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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2016

Open to Public Inspection

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

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A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016 , and ending 12-31-2016

B Check if applicable

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

☐ Initial return

☐ Final

☒ Return/terminated

☐ Amended return

☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

THE CHRISTOPHERS INC

Doing business as

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

5 HANOVER SQUARE 22ND FLOOR

Room/suite

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

NEW YORK, NY 10004

F Name and address of principal officer

MARY ELLEN ROBINSON

5 HANOVER SQUARE 22ND FLOOR

NEW YORK, NY 10004

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

0928

D Employer identification number

13-1809274

E Telephone number

(212) 759-4050

G Gross receipts \$

2,356,173

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3)

☐ 501(c) ()

(Insert no)

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☐ 527

J Website:

WWW CHRISTOPHERS ORG

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation

☐ Trust

☐ Association

☐ Other

L Year of formation

1945

M State of legal domicile

NY

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities

GROUNDING IN JUDEO-CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES, THE CHRISTOPHERS' MISSION IS TO USE ALL FORMS OF MEDIA (RADIO, VIDEO, WEB, PRINT) ALONG WITH LEADERSHIP COURSES TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION, AND TO REMIND THEM OF THE GOSPEL-BASED MANDATE, "DO NOT BE OVERCOME BY EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD " MOTIVATED BY A LOVE OF GOD AND HUMANITY, ALL PEOPLE CAN BE CHRISTOPHERS - OR CHRIST-BEARERS - IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DAILY LIVES BY SEEING PROBLEMS AND WORKING TO SOLVE THEM INSTEAD OF SIMPLY COMPLAINING ABOUT THEM CHRISTOPHERS SEE THESE INSTANCES AS OPPORTUNITIES TO BE SOLUTION-ORIENTED ROLE MODELS, SERVING AS SOURCES OF DIVINE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS OF SOCIETAL ILLS AND PERSONAL CHALLENGES IN FACT, THE CHRISTOPHER APPROACH IS BEST SUMMED UP IN OUR MOTTO, "IT'S BETTER TO LIGHT ONE CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS " SINCE 1945, WE HAVE USED OUR LITERATURE, BROADCASTS, AWARDS, PRISON MINISTRY, AND YOUTH CONTESTS TO BRING POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE VALUES INTO THE MAINSTREAM O

2 Check this box

☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)

6

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)

4

5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)

11

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)

5

7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12

0

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

0

Revenue

8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)

10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)

11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)

12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)

Expenses

13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)

14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)

15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)

16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)

b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)

62,560

17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)

18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)

19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12

Net Assets or Fund Balances

20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)

21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)

22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

Prior Year

Current Year

1,309,577

973,032

86,488

72,800

51,585

89,127

0

0

1,447,650

1,134,959

0

6,350

0

0

0

888,848

701,359

0

0

997,707

857,722

1,886,555

1,565,431

-438,905

-430,472

Beginning of Current Year

End of Year

7,959,105

7,550,050

398,441

345,749

7,560,664

7,204,301

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

2017-11-13

Date

MARY ELLEN ROBINSON VICE PRESIDENT

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

EDWARD G O'CONNOR

Preparer's signature

EDWARD G O'CONNOR

Date

2017-11-13

Check if self-employed

PTIN

P00434443

Firm's name

PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES LLP

Firm's EIN

27-1728945

Firm's address

665 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK, NY 10022

Phone no

(212) 286-2600

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

SEE SCHEDULE O

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 \$ 468,806 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 71,012)

See Additional Data

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 249,904 including grants of \$ 6,350) (Revenue \$)

See Additional Data

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 198,877 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

See Additional Data

See Additional Data Table

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 376,166 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,788)**4e** Total program service expenses ► 1,293,753

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		No
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	Yes	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		No
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		No
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		No
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		No
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		No
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		No
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		No
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		No
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		No
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		No
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		No
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		No
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		No
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	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

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		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable.	20	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	11	
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		8	
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).	11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand.	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	14b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	Yes	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13.	Yes	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done.	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)			
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: **►**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
►MARY ELLEN ROBINSON 5 HANOVER SQUARE 22ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10004 (212) 759-4050

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

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

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

[illegible]

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees *(continued)*

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								230,429	0	29,235

2	Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 1			
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	Yes	No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1	Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
	(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2	Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 0		

Part VIII **Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . .	1a				
	b Membership dues . . .	1b				
	c Fundraising events . . .	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	973,032			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		973,032			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a INPIRATIONAL LITERATURE REVENUE	511130	71,012	71,012		
	b OTHER PROGRAM REVENUE	813110	1,788	1,788		
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		72,800			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		100,073			100,073
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
		1,210,268				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		1,221,214				
	c Gain or (loss)					
		-10,946				
	d Net gain or (loss)		-10,946			-10,946
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
b Less cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		1,134,959	72,800	0	89,127	

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 ☐

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.				
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.	6,350	6,350		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, line 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	259,664	229,296	26,175	4,193
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.	288,403	252,699	34,493	1,211
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	38,724	32,080	6,506	138
9 Other employee benefits.	75,848	65,960	9,702	186
10 Payroll taxes.	38,720	36,208	2,148	364
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	95,006	90,256	4,750	
c Accounting.	25,434		25,434	
d Lobbying.				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees.	39,988		39,988	
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	139,644	116,183	19,059	4,402
12 Advertising and promotion.	16,644	15,679	4	961
13 Office expenses.	248,043	199,246	13,043	35,754
14 Information technology.	40,850	31,890	4,617	4,343
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	114,189	97,061	11,419	5,709
17 Travel.	6,728	4,645	1,736	347
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.				
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	79,960	67,966	7,996	3,998
23 Insurance.	12,888	11,257	1,087	544
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O):				
a MEDIA RECORDING & PRODU	31,714	31,714		
b EQUIPMENT RENTAL AND MA	2,058	1,768	201	89
c MEMBERSHIP DUES	1,102	1,060	21	21
d				
e All other expenses	3,474	2,435	739	300
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,565,431	1,293,753	209,118	62,560
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	174,568	1	78,252
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	518	2	519
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	482,049	3	607,428
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	10,369	9	11,643
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	152,838		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	131,543		
		25,152	10c	21,295
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	6,726,432	11	6,367,525
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	540,017	15	463,388	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	7,959,105	16	7,550,050	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	164,534	17	138,296
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	233,907	25	207,453
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	398,441	26	345,749
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	7,507,560	27	7,151,794
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	53,104	29	52,507
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	7,560,664	33	7,204,301	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	7,959,105	34	7,550,050	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☒

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,134,959
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,565,431
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-430,472
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	7,560,664
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	92,206
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-18,097
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	7,204,301

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
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	Yes	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		No
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		

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

INSPIRATIONAL LITERATURE - THE CHRISTOPHERS WRITE AND PUBLISH A WIDE VARIETY OF INSPIRATIONAL AND MOTIVATIONAL LITERATURE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THAT REFLECTS THE MOTTO CHOSEN BY OUR FOUNDER, FATHER JAMES KELLER "IT'S BETTER TO LIGHT ONE CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS " THIS LITERATURE CALLS ON ADULTS AND TEENS TO PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION, AND OFFERS ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRACTICAL TIPS TOWARD CREATING A BETTER SOCIETY AND POSITIVE, HEALTHY, PEACEFUL LIVES, DESPITE LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES OUR CHRISTOPHER NEWS NOTES ARE PUBLISHED 10 TIMES A YEAR AND ARE AVAILABLE FREE TO PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS THEY SHARE A UNIVERSAL MESSAGE OF GOD'S HOPE AND LOVE, WHILE ALSO OFFERING POSITIVE GUIDANCE TO HELP INDIVIDUALS OR FAMILIES TROUBLED WITH ISSUES SUCH AS ADDICTION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, GRIEF, SUICIDE, MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ILLNESS, AGING, DIVORCE, ANGER, SELF-ESTEEM PROBLEMS, LACK OF COMMUNICATION, INTOLERANCE AND SO FORTH WE PUBLISH OUR ANNUAL "THREE MINUTES A DAY" BOOK OF DAILY STORIES AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTIONS, AN ANNUAL CALENDAR WITH BIBLICAL AND INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES FOR EACH DAY OF THE YEAR, AND PRAYER CARDS THAT PROVIDE HOPE AND GUIDANCE TO ALL OUR BOOKS AND NEWS NOTES ARE DONATED TO PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRIES AROUND THE COUNTRY BECAUSE THEY HAVE PROVED TO BE A POPULAR SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE WITH INMATES AS ONE PRISONER IN CHICAGO STATED, "IF IT IS FROM THE CHRISTOPHERS, IT IS GOOD " DONATIONS GIVEN FOR CHRISTOPHER MATERIALS HELP FUND FURTHER CHRISTOPHER WORK (INCLUDING OUTREACH TO YOUTH) HOWEVER, MUCH OF OUR MATERIAL IS PROVIDED FREE TO THOSE IN NEED OUR SYNDICATED WEEKLY "LIGHT ONE CANDLE" COLUMNS ARE DISTRIBUTED FREE-OF-CHARGE TO NEWSPAPERS AND WEBSITES WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO USE THEM OUR WEBSITE OFFERS FREE MATERIAL SUCH AS PRAYERS, NEWS NOTES, AND "LIGHT ONE CANDLE" COLUMNS IN ADDITION, THE CHRISTOPHERS' BLOG ON ALETEIA ORG REACHES A WIDE-RANGING AUDIENCE WITH POSTS ABOUT POPULAR CULTURE, CURRENT EVENTS, ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS, AND STORIES OF INSPIRATION ALL OUR ONLINE ACTIVITIES ARE PROMOTED THROUGH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER LINKS

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

CHRISTOPHER AWARDS - THE CHRISTOPHER AWARDS WERE CREATED BY OUR FOUNDER, FATHER JAMES KELLER, M M , IN 1949 BECAUSE HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE ARTS, MEDIA, AND POPULAR CULTURE HAD THE POWER TO INFLUENCE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE HE REALIZED THAT WHEN WE'RE EXPOSED TO STORIES THAT SHINE A LIGHT ON OUR STRUGGLES AS WELL AS VIRTUES LIKE FAITH, COURAGE, HOPE, AND LOVE, WE CAN BECOME MOTIVATED TO BECOME BETTER, MORE SELFLESS PEOPLE THEREFORE, THE CHRISTOPHER AWARDS HONOR BOOKS, FILMS AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS THAT AFFIRM THE HIGHEST VALUES OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT THEIR GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE CREATIVE ARTISTS TO PURSUE EXCELLENCE IN ARENAS THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO INFLUENCE A MASS AUDIENCE IN A POSITIVE WAY, AND TO ENCOURAGE READERS AND VIEWERS TO TAP INTO THE BETTER SIDE OF HUMAN NATURE BY SEEING EXAMPLES OF IT PRESENTED TO THEM IN ENGAGING AND ENTERTAINING WAYS THE ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY IS A HIGH PROFILE MEDIA EVENT REGULARLY HOSTED BY A FAMOUS TV PERSONALITY PAST GUESTS INCLUDE LUMINARIES SUCH AS STEVEN SPIELBERG AND DAVID MCCULLOUGH DOLLY PARTON IS A TWO-TIME WINNER FOR HER 2015 AND 2016 AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL TV MOVIES "DOLLY PARTON'S COAT OF MANY COLORS AND "CHRISTMAS OF MANY COLORS, AND HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE AWARD "I LOVE THE CHRISTOPHER AWARD SLOGAN, 'BETTER TO LIGHT A CANDLE THAN TO CURSE THE DARKNESS ' I PERSONALLY BELIEVE THAT WITH ALL MY HEART I THINK THE MOVIE, 'COAT OF MANY COLORS,' A TRUE STORY FROM MY CHILDHOOD, REALLY DOES THROW A LIGHT ON A LOT OF THINGS LIKE FAMILY, HOPE, LOVE, KINDNESS, UNDERSTANDING, AND ACCEPTANCE IT REALLY SPOKE TO THE ISSUE OF BULLYING I AM VERY PROUD AT HOW GOD WORKS THROUGH ME TO SHINE A LIGHT, AND TO HELP HEAL A LOT OF HURT IN A LOT OF PEOPLE, AND I AM VERY PROUD OF THIS AWARD AND CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHORS HENRY WINKLER AND LIN OLIVER SAID, "RECEIVING THE CHRISTOPHER AWARD FOR OUR FIRST "HERE'S HANK" BOOK, 'BOOKMARKS ARE PEOPLE TOO,' WAS SUCH A MEANINGFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OUR COMMITMENT TO GETTING RELUCTANT READERS TO PICK UP A BOOK AND LAUGH THEIR WAY THROUGH IT WE BELIEVE LAUGHTER IS THE PERFECT LIGHT SWITCH TO ILLUMINATE A CHILD'S PATH INTO LITERATURE WE WERE HONORED AND GRATEFUL TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE BELIEF THAT READING AND EDUCATION CAN LEAD US ALL FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT "

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

CHRISTOPHER MEDIA RADIO/PODCAST - "CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP" HIGHLIGHTS INDIVIDUALS IN A WIDE VARIETY OF FIELDS WHO ACT AS A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE PEOPLE AROUND THEM IN SMALL AND EXTRAORDINARY WAYS SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDE SPIRITUAL SOLUTIONS TO EVERYDAY PROBLEMS, MAINTAINING HOPE IN THE FACE OF HARDSHIP, AND CARE FOR THE POOR RECENT GUESTS INCLUDE ACTORS DAVID OYELOWO, JIM CAVIEZEL, PATRICIA HEATON, CANDACE CAMERON BURE AND JONATHAN JACKSON, OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALISTS SIMONE BILES, GABRIELLE DOUGLAS AND SHAWN JOHNSON, AUTHOR DEAN KOONTZ, SINGERS SCOTTY MCCREERY, MATT MAHER AND GRAMMY WINNER MANDISA, COMEDIAN TIM CONWAY, AND ACADEMY AWARD-NOMINATED SCREENWRITER RANDALL WALLACE EVERYDAY PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE ARE ALSO FEATURED ON THE PROGRAM RECENT EXAMPLES INCLUDE KATHY IZARD, WHO INSTITUTED A PROGRAM TO HOUSE THE HOMELESS IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, INDIANA DOCTOR CHUCK DIETZEN WHOSE MINISTRY TO DISABLED CHILDREN IS PROVIDING HOPE AND HEALING AROUND THE WORLD, PATRICK DONOHUE, THE FOUNDER OF A SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES, JIM ZIOLKOWSKI, FOUNDER OF THE NONPROFIT BUILDON, WHICH INVITES INNER CITY KIDS TO BUILD SCHOOLS IN POVERTY-STRICKEN AREAS AROUND THE WORLD, NASHVILLE NATIVE KATIE DAVIS MAJORS WHO MOVED TO UGANDA AND BECAME THE ADOPTIVE MOTHER OF 13 ORPHANS, AND PATRICK DONOHUE, FOUNDER OF A SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES THE WEEKLY PROGRAM AIRS ON SIRIUS-XM, THE RELEVANT RADIO NETWORK AND NUMEROUS OTHER STATIONS THE PROGRAM IS ALSO AVAILABLE AS A FREE PODCAST THROUGH THE CHRISTOPHERS' BLOG ON ALETEIA ORG AND THE CHRISTOPHERS' OWN WEBSITE THE MODERN INCARNATION OF "CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP" CONTINUES A TRADITION STARTED BY OUR FOUNDER, FATHER JAMES KELLER, IN 1952 WHEN HE BEGAN THE TELEVISION VERSION OF THE SHOW FEATURING SUCH GUESTS AS BOB HOPE, JACK BENNY, BING CROSBY, MARIO LANZA, ART LINKLETTER, AND MORE "CHRISTOPHER MINUTES" ARE ONE-MINUTE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS SENT TO 200 RADIO STATIONS NATIONWIDE, INCLUDING SIRIUS-XM'S THE CATHOLIC CHANNEL AND THE RELEVANT RADIO NETWORK THEY PROVIDE LISTENERS WITH INSPIRATIONAL STORIES AND PRACTICAL ADVICE ABOUT STAYING POSITIVE IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY "CHRISTOPHER MINUTES" ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON OUR WEB SITE TV - SEVERAL CLASSIC, BLACK-AND-WHITE CHRISTOPHER FILMS FROM THE 1950'S AIR PERIODICALLY ON EWTN AND EACH YEAR DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, NUMEROUS TV STATIONS AIR CHRISTOPHER SPONSORED CLAY-ANIMATIONS FOR KIDS CONSISTING OF "THE FIRST CHRISTMAS," "THE CHIMES," "MICHAEL THE VISITOR, AND "MARTIN THE COBBLER "THE CHRISTOPHERS' ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA OUTREACH THE CHRISTOPHERS' BLOG IS HOSTED ON THE WEBSITE ALETEIA ORG, ONE OF THE MOST VISITED ONLINE DESTINATIONS FOR STORIES ABOUT RELIGION AND SPIRITUALITY THE BLOG REACHES A WIDE-RANGING AUDIENCE WITH POSTS ABOUT POPULAR CULTURE, CURRENT EVENTS, ORIGINAL INTERVIEWS, AND STORIES OF INSPIRATION ALL OUR ONLINE ACTIVITIES ARE PROMOTED THROUGH FACEBOOK AND TWITTER AS WELL

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

(Code)	(Expenses \$	170,988	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$	1,788)
OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AND SEMINARS - THE CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM OFFERS COURSES, SEMINARS, AND WORKSHOPS TO ADULTS AND YOUTHS PARTICIPANTS EXPLORE LIFE'S PURPOSE AND CHALLENGES, BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE, DEVELOP LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, GROW IN FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY, SHARPEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS, AND BECOME MORE OPTIMISTIC WE HOLD AN ANNUAL WEEKEND LEADERSHIP COURSE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE LAKE, HOME OF MUNDELEIN SEMINARY AND THE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO MUNDELEIN IS THE LARGEST MAJOR SEMINARY IN THE UNITED STATES AND DIOCESES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY SEND SEMINARIANS THERE FOR FORMATION BY HOLDING OUR ANNUAL COURSE AT MUNDELEIN, THE CHRISTOPHERS PARTICIPATE IN BUILDING UP THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH IN OUR WEEKEND COURSE AT MUNDELEIN, SEMINARIANS AND LAYPEOPLE ENGAGE IN AN INVIGORATING EXPLORATION OF LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN A RELAXED AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT ALSO IN 2016, THE CHRISTOPHERS PARTNERED WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE OF THE SYRIAC ORTHODOX CHURCH EASTERN U S TO HOST A CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE AT THE ST APHREM CENTER IN PARAMUS, NJ, FOR THEIR ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT IT FULFILLS THE CHRISTOPHERS' ECUMENICAL MISSION TO WORK IN SUPPORT OF THIS DENOMINATION OF CHRISTIANITY THAT HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO SUCH TERRIBLE PERSECUTION ABROAD, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS PARTNERSHIP WE HAVE ALSO CONTINUED OUR "LEADERSHIP IN MERCY - HOPE" ONLINE STORYTELLING PLATFORM, WHERE CHRISTOPHERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE STORIES OF FAITH AND PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION THAT DEMONSTRATE HOW GREAT LEADERS ARE BORN THROUGH THE POWER OF GOD'S MERCY PRISON OUTREACH PROGRAM - OUR OUTREACH TO THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF PRISON MINISTRY REMAINS A VITAL PART OF THE EFFORT TO BRING HOPE AND HEALING TO PEOPLE ON THE MARGINS OF SOCIETY WORKING MAINLY THROUGH PRISON CHAPLAINS, WE PROVIDE AN EVER-GROWING LIBRARY OF READING MATERIAL THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF CHRISTOPHER FRIENDS THIS INCLUDES OUR "THREE MINUTES A DAY" BOOK SERIES, CHRISTOPHER NEWS NOTES, AND A CALENDAR DESIGNED ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE IN JAILS AND PRISONS COUNTLESS CHAPLAINS, AS WELL AS PRISONERS THEMSELVES, FREQUENTLY CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO EXPRESS THANKS FOR THE MANY DONATED ITEMS WE MAKE AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR INSTANCE, DEACON PETER ANDRE, DIRECTOR OF PRISON MINISTRY FOR THE DIOCESE OF SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, SAID, "THE GENEROSITY OF THE CHRISTOPHERS IS SIMPLY AMAZING AND DEEPLY, DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY US AND THE INMATES/SHELTER CLIENTS IN OUR SPIRITUAL CARE " WE HOPE FOR OUR CHRISTOPHER MATERIALS TO BRING THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE TO THOSE OF HIS CHILDREN WHO COULD USE A POSITIVE MESSAGE IN THEIR LIVES					
(Code)	(Expenses \$	139,419	including grants of \$	(Revenue \$)
THE CHRISTOPHER YOUTH PROGRAM THE CHRISTOPHERS' HIGH SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO ARTISTICALLY EXPRESS THE THEME "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE " WHETHER SKETCHED, DRAWN, PAINTED BY HAND, PHOTOGRAPHED, OR CREATED BY COLORFUL DIGITAL GRAPHICS, THESE POSTERS REFLECT THE BEST AND, OFTENTIMES, SIMPLEST VALUES IN SOCIETY FIRST PLACE, SECOND PLACE, THIRD PLACE AND HONORABLE MENTIONS RECEIVE CASH PRIZES MITCHELL LEON, A SENIOR AT WASHOUGAL HIGH SCHOOL IN WASHINGTON D C , WON FIRST PLACE IN OUR 27TH ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HE SHARED WITH US THE STORY BEHIND HIS POSTER "THE GIRL WHO IS THE FOCAL POINT OF THE POSTER IS JULIETA I MET HER DURING A VOLUNTEER TRIP TO THE SLUMS OF CALEDRON, IN QUITO, ECUADOR DURING MY TWO WEEK STAY IN THIS HUMBLE PART OF THE WORLD, I LEARNED HOW PROUD THE PEOPLE ARE OUR MISSION WAS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION ON A DAY CARE CENTER FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH OF THAT AREA HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NOT ALLOW US TO HELP THEIR COMMUNITY ALONE TOGETHER, REGARDLESS OF RACE, RELIGION, OR LANGUAGE, WE COLLABORATED TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL MY MOTHER SHARED OUR STORY ONLINE AND TO HER ASTONISHMENT, IT INSPIRED MANY OTHERS TO TAKE UP SERVICE THIS LEADS TO THE MOTHER TERESA QUOTE ON THE POSTER 'I ALONE CANNOT CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT I CAN CAST A STONE ACROSS THE WATERS TO CREATE MANY RIPPLES "'THE CHRISTOPHERS' COLLEGE VIDEO CONTEST ALLOWS YOUNG ADULTS TO CAPTURE TRUE OR FICTIONAL STORIES ON VIDEO OR FILM, STORIES THAT LIGHT A CANDLE RATHER THAN CURSE THE DARKNESS BY HIGHLIGHTING OUR POWER TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD IN ADDITION TO ARTISTIC EXPRESSION WITH A MORAL AND SPIRITUAL FOCUS, THE CONTEST ALSO GIVES HARDWORKING STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A SCHOLARSHIP THAT WILL HELP THEM FURTHER PURSUE THEIR ACADEMIC STUDIES FIRST PLACE, SECOND PLACE, THIRD PLACE AND HONORABLE MENTIONS RECEIVE CASH PRIZES					

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

(Code) (Expenses \$ 65,759 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

BEQUEST MINISTRY OUR BEQUEST MINISTRY IS AN OUTREACH THE CHRISTOPHERS DEVOTED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO IN THE YEARS OF 2014, 2015 AND 2016 OUR ORGANIZATION HAS ALWAYS RELIED ON THE GENEROSITY OF DONORS WHO INCLUDE US IN THEIR TRUSTS AND WILLS WITH GIFTS OF STOCK, INSURANCE ANNUITIES, AND BEQUESTS THAT HELP TO SECURE THE LONGEVITY OF OUR MISSION IN 2014, WE DEVELOPED A MAILER WITH A BUCK-SLIP FOR POTENTIAL DONORS TO SEND BACK REQUESTING MORE INFORMATION ON THIS PROGRAM ALL THOSE WHO REQUEST INFORMATION ON LONG-TERM GIVING RECEIVE OUR PAMPHLET ON WILLS, WHICH OFFERS PRACTICAL ADVICE IN HELPING TO NAVIGATE THE PROCESS OF MAKING OUT A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT CHRISTOPHER DONORS ARE THE BACKBONE OF OUR ORGANIZATION, AND THE YEAR OF 2015 INCLUDES AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO THIS OUTREACH WE ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A STEWARDSHIP PAMPHLET TO ACCOMPANY OUR PAMPHLET ON WILLS AND THIS AFFORDS OPPORTUNITIES TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEQUESTS TO THE FUTURE OF OUR ORGANIZATION LONG-TERM CHRISTOPHER DONORS ARE THOSE WHO ANSWER THE CALL TO BE A BEACON OF LIGHT TO A WORLD IN NEED, AND THEY UNDERSTAND THE PROFOUND IMPACT HOPE CAN HAVE ON THE HUMAN HEART THEY SUPPORT OUR MISSION BECAUSE OUR MESSAGE HAS THE POWER TO HELP PEOPLE REALIZE THEIR GOD-GIVEN PURPOSE AND USE THEIR TALENTS IN SERVICE TO THE COMMON GOOD WE REMEMBER OUR DONORS AND ALL CHRISTOPHERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WITH THIS SIMPLE PRAYER LORD, PROTECT YOUR SERVANTS, THE CHRISTOPHERS, THAT THEY MIGHT SERVE YOU IN ALL THEY DO GUIDE THEM TO LEAD ABUNDANT LIVES, RECEIVING THE FRUITS YOU BESTOW UPON THEM IN JOY AND GLADNESS WE ASK THAT YOU ALWAYS REMEMBER THEIR GENEROSITY TOWARDS THOSE IN NEED AND GRANTUS THE STRENGTH TO JOIN WITH THEM IN BRINGING HOPE INTO THE WORLD SO THAT THEIR LIGHT SHINES BRIGHTLY FOR ALL ETERNITY

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or
990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE CHRISTOPHERS INC

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Employer identification number

13-1809274

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		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, 8, or 9 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
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grant.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage						
14 Public support percentage for 2016 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))					14	
15 Public support percentage for 2015 Schedule A, Part II, line 14					15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2016. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
b 33 1/3% support test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <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)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,419,893	1,465,833	1,290,698	1,309,577	973,032	6,459,033
2	Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	64,751	76,696	78,507	86,488	72,800	379,242
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5	1,484,644	1,542,529	1,369,205	1,396,065	1,045,832	6,838,275
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
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						0
c	Add lines 7a and 7b						0
8	Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						6,838,275

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►		(a)2012	(b)2013	(c)2014	(d)2015	(e)2016	(f)Total
9	Amounts from line 6	1,484,644	1,542,529	1,369,205	1,396,065	1,045,832	6,838,275
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	8,943	4,077	3,573	69,865	100,073	186,531
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c	Add lines 10a and 10b	8,943	4,077	3,573	69,865	100,073	186,531
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	1,493,587	1,546,606	1,372,778	1,465,930	1,145,905	7,024,806
14	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2016 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	97.340 %
16	Public support percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	98.620 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for 2016 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2.660 %
18	Investment income percentage from 2015 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1.380 %

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2016. 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—2015. 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 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>	1	
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>	2	
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>	3a	
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>	3b	
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>	3c	
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>	4a	
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>	4b	
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>	4c	
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>	5a	
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b	
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c	
6 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>	6	
7 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>	7	
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>	8	
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>	9a	
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>	9b	
c 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>	9c	
10a 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>	10a	
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>	10b	

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (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?		
1		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
2		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		
3		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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. **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

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

Section C - Distributable Amount

		Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2 Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7 <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)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2016	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2016 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016			
a			
b			
c From 2013.			
d From 2014.			
e From 2015.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2011 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2016 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2016 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2016, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2016 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b Excess from 2013.			
c Excess from 2014.			
d Excess from 2015.			
e Excess from 2016.			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.**

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

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<div>SCHEDULE D (Form 990)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</div>		<div>Supplemental Financial Statements</div> <div>► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. ► Attach to Form 990.</div> <div>Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.</div>			<div>OMB No 1545-0047</div> <div>2016</div> <div>Open to Public Inspection</div>
Name of the organization THE CHRISTOPHERS INC				Employer identification number 13-1809274	
Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.					
		(a) Donor advised funds		(b) Funds and other accounts	
1	Total number at end of year				
2	Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)				
3	Aggregate value of grants from (during year)				
4	Aggregate value at end of year				
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6	Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.					
1	Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e g , recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space				
2	Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year				
a	Total number of conservation easements	Held at the End of the Year			
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2a			
c	Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2b			
d	Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2c			
		2d			
3	Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ►				
4	Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ►				
5	Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6	Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ►				
7	Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$				
8	Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9	In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements				
Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.					
1a	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items				
b	If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items				
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1		► \$			
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X		► \$			
2	If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items				
a	Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	► \$			
b	Assets included in Form 990, Part X	► \$			
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Part III

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

3

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

a

☐ Public exhibition

b

☐ Scholarly research

c

☐ Preservation for future generations

d

☐ Loan or exchange programs

e

☐ Other

4

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

5

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

1a

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

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

☐ Yes

☐ No

b

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

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	(c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Temporarily restricted endowment ▶

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

3a

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

(i)

unrelated organizations

(ii)

related organizations

b

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

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

4

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

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		37,580	16,285	21,295
d Equipment		115,258	115,258	0
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				21,295

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Part VII

Investments—Other Securities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b.
See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII

Investments—Program Related. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c.
See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX

Other Assets. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d See Form 990, Part X, line 15

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) SECURITY DEPOSIT	39,900
(2) BENEFICIAL INTERESTS IN TRUSTS	52,507
(3) DEFERRED LEASE TERMINATION COST	361,485
(4) ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	9,496
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ▶	463,388

Part X

Other Liabilities. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f.
See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes		
DEFERRED RENT	207,453	
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ▶	207,453	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,273,718
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	92,206
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	46,553
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	138,759
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,134,959
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,134,959

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,629,484
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	46,553
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	17,500
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	64,053
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,565,431
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,565,431

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

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Supplemental Information

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PART X, LINE 2	THE CHRISTOPHERS RECOGNIZES THE EFFECT OF INCOME TAX POSITIONS ONLY IF THOSE POSITIONS ARE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TO BE SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT THE CHRISTOPHERS HAD NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT WOULD REQUIRE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RECOGNITION THE CHRISTOPHERS IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO EXAMINATIONS BY THE APPLICABLE TAXING JURISDICTIONS FOR PERIODS PRIOR TO 2013

Supplemental Information	
Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	UNCOLLECTIBLE PLEDGE 17,500

Schedule I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
THE CHRISTOPHERS INC

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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

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Part I

General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ _____
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ _____

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
(1) PRIZES AND DONATIONS	18	6,350			
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

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

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 2	EVERY YEAR, WE INVITE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ALL ACROSS THE UNITED STATES - GRADES 9 THROUGH 12--TO CREATE A POSTER THAT VISUALLY INTERPRETS THE TIMELESS THEME, "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE " USING PHOTOGRAPHS, HAND-DRAWN PICTURES OR IMAGES CREATED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COMPUTER GRAPHICS, THESE PUPILS WORK TO ARTISTICALLY CONVEY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN ACTION AT THE CHRISTOPHERS, WE TYPICALLY RECEIVE OVER 1,000 ENTRIES EVERY YEAR, BOTH THROUGH OUR REGULAR MAIL AND VIA E-MAIL SARAH E HOLINSKI, OUR YOUTH COORDINATOR, REVIEWS THE POSTER SUBMISSIONS THEN, WITH THE HELP OF TWO OR THREE FELLOW CO-WORKERS, SHE NARROWS THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES DOWN UNTIL APPROXIMATELY EIGHT TO TEN REMAIN FROM THESE ENTRIES, THE TOP THREE CONTENDERS ARE SELECTED AND, BASED ON THEIR POSTER'S INDIVIDUAL CREATIVITY AND MERIT, THESE PUPILS ARE THEN ALLOTTED THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE SLOTS, RESPECTIVELY THE REMAINING EIGHT TO TEN WINNERS ARE AWARDED HONORABLE MENTIONS THE STUDENTS ARE FIRST NOTIFIED OF THEIR WINNINGS VIA E-MAIL, LATER RECEIVING OFFICIAL LETTERS WITH THEIR PRIZES, DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO THEIR HOME ADDRESSES OUR ANNUAL VIDEO CONTEST FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS IS CONDUCTED IN A SIMILAR MANNER IN THIS COMPETITION, WE LOOK FOR FILMS THAT VISUALLY PORTRAY THE BELIEF THAT ONE PERSON, ONE ORGANIZATION, EVEN ONE SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS TRULY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE THE JUDGING PROCESS OF THE VIDEO CONTEST IS IDENTICAL TO THAT OF OUR POSTER CONTEST WE HAVE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE WINNERS AND, DEPENDING ON THE QUANTITY OF SUBMISSIONS THAT YEAR, ANYWHERE FROM THREE TO FIVE HONORABLE MENTIONS

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
THE CHRISTOPHERS INC

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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FORM 990 PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION	<p>GROUNDING IN THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES OF LOVING GOD AND HUMANITY, THE CHRISTOPHERS ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD. WE DO SO THROUGH ALL FORMS OF MEDIA (RADIO, VIDEO, WEB, PRINT), DONATIONS OF OUR LITERATURE TO PRISON MINISTRIES AROUND THE COUNTRY, A SYNDICATED NEWSPAPER COLUMN, AN ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM FOR BOOKS, FILMS, AND TV PROGRAMS THAT AFFIRM THE HIGHEST VALUES OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT, AN ANNUAL BOOK OF DAILY STORIES AND PRAYERFUL REFLECTIONS, CONTESTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS, LEADERSHIP COURSES FOR ADULTS AND TEENS, AND PUBLIC TALKS. THE CHRISTOPHERS' FOUNDER, FATHER JAMES KELLER, M.M., BELIEVED THAT EACH PERSON HAS A GOD-GIVEN PURPOSE TO FULFILL, A PARTICULAR JOB THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN DO. HE ASSERTED THAT MOST OF THE WORLD'S ILLS WERE CAUSED BY ONE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION, SO HE CALLED ON ANOTHER ONE PERCENT - AND IDEALLY, EVEN MORE - TO RISE UP AND BECOME A FORCE FOR GOOD, ESPECIALLY IN FIELDS LIKE MEDIA AND ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND EDUCATION. FATHER KELLER WROTE, "ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO CURE A STARVING PATIENT IS TO BUILD HIM UP WITH NOURISHING FOOD, THE BEST WAY TO CURE THIS DISEASE IN OUR SOCIETY IS TO BUILD UP SOCIETY ITSELF WITH GOOD IDEAS AND IDEALS. TO BE A CHRIST-BEARER MUST MEAN SACRIFICE, LOSS OF TIME, INCONVENIENCE, SUFFERING, MISUNDERSTANDING, AND COUNTLESS DISAPPOINTMENTS THAT TRULY TRY MEN'S SOULS. STILL, THE ANSWER IS IN OUR HANDS. THE HEAVENING OF THE MULTITUDE WITH CHRISTIAN IDEALS CAN BE DONE IN THE SAME SIMPLE WAY IT WAS BY THE EARLY CHRISTIANS OF THE CATACOMBS - (THROUGH) THEIR CONSUMING LOVE FOR ALL MEN, EVEN THEIR WORST ENEMIES, IN EACH OF WHOM THEY SAW THE IMAGE OF CHRIST HIMSELF. IT IS A POWER WHICH THE LEAST OF US CAN HAVE. IT IS THE CURE FOR WHICH MANKIND LONGS." ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US, KNOWING AS THEY DO THAT IN EMBRACING THE CHRISTOPHER MISSION THEY WILL SHARE ONE OVERRIDING COMMITMENT: THE LOVE OF ALL PEOPLE FOR THE LOVE OF GOD.</p>

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	THE ORGANIZATION AS OF YEAR END INCURRED \$95,006 IN LEGAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY GIBNEY ANTHONY & FLAHERTY, LLP OF WHICH JOHN F FLAHERTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, AND ROBERT V OKULSKI, PRESIDENT/TREASURER OF THE BOARD, ARE MEMBERS

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE CHRISTOPHERS, INC HAS ITS FORM 990 PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTING FIRM AND HAS ESTABLISHED THE FOLLOWING REVIEW PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION REPORTED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE WHEN THE FORM 990 HAS BEEN PREPARED, REVIEWED BY MANAGEMENT AND IS READY TO BE FILED WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, IT IS SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS GOVERNING BODY FOR ANY COMMENTS PRIOR TO ITS SUBMISSION THE GOVERNING BODY IS PROVIDED WITH AT LEAST ONE WEEK TO REVIEW THE PREPARED FORM 990 AND PROVIDE THEIR COMMENTS ANY COMMENTS ARE THEN GROUPED, SUMMARIZED AND PROVIDED TO THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER OR COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF FILING THE RETURN FOR THEIR REVIEW EACH ISSUE IS DOCUMENTED AND ADDRESSED UNTIL THE RETURN IS FINALIZED AND APPROVED FOR FILING

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	<p>THE CHRISTOPHERS, INC CURRENTLY HAS IN PLACE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WHICH ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THE POLICY APPLIES TO ANY DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL, OFFICER, OR MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE WITH GOVERNING BOARD DELEGATED POWERS THE BOARD CURRENTLY MANDATES THAT ALL MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT AND THE GOVERNING BODY DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CONFLICTS THAT MAY EXIST IN ADDITION, EACH MEMBERS OF MANAGEMENT AND THE GOVERNING BODY NEEDS TO SIGN AN ANNUALLY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IF A POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST EXISTS, THE BOARD WILL INVESTIGATE THE CONFLICT AND DETERMINE WHETHER AN ACTUAL CONFLICT EXISTS IF THE BOARD ESTABLISHES THAT AN ACTUAL CONFLICT EXISTS, THE MEMBER OF MANAGEMENT OR THE BOARD WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY AND WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE OR BE A PART OF ANY DECISIONS ABOUT ANY SUCH TRANSACTIONS THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THE CONFLICT UNTIL SUCH TIME THERE IS NO LONGER A CONFLICT</p>

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE CHRISTOPHERS POLICY FOR ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS, OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES INVOLVES HAVING EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION ANNUALLY REVIEWED BY THE BOARD FREE OF ANY MEMBERS WITH CONFLICTS OF INTEREST RELATED THERETO IN ADDITION, THE APPROVED COMPENSATION IS BASED ON ADEQUATE DATA TO DETERMINE THE REASONABLENESS OF COMPENSATION BEING CONSIDERED AS WELL AS THE PERFORMANCE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION DECISION ON THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAID IS ADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED IN A CONTEMPORANEOUSLY WRITTEN FORMAT AND DOCUMENTS THE DATE OF THE DECISION, THE MEMBERS PRESENT DURING THE DECISION AND THOSE WHO VOTED ON IT, AND THE FULL TERMS OF THE TRANSACTION THAT WAS APPROVED THIS PROCESS WAS LAST UNDERTAKEN IN 2016

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE CHRISTOPHERS, INC. MAKES ITS FORM 990 AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AS REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 6104 OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. THE RETURN IS POSTED ON ITS WEBSITE, CHRISTOPHERS.ORG, AND GUIDESTAR.ORG. IN ADDITION, FORMS 990 AND 1023 AS WELL AS THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO 5 HANOVER SQUARE, 22ND FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10004, OR BY CALLING THE ORGANIZATION DIRECTLY AT (212) 759-4050.

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST IN TRUST -597 UNCOLLECTIBLE PLEDGE -17,500

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 PAGE 12, PART XII, LINE 2C	THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT CHANGE ITS OVERSIGHT PROCESS FROM THE PRIOR YEAR