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**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

OMB No 1545-0047

**2011**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

THE DEGEN FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

71-0575827

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 ☒ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
  - a ☒ Type I
  - b ☐ Type II
  - c ☐ Type III—Functionally integrated
  - d ☐ Type III—Other
  - e ☒ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
  - f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☐
  - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
    - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? 

	Yes	No
11g(i)		✓
11g(ii)		✓
11g(iii)		✓
    - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? 

11g(ii)		✓
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    - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? 

11g(iii)		✓
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  - h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A) SPARKS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	71-0236920	3		✓		✓	✓		0
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									0

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

**Part IV** . **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

THE DEGEN FOUNDATION IS TRANSITIONING FROM A SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION OF SPARKS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO A  
PUBLIC CHARITY BUT HAS NOT YET BEGUN THE PHILANTHROPIC FUNCTION. THE ASSETS OF SPARKS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
WERE SOLD NOVEMBER 30, 2009 AND SPARKS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IS CONTINUING TO WIND UP ITS OLD BUSINESS.

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DECLARATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the return identified in this letter, including any accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete. I understand that this declaration will become a permanent part of that return.

*Ann Bauer*

Signature of officer or trustee

*4/8/13*  
Date

*CFD*

Title