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Form 990



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015 , and ending 12-31-2015

B Check if applicable

☒ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Arthritis Foundation Inc

% JANE BASCLE VP OF FINANCE

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

1355 Peachtree Street NE Suite 600

Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

Atlanta, GA 30309

F Name and address of principal officer

Ann Palmer CEO

1355 Peachtree St ne suite 600

Atlanta,GA 30309

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number

8510

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ☐ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website:

www.arthritis.org

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation 1948

M State of legal domicile GA

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE MISSION OF THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION IS TO IMPROVE LIVES THROUGH LEADERSHIP IN PREVENTION, CONTROL AND CURE OF ARTHRITIS AND RELATED DISEASES		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 33
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 33
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5 297
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 7,655
Revenue	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 6,225,433
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 10,687
	8 9 10 11 12	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 42,556,795 Current Year 52,731,599
		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,757,499 92,646
		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7 d)	1,281,380 3,719,205
		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	4,887,757 7,226,021
		Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	54,483,431 63,769,471
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	7,093,347 8,027,341
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0 0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	13,799,005 19,495,799
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	2,232,604 10,359
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 7,467,666	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	23,900,608 33,804,698
Net Assets or Fund Balances	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	47,025,564 61,338,197
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	7,457,867 2,431,274
	20 21 22		Beginning of Current Year End of Year
			66,995,112 96,193,719
			24,008,837 27,438,253
			42,986,275 68,755,466

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

2016-09-22

Date

DAVID MCLOUGHLIN COO COO

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Sandra L Feinsmith

Preparer's signature

Sandra L Feinsmith

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

P01064157

Firm's name

BDO USA LLP

Firm's EIN

Firm's address

1100 Peachtree Street Suite 700

ATLANTA, GA 303094516

Phone no

(404) 688-6841

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE MISSION OF THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION IS TO IMPROVE LIVES THROUGH LEADERSHIP IN PREVENTION, CONTROL AND CURE OF ARTHRITIS AND RELATED DISEASES

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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 \$ 24,570,139 including grants of \$ 30,675) (Revenue \$)

Advocacy and Access Advocacy is one of the four pillars of the Arthritis Foundation Our mission is to be the voice of people with Arthritis with policy makers, elected officials, regulators, at all levels of government, and employers We do this by engaging our community of advocates in legislative and regulatory policy making, helping them to find their voices through advocacy training, meetings with Congressional representatives and state officials to ensure access to timely, affordable access to treatments and medications Part of our advocacy program also includes the Arthritis Ambassador Program to strengthen relationships with members of Congress through advocacy training and relationship development A new focus of the advocacy program is active engagement by our advocates in policymaking at the state level In addition, the Arthritis Foundation is working to ensure that research funding for arthritis is increased and that there is recognition of the fact that this disease impacts one in four Americans

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 10,448,823 including grants of \$ 7,968,591) (Revenue \$)

Scientific Discovery For almost 70 years, the Arthritis Foundation has initiated and supported scientific discoveries that improve the lives of people with arthritis and related diseases The Arthritis Foundation continues to lead the way in advancing scientific discoveries and seeking solutions that will positively impact the lives of those who suffer Our commitment to finding a cure is unwavering The scientific strategy is the direction the Arthritis Foundation Science Department is going over the next five years The scientific strategy has three pillars The goal for each pillar is listed below Pillar #1 Delivering on Discovery Improved decision making and better lives through improved prevention, earlier diagnosis and new treatments to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases Pillar #2 Decision Making With Metrics Fact-based metrics for decision making and guiding actions to improve the health of people across the lifespan with arthritis and related diseases Pillar #3 Building Human Capital Scientific research pipeline is strengthened and scientific discovery is catalyzed and accelerated for arthritis and related diseases

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 9,209,111 including grants of \$ 21,627) (Revenue \$ 92,646)

Community Health & Support The Arthritis Foundation community programs empower people in local communities nationwide The Foundation provides opportunities for people to connect with others with similar challenges and develop supportive relationships The Arthritis Foundation programs include Kids and Family camps, the Juvenile Arthritis National Conference, the Walk With Ease exercise program, and exercise and aquatics programs The people we reach through these programs and arm with information and self-management strategies have a better perspective on their disease and, in turn, better outcomes

See Additional Data

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 1,221,716 including grants of \$ 6,448) (Revenue \$ 2,311,887)

4e

Total program service expenses

45,449,789

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23	Yes	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
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>	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	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>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	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>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
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>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

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
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	189	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	297	
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		2b	Yes
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		3a	Yes
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.		3b	Yes
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		4a	No
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b	No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c	
6a 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?		6a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		7a	Yes
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b	Yes
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c	No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		7d	
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e	No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f	No
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g	
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8	
9a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a	
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders.		11a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		13a	
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.		13b	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		14b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in 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
1a	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 in Schedule O		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	Yes	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		No

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

	Yes	No	
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	Yes	
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?	Yes	
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
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	AL, AZ, CA, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WV, WI
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (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 in Schedule O)	
19	Describe in 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	JANE BASCLE VP OF FINANCE 1355 PEACHTREE STREET NE SUITE 600 ATLANTA, GA 30309 (404) 965-7510

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons

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

[illegible]

Part VII

1b	Sub-Total			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	2,561,753	0	241,106

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed in Item 1) who received or accrued more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 11

3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3		No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	Yes	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Merkle Inc, PO BOX 64897 BALTIMORE, MD 212644897	direct mail counsel	8,083,822
QuadGraphics Inc, PO Box 842858 BOSTON, MA 022842858	Printing & Artwork	1,403,108
Blackbaud Internet Solutions Divisi, PO BOX 930256 ATLANTA, GA 311930256	TECH & SOFTWARE SVCS	1,379,139
Meredith Corporation, PO Box 730148 DALLAS, TX 753730148	Printing & Artwork	777,605
Graphic Solutions Group, PO Box 720477 ATLANTA, GA 30358	Printing & Artwork	615,265

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ 21

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a	232,861			
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	5,069,576			
	d	Related organizations	1d	16,324,880			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	708,910			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	30,395,372			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		203,138			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			52,731,599		
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	COMMUNITY HEALTH & SUPPORT	624100	92,646	92,646		
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			92,646		
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,331,230			1,331,230
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5	Royalties		75,944			75,944
	6a	(i) Real		(ii) Personal			
		Gross rents		103,760			
		b Less rental expenses		280,024			
		c Rental income or (loss)		-176,264	0		
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		-176,264		10,045	-186,309
	7a	(i) Securities		(ii) Other			
		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory			7,000,000		
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses			4,612,025		
		c Gain or (loss)			2,387,975		
	d	Net gain or (loss)		2,387,975		699,978	1,687,997
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 5,069,576 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
		a		329,079			
	b	Less direct expenses		b	830,035		
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			-500,956		-500,956
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19					
		a					
	b	Less direct expenses		b			
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities			0		
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		a			
	a						
b	Less cost of goods sold		b				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			0			
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11a	OTHER REVENUE		900099	2,311,887	2,311,887		
b	ADVERTISING REVENUE		541800	5,451,077		5,451,077	
c	SECTION 481(A) ADJUSTMENT			64,333		64,333	
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			7,827,297			
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			63,769,471	2,404,533	6,225,433	2,407,906

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
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	7,968,591	7,968,591		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22	58,750	58,750		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	2,802,859	1,548,609	928,491	325,759
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	13,227,927	8,474,174	2,995,874	1,757,879
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	639,055	360,861	206,248	71,946
9	Other employee benefits	1,628,542	919,604	525,594	183,344
10	Payroll taxes	1,197,416	752,564	287,991	156,861
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management	0			
b	Legal	224,840	184,096	28,331	12,413
c	Accounting	1,678,309	737,399	832,053	108,857
d	Lobbying	603,920	603,920		
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	10,359			10,359
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	3,883,830	3,180,027	489,387	214,416
12	Advertising and promotion	601,404	285,808	59,531	256,065
13	Office expenses	6,722,943	5,545,149	884,648	293,146
14	Information technology	0			
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	1,161,821	1,096,969	-113,406	178,258
17	Travel	1,567,894	1,213,699	178,329	175,866
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,087,595	935,106	71,045	81,444
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	6,508,391	4,392,634	642,432	1,473,325
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	523,028	397,501	67,994	57,533
23	Insurance	308,855	234,730	40,151	33,974
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a	MEMBERSHIP/DIR RESP MKTG	7,901,722	5,936,731	58,259	1,906,732
b	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	1,030,146	622,867	237,790	169,489
c					
d					
e	All other expenses				
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	61,338,197	45,449,789	8,420,742	7,467,666
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	7,901,721	5,531,205		2,370,516

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

					(A)		(B)
					Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			9,498,924	1	7,294,136
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			0	2	0
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			7,584,502	3	10,666,724
	4	Accounts receivable, net			4,502,680	4	6,052,588
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L					
					0	5	0
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Schedule L					
					0	6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			0	7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use			405,745	8	301,491
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			1,092,243	9	1,161,862
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	8,389,388			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b	3,267,572	5,434,993	10c	5,121,816
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			29,559,035	11	50,137,286
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			0	12	2,498,237
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11			0	13	0
14	Intangible assets			0	14	0	
15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11			8,916,990	15	12,959,579	
16	Total assets.Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)			66,995,112	16	96,193,719	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			5,263,109	17	7,568,415
	18	Grants payable			4,223,566	18	6,848,621
	19	Deferred revenue			0	19	0
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			1,100,000	20	0
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			0	21	0
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L			0	22	0
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			0	23	0
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			0	24	0
	25	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			13,422,162	25	13,021,217
	26	Total liabilities.Add lines 17 through 25			24,008,837	26	27,438,253
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.						
	27	Unrestricted net assets			9,170,676	27	8,846,660
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets			18,946,747	28	25,802,462
	29	Permanently restricted net assets			14,868,852	29	34,106,344
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.						
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund				31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances			42,986,275	33	68,755,466
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances			66,995,112	34	96,193,719

Part XIReconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	63,769,471
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	61,338,197
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	2,431,274
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	42,986,275
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-3,760,297
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	27,098,214
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	68,755,466

Part XIIFinancial Statements and Reporting

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a 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 ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2a	No
2b 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 ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☒ Both consolidated and separate basis	2b	Yes
2c 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 in Schedule O	2c	Yes
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	3a	Yes
3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	3b	Yes

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 58-1341679
Name: Arthritis Foundation Inc

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

(Code	) (Expenses \$	1,221,716	including grants of \$	6,448) (Revenue \$	2,311,887)
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION					

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Michael V Ortman Chair	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Rowland W Chang Vice Chair	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Catherine T Dunlay Secretary	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Laurie Stewart Treasurer	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Daniel T McGowan Immediate Past Chair	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
K Andrew Crighton Director	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Patricia Hannon Director	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Frank P Longobardi Director	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Cavan Redmond Director	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Janalee Taylor Director	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Mary Battle Director	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Aaron Breitenbach DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Theodore Cadwell DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Dennis Ehling DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Autumn Ehnou DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Helen Emery DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
E Robert Harris DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Randeep Kahlon DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Virginia Kraus DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Alan Lotvin DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Peter R Martin DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Michael Monarty DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Matt Mooney DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Chris Nieto DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
David Pleasance DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Kirsten Smith DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Walter Smith DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Suzanne Taylor Director	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Peter Vican DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Jennifer Vido DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Dan Wenger DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
W Hayes Wilson DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Bryon Womson DIRECTOR	1 0 0 0	X						0	0	0
Karen Larson Chief Financial Officer	40 0 0 0			X				218,113	0	21,131
Ann Palmer President/CEO	40 0 0 0			X				517,036	0	43,756
Meagan Fulmer Chief Development Officer	40 0 0 0				X			232,639	0	18,946
Wayne Guthrie Sr VP, Staff Operations	40 0 0 0				X			208,742	0	17,988
Sandra Mackey Sr VP, Marketing & Comm	40 0 0 0				X			208,844	0	19,416
Cindy McDaniel Sr VP, Consumer Health	40 0 0 0				X			209,050	0	30,293
Amanda Niskar National Scientific Director	40 0 0 0				X			226,589	0	19,191
Sandie Preiss VP, Advocacy & Access	40 0 0 0				X			206,236	0	18,670
Marla Davidson VP, Information Technology	40 0 0 0					X		195,127	0	23,727
Richard Willis VP, Strategic Affairs	40 0 0 0					X		173,043	0	15,081
Elizabeth Phillips VP, Cause Development	40 0 0 0					X		166,334	0	12,907

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

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.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization Arthritis Foundation Inc	Employer identification number 58-1341679
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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 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 (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

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 in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

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- 9 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		
Total						

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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)	38,998,639	34,111,935	37,069,773	42,556,795	52,731,599	205,468,741
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	38,998,639	34,111,935	37,069,773	42,556,795	52,731,599	205,468,741
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						0
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						205,468,741

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	38,998,639	34,111,935	37,069,773	42,556,795	52,731,599	205,468,741
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	798,359	763,126	683,119	888,092	1,500,889	4,633,585
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	10,687	10,687
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	335,022	-835,488	-55,483	27,631	2,311,887	1,783,569
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						211,896,582
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	31,549,624
13 First five years.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 stop here ▶						☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	96 967 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	97 770 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2015.If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☒	
b 33 1/3% support test—2014.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 stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☐	
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☐	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	☐	
18 Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	☐	

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years.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 stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage		
15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage		
17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015.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—2014.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 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of 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 (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c 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 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b 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>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <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 (b) and (c) 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>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) 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 (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent 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 in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II 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>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) 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 IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer b below.</i>		
b 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>		
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization’s directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization’s activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i>		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions) a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below. b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below. c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a 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? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization’s involvement, one or more of the organization’s supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization’s position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization’s involvement.</i>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

Part V

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

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

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Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-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
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
d From 2013.			
e From 2014.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
c Excess from 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			

Part VI Supplemental Information.

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE A, PART II, SECTION B, LINE 10	OTHER INCOME IS AN ACCUMULATION OF INDIVIDUALLY INSIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING NORMAL DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION AND WERE NOT ORIGINALLY RECORDED IN SPECIFIC INCOME OR EXPENSE ACCOUNTS DURING THE YEAR FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING PURPOSES THIS ACCUMULATED BALANCE WAS DEEMED IMMATERIAL AND REMAINED SEPARATELY REPORTED ON THE ORGANIZATIONS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS "miscellaneous revenue and losses" Additionally, a portion of other income is due to unused grant expenditures that were refunded to the organization during the year

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶Complete if the organization is described below. ▶Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization Arthritis Foundation Inc	Employer identification number 58-1341679
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization’s direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization fileForm 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization’s funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A

Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B

Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	241,568													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	362,352													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	603,920													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	61,084,608													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	61,688,528													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	1,000,000													
<table><thead><tr><th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th><th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></tbody></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?														
		☒ Yes	☐ No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					6,000,000
c Total lobbying expenditures	421,079	279,353	484,387	603,920	1,788,739
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,000,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	189,486	125,709	217,974	241,568	774,737

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of	a Volunteers?			
	b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
	c Media advertisements?			
	d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
	e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
	f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
	g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
	h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
	i Other activities?			
	j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?				
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.				
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.				
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?				

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Arthritis Foundation Inc

Employer identification number
58-1341679

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No	

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1

Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2

Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ► _____

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► _____

5

Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6

Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► _____

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$ _____

8

Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4) (B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

9

In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i)

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

(ii)

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

2

If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

► \$ _____

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X

► \$ _____

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets

(continued)

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	7,295,703	6,451,538	5,689,033	5,388,928	6,068,156
b Contributions	19,983,998	868,460			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-314,863	208,043	979,718	599,664	-42,379
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,122,499	232,338	217,213	299,559	636,849
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	25,842,339	7,295,703	6,451,538	5,689,033	5,388,928

2

Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

☐

b

Permanent endowment

☐ 90 ☐ 240 %

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

☐ 9 ☐ 760 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

3a

Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i)

unrelated organizations

3a(i)

☐ Yes

☐ No

(ii)

related organizations

3a(ii)

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

☐ 3b

☐

☐

4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a)Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c)Accumulated depreciation	(d)Book value
1a Land		407,000		407,000
b Buildings		1,992,130	976,336	1,015,794
c Leasehold improvements		287,128	117,262	169,866
d Equipment		595,983	523,285	72,698
e Other		5,107,147	1,650,689	3,456,458
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				5,121,816

Part XI

Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	60,295,172
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-3,760,297
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	70,307
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	280,024
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	-3,409,966
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	63,705,138
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	64,333
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	64,333
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c.(This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	63,769,471

Part XII

Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	61,688,528
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	70,307
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	280,024
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	350,331
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	61,338,197
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	61,338,197

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINES 2D & 4B	LINE 2D - RENT EXPENSES OF \$280,024 LINE 4B - SECTION 481(A) ADJUSTMENT OF \$64,333
PART XII, LINE 2D	RENT EXPENSES OF \$ 280,024

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SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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, lines 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.
▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Arthritis Foundation Inc

Employer identification number
58-1341679

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 ten 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 Merkle Inc PO Box 64897 Baltimore, MD 212644897	Direct Mail		No	10,118,459	8,083,822	2,034,637
2 MDS Communications Corp 545 W Juanita Ave Mesa, AZ 85210	Direct Mail		No	273,736	132,976	140,760
3 Springboard Consulting 14 Glenbrook Drive Mendham, NJ 07945	Corporate		No	1,982,500	96,659	1,885,841
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶				12,374,695	8,313,457	4,061,238

- 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.

All States

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)
		Crystal Ball (event type)	Walk to a Cure (event type)	90 (total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	388,420	304,314	4,705,921	5,398,655
	2 Less Contributions	307,181	299,458	4,462,937	5,069,576
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	81,239	4,856	242,984	329,079
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes		3,856	57,754	61,610
	6 Rent/facility costs	74,389	500	163,496	238,385
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment	6,850	500	14,472	21,822
	9 Other direct expenses	41,872	23,021	443,325	508,218
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				830,035
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				-500,956

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))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
Direct Expenses	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 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 _____

11

Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers?

☐ Yes ☐ No

12

Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

☐ Yes ☐ No

13

Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility		%
b	An outside facility		%

14

Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name 

Address 

15a

Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization  \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party  \$ _____

c

If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name 

Address 

16

Gaming manager information

Name 

Gaming manager compensation  \$ _____

Description of services provided 

☐ Director/officer ☐ Employee ☐ Independent contractor

17

Mandatory distributions

a

Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

☐ Yes ☐ No

b

Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year  \$ _____

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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☒ Yes ☐ No

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.

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 

Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b)Number of recipients	(c)Amount of cash grant	(d)Amount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance
(1) Junior Arthritis Camperships	95	58,750			

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
part i line 2	monitoring is provided by the arthritis foundation's national office through oversight of the terms and conditions of a written agreement. Multiyear agreements require yearly progress and financial reports for continuation of funding

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 58-1341679
Name: Arthritis Foundation Inc

Form 990,Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
CARRA INC C/O STANFORD UNIV MEDICAL CTR PALO ALTO,CA 94304	46-4152355	501(c)(3)	4,235,000				research grant
NOA INC 4201 collins avenue miami beach,FL 33140	65-0519986	501(c)(3)	450,000				research grant
Duke University 2138 Campus Drive Durham,NC 27708	56-0532129	501(c)(3)	377,077				research grant

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Rush University Medical Center 1700 West Van Buren Rm277 Chicago, IL 60612	36-2174823	501(c)(3)	354,557				research grant
Cleveland Clinic Foundation 9500 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44195	34-0714585	501(c)(3)	318,774				research grant
University of Iowa B-5 Jessup Hall Iowa City, IA 52242	42-6004813	501(c)(3)	317,703				research grant

Form 990, Schedule I, Part II, Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Vanderbilt University Medical Center 1161 21st Ave S T1217 Nashville, TN 37232	62-0476822	501(c)(3)	270,000				research grant
New York University School of Medicine 550 1st Avenue New York, NY 10016	13-5562308	501(c)(3)	200,000				research grant
Stanford University PO Box 44253 San Francisco, CA 941444253	94-1156365	501(c)(3)	200,000				research grant

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
The University of Tennessee-Health Science Center 920 Court Ave Memphis, TN 38163	06-0646973	501(c)(3)	135,000				research grant
Baylor College of Medicine PO Box 301207 Dallas,TX 75303	74-1613878	501(c)(3)	128,862				research grant
Yale University Yale University New Haven,CT 06520	06-0646973	501(c)(3)	114,860				research grant

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Albert Einstein College of Medicine-Yeshiva Univ 1300 Morris Park Avenue Bronx, NY 10461	47-2209056	501(c)(3)	108,000				research grant
Boston University Office of Research Accounting Boston, MA 02215	04-2103547	501(c)(3)	100,000				research grant
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Inst PO Box 8500 Philadelphia, PA 191781457	23-1352166	501(C)(3)	100,000				research grant

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
The Hospital for Special Surgery 535 East 70th Street New York, NY 10021	13-1624135	501(c)(3)	100,000				research grant
University of California San Diego 9500 Gilman Drive La Jolla, CA 92093	96-6006144	501(c)(3)	100,000				research grant
University of Colorado Denver 1250 14th St Denver, CO 80202	84-6000555	501(c)(3)	100,000				research grant

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
University of Massachusetts Medical School 55 Lake Avenue North Worcester, MA 01655	04-3167352	170(c)(1)	100,000				research grant
Washington State University PO Box 641039 Pullman, WA 99164	91-6001108	501(c)(3)	100,000				research grant
arthritis foundation Great Lakes Region 3740 Ridge Mill Drive Hilliard,OH 43026	27-4014550	501(c)(3)	21,000				program grant

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
arthritis foundation Great West Region 115 NE 100th St Suite 350 Seattle,WA 98125	38-3826066	501(c)(3)	10,000				program grant
arthritis foundation Heartland Region 35 E Wacker Drive Suite 2260 Chicago,IL 60601	26-4639290	501(c)(3)	10,000				program grant
arthritis foundation pacific region 800 W 6th Street Suite 1250 Los Angeles,CA 90017	95-1885447	501(c)(3)	10,000				program grant

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV , appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
gordon scholarship 512 Liberty Ln West Kingston,RI 028921502			10,000				program grant
arthritis foundation new england region 35 Cold Spring Road Suite 411 Rocky Hill,CT 06067	04-2113261	501(c)(3)	7,895				program grant

Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization
Arthritis Foundation Inc

Employer identification number
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Part I	Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items			
	☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account	☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III			
	☒ Compensation committee ☒ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Form 990 of other organizations	☒ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4	During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization			
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a		No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b		No
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III			
	Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of			
a	The organization?	5a		No
b	Any related organization?	5b		No
	If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III			
6	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of			
a	The organization?	6a		No
b	Any related organization?	6b		No
	If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III			
7	For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7		No
8	Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8		No
9	If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53 4958-6(c)?	9		

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	Base (i) compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
See Additional Data Table							

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 58-1341679
Name: Arthritis Foundation Inc

Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1Meagan Fulmer Chief Development Officer	(i)	225,139	7,500	0	9,100	9,846	251,585	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1Wayne Guthrie Sr VP, Staff Operations	(i)	201,242	7,500	0	8,140	9,848	226,730	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2Karen Larson Chief Financial Officer	(i)	210,613	7,500	0	8,700	12,431	239,244	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3Sandra Mackey Sr VP, Marketing & Comm	(i)	201,344	7,500	0	4,842	14,574	228,260	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4Cindy McDaniel Sr VP, Consumer Health	(i)	201,550	7,500	0	15,480	14,813	239,343	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5Amanda Niskar National Scientific Director	(i)	226,589	0	0	5,180	14,011	245,780	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6Ann PalmerPresident/CEO	(i)	423,536	85,000	8,500	28,600	15,156	560,792	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7Sandle Preiss VP, Advocacy & Access	(i)	198,736	7,500	0	4,608	14,062	224,906	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8Marla Davidson VP, Information Technology	(i)	195,127	0	0	14,578	9,149	218,854	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9Richard Willis VP, Strategic Affairs	(i)	173,043	0	0	1,260	13,821	188,124	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10Elizabeth Phillips VP, Cause Development	(i)	166,334	0	0	0	12,907	179,241	0
	(ii)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

►Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.

► Attach to Form 990.

►Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
Arthritis Foundation Inc

Employer identification number
58-1341679

Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	21	203,138	STOCK EXCHANGE VALUE
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► ()				
26 Other ► ()				
27 Other ► ()				
28 Other ► ()				

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Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

Yes

No

30a

During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

30a

No

b

If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

31

Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

31

Yes

32a

Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

32a

Yes

b

If "Yes," describe in Part II

33

If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Part II

Supplemental Information.

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 32b	AUTOS FOR ARTHRITIS-ADVANCED REMARKETING SERVICES DELIVERS PROFESSIONAL REMARKETING SERVICES TO THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATIONS CAR DONATION PROGRAMS SERVICES INCLUDE STATE OF THE ART CALL CENTER, NATIONWIDE TOWING COVERAGE, ESTABLISHED NETWORK OF BUYERS AND AUCTIONS, COMPREHENSIVE REPORTING AND PROCESSING OF ALL REQUIRED STATE AND IRS DOCUMENTS FUNDS COLLECTED (GROSS, LESS APPLICABLE FEES) ARE DIRECT DEPOSITED INTO THE NATIONAL OFFICE BANK ACCOUNT NATIONAL OFFICE ACCOUNTING STAFF HAS BEEN GIVEN ACCESS TO THE ONLINE REPORT SYSTEM TO GENERATE REPORTS USED TO DISBURSE FUNDS TO THE APPROPRIATE CHARTERED ENTITIES BASED ON THE DONOR ZIP CODE

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.**
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
**▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at
www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Inspection**

Name of the organization Arthritis Foundation Inc	Employer identification number 58-1341679
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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE ANY AND ALL POWERS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE FULL NATIONAL BOARD THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE OFFICERS AND UP TO EIGHT ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7a	TWENTY MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATIONS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED BY THE REGIONAL CORPORATIONS AS EACH REGION HAS THE RIGHT TO ELECT TWO MEMBERS

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11	THE FORM 990 WAS PREPARED BY A PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM WITH INPUT FROM THE FOUNDATION'S ACCOUNTING STAFF AND CFO. A DRAFT COPY OF THE FORM 990 WAS REVIEWED BY KEY ACCOUNTING STAFF AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT. EACH PERSON INDIVIDUALLY REVIEWED THE FORM (INCLUDING SCHEDULES) AND SUBMITTED QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO MANAGEMENT AS NECESSARY. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS WERE RESOLVED APPROPRIATELY TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE FOUNDATION'S CFO. THE FORM 990 (INCLUDING SCHEDULES) WAS THEN REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION. THE FINAL FORM WAS PROVIDED TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS at A SCHEDULED MEETING. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED CHANGES WERE INCORPORATED INTO A SUBSEQUENT DRAFT OF THE FORM 990. THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE FORM 990 WAS PRESENTED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION. THE FINAL FORM WAS PROVIDED TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO FILING. THE FORM IS FILED AFTER REVIEW BEFORE THE ENTIRE BOARD AT A SCHEDULED MEETING.

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12c	AT LEAST ANNUALLY, ALL EMPLOYEES MUST SIGN A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM VOLUNTEERS IN POSITIONS OF GOVERNANCE SUCH AS FOR BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AD HOC TASK FORCE MEMBERS SHALL COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM ANNUALLY AND PRIOR TO INITIAL APPOINTMENT TO SERVE IN THE VARIOUS POSITIONS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND ADJUDICATES POTENTIAL VOLUNTEER CONFLICTS IF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS EXIST AS TO ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION STAFF, THE APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT AND/OR THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT SHALL ADDRESS THEM

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE COMPENSATION AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MET ON october 26, 2015 TO REVIEW TOTAL COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS FOR THE CEO AND SIX OTHER KEY EMPLOYEES THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED COMPENSATION REPORTS PREPARED BY AN INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT, JAMES E ROCCO ASSOCIATES, AND REVIEWED THE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF MARKET DATA FOR PEER ORGANIZATIONS WITH THE TOTAL COMPENSATION PAID BY THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION FOR EACH POSITION IT WAS THE CONSULTANTS UNRESERVED OPINION THAT THE BASE SALARIES AND TOTAL COMPENSATION PROVIDED TO THE FOUNDATIONS EIGHT SENIOR MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVES, INCLUDING THE CEO, MEET ALL STANDARDS OF REASONABLENESS AND ARE NOT EXCESSIVE THE COMMITTEE MEETS ANNUALLY TO COMPLETE THIS REVIEW AND REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES PUBLIC THE MAJORITY OF ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS VIA THE NATIONAL OFFICES WEBSITE AT WWW.ARTHRITIS.ORG. ALL OTHER DOCUMENTS NOT READILY AVAILABLE VIA THIS WEBSITE ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	NET CHANGE IN VALUATION OF SPLIT INTEREST AGREEMENT - \$1,332,919 TRANSFERS OF ASSETS FROM MID-ATLANTIC REGION - \$20,310,073 TRANSFERS OF ASSETS FROM FLORIDA REGION - \$4,927,212 NET CHANGE IN PENSION LIABILITY - \$592,343 SECTION 481(A) ADJUSTMENT - (\$64,333)