREAT-GRANDCHILD, IN-LAW, OR DOMESTIC PARTNER; THE OTHER PARTY IS AN ENTITY IN WHICH THE COVERED PERSON HAS A MATERIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST. THE DETERMINATION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES A MATERIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST INCLUDES ENTITIES IN WHICH THE COVERED PERSON AND ALL INDIVIDUALS OR ENTITIES HAVING SIGNIFICANT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COVERED PERSON OWN, IN THE AGGREGATE, MORE THAN 10%; OR THE COVERED PERSON IS AN OFFICER, DIRECTOR, TRUSTEE, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE OTHER PARTY. A COVERED TRANSACTION ALSO INCLUDES ANY OTHER TRANSACTION IN WHICH THERE MAY BE AN ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST, INCLUDING ANY TRANSACTION IN WHICH THE INTERESTS OF A COVERED PERSON MAY BE SEEN AS COMPETING WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE CORPORATION. DISCLOSURE, REFRAIN FROM INFLUENCE, AND RECUSAL WHEN A COVERED PERSON BECOMES AWARE OF A PROPOSED COVERED TRANSACTION, HE OR SHE SHALL HAVE A DUTY TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS: IMMEDIATELY DISCLOSE THE EXISTENCE AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF SUCH COVERED TRANSACTION TO THE CORPORATION'S BOARD IN WRITING; REFRAIN FROM USING HIS OR HER PERSONAL INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE THE CORPORATION TO ENTER INTO THE COVERED TRANSACTION; AND PHYSICALLY EXCUSE HIMSELF OR HERSELF FROM PARTICIPATION IN ANY DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE COVERED TRANSACTION WITH OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CORPORATION AND AT MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, EXCEPT TO RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVERED TRANSACTION. STANDARD FOR APPROVAL OF COVERED TRANSACTIONS THE CORPORATION MAY ENTER INTO A COVERED TRANSACTION WHERE (A) SUCH TRANSACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ACT OF SELF-DEALING, AND (B) THE BOARD DETERMINES, ACTING WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OR INFLUENCE OF THE COVERED PERSON AND BASED ON COMPARABLE MARKET DATA, THAT SUCH TRANSACTION IS FAIR AND REASONABLE TO THE CORPORATION. THE BOARD SHALL DOCUMENT THE BASIS FOR THIS DETERMINATION IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING AT WHICH THE COVERED TRANSACTION IS CONSIDERED, AND SHALL CONSULT WITH THE CORPORATION'S LEGAL ADVISOR AS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE TRANSACTION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN ACT OF SELF-DEALING. IN THE EVENT THAT ALL BOARD MEMBERS HAVE AN ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO A COVERED TRANSACTION, THE BOARD MAY APPROVE THE TRANSACTION IF IT FOLLOWS THE STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION 3, WITHOUT REGARD TO THE GENERAL REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS POLICY FOR NONPARTICIPATION BY AND RECUSAL OF SUCH BOARD MEMBERS IN A CONFLICT POSITION. ADMINISTRATION OF POLICY THIS POLICY SHALL BE

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ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD, WHICH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING: RECEIVING DISCLOSURES OF
PROPOSED COVERED TRANSACTIONS; REVIEWING PROPOSED COVERED TRANSACTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY
MEET THE ABOMAINTAINING MINUTES AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO
DOCUMENT ITS REVIEW OF COVERED TRANSACTIONS; AND VE-DESCRIBED STANDARD; MAINTAINING MINUTES AND SUCH
OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO DOCUMENT ITS REVIEW OF COVERED
TRANSACTIONS; AND REVIEWING THE OPERATION OF THIS POLICY AND MAKING CHANGES FROM TIME TO TIME AS IT MAY
DEEM APPROPRIATE.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF
INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
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Schedule O, Statement 1 ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION

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Mission Description

Description

AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE AID TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL OR CIVIL DISASTERS OR EMERGENCY HARDSHIPS. ASCEND CARES COORDINATES VOLUNTEERS AND PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT CHILDREN'S HEALTH AND SAFETY, EDUCATION, HOUSING, HUNGER AND THE MILITARY.

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Other Program Services Accomplishments

Activity Code	Description	Expense	Grants	Revenue
	ORGANIZATION EXPENSES	11,028	0	0
Total:		11,028	0	0

SCHEDULE R (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

Employer identification number

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Part I	Identification of Disregarded Entities. Comple	te if the orga	anization	answered "Yes	s" on Form 990, Pa	art IV, line 33.				
	(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity		Prima	(b) ary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	End-of-	(e) -year assets	(f) Direct cor entit	ntrolling
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Part II	Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations one or more related tax-exempt organizations du	ations. Com uring the tax	nplete if the	ne organization	answered "Yes" (on Form 990, Pa	art IV, li	ne 34, bec	ause it h	nad
	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary a	1	(c) Legal domicile (sta		(e) Public charity stat (if section 501(c)((f) Direct controlling entity	con	(g) n 512(b)(1 ntrolled ntity?
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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	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	Oispropo allocat	ortionate tions?	(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		General or managing		General or managing partner?		General or managing		General or managing		(k) Percentage ownership
		country)		sections 512-514)			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	Section 5 conti ent	(i) 512(b)(13) rolled tity?
								Yes	No
(1) See Schedule R, Part VII, Statement 1	-								
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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.

Not	complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.		Yes	No
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?			
а	Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a		~
b	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b		~
С	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c	~	
d	Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d		~
е	Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e		~
f	Dividends from related organization(s)	1f		~
g	Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g		~
h	Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h		~
i	Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i		~
j	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j		~
k	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k		~
ı	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	11		V
m	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m	~	
n	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n		~
0	Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	10		~
р	Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p	~	
q	Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1g		~
-		•		
r	Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r		~
s	Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s		~
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	n thre	esholo	ds.
	(a) (b) (c) (d)			
	Name of related organization Transaction Amount involved Method of determining	amour	nt invol	ved
	type (a-s)			
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Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of	f entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	unrelated, excluded	Are all sec 501	e) partners ction (c)(3) zations?	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	Disprop	n) ortionate tions?	(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	Gene	i) ral or aging ner?	(k) Percentage ownership
				sections 512—514)	Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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Part VII	Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

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Description of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

Name and EIN
ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS HOLDINGS (270219853)
Address
1010 TRAVIS STREET SUITE 900
HOUSTON, TX 77002
Primary activity
CHEMICAL MFG
State of fotal Share of endincomeof-year assets
0%No
0%No
0%No
0%No