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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form**  
**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

OMB No 1545-1150

**2016**

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**A** For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04/01, 2016, and ending 03/31, 20 17

- B** Check if applicable
- Address change
  - Name change
  - Initial return
  - Final return/terminated
  - Amended return
  - Application pending

**C** Name of organization nc  
**Asha Rising**  
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) nc Room/suite 405  
**101 Calcot Place**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**Oakland, CA 94606**

**D** Employer identification number nc  
**472 586 809**  
**E** Telephone number  
**917-279-1692**  
**F** Group Exemption Number ▶ nc

**G** Accounting Method.  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
**I** Website: ▶ asharising.org  
**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B nc  
 (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

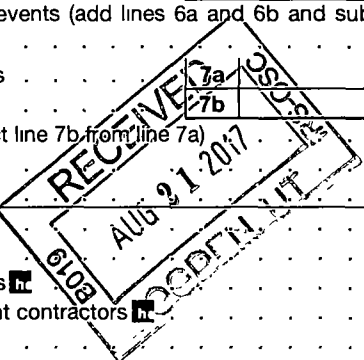
**K** Form of organization  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I) nc

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	6d	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .															20,794.54												
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .															0												
	3	Membership dues and assessments . . . . .															0												
	4	Investment income . . . . .															18.64												
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .																											
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .																											
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .															0												
	6	Gaming and fundraising events																											
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .																											
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .																											
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .																												
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) . . . . .															0													
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .																												
7b	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .																												
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .															0													
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .																												
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶															20,813.18													
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .															0												
	11	Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .															0												
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits <u>nc</u> . . . . .															3,117												
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors <u>nc</u> . . . . .															0												
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .															1,210												
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .															72.42												
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) <u>nc</u> . . . . .															4,491.41												
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 ▶															8,890.83													
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .															11,922.35												
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .															20,004.90												
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .																											
	21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year.</b> Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶															31,927.25												



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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V.

Form with questions 33-45b and Yes/No columns. Includes questions about significant activities, changes to documents, unrelated business income, political expenditures, borrowing, and tax shelter transactions.

**46** Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . . 

	Yes	No
<b>46</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**inc**

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

**47** 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 . . . . . 

	Yes	No
<b>47</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**inc**

**48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . . 

	Yes	No
<b>48</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**inc**

**49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . . 

	Yes	No
<b>49a</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . . 

	Yes	No
<b>49b</b>		

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . **None**

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . . **None**

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . .  **Yes**  **No**

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** **inc**

	Date <b>8/14/2017</b>
Colette Minnock, Treasurer	08/14/2017
Type or print name and title	

**Preparer's Information**

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed <span style="float: right;">PTIN</span>
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶		
Firm's address ▶	Phone no		

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

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

Department of the Treasury  
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**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](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization  
**ASHA RISING**

Employer identification number  
**472 586 809**

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

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

- 1  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2  A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 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)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .				20,765	20,794.54	41,559.54
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .				0	0	0
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .				0	0	0
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . . .				20,765.00	20,794.54	41,559.54
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . . .						25,242.00
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						16,317.54

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) 2016	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .				20,765.00	20,794.54	41,559.54
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .				6	18.64	24.64
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						0
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI) . . . . .						0
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						41,584.18
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2016.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2015.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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

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

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Name of the organization  
**Asha Rising**

Employer identification number  
**472 586 809**

Line 16:

Office Expenses (Accounting software)	187.45
Bank Charges (wire fees for International transfers)	120.00
State Filing Fee	20.00
Gifts for residents of Asha Rising	333.96
Food for residents	1,116.00
Medical care for residents	453.00
Household Equipment for residents	1,832.00
Conveyance Fees	57.00
Clothing and toiletries for residents	78.00
Yoga classes	123.00
Miscellaneous	171.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,491.41</b>

Line 24

Other Assets:

Advances for the payment of expenses for the residents of Asha Rising in Kolkata, India were \$3,000 as of 3/31/2016

The above amount was expensed and passed through the income statement during the year. In addition, there were two transfers, of \$3,000 each, made during the current year. Of that, \$5,157 was expensed, and \$843 remains on the balance sheet at as an advance in current assets as of 3/31/2017.

Security Deposit for the rental of the residence in Kolkata India was \$3,400 at March 31st, 2016. This was our approximation of the US\$ amount of the security deposit to secure the space for the home in Kolkata. The deposit was first paid by a friend of Asha Rising and was recorded as a security deposit on the asset side and an off-setting note payable on the liability side. It is important to note that no money passed through our bank for the \$3,400, but the amount was captured for the purpose of keeping accurate records.

Name of the organization  
ASHA RISING

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Line 24 continued

During the current fiscal year, we repaid the security deposit from our bank account. The amount required to discharge our liability to the original payor was \$2,938.00 at the prevailing exchange rate. This amount is shown as a security deposit as of 3/31/2017.

Line 26

The note payable of \$3,400 on 03/31/2016 represented a note payable in connection with the security deposit mentioned in line 24 above.

A third party had paid the deposit on our behalf and the note payable reflected that we had an interest-free liability to repay him. We repaid the third party during the year and so extinguished our liability.

Line 28

The expenses incurred for the Asha Rising residents include the following items:

Line 12: Salary, \$3,117

Line 14: Rent, utilities and maintenance, \$1,210

Line 16: As outlined for line 16 above, \$4,163.96

Food, medical care, gifts, household equipment, conveyance fees, clothing, toiletries, yoga classes, and miscellaneous.

Please note that line 16 includes some items that were incurred by the US office as office expenses and are excluded from this total.

Part IV

We did not provide a W2 or a 1099 for the employee Rinku DI, as she works with Asha Rising in Kolkata, India. She is not a US employee.