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Return of Private Foundation

2014

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation
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For calendar year **2014** or tax year beginning **10/15, 2014**, and ending **12/31, 2014**

Name of foundation **THE SPECIALIZED FOUNDATION**
C/O SPECIALIZED BICYCLE COMPONENTS, INC.
 Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)
15130 CONCORD CIRCLE
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

A Employer identification number
47-2817949

B Telephone number (see instructions)
(408) 782-5882

C If exemption application is pending, check here

G Check all that apply. Initial return Initial return of a former public charity
 Final return Amended return
 Address change Name change

H Check type of organization. Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) **\$**

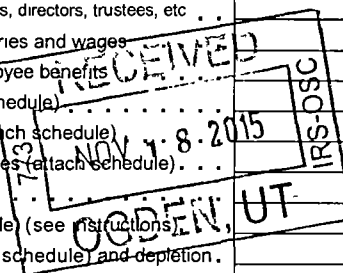
J Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) _____
 (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

D 1 Foreign organizations, check here
 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)	
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)					
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B					
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
	4 Dividends and interest from securities					
	5a Gross rents					
	b Net rental income or (loss)					
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10					
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a					
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)					
	8 Net short-term capital gain					
	9 Income modifications					
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold						
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)						
11 Other income (attach schedule)						
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		0				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages					
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)					
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)					
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)					
	17 Interest					
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)					
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion					
	20 Occupancy					
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings					
	22 Printing and publications					
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)					
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		0			
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid					
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		0			0	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12						
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		0				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			0			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)						



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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value		
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing				
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	5	Grants receivable				
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10 a	Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
	b	Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)				
	c	Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
	12	Investments - mortgage loans				
	13	Investments - other (attach schedule)				
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶				
15	Other assets (describe ▶)					
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)		0	0	0	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
	18	Grants payable				
	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)				
23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		0	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here, ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.					
	24	Unrestricted				
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted				
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> check here and complete lines 27 through 31.					
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds				
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund				
29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds					
30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		0	0	0	
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		0	0	0	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances			
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	0
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	0
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	0
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	0

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

Table with columns for property description, acquisition method, date acquired, date sold, sales price, depreciation, cost basis, gain/loss, FMV, adjusted basis, and excess. Includes lines 1a-e and 2-3.

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank NOT AVAILABLE FOR INITIAL YEAR RETURNS

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? [] Yes [] No

Table for qualification under section 4940(e) with columns for base period years, adjusted qualifying distributions, net value of noncharitable-use assets, and distribution ratio. Includes lines 2-8.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculations. Includes items like 'Exempt operating foundations', 'Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements', 'Tax under section 511', 'Credits/Payments', and 'Total credits and payments'. Columns include line numbers and amounts.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Includes questions like 'During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation?', 'Did it spend more than \$100 during the year for political purposes?', 'Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?'. Columns include question numbers and Yes/No responses.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions). 11 X
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions) 12 X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address WWW.SPECIALIZED.COM 13 X
14 The books are in care of JEFF SCHWARTZ Telephone no 408-779-6229 Located at 15130 CONCORD CIR MORGAN HILL, CA ZIP+4 95037
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here 15
16 At any time during calendar year 2014, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? 16 Yes No X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? Yes X No
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? Yes X No
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? Yes X No
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? Yes X No
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? Yes X No
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). Yes X No
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? 1b
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014? 1c X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))
a At the end of tax year 2014, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2014? Yes X No
If "Yes," list the years
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions) 2b
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? Yes X No
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2014 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2014.) 3b
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? 4a X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014? 4b X

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? Yes No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? Yes No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? Yes No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions). Yes No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? Yes No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? **5b**

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? Yes No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? **6b** X

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? Yes No

b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? **7b**

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
ATCH 1		0	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000.

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 NONE	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions	
3 NONE	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	0
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	0
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	0

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2014 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2014. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	0

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2013	(c) 2013	(d) 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Part XI, line 7				0
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2014				
a Enter amount for 2013 only				
b Total for prior years 20 12 , 20 11 , 20 10				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014				
a From 2009				
b From 2010				
c From 2011				
d From 2012				
e From 2013				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2014 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ _____				
a Applied to 2013, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)				
d Applied to 2014 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2014 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2013 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2009 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a		0		
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2010				
b Excess from 2011				
c Excess from 2012				
d Excess from 2013				
e Excess from 2014				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2014, enter the date of the ruling

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2014	(b) 2013	(c) 2012	(d) 2011	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

N/A

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

N/A

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc. (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

N/A

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

N/A

c Any submission deadlines:

N/A

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

N/A

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
<p>a Paid during the year</p> <p>NONE</p>				
Total				3a
<p>b Approved for future payment</p> <p>NONE</p>				
Total				3b

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Business code, (b) Amount, (c) Exclusion code, (d) Amount, (e) Related or exempt function income. Rows include Program service revenue, Membership dues, Interest on savings, Dividends, Net rental income, etc.

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Table with 2 columns: Line No., Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes.

THE SPECIALIZED FOUNDATION

47-2817949

FORM 990PF, PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND TRUSTEES

ATTACHMENT 1

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION</u>	<u>COMPENSATION</u>	<u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS</u>	<u>EXPENSE ACCT AND OTHER ALLOWANCES</u>
MICHAEL SINYARD 15130 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL, CA 95037	DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT	0	0	0
MICHAEL HAYNES 15130 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL, CA 95037	DIRECTOR AND CFO	0	0	0
SLATE OLSON 15130 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL, CA 95037	DIRECTOR	0	0	0
SARAH BORREY 15130 CONCORD CIRCLE MORGAN HILL, CA 95037	SECRETARY	0	0	0
<u>GRAND TOTALS</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>