

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  
**2020**  
Open to Public Inspection

**A** For the **2020** calendar year, or tax year beginning **01-01-2020**, and ending **12-31-2020**

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

**C** Name of organization: THE BOTTOM RUNG INC  
 Doing business as: The Marketplace  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 113 Jamiwind Ct  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Mooresville, NC 28115

**D** Employer identification number: 45-2428094  
**E** Telephone number: (704) 201-0481  
**G** Gross receipts \$ 162,197

**F** Name and address of principal officer:  
 Marisa Sellman  
 113 Jamiwind Ct  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

**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 ▶

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

**J** Website: ▶ www.themarketplacenc.com

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation: 2011 **M** State of legal domicile: NC

## Part I Summary

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:  
 The Marketplace is a nonprofit Christian fair trade store that partners with Christian organizations around the world to empower people through employment while sharing the Gospel. We are currently in 30 countries working with 90 ministries.

**2** Check this box  if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	8
<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	8
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	1
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	4
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	0
<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	<b>7b</b>	0

	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	7,452	10,928
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0	0
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	83,862	57,048
<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	91,314	67,976
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0	0
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	59,109	56,070
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	48,847	32,566
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	107,956	88,636
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-16,642	-20,660

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	143,262	114,977
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	13,890	6,265
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	129,372	108,712

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2021-04-19  
 Marisa Sellman Executive Director  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer Use Only**

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

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

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

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

The Marketplace is a Christian fair trade store that partners with ministries around the world to help empower people through employment while sharing the Gospel. We buy all products outright and market the ministries and products in The Marketplace. We travel abroad, design, and business consult with ministries so they can increase their market share. With increased sales, they will be able to hire more people and demonstrate the love of Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

**4a** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)  
See Additional Data

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)  
See Additional Data

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)  
See Additional Data

**4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)  
(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

**4e Total program service expenses** ▶ 0

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

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

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

		Yes	No
<b>22</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .</i>		No
<b>23</b>	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .</i>		No
<b>24a</b>	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a . . . . .</i>		No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .		
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .		
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>		No
<b>b</b>	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .</i>		No
<b>26</b>	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II . . . . .</i>		No
<b>27</b>	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .</i>		No
<b>28</b>	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):		
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		No
<b>b</b>	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		No
<b>c</b>	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV . . . . .</i>		No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>		No
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M . . . . .</i>		No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I . . . . .</i>		No
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II . . . . .</i>	Yes	
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I . . . . .</i>		No
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 . . . . .</i>		No
<b>35a</b>	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
<b>b</b>	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 . . . . .</i>		No
<b>37</b>	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI . . . . .</i>		No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. . . . .	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
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .		
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	Yes	

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance** (continued)

<p><b>2a</b> Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . . .</p>	<p><b>2a</b> <input type="text"/></p>	<p><b>1</b></p>		
<p><b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)</p>	<p><b>2b</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>		
<p><b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>3a</b></p>		<p>No</p>	
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .</i></p>	<p><b>3b</b></p>			
<p><b>4a</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>4a</b></p>		<p>No</p>	
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input type="text"/> See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).</p>				
<p><b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>5a</b></p>		<p>No</p>	
<p><b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?</p>	<p><b>5b</b></p>		<p>No</p>	
<p><b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>5c</b></p>			
<p><b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>6a</b></p>		<p>No</p>	
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>6b</b></p>			
<p><b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b></p>				
<p><b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7a</b></p>			
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7b</b></p>			
<p><b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7c</b></p>			
<p><b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7d</b></p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>		
<p><b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?</p>	<p><b>7e</b></p>			
<p><b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7f</b></p>			
<p><b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7g</b></p>			
<p><b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7h</b></p>			
<p><b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>			
<p><b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b></p>				
<p><b>a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>9a</b></p>			
<p><b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>9b</b></p>			
<p><b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:</p>				
<p><b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . .</p>	<p><b>10a</b></p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>		
<p><b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . . . . .</p>	<p><b>10b</b></p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>		
<p><b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:</p>				
<p><b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .</p>	<p><b>11a</b></p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>		
<p><b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) . . . . .</p>	<p><b>11b</b></p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>		
<p><b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?</p>				
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.</p>	<p><b>12b</b></p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>		
<p><b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b></p>				
<p><b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . . . <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.</p>	<p><b>13a</b></p>			
<p><b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . .</p>	<p><b>13b</b></p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>		
<p><b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . .</p>	<p><b>13c</b></p>	<p><input type="text"/></p>		
<p><b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>14a</b></p>		<p>No</p>	
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .</i></p>	<p><b>14b</b></p>			
<p><b>15</b> Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? . . . . . <b>If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>		<p>No</p>	
<p><b>16</b> Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? . . . . . <b>If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>		<p>No</p>	

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 1b 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?; 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?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?; 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?; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 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.

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b 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?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b 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; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 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?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 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?; 16b 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: NC
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A 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 [x] 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: Marisa Sellman 113 Jamiwind Ct Mooresville, NC 28115 (704) 201-0481





Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

Table with columns (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514. Rows include Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts (1a-1g), Program Service Revenue (2a-2f), Other Revenue (3-12), and Total revenue (12).

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	0	0		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	0	0		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16. . . . .	0	0		
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	0	0		
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	48,667	0	48,667	0
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0		0	
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	0		0	
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	0		0	
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	3,565		3,565	
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	3,838		3,838	
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .	0		0	
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .	0		0	
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	0		0	
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .	0		0	
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .	0		0	
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	0		0	
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	1,961		1,961	
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	14,927		14,927	
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .	9,467		9,467	
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .	0		0	
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	7,200		7,200	
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	1,463		1,463	
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .	0		0	
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	1,682		1,682	
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .	0		0	
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .	0		0	
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	-6,980		-6,980	
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	2,846		2,846	
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b> All other expenses	0		0	
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	88,636	0	88,636	0
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	74,488	<b>1</b>	75,628
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .		<b>2</b>	852
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	38,754	<b>8</b>	38,497
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	30,020	<b>15</b>	
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	143,262	<b>16</b>	114,977	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	13,890	<b>17</b>	6,265
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	13,890	<b>26</b>	6,265
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .		<b>27</b>	
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions . . . . .		<b>28</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	0	<b>29</b>	0
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .	0	<b>30</b>	0
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	129,372	<b>31</b>	108,712
<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .	129,372	<b>32</b>	108,712	
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .	143,262	<b>33</b>	114,977	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	67,976
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	88,636
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-20,660
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	129,372
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	0
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	0
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	0
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	108,712

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

- 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
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?  
 If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:  
 Separate basis  Consolidated basis  Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** 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.
- 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?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
<b>2a</b>		No
<b>2b</b>		No
<b>2c</b>		
<b>3a</b>		No
<b>3b</b>		

## Additional Data

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**Name:** THE BOTTOM RUNG INC

Form 990 (2020)

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### **Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:**

In January 2020, Marisa Sellman, Director of The Marketplace, walked down a congested street in Kigali Rwanda. But this wasn't just an ordinary street, this was a street that had no opportunity. Many women walked these streets and sold themselves night after night in order to feed their children. This street might as well be a dead end. The ladies of DuHope came from this street but now they have opportunity. They are no longer sex workers. They have dignified employment making jewelry in a God centered workshop for a year or longer. Many of these ladies had only a 2nd grade education. Now they are receiving literacy and numeracy training. They are being empowered. But the sad reality is that they are not able to fully support their children because there is just not enough work. They need to have another source of income; they need to have their own business. As I sat with the Director, I quickly learned these ladies were still living with their children in unsafe housing. They didn't have enough money to provide nutritious food. Many times, they struggled to pay their children's school fees. They could not afford medical insurance and often were unable to take their sick children to the doctors. In order to start a business or grow their current one, they needed business training and coaching. They also needed a capital investment to give their business a fighting chance. This touched my heart. I am a businessperson and know you need the right tools to succeed. I also know when you invest in a woman, you change the course of her life and the trajectory of her children's. We started envisioning how we could empower her and change her life. January 30, 2020 in a small workshop in Kigali Rwanda, The Empowerment Project was born. For \$3,755, we would be able to offer her safe housing, nutritious food, and medical insurance for her and her children for a year. We would be able to pay their school fees and supplies for a school year. We would offer her business training and ongoing coaching. And finally, we would invest the capital needed to create and grow her business. Our community raised \$17,700.

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:**

Azizi Life in Rwanda was in lock down for an extended period of time due to Covid. The artisans did not have money for food. Our community raised \$1019 to help feed the artisans for 2 weeks that lock down was extended.

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**Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:**

Atelier Calla our ministry partners in Haiti were unable to supplement the artisans for the additional month of them not being able to work due to Covid. Our community raised \$1660 to provide for all the artisans for that additional month.

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

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**  
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.  
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.  
▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**2020**  
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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Name of the organization**  
THE BOTTOM RUNG INC

**Employer identification number**  
45-2428094

**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 **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		
<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 failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3						
<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). . .						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4. . .						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . . .						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). . .						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					<b>12</b>	
<b>13 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2020.</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—2019.</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—2020.</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—2019.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶		(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>1</b>	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .	18,747	12,830	44,220	7,264	10,928	93,989
<b>2</b>	Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . . .	265,412	256,769	233,525	174,153	114,269	1,044,128
<b>3</b>	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b>	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf. . . . .						
<b>5</b>	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .						
<b>6</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . . .	284,159	269,599	277,745	181,417	125,197	1,138,117
<b>7a</b>	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . . . . .						
<b>b</b>	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year. . . . .						
<b>c</b>	Add lines 7a and 7b. . . . .						
<b>8</b>	<b>Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						1,138,117

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶		(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
<b>9</b>	Amounts from line 6. . . . .	284,159	269,599	277,745	181,417	125,197	1,138,117
<b>10a</b>	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . . . .						
<b>b</b>	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975. . . . .						
<b>c</b>	Add lines 10a and 10b. . . . .						
<b>11</b>	Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . . . .						
<b>12</b>	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13</b>	<b>Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .	284,159	269,599	277,745	181,417	125,197	1,138,117

**14 First 5 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**

<b>15</b>	Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	100 %
<b>16</b>	Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	100 %

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

<b>17</b>	Investment income percentage for <b>2020</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	0 %
<b>18</b>	Investment income percentage from <b>2019</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	0 %

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2020.** 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—2019.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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>		
<b>2</b>	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>		
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
<b>b</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>		
<b>c</b>	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>		
<b>4a</b>	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
<b>b</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>		
<b>c</b>	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>		
<b>5a</b>	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
<b>b</b>	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b>	<b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b>	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>7</b>	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>8</b>	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 I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
<b>9a</b>	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>b</b>	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>c</b>	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
<b>10a</b>	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
<b>b</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>		

**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

		Yes	No
<b>11</b>	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b>	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b>	A family member of a person described in 11a above?		
<b>c</b>	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

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

<b>1</b>	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year ( <b>see instructions</b> ):		
<b>a</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.		
<b>b</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.		
<b>c</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a government entity (see instructions)		
<b>2</b>	Activities Test. <b>Answer lines 2a and 2b below.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <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>b</b>	Did the activities described in line 2a 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>		
<b>3</b>	Parent of Supported Organizations. <b>Answer lines 3a and 3b below.</b>		
<b>a</b>	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No" provide details in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</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**

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

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1 through 3	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):	<b>1</b>	
<b>a</b>	Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b>	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors ( <i>explain in detail in Part VI</i> ):		
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Multiply line 5 by 0.035	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b>	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Enter 85% of line 1	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

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

<b>Section D - Distributions</b>		<b>Current Year</b>
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts ( <i>prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI</i> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Other distributions ( <i>describe in Part VI</i> ). See instructions	<b>6</b>	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive ( <i>provide details in Part VI</i> ). See instructions	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	<b>10</b>	

<b>Section E - Distribution Allocations</b> (see instructions)	<b>(i) Excess Distributions</b>	<b>(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020</b>	<b>(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020</b>
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required-- <i>explain in Part VI</i> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020:			
<b>a</b> From 2015. . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2016. . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2017. . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2018. . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2019. . . . .			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7:			
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<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2020. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2021.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2016. . . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2017. . . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2018. . . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2019. . . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2020. . . . .			

**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).

<b>Facts And Circumstances Test</b>

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SCHEDULE N (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Liquidation, Termination, Dissolution, or Significant Disposition of Assets

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

- Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 31 or 32; or Form 990-EZ, line 36. Attach certified copies of any articles of dissolution, resolutions, or plans. Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

Name of the organization THE BOTTOM RUNG INC

Employer identification number 45-2428094

Part I Liquidation, Termination, or Dissolution. Complete this part if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 31, or Form 990-EZ, line 36. Part I can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Table with 7 columns: (a) Description of asset(s) distributed or transaction expenses paid, (b) Date of distribution, (c) Fair market value of asset(s) distributed or amount of transaction expenses, (d) Method of determining FMV for asset(s) distributed or transaction expenses, (e) EIN of recipient, (f) Name and address of recipient, (g) IRC section of recipient(s) (if tax-exempt) or type of entity.

2 Did or will any officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization:
a Become a director or trustee of a successor or transferee organization?
b Become an employee of, or independent contractor for, a successor or transferee organization?
c Become a direct or indirect owner of a successor or transferee organization?
d Receive, or become entitled to, compensation or other similar payments as a result of the organization's liquidation, termination, or dissolution?
e If the organization answered "Yes" to any of the questions on lines 2a through 2d, provide the name of the person involved and explain in Part III.



**Part III** **Supplemental Information.**

Provide the information required by Part I, lines 2e and 6c, and Part II, line 2e. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
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## Additional Data

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**Form 990, Schedule N, Part II - Sale, Exchange, Disposition or Other Transfer of more than 25% of the Organization's Assets. Complete this part if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 32, or Form 990-EZ, line 36. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.**

<b>1</b>	<b>(a)</b> Description of asset(s) distributed or transaction expenses paid	<b>(b)</b> Date of distribution	<b>(c)</b> Fair market value of asset(s) distributed or amount of transaction expenses	<b>(d)</b> Method of determining FMV for asset(s) distributed or transaction expenses	<b>(e)</b> Ein of recipient	<b>(f)</b> Name and address of recipient	<b>(g)</b> IRC Code section recipient(s) (if tax-exempt) or type of entity
	Sold our fashion truck, 2015 Ford Step Van.	11-13-2020	37,000	What was available online and factored the mileage.		Chick's 500 Degrees Inc 4156 Tulip Park Way Rancho Cordova, CA 95742	

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**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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**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, Line 2	Louis Sellman and Marisa Sellman are married. Scott Mann and Becky Mann are married.

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b	Each board member received an emailed copy of the 990 for review. Upon review, each member emails approval of the document before it's filed.

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c	At each board meeting we openly discuss the agenda. If anyone has any questions in regards to conflict of interest, they are asked to express any concerns at that point.

## 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15	When the board reviews compensation for the Director, all members take part in the review and vote. Marisa and Louis Sellman refrain from voting. There was not a review in compensation in 2020.

# 990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19	Available upon request through the Board of Directors.