

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2023

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01/01/2023 and ending 12/31/2023

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
Name change
Initial return
Final return/terminated
Amended return
Application pending

C Name of organization ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION
Doing business as
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1010 TRAVIS STREET SUITE 900
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
HOUSTON, TX 77002
F Name and address of principal officer: ANDREW RALSTON
1010 TRAVIS STREET SUITE 900, HOUSTON, TX 77002

D Employer identification number 90-0709302
E Telephone number 713-351-5700
G Gross receipts \$ 1,879,812

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ASCENDMATERIALS.COM/WHO/ASCEND-CARES

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: 2011

M State of legal domicile: DE

Part I Summary

Table with 3 main sections: Activities & Governance (lines 1-7), Revenue (lines 8-12), Expenses (lines 13-19), and Net Assets or Fund Balances (lines 20-22). Includes columns for Prior Year and Current Year.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer Rachell Gold, Director; Date

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

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

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III  Yes  No

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION (THE "CORPORATION") IS ORGANIZED AND SHALL BE OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE, SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 IN FURTHERANCE OF SUCH PURPOSES, THE CORPORATION SHALL PROVIDE AID  
(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 2)

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

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

**4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 1,317,592 including grants of \$ 1,317,592 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

THE ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION SERVES ALL AREAS WHERE ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS HAS A PRESENCE BY FUNDING VARIOUS NONPROFITS PROGRAMS, AND PROJECTS BENEFITTING THE NEEDY AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 218,929 including grants of \$ 218,929 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

THE ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. APPLICANTS EXPLAIN THEIR FINANCIAL NEED AND COMMUNITY SERVICE IN AN ESSAY FORMAT; PAYMENTS ARE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL. TO BE ELIGIBLE, APPLICANTS MUST ATTEND A 4 YEAR COLLEGE OR JUNIOR COLLEGE, AND MUST BE CHILDREN OR DEPENDENTS OF EMPLOYEES IN GOOD STANDING. IN 2023, 103 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED.

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 89,757 including grants of \$ 89,757 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT IS TO SUPPORT SEVERAL ASCEND EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS DURING ILLNESS OR DISASTER. TO BE ELIGIBLE THE EMPLOYEE FILLS OUT AN APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE AND IS APPROVED BY THE ASCEND CARES COMMITTEE. 31 HARDSHIP GRANTS WERE GIVEN DURING 2023.

**4d** Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) See Schedule O, Statement 3  
(Expenses \$ 268,536 including grants of \$ 0 ) (Revenue \$ 0 )

**4e** Total program service expenses 1,894,814

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

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

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

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

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

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

<b>Part V</b> <b>Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance</b> <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No		
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	<b>2a</b>	0		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	<b>2b</b>			
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	<b>3b</b>			
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	<b>4a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>			✓
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>			
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	<b>6a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	<b>7a</b>			
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>			
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7d</b>			
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>			
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>			
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>			
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>			
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>			
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>			
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>			
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>			
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>			
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note:</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	<b>13a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	<b>13b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>			
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>			✓
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	<b>14b</b>			
<b>15</b>	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	<b>15</b>			✓
<b>16</b>	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	<b>16</b>			✓
<b>17</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(21) organizations.</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	<b>17</b>			

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

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

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

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

**Section C. Disclosure**

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

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**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 0				
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 0				
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b> 0				
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b> 802,819				
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b> 0				
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 633,432				
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f . . . . .	<b>1g</b> \$ 0				
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		1,436,251			
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	Business Code				
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b>							
<b>e</b>							
<b>f</b>		All other program service revenue . .					
<b>g</b>		<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		0			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .					
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . .					
	<b>6a</b>	Gross rents . . . . .	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b>	Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>				
	<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b> 0	0			
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>7b</b>				
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) . . . . .	<b>7c</b> 0	0			
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .					
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	<b>8a</b> 443,561				
<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>8b</b> 144,036					
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .		299,525	299,525	0		
<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .						
<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	<b>9b</b>					
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .						
<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>10b</b>					
<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11a</b>	Business Code					
	<b>b</b>						
	<b>c</b>						
	<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .					
	<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		0			
<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .		1,735,776	0	299,525	0	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

**Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.**

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	1,317,592	1,317,592		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	308,686	308,686		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .				
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .				
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .				
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .				
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .				
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .	6,650	6,650		
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	21,727	21,727		
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .				
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .				
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .				
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .				
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .				
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	1,429	1,429		
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .				
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .				
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .				
<b>a</b> -----				
<b>b</b> -----				
<b>c</b> -----				
<b>d</b> -----				
<b>e</b> All other expenses -----	238,730	238,730		
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e . . . . .	1,894,814	1,894,814	0	0
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) . . . . .				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	290,536	<b>1</b>	223,486
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	438,820	<b>3</b>	95,134
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	729,356	<b>16</b>	318,620	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	304,429	<b>17</b>	52,731
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	304,429	<b>26</b>	52,731
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .		<b>27</b>	
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	0	<b>29</b>	0
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .	0	<b>30</b>	0
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .	424,927	<b>31</b>	265,889
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	424,927	<b>32</b>	265,889
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	729,356	<b>33</b>	318,620	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	1,735,776
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	1,894,814
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-159,038
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	424,927
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	0
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	0
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	0
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	265,889

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

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

**SCHEDULE A  
(Form 990)**

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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization <b>ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION</b>	Employer identification number <b>90-0709302</b>
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**Part I Reason for Public Charity Status.** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10  An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
<b>Total</b>						

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	846,524	1,104,000	1,602,743	1,373,532	1,436,251	6,363,050
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .	846,524	1,104,000	1,602,743	1,373,532	1,436,251	6,363,050
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . . .						2,515,471
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						3,847,579

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	846,524	1,104,000	1,602,743	1,373,532	1,436,251	6,363,050
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						6,363,050
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	
<b>13 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	60.47 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	57.3 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2023.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2022.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . .						
<b>14 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2023</b> (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2022</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . .	<b>18</b>	%

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2023.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .
- b 33 1/3% support tests—2022.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . .
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . .

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box 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**

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

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

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? 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.		
<b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

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

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

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

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

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

- 1**  Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

<b>Section A—Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1 through 3.	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	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)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section B—Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b>	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors ( <i>explain in detail in Part VI</i> ):		
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section C—Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b>	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

Section D—Distributions		Current Year
<b>1</b>	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in <b>Part VI</b> )	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	<b>10</b>

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required—explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023			
<b>a</b> From 2018 . . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2019 . . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2020 . . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2021 . . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2022 . . . . .			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through 3e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2019 . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2020 . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2021 . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2022 . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2023 . . .			



**SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**2023**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

**ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number

**90-0709302**

**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a**  Mail solicitations
  - b**  Internet and email solicitations
  - c**  Phone solicitations
  - d**  In-person solicitations
  - e**  Solicitation of non-government grants
  - f**  Solicitation of government grants
  - g**  Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  **Yes**  **No**
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
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9						
10						
<b>Total</b>						

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		ASCEND CARES GOLF (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	443,561			443,561
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions . . . . .	0			0
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	443,561			443,561
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .	0			0
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .	0			0
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .	0			0
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .	0		0	0
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .	0		0	0
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	144,036			144,036
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . .				144,036
<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . .				299,525	

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

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

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? . . . . .  Yes  No

**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? . . . . .  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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

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

Attach to Form 990.

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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) <u>Sch I, Stmt 1</u>							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 44
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 0



## Description of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States

		Recipient EIN	Amt. of cash grant	Amt. of non- cash asst.
<b>Name and address</b>	Alvin Independent School District 301 E House St Alvin, TX 77511	74-6000030	55,000	
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)			
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support			
<b>Name and address</b>	96 Elementary School District 52 605 Johnston Rd Ninety Six, SC 29666	57-6001087	6,271	
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)			
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support			
<b>Name and address</b>	Arms Wide 6925 Portwest Dr 110 Houston, TX 77024	74-2116380	12,260	
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)			
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support			
<b>Name and address</b>	Benevolent Healthcare Foundation dba Project CURE 10377 E Geddes Avenue Centennial, CO 80112	84-1568566	14,000	
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)			
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support			
<b>Name and address</b>	Burning Tree Country Club Inc 2521 Burningtree Dr SE Decatur, AL 35603	06-0777076	6,200	
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)			
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support			
<b>Name and address</b>	Camp for All Foundation 3701 Kirby Dr 570 Houston, TX 77098	76-0404267	10,084	
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)			
<b>Method of valuation</b>				
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>				
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support			
<b>Name and address</b>	Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance 12919 Southwest Fwy Suite 100 Stafford, TX 77477	76-0367440	18,215	
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)			
<b>Method of valuation</b>				

## Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Cantonment Improvement Committee 208 Webb St Cantonment, FL 32533	47-5184596	33,501
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Communities in Schools Southeast Harris and Brazoria County 4005 Technology Dr 2150 Angleton, TX 77515	76-0392820	10,000
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Council On Aging Of West Florida Inc PO Box 17066 Pensacola, FL 32522	59-1373939	10,000
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Dan's House of Hope 4917 Jackson St Houston, TX 77004	27-2343010	15,000
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Decatur City Schools Foundation PO Box 1224 Decatur, AL 35602	58-2004353	8,491
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Decatur General Hospital Foundation Inc PO Box 2239 Decatur, AL 35602	63-0857312	67,884
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	DePelchin Childrens Center 4950 Memorial Dr Houston, TX 77007	76-0318867	8,009
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Escambia County Public Schools	59-2715995	35,170

	30 East Texar Drive Suite 113 Pensacola, FL 32503		
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Favorhouse of Northwest Florida Inc 2001 West Blount St Pensacola, FL 32501	59-2075120	5,248
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Fire Outreach of Houston 1801 Smith St Ste 600 Houston, TX 77002	84-1788749	10,200
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Food Bank of Greenwood County PO Box 604 Greenwood, SC 29648	57-0775160	6,394
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Greenwood County Sheriff and Law Enforcement Departments 528 Edgefield Street Greenwood, SC 29646	57-6000358	9,088
<b>IRC code section</b>			
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Greenwood Shrine Club 402 Shrine Club Rd Greenwood, SC 29649	57-0523543	17,824
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center 1400 La Concha Ln Houston, TX 77054	74-1809687	10,000
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Habitat for Humanity International 121 Habitat St Americus, GA 31709	91-1914868	20,000
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			

## Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Healthy Learners 2711 Middleburg Drive Suite 304 Columbia, SC 29204	57-1127197	5,460
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	International Church of the Foursquare Gospel 1040 Stephanie Court 212 San Marcos, CA 92078	95-1684062	8,740
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Kids' Meals Inc 330 Garden Oaks Blvd Houston, TX 77018	76-0330447	5,400
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Kidz Harbor 638 Harbor Rd Liverpool, TX 77577	43-1927828	28,398
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon Foundation 10447 Sorento Road Suite 100 Pensacola, FL 32507	59-3508257	7,500
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Make a Wish Texas Gulf Coast & Louisiana 12625 Southwest Fwy Stafford, TX 77477	76-0116615	31,856
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Marine Toys for Tots Foundation 18251 Quantico Gateway Dr Triangle, VA 22172	20-3021444	26,618
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Meg's House	57-0904064	6,598

	PO Box 3410 Greenwood, SC 29648		
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Parents and Children Together PO Box 1247 Decatur, AL 35602	63-0770591	17,000
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Pensacola Country Club Association 1500 Bayshore Dr Pensacola, FL 32507	59-0398420	15,935
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Reimagine Doers of the Word 3000 West Detroit Blvd Pensacola, FL 32534	06-1661255	7,500
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	SAE International 400 Commonwealth Dr Warrendale, PA 15096	25-1494402	12,000
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Sleep in Heavenly Peace Inc 669 W Quinn Building 42 Pocatello, ID 83202	46-4346568	16,215
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Special Olympics Texas 2501 Central Pkwy Suit C 1A Houston, TX 77092	74-1998367	23,000
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Texas HOPE 2575 CR 180 Alvin, TX 77511	87-1091472	13,142
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			

## Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.

<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	The Greenwood Museum PO Box 3131 Greenwood, SC 29648	57-6030069	6,478
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	The Warriors Refuge 212 Noth 14 St West Columbia, TX 77486	83-3787674	13,700
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	The Women's Home 607 Westheimer Rd Houston, TX 77006	74-1467811	13,697
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Trees for Houston 1911 W 34th St Houston, TX 77018	76-0046318	8,200
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	West Galveston County Interfaith Caring Ministries 4205 Jackson St Santa Fe, TX 77517	76-0322279	7,761
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Wreaths Across America 4 Point Street Columbia Falls, ME 04623	20-8362270	13,250
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		
<b>Name and address</b>	Yellowstone Academy Inc 3000 Trulley Street Houston, TX 77004	76-0686870	21,920
<b>IRC code section</b>	501 (c)(3)		
<b>Method of valuation</b>			
<b>Desc. of Non-Cash Asst.</b>			
<b>Purpose of grant</b>	General Support		

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION

90-0709302

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

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

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

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

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ADMINISTERED BY THE BOARD, WHICH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING: (A) RECEIVING DISCLOSURES OF PROPOSED COVERED TRANSACTIONS; (B) REVIEWING PROPOSED COVERED TRANSACTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER THEY MEET THE ABOMAINAINING MINUTES AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO DOCUMENT ITS REVIEW OF COVERED TRANSACTIONS; AND VE-DESCRIBED STANDARD; (C) MAINTAINING MINUTES AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO DOCUMENT ITS REVIEW OF COVERED TRANSACTIONS; AND (D) REVIEWING THE OPERATION OF THIS POLICY AND MAKING CHANGES FROM TIME TO TIME AS IT MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 24e - EXPENSES ARE RELATED TO BANK FEES, ORGANIZATION EXPENSE, SUPPLIES, SITE PROJECT, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Activity Or Mission Description

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Description

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ORGANIZATIONS. FURTHERMORE THE CORPORATION, PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS AND SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF VARIOUS NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

**Mission Description**

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**Description**

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

Other Program Services Accomplishments

Activity Code	Description	Expense	Grants	Revenue
	ORGANIZATION EXPENSES	268,536	0	0
<b>Total:</b>		<b>268,536</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

ASCEND CARES FOUNDATION

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) .....					
(2) .....					
(3) .....					
(4) .....					
(5) .....					
(6) .....					

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) .....							
(2) .....							
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**Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512–514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1) -----												
(2) -----												
(3) -----												
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(5) -----												
(6) -----												
(7) -----												

**Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS HOLDING 1010 TRAVIS STREET SUITE 900, HOUSTON, TX 770	CHEMICAL MFG	DE	N/A	C			0%		✓
(2) -----									
(3) -----									
(4) -----									
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**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

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

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II–IV?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest, <b>(ii)</b> annuities, <b>(iii)</b> royalties, or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity . . . . .		✓
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .	✓	
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .	✓	
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .	✓	
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .		✓
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .		✓
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .		✓

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

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a–s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

**Part VI** **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512–514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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