

Form **990-EZ**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

▶ **Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.**
 ▶ **Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

OMB No 1545-1150
2015
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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 05-01-2015, and ending 04-30-2016

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

C Name of organization
 WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
 863 LEO WAY

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
 OAKLAND, CA 946111964

D Employer identification number
 68-0475089

E Telephone number
 (510) 420-1116

F Group Exemption Number ▶

G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ WWW.WIXARIKA.ORG

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

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

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 53,928

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)
3	Membership dues and assessments	3		20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	4		21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a			
b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b			
c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c			
6	Gaming and fundraising events				
a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a			
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b			
c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c			
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d			
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b			
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c			
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8			
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	53,928		
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10			
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11			
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	46,176		
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,775		
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	6,895		
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	226		
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	6,907		
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	61,979		

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	16,530	22 8,533
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	23,869	24 23,815
25 Total assets	40,399	25 32,348
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	40,399	27 32,348

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
ADVOCACY FOR THE HUICHOL INDIANS IN MEXICO, AND PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF THE HUICHOL CULTURE AND ARTWORK

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

Expenses
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

28 See Additional Data Table		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	61,979

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
YVONNE NEGRIN EXECUTIVE DI	40 00	40,566	2,550	
DIANA NEGRIN PRESIDENT	12 00	0		
MARIA E CRUZ SECRETARY	1 00	0		
RICHARD READER CHIEF MEDIA	2 00	0		
ANTHONY SOMKIN TREASURER	6 00	0		
DAVID TUSSMAN BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0		
STEPHEN ALDRICH BOARD MEMBER	1 00	0		

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the

instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed
42a The organization's books are in care of YVONNE NEGRIN Telephone no (510) 420-1116 Located at 863 LEO WAY OAKLAND, CA ZIP + 4 94611964
42b 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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
42c See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

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

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

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year?
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)?
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
49b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation.

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation.

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE. All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

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.

Sign Here: Signature of officer YVONNE NEGRIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Date 2017-01-23

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name BETH ATTEBERY, Preparer's signature, Date 2017-01-23, Firm's name THE HENRY LEVY GROUP, Firm's address 5940 COLLEGE AVE STE F OAKLAND, CA 946181385

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 68-0475089
Name: WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)
<p>28</p> <p>THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER MAINTAINS AN ONLINE WORLD-CLASS ARCHIVE OF WIXRIKA (HUICHOL) INDIGENOUS ART AND CULTURE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS UNIQUE AND EXTRAORDINARY CULTURE THROUGH THE FOUNDATION'S WEB SITE, WE RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THESE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE FACING TODAY DUE TO THEIR RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE WEBSITE WILL AMPLIFY THEIR VOICES AND ADD WEIGHT TO THEIR OPINIONS AND CONCERNS OUR WEBSITE, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, GIVES THE PUBLIC FREE ACCESS TO IMAGES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF THEIR TRADITIONAL, SACRED, AND CONTEMPORARY ART AND PUBLISHES NEWS ON RELEVANT CURRENT EVENTS WE ALSO MAINTAIN A FACEBOOK GROUP CALLED "HUICHOL CULTURAL SURVIVAL" WHICH IS NOW FOLLOWED BY MORE THAN 4,200 PEOPLE, INCLUDING A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM THE WIXRIKA COMMUNITIES WE POST NEWS ARTICLES ALMOST DAILY, VIDEOS, AND SHORT FILMS OF INTEREST OUR POSTS ARE OFTEN COMMENTED ON AND SHARED WHICH IN TURN BRINGS NEW PEOPLE TO OUR GROUP THE WORK OF THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER (WRC) CONSISTS OF PRESERVING, IN DIGITAL FORMAT, PHOTOGRAPHS, DOCUMENTS, TAPE RECORDINGS AND IMAGES OF SACRED, TRADITIONAL, AND CONTEMPORARY ART, COLLECTED AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHED BY JUAN AND YVONNE NEGRIN FROM 1970 TO PRESENT THE PAPER ARCHIVES BEING DIGITALIZED INCLUDE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND NEWS REPORTS PERTAINING TO PAST AND PRESENT LAND DISPUTES, THE EXPLOITATION OF THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE'S NATURAL RESOURCES, AND COMMUNITY DOCUMENTS AND PETITIONS DRAWN UP AT THEIR GENERAL ASSEMBLIES HUNDREDS OF COLOR TRANSPARENCIES TAKEN BY JUAN & YVONNE NEGRIN HAVE BEEN SCANNED IN HIGH RESOLUTION FOR PRESERVATION THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE UNIQUE BECAUSE THE WIXRIKA COMMUNITIES RARELY PERMITTED CAMERAS TO BE USED TO CAPTURE THEIR WAY OF LIFE, THEIR CEREMONIES, OR THEIR SACRED SPOTS BY OUTSIDERS AN EXCEPTION WAS MADE IN THE CASE OF THE NEGRNS BECAUSE OF THEIR DEDICATED WORK IN DEFENDING THE LAND AND RESOURCES OF THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE AND THE NON-PROFIT NATURE OF THE WORK THEY CARRIED OUT OVER SEVERAL DECADES THIS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT EXPECTED TO TAKE SUBSTANTIAL TIME TO COMPLETE THE TAPE RECORDINGS CONSIST OF SACRED CHANTS, ORAL HISTORY AS RECOUNTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS, TRADITIONAL MUSIC, COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES AND INTERVIEWS THE ORIGINAL RECORDINGS WERE MADE ON MAGNETIC CASSETTES AND THEIR CONVERSION TO DIGITAL FORMAT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THIS IMPORTANT BODY OF WORK DURING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR OUR ENGINEER, GERARDO RUZ, MADE THREE TRIPS TO THE SIERRAS TO COMPLETE THE SOLAR WOOD DRYING KILN IN JUNE OF 2015, GERARDO INSTALLED THERMAL INSULATION ON THE INSIDE WALLS TO INSURE THAT THE KILN WOULD NOT LOSE HEAT DURING THIS SAME TRIP, BOTH THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE WALLS WERE PLASTERED TO PROTECT THE ADOBE WALLS FROM HUMIDITY IN JANUARY OF 2016, GERARDO TRAVELED TO THE SIERRAS AND INSTALLED BATTERIES FOR THE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM HE ALSO OVERSAW THE MILLING OF 1,200 BOARD FEET OF NATIVE PINE TO BE USED IN THE TRAINING BY THE PROFESSORS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GUADALAJARA'S INSTITUTE OF WOOD, CELLULOSE, AND PAPER THE BOARDS WERE MILLED USING A CHAINSAW BY A LOCAL LUMBER WORKER DURING THE SECOND WEEK, GERARADO WAS JOINED BY PROFESSOR RAL RODRIGUEZ ANDA (WHO DESIGNED THE SOLAR OVEN) AND HIS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HILDA PALACIOS JUREZ TOGETHER THEY TAUGHT THE COURSE ON DRYING LUMBER IN THE SOLAR KILN TO A GROUP OF 12 WIXRIKA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THE TRAINING INCORPORATED VIDEO, LECTURES, HANDS ON TRAINING IN THE PROPER LOADING OF THE LUMBER IN THE KILN, AND THE OPERATION OF THE KILN AT THE END OF THE COURSE, GERARDO AND THE PROFESSORS LEFT THE SIERRAS WITH THE FIRST LOAD OF WOOD DRYING IN THE KILN DURING THE TRAINING PHOTOGRAPHS AND SEVERAL VIDEOS WERE TAKEN TO DOCUMENT THE COURSE IN LATE MARCH, YVONNE NEGRN MADE A TRIP TO MEXICO AND TRAVELED TO THE SIERRAS WITH GERARDO TO MEET WITH THE COMMUNITY TO OBSERVE THE FINISHED PROJECT AND DISCUSS THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ECO-FORESTRY PROJECT THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF HERMS, PIERRE-ALEXIS DUMAS, IS AN ADMIRER OF WIXRIKA ART AND DECIDED HE WANTED TO PRODUCE A SILK SCARF, A SILK AND CASHMERE SHAWL, AND A BRACELET TO HONOR THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE HIS DESIGNER IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT, MONSERRAT LUGO, CAME ACROSS OUR WEBSITE WHILE DOING HER RESEARCH AND CONTACTED US FOR ASSISTANCE SHE CAME TO VISIT OUR FOUNDATION SO WE COULD SHOW HER IMAGES OF PAINTINGS, EMBROIDERY, AND WEAVING FROM WHICH TO DRAW HER INSPIRATION THE MYTHOLOGY REPRESENTED IN HER DESIGN WAS DRAWN FROM THE IMAGES SHE SAW HERE AND FROM THE STORIES OF YARN PAINTINGS AND TEXTS BY JUAN NEGRN THAT ARE POSTED ON THE FOUNDATION WEBSITE SHE PRODUCED A BEAUTIFUL AND INTRICATE ORIGINAL DESIGN THAT WAS PERFECTLY EXECUTED BY THE HERMS PRINTERS IT WAS AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST SUCH AN OUTSTANDING AND FAMOUS HOUSE OF DESIGN AND IT PROVIDED US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE, THEIR CULTURE, AND THEIR STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE CULTURALLY IN A CHANGING WORLD WE ATTENDED THE PRESENTATION OF THESE WORKS TO THE PUBLIC AT THE HERMS STORES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND GUADALAJARA ON AUGUST 28, 2015, OUR CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUAN NEGRN PASSED AWAY AFTER A YEARLONG STRUGGLE WITH EPILEPSY AT OUR MEETING OF THE BOARD IN APRIL 2016, IT WAS DECIDED THAT JUAN'S WIFE AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER, YVONNE NEGRN, WOULD TAKE OVER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WE ALSO WELCOMED STEPHEN ALDRICH TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THIS SAME MEETING IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT STEPHEN WAS THE DIRECTOR OF FRIENDS OF HUICHOL CULTURE, BASED IN CAMBRIDGE, MA AND COLLABORATED WITH THE NEGRNS AND THEIR MEXICAN FOUNDATION ADESMO IN THE 1980'S HE WAS ACTIVE IN ARRANGING EXHIBITS OF WIXRIKA ART AND SCHEDULING THE LECTURES AND SLIDE PRESENTATIONS GIVEN BY JUAN NEGRN AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND OTHER VENUES BEGINNING THE FIRST OF MARCH 2015, DIANA NEGRN MOVED TO GUADALAJARA, MEXICO TO BEGIN A POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT THE CENTER FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY SHE WAS OFFERED AND ACCEPTED TO STAY AND TEACH FOR A SECOND YEAR WHICH HAS KEPT OUR FOUNDATION INVOLVED IN INDIGENOUS AND OTHER MEETINGS RELATING TO THE ONGOING DEFENSE OF WIRIKUTA, HARAMARA AND THE RIO SAN PEDRO IT HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH THE WIXRIKA COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY WITH THE STUDENTS AND ARTISTS LIVING IN GUADALAJARA AND TEPIC IT IS ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT DIANA HAS BEEN DRAFTED BY A JALISCO CONGRESSWOMAN TO SIT ON A COUNSEL OF THREE PEOPLE TO HELP REWRITE THE STATE'S INDIGENOUS LAW IN THE FALL OF 2015, WE MET VANESSA SEQUEIRA-GARZA WHO LATER CONTACTED US AND EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN DOING VOLUNTEER WORK FOR THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER SHE HAD WORKED IN THE PAST DOING ARCHIVAL WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BERKELEY'S PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE AND IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND FRENCH VANESSA BEGAN WORKING WITH US ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS IN APRIL AND SPENDS ON AVERAGE FOUR HOURS, TWICE A WEEK DOING ARCHIVAL WORK WITH YVONNE NEGRN OUR TREASURER, ANTHONY SOMKIN, HAS ALSO VOLUNTEERED ON A REGULAR BASIS TO WORK ON THE ORGANIZATION OF ARCHIVES</p> <p>(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ►</p>	28a

SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

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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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER

Employer identification number

68-0475089

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).
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).
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).
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).
8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions...
10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety
11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations...
a Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s)...
b Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s)...
c Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s)...
d Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated...
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)

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?, (v) Amount of monetary support, (vi) Amount of other support. Includes a Total row at the bottom.

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants.)	61,228	86,076	65,654	73,143	53,928	340,029
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	61,228	86,076	65,654	73,143	53,928	340,029
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)						272,455
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						67,574

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4	61,228	86,076	65,654	73,143	53,928	340,029
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						340,029
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**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	19 870 %
15 Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	20 810 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

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

Section B. Total Support

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

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ▶

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

- 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? 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.
- 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? 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.

	Yes	No
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Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- 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)? 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).

	Yes	No
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Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

	Yes	No
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Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**)
- a** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c** The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).
- 2** **Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.**

- a** Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? 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.
- 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? 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.
- 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? Provide details in Part VI.
- b** Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.

	Yes	No
2a		
2b		
3a		
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

- 1** Net short-term capital gain
- 2** Recoveries of prior-year distributions
- 3** Other gross income (see instructions)
- 4** Add lines 1 through 3
- 5** Depreciation and depletion
- 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)
- 7** Other expenses (see instructions)
- 8** **Adjusted Net Income** (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
2		
3		
4		
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Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

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

	(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1		
1a		
1b		
1c		
1d		
2		
3		
4		
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Section C - Distributable Amount

- 1** Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)
- 2** Enter 85% of line 1
- 3** Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)
- 4** Enter greater of line 2 or line 3
- 5** Income tax imposed in prior year
- 6** **Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)
- 7** Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

		Current Year
1		
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3		
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Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

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

Part VI Supplemental Information.

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

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PART II, LINE 17A	<p>FACTS-AND-CIRCUMSTANCES TEST THE ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS AN ACTIVE, CONTINUOUS AND BONA FIDE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ATTRACT NEW AND ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AND GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT IN AN EFFORT TO GENERATE PUBLIC SUPPORT, THE ORGANIZATION SENDS OUT AN ANNUAL LETTER TO SOLICIT DONATIONS IN ADDITION, THE FOUNDATION ALSO ANNUALLY SENDS AN E-MAIL REQUESTING DONATIONS TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE THE ORGANIZATION'S ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER THE ORGANIZATION ALSO MAINTAINS A FACEBOOK GROUP CALLED "HUICHOL CULTURAL SURVIVAL" WHICH IS NOW FOLLOWED BY MORE THAN 4,200 PEOPLE, INCLUDING A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM THE WIXRIKA COMMUNITIES THEY POST NEWS ARTICLES ALMOST DAILY, VIDEOS, AND SHORT FILMS OF INTEREST THE POSTS ARE OFTEN COMMENTED ON AND SHARED WHICH IN TURN BRINGS NEW PEOPLE TO THE GROUP FINALLY, THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE OFFERS EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS, GREETING CARDS, AND T-SHIRTS IN EXCHANGE FOR DONATIONS ALTHOUGH DURING THE 2015 TAX YEAR, THE MAJORITY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT CAME FROM ONE VERY GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL, THE ORGANIZATION HAS A BASE OF YEARLY DONORS THAT IS GROWING THE ORGANIZATION ALSO COUNTS ON A GREAT DEAL OF NON-MONETARY SUPPORT IN THE WAY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, COMPUTER MAINTENANCE, LEGAL ADVICE, HELP WITH TRANSLATING AND EDITING, REPORTING FROM NGO'S IN THE FIELD AND WIXRIKA PROFESSIONALS AND ELECTED AUTHORITIES WHO KEEP THE ORGANIZATION CURRENT ON EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN MEXICO THE ORGANIZATION AIMS TO KEEP ACCESS TO THEIR WEBSITE FREE TO THE PUBLIC AND THE IN-KIND DONATIONS ARE THEREFORE OF SIGNIFICANT IMPORTANCE TO THE ORGANIZATION COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE FOUNDERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FOUNDATION CONTINUE TO ALL BE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN OR DEEPLY INVOLVED WITH THE WIXRIKA NATION FOR MANY DECADES JUAN NEGRN, DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF THE WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER, HAS WORKED IN THE FIELD FOR 44 YEARS AND FOUNDED AND HEADED THREE NGO'S BENEFITING THE WIXRIKA IN MEXICO PRIOR TO RETURNING TO LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES IN 1996 TWO OF THESE NGO'S CONTINUE TO OPERATE PROVIDING IMPORTANT SERVICES TO THE WIXRIKA COMMUNITIES UNFORTUNATELY, ON AUGUST 28, 2015, OUR CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUAN NEGRN PASSED AWAY AFTER A YEARLONG STRUGGLE WITH EPILEPSY AT OUR MEETING OF THE BOARD IN APRIL 2016, IT WAS DECIDED THAT JUAN'S WIFE AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER, YVONNE NEGRN, WOULD TAKE OVER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR YVONNE NEGRN, WAS ACTIVE IN THE FIELD FROM 1970 THROUGH 1996 AND ACTIVELY WORKED WITH FOUR NGO'S IN MEXICO DURING THAT TIME SHE CONTINUES TO MAKE TRIPS TO MEXICO FROM TIME TO TIME AND IS IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH THE WIXRIKA AND COLLEAGUES IN THE FIELD IT IS HER TASK TO KEEP THE WEBSITE NEWS SECTION CURRENT AND TO BUILD NEW PAGES OF EXHIBITS OF FINE AND TRADITIONAL ART SHE ALSO HANDLES MUCH OF THE COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE FOUNDATION DR DIANA NEGRN, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, IS A PHD FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY - DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND A FORD FELLOW AND BANCROFT SCHOLAR SHE IS IN HER 2ND YEAR OF POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT THE CENTER FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO DIANA WAS RAISED FROM BIRTH AROUND THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE AND THE FOCUS OF HER DOCTORAL WORK IN HUMAN GEOGRAPHY IS ON WIXRIKA MIGRATIONS, HOW THEY ARE INTEGRATING INTO MEXICO'S URBAN AREAS AS STUDENTS SEEKING A HIGHER EDUCATION, AND THE DIFFICULTIES THEY ENCOUNTER DIANA HAS SPENT AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF HOURS EACH MONTH MAKING CONTACT WITH OTHER FOUNDATIONS, SUCH AS THE INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF NATURE, AND CONTINUES TO SPEND SIGNIFICANT TIME EACH MONTH TRANSLATING DOCUMENTS AND WRITING LETTERS FOR THE FOUNDATION RICHARD READER, CHIEF MEDIA OFFICER (CMO), HAS HAD AN INTEREST IN THE WIXRIKA SINCE THE MID 1970'S HE AND HIS WIFE HAVE MAINTAINED FRIENDSHIPS WITH, AND GIVEN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO, INDIVIDUAL WIXRIKA AND THEY HAVE TRAVELED TO MEXICO ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN PILGRIMAGES AND TO VISIT THEIR WIXRIKA FRIENDS MR READER IS A SPECIALIST IN COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL NETWORKING AND ADVISES THE FOUNDATION IN HIS AREA OF EXPERTISE HE IS ON CALL AT ALL TIMES ANTHONY SOMKIN, M D , TREASURER, WAS EXTREMELY ACTIVE THIS PAST YEAR AND WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING CONTACT WITH PROFESSOR GLEN MILLER AND GETTING HIM TO TRAVEL TO BERKELEY AND GIVE A PRESENTATION AT THE LA PEA EVENT ANTHONY ALSO ACTIVELY REACHES OUT TO PEOPLE IN AN EFFORT TO BRING IN FUNDING AND DID MUCH TO ORGANIZE THE EVENT AT THE LA PEA CULTURAL CENTER HE HAS TRAVELED TO THE SIERRAS WHERE THE WIXRIKA HAVE THEIR HOMELAND ON TWO OCCASIONS AND HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN THEIR CULTURAL SURVIVAL SINCE THE MID 1970'S STEPHEN ALDRICH WAS THE DIRECTOR OF FRIENDS OF HUICHOL CULTURE, BASED IN CAMBRIDGE, MA AND COLLABORATED WITH THE NEGRNS AND THEIR MEXICAN FOUNDATION ADESMO IN THE 1980'S HE WAS ACTIVE IN ARRANGING EXHIBITS OF WIXRIKA ART AND SCHEDULING THE LECTURES AND SLIDE PRESENTATIONS GIVEN BY JUAN NEGRN AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND OTHER VENUES DR MARIA CRUZ, SECRETARY, IS A PHD IN ANTHROPOLOGY FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS - AUSTIN CAMPUS AND IS A FELLOW WITH THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION SHE IS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MCNAIR SCHOLARS AT SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA HER GRANDFATHER WAS WIXRIKA FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SANTA CATARINA (TUAPURIE) WHICH GIVES HER A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THE WORK OF THE WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER</p>

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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES OFFICE EXPENSE 98 INTERNET 614 WEB HOSTING 324 TRAVEL 127 BANK CHARGES 79 PO BOX RENTAL FEE 198 SOLAR OVEN PROJECT 3,956 TELEPHONE 1,412 STATE REGISTRY 45 NON-INVESTMENT DEPRECIATION 54 TOTAL 6,907
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FORM 990-EZ, PART III	ADVOCACY FOR THE HUICHOL INDIANS IN MEXICO, AND PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF THE HUICHOL CULTURE AND ARTWORK
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	<p>THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER MAINTAINS AN ONLINE WORLD-CLASS ARCHIVE OF WIXRIKA (HUICHOL) INDIGENOUS ART AND CULTURE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS UNIQUE AND EXTRAORDINARY CULTURE THROUGH THE FOUNDATION'S WEB SITE, WE RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THESE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE ARE FACING TODAY DUE TO THEIR RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE WEBSITE WILL AMPLIFY THEIR VOICES AND ADD WEIGHT TO THEIR OPINIONS AND CONCERNS OUR WEBSITE, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH, GIVES THE PUBLIC FREE ACCESS TO IMAGES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF THEIR TRADITIONAL, SACRED, AND CONTEMPORARY ART AND PUBLISHES NEWS ON RELEVANT CURRENT EVENTS WE ALSO MAINTAIN A FACEBOOK GROUP CALLED "HUICHOL CULTURAL SURVIVAL" WHICH IS NOW FOLLOWED BY MORE THAN 4,200 PEOPLE, INCLUDING A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM THE WIXRIKA COMMUNITIES WE POST NEWS ARTICLES ALMOST DAILY, VIDEOS, AND SHORT FILMS OF INTEREST OUR POSTS ARE OFTEN COMMENTED ON AND SHARED WHICH IN TURN BRINGS NEW PEOPLE TO OUR GROUP THE WORK OF THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER (WRC) CONSISTS OF PRESERVING, IN DIGITAL FORMAT, PHOTOGRAPHS, DOCUMENTS, TAPE RECORDINGS AND IMAGES OF SACRED, TRADITIONAL, AND CONTEMPORARY ART, COLLECTED AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHED BY JUAN AND YVONNE NEGRIN FROM 1970 TO PRESENT THE PAPER ARCHIVES BEING DIGITALIZED INCLUDE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND NEWS REPORTS PERTAINING TO PAST AND PRESENT LAND DISPUTES, THE EXPLOITATION OF THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE'S NATURAL RESOURCES, AND COMMUNITY DOCUMENTS AND PETITIONS DRAWN UP AT THEIR GENERAL ASSEMBLIES HUNDREDS OF COLOR TRANSPARENCIES TAKEN BY JUAN & YVONNE NEGRIN HAVE BEEN SCANNED IN HIGH RESOLUTION FOR PRESERVATION THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE UNIQUE BECAUSE THE WIXRIKA COMMUNITIES RARELY PERMITTED CAMERAS TO BE USED TO CAPTURE THEIR WAY OF LIFE, THEIR CEREMONIES, OR THEIR SACRED SPOTS BY OUTSIDERS AN EXCEPTION WAS MADE IN THE CASE OF THE NEGRINS BECAUSE OF THEIR DEDICATED WORK IN DEFENDING THE LAND AND RESOURCES OF THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE AND THE NON-PROFIT NATURE OF THE WORK THEY CARRIED OUT OVER SEVERAL DECADES THIS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT EXPECTED TO TAKE SUBSTANTIAL TIME TO COMPLETE THE TAPE RECORDINGS CONSIST OF SACRED CHANTS, ORAL HISTORY AS RECOUNTED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS, TRADITIONAL MUSIC, COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES AND INTERVIEWS THE ORIGINAL RECORDINGS WERE MADE ON MAGNETIC CASSETTES AND THEIR CONVERSION TO DIGITAL FORMAT IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THIS IMPORTANT BODY OF WORK DURING THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR OUR ENGINEER, GERARDO RUZ, MADE THREE TRIPS TO THE SIERRAS TO COMPLETE THE SOLAR WOOD DRYING KILN IN JUNE OF 2015, GERARDO INSTALLED THERMAL INSULATION ON THE INSIDE WALLS TO INSURE THAT THE KILN WOULD NOT LOSE HEAT DURING THIS SAME TRIP, BOTH THE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE WALLS WERE PLASTERED TO PROTECT THE ADOBE WALLS FROM HUMIDITY IN JANUARY OF 2016, GERARDO TRAVELED TO THE SIERRAS AND INSTALLED BATTERIES FOR THE SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEM HE ALSO OVERSAW THE MILLING OF 1,200 BOARD FEET OF NATIVE PINE TO BE USED IN THE TRAINING BY THE PROFESSORS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF GUADALAJARA'S INSTITUTE OF WOOD, CELLULOSE, AND PAPER THE BOARDS WERE MILLED USING A CHAINSAW BY A LOCAL LUMBER WORKER DURING THE SECOND WEEK, GERARDO WAS JOINED BY PROFESSOR RAL RODRIGUEZ ANDA (WHO DESIGNED THE SOLAR OVEN) AND HIS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR HILDA PALACIOS JUREZ TOGETHER THEY TAUGHT THE COURSE ON DRYING LUMBER IN THE SOLAR KILN TO A GROUP OF 12 WIXRIKA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THE TRAINING INCORPORATED VIDEO, LECTURES, HANDS ON TRAINING IN THE PROPER LOADING OF THE LUMBER IN THE KILN, AND THE OPERATION OF THE KILN AT THE END OF THE COURSE, GERARDO AND THE PROFESSORS LEFT THE SIERRAS WITH THE FIRST LOAD OF WOOD DRYING IN THE KILN DURING THE TRAINING PHOTOGRAPHS AND SEVERAL VIDEOS WERE TAKEN TO DOCUMENT THE COURSE IN LATE MARCH, YVONNE NEGRIN MADE A TRIP TO MEXICO AND TRAVELED TO THE SIERRAS WITH GERARDO TO MEET WITH THE COMMUNITY TO OBSERVE THE FINISHED PROJECT AND DISCUSS THE NEXT PHASE OF THE ECO-FORESTRY PROJECT THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF HERMS, PIERRE-ALEXIS DUMAS, IS AN ADMIRER OF WIXRIKA ART AND DECIDED HE WANTED TO PRODUCE A SILK SCARF, A SILK AND CASHMERE SHAWL, AND A BRACELET TO HONOR THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE HIS DESIGNER IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT, MONSERRAT LUGO, CAME ACROSS OUR WEBSITE WHILE DOING HER RESEARCH AND CONTACTED US FOR ASSISTANCE SHE CAME TO VISIT OUR FOUNDATION SO WE COULD SHOW HER IMAGES OF PAINTINGS, EMBROIDERY, AND WEAVING FROM WHICH TO DRAW HER INSPIRATION THE MYTHOLOGY REPRESENTED IN HER DESIGN WAS DRAWN FROM THE IMAGES SHE SAW HERE AND FROM THE STORIES OF YARN PAINTINGS AND TEXTS BY JUAN NEGRIN THAT ARE POSTED ON THE FOUNDATION WEBSITE SHE PRODUCED A BEAUTIFUL AND INTRICATE ORIGINAL DESIGN THAT WAS PERFECTLY EXECUTED BY THE HERMS PRINTERS IT WAS AN HONOR TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST SUCH AN OUTSTANDING AND FAMOUS HOUSE OF DESIGN AND IT PROVIDED US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE WIXRIKA PEOPLE, THEIR CULTURE, AND THEIR STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE CULTURALLY IN A CHANGING WORLD WE ATTENDED THE PRESENTATION OF THESE WORKS TO THE PUBLIC AT THE HERMS STORES IN SAN FRANCISCO AND GUADALAJARA ON AUGUST 28, 2015, OUR CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JUAN NEGRIN PASSED AWAY AFTER A YEARLONG STRUGGLE WITH EPILEPSY AT OUR MEETING OF THE BOARD IN APRIL 2016, IT WAS DECIDED THAT JUAN'S WIFE AND CO-FOUNDER OF THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER, YVONNE NEGRIN, WOULD TAKE OVER AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WE ALSO WELCOMED STEPHEN ALDRICH TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THIS SAME MEETING IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT STEPHEN WAS THE DIRECTOR OF FRIENDS OF HUICHOL CULTURE, BASED IN CAMBRIDGE, MA AND COLLABORATED WITH THE NEGRINS AND THEIR MEXICAN FOUNDATION ADESMO IN THE 1980'S HE WAS ACTIVE IN ARRANGING EXHIBITS OF WIXRIKA ART AND SCHEDULING THE LECTURES AND SLIDE PRESENTATIONS GIVEN BY JUAN NEGRIN AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND OTHER VENUES BEGINNING THE FIRST OF MARCH 2015, DIANA NEGRIN MOVED TO GUADALAJARA, MEXICO TO BEGIN A POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP AT THE CENTER FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY SHE WAS OFFERED AND ACCEPTED TO STAY AND TEACH FOR A SECOND YEAR WHICH HAS KEPT OUR FOUNDATION INVOLVED IN INDIGENOUS AND OTHER MEETINGS RELATING TO THE ONGOING DEFENSE OF WIRIKUTA, HARAMARA AND THE RIO SAN PEDRO IT HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REMAIN CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH THE WIXRIKA COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY WITH THE STUDENTS AND ARTISTS LIVING IN GUADALAJARA AND TEPIC IT IS ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT DIANA HAS BEEN DRAFTED BY A JALISCO CONGRESSWOMAN TO SIT ON A COUNSEL OF THREE PEOPLE TO HELP REWRITE THE STATE'S INDIGENOUS LAW IN THE FALL OF 2015, WE MET VANESSA SEQUEIRA-GARZA WHO LATER CONTACTED US AND EXPRESSED A STRONG INTEREST IN DOING VOLUNTEER WORK FOR THE WIXRIKA RESEARCH CENTER SHE HAD WORKED IN THE PAST DOING ARCHIVAL WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BERKELEY'S PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE AND IS FLUENT IN ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND FRENCH VANESSA BEGAN WORKING WITH US ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS IN APRIL AND SPENDS ON AVERAGE FOUR HOURS, TWICE A WEEK DOING ARCHIVAL WORK WITH YVONNE NEGRIN OUR TREASURER, ANTHONY SOMKIN, HAS ALSO VOLUNTEERED ON A REGULAR BASIS TO WORK ON THE ORGANIZATION OF ARCHIVES</p>