# \*\* PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COPY \*\* Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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ΑF	or the	2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning and	ending							
<b>B</b> c	heck if pplicable	C Name of organization		D Employer identifi	cation number					
	Addres	THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE								
	Name change	Doing business as		86-11538	59					
	Initial return Final return/	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 9216	Room/suite	E Telephone numbe (415) 80						
	termin- ated	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		G Gross receipts \$	3,215,008.					
	Ameno			H(a) Is this a group return						
	Application	F Name and address of principal officer: AMANDA STORGEON		for subordinates? Yes X No						
	pendin	SAME AS C ABOVE		H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No						
<u> 1 1</u>	ax-exe	mpt status: X 501(c)(3) 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) (	or 527	If "No," attach a	list. See instructions					
	Vebsit			H(c) Group exemption						
K F	orm of	organization: X Corporation Trust Association Other	<b>L</b> Year	of formation: 2005 n	M State of legal domicile: MT					
Pa	art I	Summary								
ø		Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: TO N								
Governance		CULTURE BY PROMOTING THE TRANSFER OF IDEA								
ern	l	Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or dispos		ı						
ઠ્ઠ	l			<u>3</u>	12					
∞ಶ		Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)			22					
ties		Fotal number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)  Fotal number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)			85					
Activities		Fotal unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12			0.					
Ą		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11			0.					
				Prior Year	Current Year					
4	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		2,632,352.	2,961,654.					
ne	l .	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		48,867.	217,504.					
Revenue	10	nvestment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		6,239.	35,850.					
æ		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		1,520.	0.					
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		2,688,978.						
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		81,280.	323,535.					
	I	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0.	0.					
es	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		1,417,687.						
Expenses	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u> </u>	0.	0.					
ă	_b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 200, 20			1 276 940					
ш	''	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		0. 1,498,967.	1,276,849. 3,154,314.					
	l .	Fotal expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		1,190,011.	60,694.					
_ <u>_                                  </u>		Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	Re	ginning of Current Year	End of Year					
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Fotal assets (Part X, line 16)		2,118,943.	2,203,288.					
ASS	21	Fotal liabilities (Part X, line 26)		587,259.	610,910.					
Net of the second	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		1,531,684.	1,592,378.					
Pa	rt II	Signature Block								
Und	er pena	ties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules	and stateme	ents, and to the best of my	/ knowledge and belief, it is					
true,	correc	, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of wh	ich preparer	has any knowledge.						
Sigi		Signature of officer		Date						
Her	е	AMANDA STURGEON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER								
		Type or print name and title		Doto I	DTIN					
		Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature		Date Check	PTIN					
Paid		CHERYL GUIDDY CHERYL GUIDDY	<u> </u> 1	.1/14/24 self-employ						
	arer Only	Firm's name HARRIS & CO., PLLC Firm's address 1120 S. RACKHAM WAY, STE 100		Firm's EIN 2	6-4022510					
USE	Only	Firm's address 1120 S. RACKHAM WAY, STE 100 MERIDIAN, ID 83642		Dhono no 12	08) 333-8965					
Mar	the I	S discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions		PHOHE HO. ( Z	X Yes No					
		S discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions	0.04.00		A res No					

Pai	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III
1	Briefly describe the organization's mission:
	THE PURPOSES OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE TO NATURALIZE BIOMIMICRY IN
	THE CULTURE BY PROMOTING THE TRANSFER OF IDEAS, DESIGNS, AND
	STRATEGIES FROM BIOLOGY TO SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SYSTEMS DESIGN. ABOUT BIOMIMICRY: EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE, CONSUMPTION, POLLUTION,
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2	Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes X No
	prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?  Yes X No  If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
3	Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?  Yes X No
•	If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
4	Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses.
-	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and
	revenue, if any, for each program service reported.
4a	(Code:) (Expenses \$963,350 •including grants of \$221,105 •) (Revenue \$)
	SYSTEMS CHANGE - DESIGN FOR TRANSFORMATION (D4T): IN 2021 WE INITIATED
	A NEW SYSTEMS CHANGE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE BUILDING ON THE INTEREST
	GENERATED BY OUR THE NATURE OF FASHION REPORT (2020). THIS PROGRAM
	LOOKS AT SYSTEM LEVEL CHALLENGES, WITH AN INITIAL FOCUS ON TEXTILE
	DECOMPOSITION AND HOW WE CAN DESIGN SYSTEMS THAT ULTIMATELY SUPPORT THE
	SAFE BREAKDOWN AND BUILDUP OF MATERIALS. MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS THAT
	ARE UNFAMILIAR TO NATURE PREDOMINATE THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY. THE SCOPE
	AND SCALE OF THIS INDUSTRY THREATENS TO OVERWHELM PLANETARY BOUNDARIES.
	TAKING A BIOMIMETIC FRAME TO THE ISSUES LEADS TO POSSIBLE END-OF-LIFE
	SOLUTIONS STARTING WITH MAKING MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS THAT ARE FAMILIAR
	(AKA COMPATIBLE) WITH NATURAL SYSTEMS.
41.	(Code:) (Expenses \$ 581,310 . including grants of \$ 102,430 . ) (Revenue \$ 48,500 . )
4b	(Code:) (Expenses \$
	THE BIOMIMICRY LAUNCHPAD SUPPORTS A COMMUNITY OF EARLY-STAGE SCIENTISTS
	AND ENTREPRENEURS WHO BENEFIT FROM EACH OTHER AS THEY DEEPEN THEIR
	BIOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOP THE SKILLS NEEDED TO TRANSFORM THEIR
	IDEAS FROM CONCEPT TO PROVEN PROTOTYPE AND BEYOND. THE PROGRAM FEATURES
	A VIRTUAL 10-WEEK CUSTOMER DISCOVERY AND TECHNOLOGY VALIDATION
	INCUBATOR, ALONG WITH A WEEK-LONG NATURE IMMERSION NEAR MISSOULA,
	MONTANA, WHICH BUILDS A LIFELONG COMMUNITY OF PEERS AND STRONG
	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHOS. THE LAUNCHPAD EQUIPS NATURE-INSPIRED SCIENTISTS,
	DESIGNERS, AND RESEARCHERS WITH THE SKILLS AND TOOLS THEY NEED TO TURN
	THEIR WORK INTO SCALABLE STARTUPS.
	504 540
4c	(Code:) (Expenses \$501,518. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$157,600.)
	ASKNATURE - AS THE LARGEST OPEN-ACCESS DATABASE FOR INNOVATORS TO FIND
	BIOLOGICAL MODELS FOR DESIGN GUIDANCE, ASKNATURE IS MISSION-CRITICAL FOR OUR WORK. STUDENTS USE ASKNATURE WHEN THEY FIRST LEARN DESIGN AND
	ENGINEERING SKILLS IN VARIOUS BIOMIMICRY PROGRAMS AND CONTINUE TO USE
	IT AS THEY ADVANCE THROUGH UNIVERSITY AND BECOME INNOVATORS. OUR AIM IS
	TO HAVE NATURE-INSPIRED DESIGN BECOME STANDARD PRACTICE, WITH ASKNATURE
	AS A PRIMARY TOOL. WE CURRENTLY HAVE MORE THAN 1,750 ARTICLES
	DESCRIBING BIOLOGICAL STRATEGIES (A CHARACTERISTIC, MECHANISM, OR
	PROCESS THAT PERFORMS A FUNCTION FOR AN ORGANISM OR OTHER TYPE OF
	LIVING SYSTEM), 300 ABOUT INNOVATIONS (STORIES BEHIND REALIZED AND
	CONCEPTUAL PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND SYSTEM COMPONENTS THAT ARE INSPIRED
	BY BIOLOGY), 75 INDEXED RESOURCES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR EDUCATORS,
4d	Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)
	(Expenses \$ 252,557 • including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 11,404 • )
4e	Total program service expenses 2,298,735.
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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on			
	Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	Х	
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	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the			
	last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete			
	Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a		_X_
	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
С	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		
	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25 a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit			37
	transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and			
	that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete			37
	Schedule L, Part I	25b		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current			
	or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35%			37
	controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee,			
	creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled			х
	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?     F   Contract   Con	00-		Х
	"Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a		X
	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		
C	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? If	28c		Х
20	"Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29		X
29 30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation	29		21
30		30		х
31	contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete	<del></del>		
<b>52</b>	Schedule N, Part II	32		х
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations	- 02		
00	sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		Х
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		х
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		Х
	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?			
	If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		Х
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		X
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	X	
Pai	t V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance			
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V			
			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable			
С	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming			
	(gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	X	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

			Yes	No
<b>2</b> a	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		77	
	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	X	37
	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		X
	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			x
L	financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a		
D	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country  See instructions for filling requirements for Fig.CFN Form 114. Beneat of Foreign Bank and Figure 1940 Assemble (FRAR)			
<b>5</b> 0	See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).  Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	Eo.		Х
	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?  Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5a 5b		X
	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c		
	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit	50		
va	any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a		х
h	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts	- ou		
~	were not tax deductible?	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
	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		х
	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required			
	to file Form 8282?	7с		Х
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d			
е	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e		Х
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f		Х
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:			
	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12			
	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
	Gross income from members or shareholders 11a			
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against			
10-	amounts due or received from them.)  Section 4047(-VII) non-everyth charitable trusts. Is the everythin filing Form 4000 in liquid Form 10412	100		
	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?  If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12a		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
	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.	100		
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			
С	Enter the amount of reserves on hand			
	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		Х
	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or			
	excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	15		X
	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		Х
	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 "No" response Page 6 to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions.

	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI			X						
Sec	tion 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 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.									
b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent									
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other									
	officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		Х						
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision									
	of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		Х						
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		Х						
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		Х						
6										
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or									
	more members of the governing body?	7a		Х						
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or									
	persons other than the governing body?	7b		Х						
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:									
а	The governing body?	8a	Х							
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X							
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the									
	organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O	9		х						
Sec	tion B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)									
	(This social 2 logistic mismatch as sat policies to require by the mismatch as social)		Yes	No						
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		Х						
	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	Х							
b	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.									
12a	2a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13									
	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Х							
	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes." describe									
	on Schedule O how this was done	12c	X							
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Х							
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X							
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent									
	persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?									
а	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Х							
	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Х							
	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 with a									
	taxable entity during the year?	16a		х						
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation									
	in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's									
	exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b								
Sec	tion C. Disclosure									
17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA, NY									
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s	only)	availal	ole						
. =	for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.									
	X Own website Another's website X Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)									
19	Describe on Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and	finan	ial							
.5	statements available to the public during the tax year.	αι ι								
20	State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records									
_0	AMANDA STURGEON - 415-800-1401									
	PO BOX 9216, MISSOULA, MT 59807									

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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.

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

- 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.

(A)  Name and title	(B)			(( Pos	C) ition	1		(D)  Reportable	(E) Reportable	<b>(F)</b> Estimated
Name and title	Average hours per week	box	, unle	ss per	rson i	than o s both or/trus	an an	compensation	compensation from related	amount of other
	(list any hours for related organizations below line)	Individual trustee or director	In stitutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	compensation from the organization and related organizations
(1) BETH RATTNER	40.00	1						450 500		46 200
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			Х				170,539.	0.	16,327.
(2) ANDREW HOWLEY	40.00	1				x		101 454	0.	10 226
ASKNATURE CHIEF EDITOR (3) MEGAN DWYER	40.00					^		101,454.	0.	10,236.
ASKNATURE BRAND MARKETING DIRECTOR	40.00	1				x		101,200.	0.	4,048.
(4) AMANDA STURGEON	40.00							101,200	•	4,040.
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	10.00	1		х				26,035.	0.	0.
(5) ANGELA NAHIKIAN	2.00									
PRESIDENT		Х		х				0.	0.	0.
(6) KENT SNYDER	2.00									
VICE PRESIDENT		Х		Х				0.	0.	0.
(7) ERIN ROVALO	1.00									
TREASURER		Х		Х				0.	0.	0.
(8) JIM BUNCH	2.00									
SECRETARY		Х		Х				0.	0.	0.
(9) DANIEL KINZER	1.00	1								_
DIRECTOR		Х						0.	0.	0.
(10) MARY DAVIDGE	1.00	ļ								•
DIRECTOR	1 00	Х						0.	0.	0.
(11) EVELYN ERICKSON	1.00	٠,,								0
DIRECTOR	1 00	Х						0.	0.	0.
(12) LAUREN BIRNEY DIRECTOR	1.00	х						0.	0.	0.
(13) LISA GAUTIER	1.00	Α						0.	0.	0.
DIRECTOR	1.00	Х						0.	0.	0.
(14) BILLY ALMON	1.00	^						0.	0.	0.
DIRECTOR	1.00	x						0.	0.	0.
(15) DIMITRI DEHEYN	1.00							•	•	•
DIRECTOR		х						0.	0.	0.
(16) DANIELA PIGOSSO	1.00									3.
DIRECTOR		х						0.	0.	0.
										000

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Pai	Section A. Officers, Directors, Trus	tees, Key Emp	oloy	ees,	anc	Hig	ghes	t C	ompensated Employee	s (continued)				
	(A)	(B)							(E)			(F)		
	Name and title	Average	(do	Position (do not check more than on				one	Reportable	Reportable		E:	stimate	ed
		hours per	box	, unle	ss per	rson i	is both	n an				ar	nount	of
		week		Cerar	ia a a	recio	or/trus	lee)	from from related				other	
		(list any	recto						the	organizations		ı	ipensa	
		hours for related	or di	98			ated		organization	(W-2/1099-MIS		l	rom th	
		organizations	ustee	trust		e e	Suedic		(W-2/1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	1099-NEC)		1 `	janizat d relat	
		below	lual tr	tional		ploye	st con	_	1099-NEO)			ı	u reiai anizati	
		line)	Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former				l	ainzan	0113
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1b	Subtotal								399,228.		0.	3	0,6	11.
С	Total from continuation sheets to Part VI	l, Section A							0.		0.			0.
	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								399,228.		0.	3	0,6	11.
2	Total number of individuals (including but n								eceived more than \$100,	000 of reportable				
	compensation from the organization						,		, , ,	1				3
	, J												Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer,	director, truste	ee. k	cev e	lame	ove	e. or	hia	hest compensated empl	lovee on				
	line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for si	•	-	•	•	•		•		•		3		х
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the su													
•	and related organizations greater than \$150											4	х	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or a											_		
3		•				•			•			5		х
Sec	rendered to the organization? If "Yes," com tion B. Independent Contractors	piete Scheaule	9 J T	or st	icn į	oers	on					3		_ 25
		managatad ind	lono		ot o.	t	t	+b	and received mare than C	100 000 of comm		tion fu		
1	Complete this table for your five highest con										ici isal	uon ir	UIII	
	the organization. Report compensation for t	ine calendar ye	eare	enair	ıg w	ith C	or wi	tnin T		ear.			<u> </u>	
	(A) Name and business	address	NT/	TIA	7				<b>(B)</b> Description of s	ervices	C		C) nsatio	n
	Name and business	addicss	14(	ONE	<u> </u>			$\dashv$	Description of s	CI VICCS	<u> </u>	отпре	iiisatio	11
								-						
								$\rightarrow$						
2	Total number of independent contractors (in	ncluding but no	ot lir	nited	d to	thos	se lis	ted	above) who received mo	ore than				
	\$100,000 of compensation from the organization	rotion				(	1							

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			Check if Schedule O	conta	ains a	respons	se or	note to any lin	e in this Part VIII			
								,	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
									Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under
										lunction revenue	business revenue	sections 512 - 514
ស្ន	1	а	Federated campaigns			1a						
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts		b	Membership dues			1b						
Ω. E			Fundraising events			1c						
ifts ar A			<b>-</b>			1d						
s, Biis			Government grants (contri			1e						
Sign			All other contributions, gifts,									
bet			similar amounts not included			1f 2	2,9	61,654.				
Ē		g	Noncash contributions included in			1g \$		5,100.				
a S		h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f						2,961,654.			
							Е	Business Code				
a l	2	а	CONSULTING					900099	211,560.	211,560.		
Ş		b	ONLINE EDUCAT	ΙOΙ	N			611710	4,409.	4,409.		
Sel		С	LICENSE FEE					611710	1,000.	1,000.		
am		d	SPEAKING ENGA	GEI	MEN	TS		611710	535.	535.		
Program Service Revenue		е										
P.		f	All other program service	rever	nue							
		g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f						217,504.			
	3		Investment income (includ									
									35,850.			35,850.
	4		Income from investment of									
	5		Royalties	. <u></u>								
					(i	) Real		(ii) Personal				
	6	а	Gross rents	6a								
		b	Less: rental expenses	6b								
		С	Rental income or (loss)	6с								
		d	Net rental income or (loss)	<u></u>								
	7	а	Gross amount from sales of		(i) S	ecurities	s	(ii) Other				
			assets other than inventory	7a								
		b	Less: cost or other basis									
e			and sales expenses	7b								
her Revenue		С	Gain or (loss)	7с								
Be		d	Net gain or (loss)			<u></u>						
ĕ	8	а	Gross income from fundraising	ng ev	ents (r	not						
₹			including \$			of						
			contributions reported on	line	1c). S	ee						
			Part IV, line 18			[8	8a					
		b	Less: direct expenses				8b					
		С	Net income or (loss) from	fund	raisin	g event <u>s</u>	3					
	9	а	Gross income from gamin	g ac	tivities	s. See						
			Part IV, line 19			<u>[</u>	9a					
		b	Less: direct expenses				9b					
		С	Net income or (loss) from	gami	ing ac	tivities_						
	10	а	Gross sales of inventory, I	ess r	eturn	s						
			and allowances			1	l0a					
		b	Less: cost of goods sold				l0b					
		С	Net income or (loss) from	sales	of in	ventory						
<u>"</u>					-		E	Business Code				
oŭ.	11	а					_ [					
Miscellaneous Revenue		b					_ [					
eve		С										
Λisc B		d	All other revenue				L					
_			Total. Add lines 11a-11d									
	12		Total revenue See instruction	ne					3.215.008.	217 504	0.	35 850.

#### Part IX | Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A). Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX (**D**) Fundraising expenses (B)
Program service
expenses (C) Management and general expenses (A) Total expenses Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b. 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations 216,733. 216,733. and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 Grants and other assistance to domestic 43,721. 43,721. individuals. See Part IV, line 22 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign 63,081. individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 ...... 63,081. Benefits paid to or for members Compensation of current officers, directors, 212,901. 38,568. 24,458. 149,875. trustees, and key employees ..... Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Other salaries and wages 1,143,711. 805,131. 207,191. 131,389. 7 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include 33,760. 23,766. 6,116. 3,878. section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) <u>39,3</u>50. 55,898. 10,126. 6,422. Other employee benefits 9 107,660. 75,789. 19,503. 12,368. 10 Payroll taxes 11 Fees for services (nonemployees): Management 25,519. 25,519. Legal 47,380. 47,380. Accounting Lobbying Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 Investment management fees Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, 730,959. 643,411. 84,901. 2,647. column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.) Advertising and promotion 12 41,110. 24,334. 11,876. 4,900. 13 Office expenses 81,747. 53,942. 20,509. 7,296. Information technology 14 Royalties 15 16 Occupancy 17 Travel Payments of travel or entertainment expenses 18 for any federal, state, or local public officials 122,604. 80,030. 39,199. 3,375. Conferences, conventions, and meetings 19 20 Payments to affiliates 21 61,323. 57,944. 3,300. 79. Depreciation, depletion, and amortization 22 15,988. 3,234. 12,226. 528. 23 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered 24 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.) 138,616. 18,394. 117,356. 2,866. OTHER EXPENSES CURRENT TRANSLATION LOS 11,603. 11,603. С d All other expenses 3,154,314. 2,298,735. 655,373. 200,206. Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e 25 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)

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Part X Balance Sheet

Pai	rt X	Balance Sheet					
		Check if Schedule O contains a response or	note to any lin	e in this Part X			
					<b>(A)</b> Beginning of year		<b>(B)</b> End of year
	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing	337,084.	1	584,014.		
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			1,655,869.	2	1,141,725.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			20,594.	3	398,761.
	4	Accounts receivable, net	525.	4			
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current					
		trustee, key employee, creator or founder, su	bstantial cont	ributor, or 35%			
		controlled entity or family member of any of t		5			
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqu	ualified person	us (as defined			
		under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons descri	bed in section	4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
Ø	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				7	
Assets	8	Inventories for sale or use				8	
As	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			20,116.	9	41,534.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other					
		basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	221,571.			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	184,317.	84,730.	10c	37,254.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities			11		
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, lir		12			
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, li		13			
	14	Intangible assets			14		
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	25.	15			
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must e	equal line 33)		2,118,943.	16	2,203,288.
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		148,566.	17	241,025.	
	18	Grants payable			100 500	18	
	19	Deferred revenue			438,693.	19	369,885.
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities				20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Comple				21	
es	22	Loans and other payables to any current or for					
Liabilities		trustee, key employee, creator or founder, su					
iab		controlled entity or family member of any of t	•			22	
_	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to un		······		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrela				24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax,					
		parties, and other liabilities not included on li	,				
		of Schedule D		·····	587,259.	25	610,910.
	26			X	307,239.	26	010,910.
Ø		Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, o	cneck nere				
nce	0.7	and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			1,258,691.	07	1,410,488.
ala	27	Net assets without donor restrictions			272,993.	27 28	181,890.
В В	28	Net assets with donor restrictions  Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC			212,775.	20	101,000.
튑		and complete lines 29 through 33.	5 956, CHECK	nere			
卢	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current fun	de			29	
ets	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or				30	
\ss(	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated				31	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	32	Total net assets or fund balances			1,531,684.	32	1,592,378.
Ž	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			2,118,943.	33	2,203,288.
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Pai	rt XI   Reconciliation of Net Assets				
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI				
1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,21		
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,15		
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3		0,69	
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	1,53	1,68	84.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5			
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6			
7	Investment expenses	7			
8	Prior period adjustments	8			
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9			0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32,				
	column (B))	10	1,59	2,3	78.
Par	rt 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 X Accrual Other				
	If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule	О.	_		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		2a		X
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed				
	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	х	
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate				
	consolidated basis, or both:	,			
	X 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 of the	audit.			
	review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		2c	x	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Scho				
За	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the				
	Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		3a		Х
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required	ed audit			
~	or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		3b		

#### **SCHEDULE A**

(Form 990)

**Total** 

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

# **Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Employer identification number** 

Name of the organization

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Pa	rt I	Reason for Public (	Charity Status.	(All organizations must c	omplete th	nis part.) S	ee instructions	S.	
The	organ	ization is not a private found							
1		A church, convention of ch	urches, or associatio	on of churches described	in <b>sectio</b>	n 170(b)(1	I)(A)(i).		
2		A school described in sect	ion 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (	Attach Schedule E (Form	n 990).)				
3	$\Box$	A hospital or a cooperative				(b)(1)(A)(ii	i).		
4	一	A medical research organiz					•	(iii). Enter	the hospital's name,
_		city, and state:	•				· · · · · · ·	` ,	,
5		An organization operated for	or the benefit of a col	llege or university owned	or operat	ed by a go	vernmental un	nit describe	ed in
		section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (C		<b></b>		, 3-			
6		A federal, state, or local gov		nental unit described in	section 17	70(h)(1)(A)	(v)		
	X	An organization that norma	•					a ganaral i	oublic described in
•		section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (C		Titial part of its support if	om a gove	riiiiciitai	driit or ironn tir	c general i	Jablic acsorbed in
8		A community trust describe		(1)(A)(vi) (Complete Part	· II \				
9	H	•			•	nd in aanii	ination with a l	land grant	aallaga
9	ш	An agricultural research org				-		-	-
		or university or a non-land-g	grant college of agrici	ulture (see iristructions).	Enter the i	name, city	, and state or t	irie college	; OI
40		university:	Illy reasings (1) mars	than 22 1/20/ of its supp	art fram a	ontribution	no momborobi	n food on	d areas resoints from
10	ш	An organization that norma	•					-	*
		activities related to its exen	-	•					-
		income and unrelated busin		(less section 511 tax) fro	m busines	sses acqui	rea by the orga	anization a	mer June 30, 1975.
		See section 509(a)(2). (Con		to a boda a da ada da coma da Para a d			20/-1/41		
11	H	An organization organized a	· ·	•	•				
12	ш	An organization organized a	· ·		-			-	• •
		more publicly supported or	-						check the box on
		lines 12a through 12d that	* *					-	at to a
а			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			_			
		the supported organization			majority o	of the direc	tors or trustee	s of the su	ipporting
		organization. You must o	-						
b			•				-	•	-
		control or management o			ame perso	ns that co	ntrol or manag	e the supp	ported
		organization(s). You mus							
С			-					y integrate	ed with,
		its supported organization		·					
d			•				• •	•	• •
		that is not functionally int	-		•		-	an attentiv	/eness
		requirement (see instructi	•						
е		Check this box if the orga					Type I, Type II	I, Type III	
		functionally integrated, or	Type III non-function	nally integrated supportir	ng organiz	ation.			
		er the number of supported o	•						
<u>g</u>		vide the following information			(iv) le the oraș	anization listed	[ (a) A		( .:\
	(	<ul><li>i) Name of supported organization</li></ul>	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10	in your governi	ng document?	(v) Amount of support (see in:	•	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
		organization		above (see instructions))	Yes	No	Support (See III.	31140110113)	Support (See Instructions)
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# Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

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

Section A. Public Support							
Cale	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	<b>(b)</b> 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and						
	membership fees received. (Do not						
	include any "unusual grants.")	1752504.	1873028.	1885407.	2632352.	2965835.	11109126.
2	Tax revenues levied for the organ-						
	ization's benefit and either paid to						
	or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities						
	furnished by a governmental unit to						
	the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1752504.	1873028.	1885407.	2632352.	2965835.	11109126.
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,						6000004
	column (f)						6887094.
	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						4222032.
	tion B. Total Support						
	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
	Amounts from line 4	1752504.	1873028.	1885407.	2632352.	<u> 4903033.</u>	11109126.
8	Gross income from interest,						
	dividends, payments received on						
	securities loans, rents, royalties,	10 510	0 160	4 410	F 170	25 050	66 124
_	and income from similar sources	12,519.	8,168.	4,419.	5,178.	35,850.	66,134.
9	Net income from unrelated business						
	activities, whether or not the						
40	business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income. Do not include gain						
	or loss from the sale of capital						
44	assets (Explain in Part VI.)						11175260.
	Gross receipts from related activities,	oto (soo instructio	nc)			12	382,611.
	First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the	•	,	ourth or fifth tax v			302,011.
10	organization, check this box and <b>stor</b>	-					
Sec	etion C. Computation of Publi						
	Public support percentage for 2023 (I			olumn (f))		14	37.78 %
	Public support percentage from 2022					15	32.65 %
	33 1/3% support test - 2023. If the o					ore, check this box	
	stop here. The organization qualifies						
b	33 1/3% support test - 2022. If the o						
	and stop here. The organization qual						
17a	10% -facts-and-circumstances test						
	and if the organization meets the fact	_					
	meets the facts-and-circumstances te			=			
b	10% -facts-and-circumstances test	-	•	*	-		
	more, and if the organization meets th	ne facts-and-circum	stances test, chec	k this box and st	op here. Explain ir	n Part VI how the	
	organization meets the facts-and-circu	umstances test. Th	e organization qua	lifies as a publicly	supported organiz	ation	
18	Private foundation. If the organization	n did not check a l	oox on line 13, 16a	a, 16b, 17a, or 17b	, check this box ar	nd see instructions	s

### 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.)

Se	ction A. Public Support		•				
Cale	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	<b>(b)</b> 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and						
	membership fees received. (Do not						
	include any "unusual grants.")						
2	Gross receipts from admissions,						
	merchandise sold or services per-						
	formed, 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 bus-						
	iness under section 513						
4	Tax revenues levied for the organ-						
	ization'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						
78	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and						
	3 received from disqualified persons						
k	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						
(	Add lines 7a and 7b						
	Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						
Se	ction B. Total Support		1	Γ		1	
	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	<b>(b)</b> 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
	Amounts from line 6						
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on						
	securities loans, rents, royalties,						
	and income from similar sources						
k	Unrelated business taxable income						
	(less section 511 taxes) from businesses						
	acquired after June 30, 1975						
	Add lines 10a and 10b						
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b,						
	whether or not the business is						
40	regularly carried on						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital						
	assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)					12.47.1/21	
14	First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the	-			•		
Sa	check this box and stop here ction C. Computation of Publi		centage				
	Public support percentage for 2023 (I			oolumn (f))		15	0/
	Public support percentage from 2022		•	.,,		16	<u>%</u>
	ction D. Computation of Inves	·				1 10 1	70
	Investment income percentage for 20			ne 13 column (f)		17	%
	Investment income percentage from					18	<u>%</u>
	33 1/3% support tests - 2023. If the						
136	more than 33 1/3%, check this box ar						7 15 1101
ŀ	33 1/3% support tests - 2022. If the						
	line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, che	· ·			•	·	
20	Private foundation. If the organization						

#### 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.)

### Section A. All Supporting Organizations

- 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.
- 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).
- **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.
- **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.
- c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.
- **4a** Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? *If* "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.
- **b** Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.
- c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in 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.
- 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).
- **b Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?
- c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?
- 6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- 7 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? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 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).
- 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.
- **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.**
- c 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.
- 10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.
  - **b** Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

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	, and a second s		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
а	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		
С	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		
Sec	tion 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 <b>Part VI</b> 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		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported			
	organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in			
	Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated,			
	supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.	2		
Sec	tion C. Type II Supporting Organizations			
			Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors			
	or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control			
	or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed			
0	the supported organization(s).	1		
Sec	tion D. All Type III Supporting Organizations			
			Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the			
	organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax			
	year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the	_		
	organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	1		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported			
	organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how			
_	the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).	2		
3	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	_		
Sec	supported organizations played in this regard. tion E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations	3		
1 a	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.	•		
b	The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. <i>Complete</i> <b>line 3</b> <i>below</i> .			
c	The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see in	struction	ic)	
2	Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.	Struction	Yes	No
– a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of		100	110
-	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		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
а	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		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each			

of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.

Pa	rt V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporti	ng Organi	zations	
1	Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifyi	ng trust on N	ov. 20, 1970 ( explain in	Part VI). See instructions.
	All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must		•	
Sect	ion A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1		
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4		
5	Depreciation and depletion	5		
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or			
	collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or			
	maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
_7_	Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
_8_	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8		
Sect	ion B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see			
	instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b		
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	ion 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	ally integrated	d Type III supporting orga	nization (see

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instructions).

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)						
	on D - Distributions	. , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Toonana	<u>,                                    </u>	Current Year	
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exer	mpt purposes		1		
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exemp	t purposes of supported				
	organizations, in excess of income from activity			2		
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purpose	es of supported organizations	3	3		
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets			4		
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - pro	ovide details in Part VI)		5		
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.			6		
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.			7		
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the	ne organization is responsive				
	(provide details in Part VI). See instructions.			8		
9	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			9		
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount			10		
Secti	on E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023	s	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023	
1	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6					
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reason-					
	able cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.					
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023					
a	From 2018					
b	From 2019					
С	From 2020					
d	From 2021					
е	From 2022					
	Total of lines 3a through 3e					
	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			_		
<u>h</u>	Applied to 2023 distributable amount					
<u>i</u>	Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)					
_ <u>j</u>	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.					
4	Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7:					
а	Applied to underdistributions of prior years					
	Applied to 2023 distributable amount					
С	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.					
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if					
	any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater					
	than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.					
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h					
	and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in					
	Part VI. See instructions.					
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j					
	and 4c.					
8	Breakdown of line 7:					
	Excess from 2019					
	Excess from 2020					
	Excess from 2021					
d	Excess from 2022					

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e Excess from 2023

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

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

# **Schedule of Contributors**

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

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2023

Name of the organization

THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE

Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one):							
Filers of	:	Section:					
Form 99	0 or 990-EZ	$\boxed{\textbf{X}}$ 501(c)( $3$ ) (enter number) organization					
		4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <b>not</b> treated as a private foundation					
		527 political organization					
Form 99	0-PF	501(c)(3) exempt private foundation					
		4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation					
		501(c)(3) taxable private foundation					
		covered by the <b>General Rule</b> or a <b>Special Rule.</b> 7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.					
General	Rule						
	-	filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.					
Special	Rules						
X	sections 509(a)(1) a contributor, during t	described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under nd 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; line 1. Complete Parts I and II.					
	For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.						
	year, contributions is checked, enter he purpose. Don't com	described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box ere the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., applete any of the parts unless the <b>General Rule</b> applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year					
answer "	'No" on Part IV, line	at isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it <b>must</b> 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).					

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Part I	Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.				
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution		
1		\$ 530,721.	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)		
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution		
2		\$\$15,000.	Person X Payroll  Noncash  (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)		
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution		
3		\$\$	Person X Payroll		
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		
No. 4	Name, address, and ZIP + 4	* \$ 485,575.	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)		
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution		
5_		\$ 331,069.	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)		
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution		
6		\$158,386.	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)		

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Part I	Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.					
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution			
7_		-   \$\$113,262.	Person X Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)			
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution			
8		\$100,000.	Person X Payroll  Noncash  (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)			
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution			
9		- \$\$	Person X Payroll			
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)			
No.	Name, address, and ZIP + 4	Total contributions - \$	Person Payroll Complete Part II for noncash contributions.			
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution			
		- \$	Person Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)			
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution			
		- \$	Person Payroll Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)			

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Part II	Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if a	dditional space is needed.	
(a) No. from Part I	(b)  Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b)  Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b)  Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
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		\$	

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rt III	Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contribut from any one contributor. Complete columns (a completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional	through (e) and the following line entry charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or le	/. For organizations		
No. om rt I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Descr	ription of how gift is held	
_		(e) Transfer of gift			
	Transferee's name, address, a	and ZIP + 4	Relationship of tran	sferor to transferee	
No. om rt I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Desci	ription of how gift is held	
-	Transferee's name, address, a	(e) Transfer of gift	nsfer of gift  Relationship of transferor to transferee		
No.	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Descri	ription of how gift is held	
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	Transferee's name, address, a	and ZIP + 4	Relationship of tran	sferor to transferee	
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		(e) Transfer of gift			
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# **SCHEDULE D** (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

Attach to Form 990.

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

OMB No. 1545-0047 Inspection

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Par	t I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lin.		Similar Funds	or Accour	nts. Complete if the
	organization answered Tes Sitt Offi 550,1 art iv, iiii	(a) Donor advis	ed funds	<b>(b)</b> Fur	nds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year				
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)				
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)				
4	Aggregate value at end of year				
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in v		eld in donor advis	ed funds	
	are the organization's property, subject to the organization's	~			Yes No
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor a				
	for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or				
	impermissible private benefit?				
Par	t II Conservation Easements. Complete if the org	ganization answered "Ye	es" on Form 990, F	Part IV, line 7	
1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization	on (check all that apply)			
	Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreated	tion or education)	Preservation of	a historically	important land area
	Protection of natural habitat		Preservation of	a certified hi	storic structure
	Preservation of open space				
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualif	fied conservation contrib	oution in the form	of a conserva	
	day of the tax year.				Held at the End of the Tax Year
а	Total number of conservation easements			2a	
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements			2b	
С	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic stru	ucture included on line 2	2a	2c	
d	Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acqui				
	on a historic structure listed in the National Register				
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, rele	eased, extinguished, or	terminated by the	organization	during the tax
	year				
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation eas				
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the per				
	violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it				Yes No
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting,	handling of violations, a	nd enforcing cons	ervation ease	ements during the year
_	<del></del>				
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, hand	iling of violations, and e	nforcing conservat	tion easemen	its during the year
•	Dono and an impact of the color		ftion 170/h	\(4\(\D\(;\	
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above				□ vaa □ Na
•	and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?				Yes No
9	In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation				
	balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footn	note to the organization	s financiai stateme	ents that desc	cribes the
Par	organization's accounting for conservation easements.  † III Organizations Maintaining Collections of	Art. Historical Tre	easures, or Ot	her Simila	r Assets.
	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form	-	,		
1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 95		venue statement a	nd balance sl	heet works
	of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for pub	•			
	service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its finan	•	•		•
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 95				t works of
	art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public				
	provide the following amounts relating to these items.				
	(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1				\$
					\$
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treat			gain, provide	 e
	the following amounts required to be reported under FASB A			- •	
а	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1				\$
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X				\$

Par	t III Organizations Maintaining Col	llections of Art	t, Hist	orical Tre	asures, o	r Other	Simila	r Assets	Continu	ued)
3	Using the organization's acquisition, accession								(OOTHITIC	<u> </u>
_	collection items (check all that apply).	,	-,				<b>,</b>			
а	Public exhibition	d		Loan or exc	hange progra	am				
b	Scholarly research	e			9-  9					
c	Preservation for future generations	-								
4	Provide a description of the organization's colle	ections and explain	n how th	ev further th	ne organizatio	n's exem	not purpo	se in Part	XIII.	
5	During the year, did the organization solicit or re	=		•	-					
•	to be sold to raise funds rather than to be main								Yes	☐ No
Par	t IV Escrow and Custodial Arrange									
	reported an amount on Form 990, Part			organization	1 4110110104	100 0111	01111 000	, , , , , , , , ,	110 0, 01	
1a	Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian		diary for	contribution	s or other as	sets not i	included			
	on Form 990, Part X?								Yes	No
b	If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII an									
-	roo, oxplain are arraingement in rain arrain air	.a							Amount	
c	Beginning balance						1c			
	Additions during the year									
	Distributions during the year									
f	Ending balance									
	Did the organization include an amount on Forr								Yes	No
	If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Cl						•		_	
Par										
		(a) Current year		Prior year	(c) Two yea			years back	(e) Four	years back
19	Beginning of year balance	(, )	(-)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	(-,)		(,	<b>,</b>	(-,	,
b	Contributions									
	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses									
C C										
d	Grants or scholarships									
е	Other expenditures for facilities									
	and programs									
	Administrative expenses									
g	End of year balance		- /!: 4		\\					
2	Provide the estimated percentage of the curren	it year end balance	•	g, column (a)	)) neid as:					
a	Board designated or quasi-endowment	0.4	_%							
b	Permanent endowment	%								
С	Term endowment%									
_	The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should	•								
За	Are there endowment funds not in the possess	ion of the organiza	ition tha	t are held ar	nd administer	red for the	Э		Г	Vac Na
	organization by:									Yes No
	(i) Unrelated organizations?								3a(i)	
	(ii) Related organizations?								3a(ii)	
	If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organization								3b	
4 Do:	Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the or		wment f	unds.						
Pai			) David IV	/ line 11 = 0		Doub V	i.a.a. 10			
	Complete if the organization answered "			1						
	Description of property	(a) Cost or o			or other		cumulat	<b>I</b>	(d) Book	value
		basis (investr	nent)	basis	(other)	dep	reciation	1		
	Land									
	Buildings									
	Leasehold improvements				4 ==-		0.1 -			
	Equipment			22	1,571.	1	.84,3	17.	37	,254.
<u>e</u>	Other									
Total	. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must eau	ial Form 990. Part	X. line 1	0c. column	(B))				37	,254.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities	111 1110111011		TITO TO THE PAGE
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" o	n Form 990, Part IV, line		
(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or en	d-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives			
(2) Closely held equity interests			
(3) Other			
(A)			
(B)			
(C)			
(D)			
(E)			
(F)			
(G)			
(H)			
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B))			
Part VIII Investments - Program Related.			
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" o		e 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.	
(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or en	d-of-year market value
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			
(7)			
(8)			
(9)			
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))			
Part IX Other Assets			
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" o	n Form 990, Part IV, line	e 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.	
(a) D	Description		(b) Book value
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			
(7)			
(8)			

Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)) ....

Part X | Other Liabilities

(9)

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

1.	(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) F	Federal income taxes	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
	Column (h) must equal Form 000, Part V, line 25, col. (P))	

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

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Pa	art XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements W	ith Revenue per Ret	turn		
	Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.				
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	3,219	,189
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:				
_	2. Not unrealized gains (lesses) on investments	1			

Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments 4,181 Donated services and use of facilities 2b Recoveries of prior year grants 2c Other (Describe in Part XIII.) 4,181. Add lines 2a through 2d 2e 3,215,008. Subtract line 2e from line 1 Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1: a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b Other (Describe in Part XIII.) 4c c Add lines 4a and 4b Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12. 5

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a. 3,158,495. Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements 1 Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: 2 4.181. a Donated services and use of facilities 2a **b** Prior year adjustments 2b 2c c Other losses d Other (Describe in Part XIII.) 4,181. Add lines 2a through 2d 2e 3,154,314. 3 Subtract line 2e from line 1 3 Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b 4a **b** Other (Describe in Part XIII.) c Add lines 4a and 4b 4c Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

#### PART X, LINE 2:

THE ACCOUNTING STANDARD ON ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES ADDRESSES THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER TAX BENEFITS CLAIMED OR EXPECTED TO BE CLAIMED ON A TAX RETURN SHOULD BE RECORDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. UNDER THAT GUIDANCE, THE INSTITUTE MAY RECOGNIZE THE TAX BENEFIT FROM AN UNCERTAIN TAX POSITION ONLY IF IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE TAX POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED ON EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES BASED ON THE TECHNICAL MERITS OF THAT POSITION. THE TAX BENEFITS RECOGNIZED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FROM SUCH A POSITION ARE MEASURED BASED ON THE LARGEST BENEFIT THAT HAS A GREATER THAN 50 PERCENT LIKELIHOOD OF BEING REALIZED UPON ULTIMATE SETTLEMENT. THERE WERE NO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IDENTIFIED OR RECORDED AS LIABILITIES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2022.

#### SCHEDULE F (Form 990)

## 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.

Open to Public

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization

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

Inspection

**Employer identification number** 

THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE 86-1153859 General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b. 1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, X Yes the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States. 3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.) (e) If activity listed in (d) (a) Region (b) Number of (c) Number of (d) Activities conducted in the region (f) Total employees, agents, and (by type) (such as, fundraising, proexpenditures offices is a program service, for and in the region gram services, investments, grants to describe specific type independent investments contractors recipients located in the region) of service(s) in the region in the region in the region PROGRAMMATIC INDEPENDENT EUROPE 0 7 PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRACTOR SERVICES 240,081. CANADA - NORTH PROGRAMMATIC INDEPENDENT AMERICA 0 PROGRAM SERVICES CONTRACTOR SERVICES 1 7,560. RECEIVED FOUR GRANTS FROM FOUNDATIONS LOCATED 0 IN EUROPE EUROPE 4 FUNDRAISING 878,283. GRANT AWARDED FOR PROGRAMMATIC ASSISTANCE SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA 0 1 PROGRAMMATIC GRANT AWARDED 4,373. PROGRAMMATIC NONCASH GRANT PROGRAMMATIC PARTICIPANT EUROPE 0 7 ACTIVITIES TRAVEL EXPENSES 25,168. CANADA - NORTH PROGRAMMATIC NONCASH GRANT PROGRAMMATTC PARTICIPANT AMERICA 0 ACTIVITIES TRAVEL EXPENSES 14,382. MIDDLE EAST AND PROGRAMMATIC PARTICIPANT PROGRAMMATIC NONCASH GRANT NORTH AFRICA 0 2 ACTIVITIES TRAVEL EXPENSES 7,191. CANADA - NORTH PROGRAMMATIC NONCASH GRANT PROGRAMMATIC PARTICIPANT TRAVEL EXPENSES AMERICA 0 ACTIVITIES 1 2,469. 0 27 1,179,507. 3 a Subtotal **b** Total from continuation 0 17,283. sheets to Part I ...... Totals (add lines 3a 0 1,196,790.

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Schedule F (Form 990) 2023

and 3b)

Part I Continuatio	n of Activities	s per Region	- (Schedule F (Form 990), Part I, line 3	00 113303	J Page I
(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for region
INDIA - SOUTH ASIA	0		PROGRAMMATIC NONCASH GRANT ACTIVITIES	PROGRAMMATIC PARTICIPANT TRAVEL EXPENSES	4,938.
EUROPE	0		PROGRAMMATIC NONCASH GRANT ACTIVITIES	PROGRAMMATIC PARTICIPANT TRAVEL EXPENSES	4,938.
SOUTH AMERICA	0		PROGRAMMATIC NONCASH GRANT ACTIVITIES	PROGRAMMATIC PARTICIPANT TRAVEL EXPENSES	4,938.
SINGAPORE - EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC	0		PROGRAMMATIC NONCASH GRANT ACTIVITIES	PROGRAMMATIC PARTICIPANT TRAVEL EXPENSES	2,469.
Totals		7			17,283.

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

1 (a) Name of organization	<b>(b)</b> IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

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

	3	Enter total n	umber of	other ord	anizations	or entities
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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.

(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)
	EUROPE (INCLUDING					TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID	
	ICELAND &					FOR DIRECTLY BY THE	
	GREENLAND) -					ORGANIZATION ON	
	ALBANIA, ANDORRA,	2	0.		24,790.	BEHALF OF THE	воок
	NORTH AMERICA -				·	TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID	
	CANADA AND					FOR DIRECTLY BY THE	
	MEXICO, BUT NOT					ORGANIZATION ON	
	THE UNITED STATES	1	0.		14,382.	BEHALF OF THE	воок
	MIDDLE EAST AND				,	TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID	
	NORTH AFRICA -					FOR DIRECTLY BY THE	
	ALGERIA, BAHRAIN,					ORGANIZATION ON	
	DJIBOUTI, EGYPT,	1	0.		7,191.	BEHALF OF THE	воок
	SOUTH ASIA -				,	TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID	
	AFGHANISTAN,					FOR DIRECTLY BY THE	
	BANGLADESH,					ORGANIZATION ON	
	BHUTAN, INDIA,	2	0.		4,938.	BEHALF OF THE	воок
	SOUTH AMERICA -				,	TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID	
	ARGENTINA,					FOR DIRECTLY BY THE	
	BOLIVIA, BRAZIL,					ORGANIZATION ON	
	CHILE, COLUMBIA,	2	0.		4,938.	BEHALF OF THE	воок
	EAST ASIA AND THE				,	TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID	
	PACIFIC -					FOR DIRECTLY BY THE	
	AUSTRALIA,					ORGANIZATION ON	
	BRUNEI, BURMA,	1	0.		2.469.	BEHALF OF THE	воок
-	SUB-SAHARAN		-		, .		
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AND STIPEND FOR ASSISTANCE ON	BENIN, BOTSWANA,						
THE D4T PROJECT	BURKINA FASO,	1	4 373.	WIRE TRANSFER	0.		воок

# Schedule F (Form 990) 2023 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	X 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	X 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	X 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	X 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	X No
6	Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? <i>If</i> "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	X No

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#### Part V | Supplemental Information

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

PART I, LINE 2:

TRAVEL EXPENSES ARE PAID DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF EVENT PARTICIPANTS.

PART III, COLUMN (G):

(A) REGION:

EUROPE (INCLUDING ICELAND & GREENLAND) - ALBANIA, ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, BELGIU

(G) DESCRIPTION OF NON-CASH ASSISTANCE: TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR

DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF OUR RAY OF

HOPE PROGRAMS

REGION: NORTH AMERICA - CANADA AND MEXICO, BUT NOT THE UNITED STATES

(G) DESCRIPTION OF NON-CASH ASSISTANCE: TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR

DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF OUR RAY OF

HOPE PROGRAMS

(A) REGION:

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA - ALGERIA, BAHRAIN, DJIBOUTI, EGYPT,

(G) DESCRIPTION OF NON-CASH ASSISTANCE: TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR

DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF OUR RAY OF

HOPE PROGRAMS

(A) REGION:

SOUTH ASIA - AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BHUTAN, INDIA, MALDIVES, NEPAL,

(G) DESCRIPTION OF NON-CASH ASSISTANCE: TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR

DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF OUR RAY OF

HOPE PROGRAMS

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Provide the information  Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information. See instructions.
(A) REGION:
SOUTH AMERICA - ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CHILE, COLUMBIA, ECUADOR,
(G) DESCRIPTION OF NON-CASH ASSISTANCE: TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR
DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF OUR RAY OF
HOPE PROGRAMS
REGION: EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC - AUSTRALIA, BRUNEI, BURMA, CAMBODIA,
(G) DESCRIPTION OF NON-CASH ASSISTANCE: TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID FOR
DIRECTLY BY THE ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF OUR RAY OF
HOPE PROGRAMS

## SCHEDULE I (Form 990)

## **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.

Name of the organization

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Part I General Information on Grants a	nd Assistance						
Does the organization maintain records to criteria used to award the grants or assist Describe in Part IV the organization's property II Grants and Other Assistance to II.	tance? cedures for monit Domestic Organia	oring the use of grant	funds in the United	States. omplete if the orga			Yes X No
recipient that received more than \$  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 of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
YALE UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF THE ENVIRONMENT - 195 PROSPECT ST NEW HAVEN, CT 06511	06-0646973	501(C)(3)	40,000.	0.			GIFT TO THE YALE CENTER FOR GREEN CHEMISTRY AND GREEN ENGINEERING PER GIFT LETTER
THE OR FOUNDATION 103 CHOPTANK TERRACE CAMBRIDGE, MD 21613	27-1488092	501(C)(3)	176,733.	0.			D4D PILOT 2
<ul> <li>Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) ar</li> <li>Enter total number of other organizations</li> </ul>							

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non- cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
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			42 501		
ORGANIZATION ON BEHALF OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS	13	0.	43,721.	BOOK	FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS
Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information re	 equired in Part I, lin	e 2; Part III, column	(b); and any other ad	dditional information.	

## **SCHEDULE J** (Form 990)

**Compensation Information** 

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23. Attach to Form 990.

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Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization

Department of the Treasury

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10	Check the appropriate box(so) if the argenization provided any of the following to ar far a parson listed on Form 000		Yes	No
Id	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.			
	First-class or charter travel  Housing allowance or residence for personal use			
	Travel for companions  Payments for business use of personal residence			
	Tax indemnification and gross-up payments  Health or social club dues or initiation fees			
	Discretionary spending account  Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)			
h	If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or			
	reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors,			
_	trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?	2		
	trustees, and officers, including the GEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 14?			
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's			
Ů	CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to			
	establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.			
	Compensation committee Written employment contract			
	Independent compensation consultant Compensation survey or study			
	Torm 990 of other organizations  X Approval by the board or compensation committee			
	Approval by the board of compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing			
7	organization or a related organization:			
_		4a		Х
a	De dicional in a constitue of the consti	4b		<u>x</u>
b		4c		<u>x</u>
C	Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?  If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	40		
	The storage of lines 44.6, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Fart III.			
	Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation			
_	contingent on the revenues of:			
а	The organization?	5a		Х
	Any related organization?	5b		X
	If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.			
6	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation			
_	contingent on the net earnings of:			
а	The organization?	6a		Х
b	Any related organization?	6b		X
	If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.			
7	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments			
•	not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7		Х
8				
8	Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the	8		Х
8		8		X

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Schedule J (Form 990) 2023

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

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

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

		(B) Breakdown of W	/-2 and/or 1099-MISo compensation	C and/or 1099-NEC	other deferred benefits	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
(A) Name and Title		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation	compensation			
(1) BETH RATTNER	(i)	170,539.	0.	0.	6,059.	10,268.	186,866.	0.
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Part III   Supplemental Information
Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

## SCHEDULE 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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LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

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FROM BIOLOGY TO SUSTAINABLE HUMAN SYSTEMS DESIGN.

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

DEFORESTATION, AND THE MYRIAD OF OTHER ISSUES THAT THREATEN THE PLANET

HAVE TO DATE BEEN PRIMARILY REACTIVE AND WHOLLY INSUFFICIENT. THE

WATER,

ENERGY, SHELTER AND

COMFORT TO A GROWING POPULATION ARE NOW SEEN AS COMPOUNDING RATHER THAN
SOLVING THE PROBLEMS. BIOMIMICRY IS A NEW SCIENCE THAT STUDIES NATURE'S
BEST IDEAS, ABSTRACTS THE DEEP DESIGN PRINCIPLES, AND THEN EMULATES
THESE DESIGNS AND PROCESSES TO SOLVE HUMAN PROBLEMS. THE BIOMIMICRY
INSTITUTE IS THE FOREMOST AUTHORITY AND ALL AROUND GO-TO PLACE FOR

BIOMIMICRY INFORMATION, THROUGH ITS FOUR MAIN PROGRAMS: BIOMIMICRY

DESIGN CHALLENGES & EDUCATION PROGRAMS, INNOVATION PROGRAM, SYSTEMS

CHANGE PROGRAM, AND ASKNATURE.

STRATEGIES WE RELIED ON TO PROVIDE FOOD,

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

THE D4T INITIATIVE IS CONDUCTING PILOTS IN THE GLOBAL NORTH AND GLOBAL

SOUTH THAT ARE DESIGNED TO EXPLORE HOW THE "BOTTOM FRACTION" OF MIXED

TEXTILE WASTE WHICH ARE DESTINED FOR LANDFILL OR INCINERATION CAN BE

CONVERTED INTO VALUABLE OUTPUTS. IN 2023 WE BROUGHT TOGETHER A VARIETY

OF GLOBAL PARTNERS TOGETHER TO WORK ON A VARIETY OF ASPECTS OF THE

PROJECT. TOGETHER WE HAVE WORKED TO CREATE A NEW EXPANDED VERSION OF

WHAT THE FUTURE OF CIRCULARITY HOLDS AND TO BEGIN TO ARCHITECT THAT

FUTURE INTO FUNCTIONING PILOTS. OUR PARTNERS INCLUDED ACADEMIC RESEARCH

PARTNERS (LEEDS UNIVERSITY IN THE U.K.; MARINE BIOGEOCHEMISTRY LAB OF

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THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA, LEGON; YALE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR GREEN

CHEMISTRY AND GREEN ENGINEERING), CIRCULARITY PARTNERS (CIRCLE ECONOMY,

REGENERATE FASHION, BENEFICIAL DESIGN INSTITUTE, OR FOUNDATION, AND

METABOLIC INSTITUTE), AND COLLABORATED WITH THOUGHT PARTNERS (FASHION

FOR GOOD, HKRITA). THIS PROJECT HAS EXPANDED OUR CIRCLE OF

COLLABORATORS AND HAS UNLOCKED A VARIETY OF EXCITING CONVERSATIONS WITH

OTHER INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO DRIVING THE CIRCULAR

ECONOMY FORWARD.

WE HAVE EXPANDED ON THE NATURE OF FASHION TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO

INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS ON

UNPACKING OUR UNDERSTANDING OF BIODEGRADABILITY AND THE NEXT STEPS ON

HOW TO INTEGRATE NATURE'S LESSONS ON MATERIALS METABOLISM INTO THE

TEXTILE INDUSTRY. OUR GLOBAL NORTH AND GLOBAL SOUTH PILOTS PROVIDE

TANGIBLE EXAMPLES OF HOW TO IMMEDIATELY APPLY THESE CONCEPTS. OUR

BACKBONE PARTNERS (CIRCLE ECONOMY, REGENERATE FASHION, BENEFICIAL

DESIGN INSTITUTE, AND OR FOUNDATION) HAVE A COMMITMENT TO SCALE THESE

PILOTS IN THE LONG-TERM AND INTEGRATE THEM INTO REGIONAL PROCESSES.

CIRCLE ECONOMY IS ENGAGING WITH MUNICIPAL PARTNERS SUCH AS THE CITY OF

ROTTERDAM MEANWHILE THE OR FOUNDATION IS PARTNERED WITH THE MUNICIPAL

WASTE MANAGEMENT, THE ACCRA METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY, TO IMPLEMENT THEIR

REMEDIATION SOLUTIONS.

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

IN 2023, WE SUPPORTED 16 MULTIDISCIPLINARY PARTICIPANTS, FROM COUNTRIES

SUCH AS THE US, ECUADOR, AND INDIA. THIS COHORT INCLUDED SCIENTISTS

STUDYING ELEPHANT TRUNK MECHANICS AND EPIPHYTE ADHESION MECHANISMS,

AWARD WINNING ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS, AND EXPERIENCED ENGINEERS AND

Schedule O (Form 990) 2023 Page 2 Name of the organization **Employer identification number** 86-1153859 THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE ARCHITECTS. AFTER PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM, TWO PARTICIPANTS WENT ON TO START A NEW COMPANY, AND WE HAVE PROVIDED A GLOBAL SPEAKER AND MEDIA PLATFORM FOR SEVERAL OTHER PARTICIPANTS.

IN ADDITION TO RUNNING THE BIOMIMICRY LAUNCHPAD PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM TEAM HAS ALSO BEEN SELECTED TO ADVISE ON A NUMBER OF SCIENTIFIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY GROUPS, INCLUDING A MULTI-UNIVERSITY UK RESEARCH AND INNOVATION GRANT TITLED BIO-DERIVED AND BIO-INSPIRED ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIES, AND ENGINEERING FOR ONE PLANET'S ADVISORY GROUP.

THE RAY OF HOPE PRIZE PROGRAM IDENTIFIES STARTUPS WITH NATURE-INSPIRED SOLUTIONS, AMPLIFIES THEIR STORIES AND CONNECTS THEM TO MENTORS AND INVESTORS. THIS IS A HYBRID PROGRAM, WITH PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING A NATURE RETREAT DESIGNED TO CREATE A LIFE-LONG COMMUNITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL ENTREPRENEURS, FOLLOWED BY A 10-WEEK VIRTUAL PROGRAM FOCUSED ON SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

THE PROGRAM CULMINATES WITH A \$100,000 PRIZE THAT HELPS COMPANIES CROSS A CRITICAL THRESHOLD IN BECOMING VIABLE BUSINESSES. IN SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF BUSINESSES TO SOLVE BIG CHALLENGES, THE INSTITUTE BRINGS ATTENTION TO THE INNOVATIVE, NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS NEEDED TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE AND RESILIENT WORLD.

THE 2023 AWARD RECIPIENT WAS SPARXELL, FROM CAMBRIDGE, ENGLAND. SPARXELL CREATES THE NEXT GENERATION OF COLORS AND EFFECTS WITH VIBRANT, METAL-LIKE PIGMENTS, ALL FROM PLANT-BASED CELLULOSE. SUSTAINABLE VIBRANT COLORANTS REPRESENT A \$65B MARKET FOR PRODUCTS AS

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DIVERSE AS COSMETICS, PAINTS, FABRICS, AUTOMOBILE COATINGS, AND

PACKAGING. TRADITIONAL MATERIALS USED ARE NON-RENEWABLE,

NON-BIODEGRADABLE AND UNSUSTAINABLY SOURCED MINERAL PIGMENTS OR

OIL-DERIVED DYES. SPARXELL HAS DEVELOPED THE FIRST FULLY BIODEGRADABLE,

NON-TOXIC, MICROPLASTIC-FREE, ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PIGMENTS,

GLITTERS, SEQUINS AND FILMS USING CELLULOSE NANOCRYSTALS (CNCS)

ASSEMBLED INTO CHOLESTERIC (HELIX-LIKE) STRUCTURES TO PRODUCE INTENSE

REFLECTANCE SPECTRA.

ANODYNE CHEMISTRIES, FROM BURNABY, CANADA, WAS SELECTED AS THE \$25,000

RUNNER-UP. ANODYNE CREATES LOW AND NEGATIVE CO2 EMISSION CHEMICALS AND

FUELS VIA THEIR UNIQUE ENZYME PROCESS.

IN TOTAL, TEN STARTUPS WERE SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2023 RAY OF
HOPE PRIZE PROGRAM, WHICH CONSISTED OF TRAINING ON SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS
PRACTICES AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION SKILLS, IN ADDITION TO ACCESSING A
CURATED COMMUNITY OF EXPERT MENTORS, ADVISORS, AND INVESTORS.
ADDITIONALLY, THESE 10 STARTUP COMPANIES PARTICIPATED IN A WEEK-LONG
NATURE IMMERSION IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, IN WHICH THEY BUILT A
LIFE-LONG COMMUNITY OF PEERS AND PARTICIPATED IN ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO
FOSTER A CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL MINDSET.

NOTE: THE RAYS OF HOPE PRIZE PROGRAM IS IN COLLABORATION WITH OUR

FUNDING PARTNER, THE RAY C. ANDERSON FOUNDATION (RCAF). CASH AWARDS ARE

PASSED-THRU FROM RCAF. NONCASH TRAVEL ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED TO

INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS BY THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE.

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AND 35 FEATURE PAGES FEATURING CURATED SUBSETS OF OUR CONTENT AND

CONTEXTUALIZING INTROS OR ESSAYS. ASKNATURE IS THE WORLD'S GO-TO AND

LARGEST OPEN-ACCESS SOURCE OF BIOMIMICRY EDUCATION RESOURCES FOR

PRIMARY, SECONDARY, POST-SECONDARY, AND PROFESSIONAL AUDIENCES. IN 2023

WE IMPROVED FUNCTIONALITY AND ADDED OR UPDATED HUNDREDS OF PAGES OF

CONTENT TO THIS SERVICE.

IN 2023, APPROXIMATELY 712,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE SITE AND ACCESSED

FREE RESOURCES AND CONTENT (IN 2022 THERE WERE 675,000 VISITORS).

OVERALL THEY GENERATED OVER 3M VIEWS. THE US IS OUR LARGEST AUDIENCE,

BUT 63% OF OUR TRAFFIC IS INTERNATIONAL, COMING FROM 233 COUNTRIES. OUR

USERS ALSO COME FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF SECTORS INCLUDING EDUCATION,

ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, BIOTECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT, LAND

USE, HEALTH, TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY, FASHION, GOVERNMENT, NON-PROFITS,

AND MEDIA.

TO INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO CREATE NEW PAGES QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY, WE

CONTINUED DEVELOPING AI TOOLS TO AID IN THE TRANSLATION OF INFORMATION

FROM SCIENTIFIC PAPERS INTO ACCESSIBLE ASKNATURE PAGES. THE DRAFTING

TOOL ALLOWS EDITORS TO PRODUCE CONTENT IN AS LITTLE AS 25% OF THE TIME

PREVIOUSLY SPENT PER PAGE. WE ALSO BEGAN DEVELOPMENT OF A PUBLIC-FACING

AI TOOL THAT WILL ALLOW USERS TO ENTER THEIR QUESTIONS IN A CHAT-STYLE

INTERFACE AND RECEIVE SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE INFORMATION IN

EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND LANGUAGE, FRAMED WITHIN ASKNATURE'S EDITORIAL AND

ETHICAL GUIDELINES, AND CONTEXTUALIZED FOR EACH USER'S PARTICULAR

CHALLENGES AND AREA OF ACTIVITY.

Name of the organization **Employer identification number** 86-1153859 THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE LAUNCHED A NEW SERIES ON INSTAGRAM, TRANSLATING BIOLOGICAL STRATEGIES INTO BLUEPRINT-LIKE OVERLAYS ON TOP OF BEAUTIFUL NATURE PHOTOS. WE PRODUCED 36 OF THESE IMAGES, GENERATING THOUSANDS OF NEW LIKES AND ROUGHLY DOUBLING THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF LIKES PER POST FOR OUR ACCOUNT. WE CONTINUED THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, WHICH GAINED MORE THAN 4,000 ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIBERS (BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 9,000). ASKNATURE'S RELATIVELY SMALL BUT IMPACTFUL NEWSLETTER CONSISTENTLY OUTPERFORMS INDUSTRY STANDARDS FOR HIGH OPEN RATES, HIGH ENGAGEMENT RATES, AND LOW UNSUBSCRIBES. WE ALSO CONTINUED WRITING AND RECORDING 40 ROUGHLY 1-MINUTE AUDIO STORIES ABOUT BIOLOGICAL STRATEGIES IN NATURE FOR THE WONDERSPACE PODCAST FROM THE PANAHPUR FOUNDATION. FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES: EDUCATION AND OUTREACH YOUTH EDUCATION AND DESIGN CHALLENGES PROGRAMS: THE BIOMIMICRY YOUTH DESIGN CHALLENGE (YDC) PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO LEARN STEM AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE USING BIOMIMICRY AND A PROJECT-BASED EXPERIENCE. THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE IMPLEMENTED THE SIXTH YDC PROGRAM THIS YEAR, WITH A TOTAL OF

353 PEOPLE REGISTERING TO THE YDC WEBSITE. AROUND 65% OF REGISTRANTS

PLANNED A DESIGN PROJECT WITH THEIR STUDENTS, 11% PLANNED TO USE THE

RESOURCES IN OTHER WAYS, AND THE REMAINING 24% WERE INTERESTED ONLY IN

VIEWING THE RESOURCES FOR FUTURE USE. REGISTERED USERS REPRESENTED 52

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DIFFERENT STATES.

TEAMS OF 82 COACHES AND 584 STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY SUBMITTED 177 PROJECTS TO THE YDC COMPETITION (81 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND 96 IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK), REPRESENTING A 42% INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR YEAR'S 125 SUBMISSIONS. FINDINGS FROM THE EVALUATION PRESENTED IN THIS REPORT INDICATE THE PROGRAM HAD A POSITIVE IMPACT ON STUDENTS' AND COACHES' KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES. COACHES' CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO GUIDE STUDENTS THROUGH THE DESIGN CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE INCREASED FROM 83% AT PRETEST TO 96% AT POST TEST. COACHES' CONFIDENCE IN THEIR ABILITY TO INTRODUCE BIOMIMICRY TO THEIR STUDENTS INCREASED FROM 87% TO 96% AT POSTTEST, AND THEIR ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE BIOMIMICRY DESIGN PROCESS REMAINED ALMOST THE SAME, FROM 82% TO 83%. THE AREAS IN WHICH STUDENTS WERE MOST LIKELY TO REPORT BEING IMPACTED BY THE PROGRAM (AS MEASURED BY THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS REPORTING A "MODERATE" TO "STRONG IMPACT") WERE: UNDERSTANDING OF BIOMIMICRY (90%), KNOWING HOW TO SOLVE PROBLEMS (85%), AND THINKING CRITICALLY (84%). AREAS THAT COACHES WERE MOST LIKELY TO REPORT THAT THE PROGRAM IMPACTED STUDENTS WERE: STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF BIOMIMICRY (100%), ABILITY TO IDENTIFY DESIGN PROBLEMS (98%), LEARNING AND USING SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION (98%), COLLABORATION SKILLS (98%), AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (93%).

EXPENSES \$ 252,557. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 11,404.

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

THE FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE 990 POLICY INCLUDED AS

PART OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' GOVERNANCE POLICIES: THE BIOMIMICRY

INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THE RIGHT TO REVIEW

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THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO ITS FILING. PROCEDURE IS AS FOLLOWS: A. THE
BIOMIMICRY'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMELY PREPARATION OF
FORM 990. B. THE COMPLETED FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF THE FILING DEADLINE TO
ENABLE A COMPREHENSIVE AND CAREFUL REVIEW BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.
QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE ADDRESSED BY
THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE'S FINANCIAL OFFICER AND INCORPORATED INTO THE FORM
990 AS APPROPRIATE. C. ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE INVITED TO
VIEW THE COMPLETED FORM 990 IN ADVANCE OF THE FILING DEADLINE. QUESTIONS
AND CONCERNS OF THE BOARD ARE ADDRESSED BY THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE'S
FINANCIAL OFFICER AND INCORPORATED INTO THE FORM 990 AS APPROPRIATE. D.
AFTER ALL OF THE INPUT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
HAS BEEN APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED, SENIOR MANAGEMENT OF THE BIOMIMICRY
INSTITUTE FILES THE FINAL FORM 990 AS REQUIRED.

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

ACCORDING TO THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE'S (TBI) CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

EACH DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL, OFFICER AND MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE WITH

GOVERNING BOARDDELEGATED POWERS SHALL ANNUALLY SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH

AFFIRMS SUCH PERSON: A. HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

POLICY B. HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY C. HAS AGREED TO COMPLY WITH

THE POLICY AND D. UNDERSTANDS TBI IS CHARITABLE AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN

ITS FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION IT MUST ENGAGE PRIMARILY IN ACTIVITIES WHICH

ACCOMPLISH ONE OR MORE OF ITS TAXEXEMPT PURPOSES. IN ADDITION, OUR POLICY

CALLS FOR PERIODIC REVIEWS TO ENSURE TBI OPERATES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT

WITH ITS CHARITABLE PURPOSES AND DOES NOT ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT COULD

JEOPARDIZE ITS TAXEXEMPT STATUS. THE PERIODIC REVIEWS SHALL, AT A MINIMUM,

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: A. WHETHER COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS AND

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BENEFITS ARE REASONABLE BASED ON COMPETENT SURVEY INFORMATION, AND THE
RESULT OF ARM'S LENGTH BARGAINING B. WHETHER PARTNERSHIPS, JOINT VENTURES,
AND REASONABLE INVESTMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, FURTHER
CHARITABLE PURPOSES AND DO NOT RESULT IN INUREMENT, IMPERMISSIBLE PRIVATE

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

BENEFIT OR IN AN EXCESS BENEFIT TRANSACTION.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONDUCTS AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF TOTAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR ALL OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES. PART OF THE REVIEW IS TO DETERMINE WHICH EMPLOYEES ARE OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES. THE REVIEW IS BASED ON COMPARABLE COMPENSATION DATA FOR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED PERSONS IN FUNCTIONALLY COMPARABLE POSITIONS AT SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS. THE BOARD ALSO DOCUMENTS ITS DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS REGARDING THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT AND AS TO ANY CHANGES TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN COMPENSATION OR BENEFITS FOR THE DESIGNATED PERSONS. THE PROCESS WAS LAST CONDUCTED IN OCTOBER 2022.

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

THE 990, GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE

AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THIRD

PARTY SITES SUCH AS GUIDESTAR. THE 990 AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE

ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES 643,411.

MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES 84,901.

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES 2,647.

Schedule O (Form 990) 2023 Page 2 Employer identification number Name of the organization 86-1153859 THE BIOMIMICRY INSTITUTE TOTAL EXPENSES 730,959. 730,959. TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A