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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2021

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Department of the Treasury

For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2021, and ending 06-30-2022

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

C Name of organization: Higher Ground A Resource Center. Doing business as: . . . . . Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: PO Box 27883 . . . . . City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Tucson, AZ 85726

D Employer identification number: 27-3585869. E Telephone number: (520) 870-0722. G Gross receipts \$ 1,714,450

F Name and address of principal officer: Jansen Azarias, PO Box 27883, Tucson, AZ 85726

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? No. H(b) Are all subordinates included? No. H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3)

J Website: www.higherground.me

K Form of organization: Corporation

L Year of formation: 2011. M State of legal domicile: AZ

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: As an organization that has been in service to its local communities, youth and families for the past 15 years, with sustained momentum, we at Higher Ground are not only on the "go," but also on the GROW! Over the course of the past years we have now grown to a new total of 7 active school sites. In addition, we are now in the final development and beta testing of our BeMapt app. As we push forward, our focus remains on our mission, by continuing to maintain the quality of our Restart SMART strategy through consistent training, monitoring, and measuring, toward the creation of a sustainable and replicable model that will impact public schools and other youth systems for years to come.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include: 2 Check this box, 3 Number of voting members (10), 4 Number of independent voting members (10), 5 Total number of individuals employed (29), 6 Total number of volunteers (62), 7a Total unrelated business revenue (0), 7b Net unrelated business taxable income (0).

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 8 Contributions and grants (566,388 / 1,176,656), 9 Program service revenue (180,712 / 537,453), 10 Investment income (0 / 341), 11 Other revenue (0 / 0), 12 Total revenue (747,100 / 1,714,450).

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (0 / 4,250), 14 Benefits paid (0 / 0), 15 Salaries, other compensation (576,785 / 877,621), 16a Professional fundraising fees (0 / 0), 16b Total fundraising expenses (138,749), 17 Other expenses (200,864 / 349,475), 18 Total expenses (777,649 / 1,231,346), 19 Revenue less expenses (-30,549 / 483,104).

Table with 3 columns: Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows include: 20 Total assets (134,916 / 411,761), 21 Total liabilities (581,446 / 364,067), 22 Net assets or fund balances (-446,530 / 47,694).

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer, Date: 2023-05-15, Jansen Azarias CEO, Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date, Check self-employed, PTIN P00596839, Firm's name Keegan Linscott & Associates PC, Firm's EIN 86-0750225, Firm's address 3443 N Campbell Avenue Suite 115, Tucson, AZ 85719, Phone no. (520) 884-0176

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Our mission is to empower one life at a time to REACH, TRANSFORM and ELEVATE their community through love and building character. For us, Higher Ground is more than just a place, but rather, it's a culture-infusing catalyst that aims to create system-wide change, building up our high-need communities - one child and family at a time - and creating collaborative networks of support that ultimately uplift our entire city. Our vision is to inspire youth and families to be part of lasting community contribution. We want to create the momentum for lasting sustainable change in the way we develop our children and youth to redefine success as community contribution, where schools and youth organizations become places where an individual transformation leads to stronger collective impact in their own communities

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 \$ 855,920 including grants of \$ 4,250 ) (Revenue \$ 537,453 )

The Restart S.M.A.R.T. strategy, a local implementation of the community school model by Higher Ground, effectively organizes school and public resources to address specific community needs. By integrating trained staff within the school community, we provide a crucial link between community services and families facing opportunity gaps. Our collaborative approach, partnering with students, their families, and the wider community, promotes individualized success. Restart S.M.A.R.T. emphasizes evidence-based, strategic, mindful, agile, aware, resilient, and trauma-responsive decision-making in every interaction. In the year 2021-2022, we have expanded from 2 to 7 school sites across Tucson, with discussions for an 8th site in Chandler, Arizona. Our work is acknowledged as a full-fidelity implementation model of the community school strategy, with research partnerships demonstrating outcomes beyond mere attendance improvement and negative behavior reduction. In the 2021-2022 academic year, we engaged 2,083 students, collaborated with 124 groups, businesses, and organizations, worked with 300 families, and leveraged resources across our seven school communities. Our impact is evident through a 10% increase in school enrollment, a 6.11% reduction in chronic absenteeism, a 75% improvement in attendance among served students, and up to an 80% reduction in disciplinary incidents at our school sites.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

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

4e Total program service expenses 855,920

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

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

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

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1a</b>	4
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1b</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	

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

<p><b>2a</b> Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return . . . . .</p>	<p><b>2a</b></p>	<p>29</p>			
<p><b>b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. See instructions.</p>	<p><b>2b</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>			
<p><b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>3a</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year?<i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .</i></p>	<p><b>3b</b></p>				
<p><b>4a</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?</p>	<p><b>4a</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>b</b> Enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).</p>					
<p><b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>5a</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?</p>	<p><b>5b</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>c</b> If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>5c</b></p>				
<p><b>6a</b> Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>6a</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>6b</b></p>				
<p><b>7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b></p>					
<p><b>a</b> Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7a</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7b</b></p>				
<p><b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7c</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>d</b> If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7d</b></p>				
<p><b>e</b> Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?</p>	<p><b>7e</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?</p>	<p><b>7f</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>g</b> If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7g</b></p>				
<p><b>h</b> If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>7h</b></p>				
<p><b>8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>				
<p><b>9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b></p>					
<p><b>a</b> Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?</p>	<p><b>9a</b></p>				
<p><b>b</b> Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>9b</b></p>				
<p><b>10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:</p>					
<p><b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . .</p>	<p><b>10a</b></p>				
<p><b>b</b> Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . . . . .</p>	<p><b>10b</b></p>				
<p><b>11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:</p>					
<p><b>a</b> Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .</p>	<p><b>11a</b></p>				
<p><b>b</b> Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) . . . . .</p>	<p><b>11b</b></p>				
<p><b>12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?</p>					
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.</p>	<p><b>12b</b></p>				
<p><b>13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b></p>					
<p><b>a</b> Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>13a</b></p>				
<p><b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.</p>					
<p><b>b</b> Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans . . . . .</p>	<p><b>13b</b></p>				
<p><b>c</b> Enter the amount of reserves on hand . . . . .</p>	<p><b>13c</b></p>				
<p><b>14a</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>14a</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments?<i>If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .</i></p>	<p><b>14b</b></p>				
<p><b>15</b> Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p><b>16</b> If the organization is a trust, did it file Form 720, Schedule E, to report the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>		<p>No</p>		
<p>If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.</p>					
<p><b>17 Section 501(c)(21) organizations.</b> Did the trust, any disqualified person, or mine operator engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? . . . . .</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>				
<p>If "Yes," complete Form 6069.</p>					

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

Table with 3 main columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on 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? 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 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:
Sum Accounting Business Solutions LLC 11645 W Sinagua Rd Tucson, AZ 85743 (520) 442-0400

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

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

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."

- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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			
(1) Ramon Valadez Board Chair	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) Ken Heeter Board Treasurer	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) Barry Richardson Board Secretary (ended 12/2021)	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) Alexys Rodgers Board Secretary (current)	2.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) Randi Dorman Board Member	2.00	X						0	0	0
(6) Bill Spurbeck Board Member	2.00	X						0	0	0
(7) Michael Anderson Board Member	2.00	X						0	0	0
(8) Michael Guymon Board Member	2.00	X						0	0	0
(9) Lori Malangone Board Member	2.00	X						0	0	0
(10) Theresa Tenace Board Member	2.00	X						0	0	0
(11) Dr Charlinda Haudley Board Member	2.00	X						0	0	0
(12) Jansen Azarias CEO	40.00			X				63,442	0	5,123



**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 Amt Similar Amounts				
<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .		<b>1a</b>		
<b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .		<b>1b</b>		
<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .		<b>1c</b>		
<b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .		<b>1d</b>		
<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions) . . . . .		<b>1e</b>	910,428	
<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above . . . . .		<b>1f</b>	266,228	
<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$ . . . . .		<b>1g</b>		
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .				1,176,656

Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
<b>2a</b> Program Services		611710	537,453	537,453		
<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b>						
<b>e</b>						
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue.						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f. . . . .			537,453			

Other Revenue	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		341			341	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .						
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		<b>6b</b> Less: rental expenses					
		<b>6c</b> Rental income or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		<b>7b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		<b>7c</b> Gain or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .						
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .						
		<b>8b</b> Less: direct expenses					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .						
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .						
		<b>9b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .						
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .						
<b>10b</b> Less: cost of goods sold							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .							
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
<b>11a</b>							
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .							
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .			1,714,450	537,453	0	341	

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	1,612	1,612		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	2,638	2,638		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	68,565	43,213	15,078	10,274
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	718,763	452,820	158,128	107,815
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	27,220	17,246	5,951	4,023
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	63,073	39,736	13,876	9,461
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management	8,714	5,490	1,917	1,307
<b>b</b> Legal				
<b>c</b> Accounting	5,670		5,670	
<b>d</b> Lobbying	90,000	67,500	22,500	
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	60,051	60,051		
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	2,771	2,716	15	40
<b>13</b> Office expenses	16,120	9,688	6,337	95
<b>14</b> Information technology	4,486	4,368	118	
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	27,818	27,818		
<b>17</b> Travel	10,146	10,145	1	
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,087	1,754	333	
<b>20</b> Interest	11,727	11,727		
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	6,481	5,833	648	
<b>23</b> Insurance	23,392	14,737	5,146	3,509
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> Patent/Software Dev	69,345	69,345		
<b>b</b> Judo, Sports/Art, Youth	4,703	4,703		
<b>c</b> Other Expenses	3,370	330	959	2,081
<b>d</b> Training & Seminars	2,594	2,450		144
<b>e</b> All other expenses				
<b>25 Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e	1,231,346	855,920	236,677	138,749
<b>26 Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash-non-interest-bearing . . . . .	49,939	<b>1</b>	359,257
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments		<b>2</b>	5
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	63,353	<b>3</b>	0
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .		<b>4</b>	44,119
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	11,161	<b>9</b>	1,398
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b> 43,736		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b> 39,754	10,463	<b>10c</b> 3,982
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	<b>15</b>	3,000
<b>16 Total assets:</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	134,916	<b>16</b>	411,761	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	84,872	<b>17</b>	136,965
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	39,219	<b>19</b>	0
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	127,480	<b>24</b>	0
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	329,875	<b>25</b>	227,102
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	581,446	<b>26</b>	364,067
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .	-483,385	<b>27</b>	12,033
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions	36,855	<b>28</b>	35,661
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances	-446,530	<b>32</b>	47,694
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	134,916	<b>33</b>	411,761	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	1,714,450
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	1,231,346
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	483,104
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	-446,530
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	11,120
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>10</b>	47,694

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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 on Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	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>2b</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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
<b>2c</b>	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.		
<b>3a</b>	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>3b</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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**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990)**

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2021**

**Open to Public Inspection**

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

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Name of the organization**  
Higher Ground A Resource Center

**Employer identification number**  
27-3585869

**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).)
- 3  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8  A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9  An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10  An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12  An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . . \_\_\_\_\_
  - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**  
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	314,145	327,501	228,763	566,388	1,176,656	2,613,453
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge..						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	314,145	327,501	228,763	566,388	1,176,656	2,613,453
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . .						7,644
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2,605,809

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4. . . . .	314,145	327,501	228,763	566,388	1,176,656	2,613,453
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .	4,000				341	4,341
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . . . .						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						2,617,794
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					<b>12</b>	2,453,199
<b>13 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2021 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	99.540 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2020 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	96.830 %
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test—2021.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support test—2020.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2021.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 . . . . .						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b. .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) 2021	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6. . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b.						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .						
<b>14 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2021 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2020 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2021</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2020</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	

**19a 33 1/3% support tests—2021.** 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—2020.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .

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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
<b>2</b>	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> when and how the organization made the determination.		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
<b>4a</b>	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
<b>c</b>	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> 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.		
<b>5a</b>	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> , 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).		
<b>b</b>	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
<b>c</b>	<b>Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
<b>6</b>	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>7</b>	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990) .		
<b>8</b>	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).		
<b>9a</b>	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>b</b>	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>c</b>	Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in <b>Part VI</b> .		
<b>10a</b>	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below.		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).		



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

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

**Section A - Adjusted Net Income**

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year  
(optional)

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

**Section B - Minimum Asset Amount**

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year  
(optional)

- |  |           |  |  |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | <b>1</b>  |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Average monthly value of securities   | <b>1a</b> |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Average monthly cash balances   | <b>1b</b> |  |  |
| <b>c</b> Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets  | <b>1c</b> |  |  |
| <b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)  | <b>1d</b> |  |  |
| <b>e Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):  |           |  |  |
| <b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets  | <b>2</b>  |  |  |
| <b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d  | <b>3</b>  |  |  |
| <b>4</b> Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).                                  | <b>4</b>  |  |  |
| <b>5</b> Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)  | <b>5</b>  |  |  |
| <b>6</b> Multiply line 5 by 0.035  | <b>6</b>  |  |  |
| <b>7</b> Recoveries of prior-year distributions  | <b>7</b>  |  |  |
| <b>8 Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)   | <b>8</b>  |  |  |

**Section C - Distributable Amount**

Current Year

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

- 7**  Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

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

(continued)

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
<b>1</b> Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in <b>Part VI</b> )	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	<b>6</b>	
<b>7 Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b> Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	<b>10</b>	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2021	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2021
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2021 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2021 (reasonable cause required-- explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2021:			
<b>a</b> From 2016. . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2017. . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2018. . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2019. . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2020. . . . .			
<b>f Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2016 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2021 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2021 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2021, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2021. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7 Excess distributions carryover to 2022.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2017. . . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2018. . . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2019. . . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2020. . . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2021. . . . .			

**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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**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**  
**For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527**  
  
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**  
▶ **Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of the organization Higher Ground A Resource Center	<b>Employer identification number</b>  27-3585869
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**Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.**

<b>1</b>	Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."		
<b>2</b>	Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions .....	▶	\$ _____
<b>3</b>	Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions .....		_____

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

<b>1</b>	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 .....		\$ _____
<b>2</b>	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 .....		\$ _____
<b>3</b>	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<b>4a</b>	Was a correction made? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," describe in Part IV.		

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

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				
<b>3</b>				
<b>4</b>				
<b>5</b>				
<b>6</b>				

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

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check  if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....														
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....														
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....														
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....														
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....														
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width:50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
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Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....														
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>j</b> If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**  
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

<b>Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period</b>					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount					
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures					
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount					
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
<b>1</b> During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? .....		No	
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? .....		No	
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? .....		No	
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? .....		No	
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? .....		No	
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? .....		No	
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? .....		No	
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? .....		No	
<b>i</b> Other activities? .....	Yes		90,000
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i .....			90,000
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? .....		No	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 .....			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 .....			
<b>d</b> If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? .....			

**Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).**

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

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

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

**Part IV Supplemental Information**

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

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Part II-B, Line 1:	The organization reported expenses for services provided by a consulting company as lobbying expenses. Based on information provided by the consulting company, most of the work they performed was designing policy development (i.e. developing strategies, language, and building coalitions, not advocacy/lobbying. The organization is reporting this information for transparency purposes.

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Open to Public Inspection

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.

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Name of the organization Higher Ground A Resource Center

Employer identification number

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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?, 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?

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 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, 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?, 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)?, 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.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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. 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB 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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a**  Public exhibition
  - b**  Scholarly research
  - c**  Preservation for future generations
  - d**  Loan or exchange programs
  - e**  Other .....
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . .  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . . .  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance . . . . .             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year . . . . .     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year . . . . . | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance . . . . .                | <b>1f</b> |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance . . . . .					
<b>b</b> Contributions . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs . . . . .					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses . . . . .					
<b>g</b> 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** Term 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:
- |  | Yes           | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| <b>(i)</b> Unrelated organizations . . . . .   | <b>3a(i)</b>  |    |
| <b>(ii)</b> Related organizations . . . . .  | <b>3a(ii)</b> |    |
| <b>b</b> If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? . . . . . | <b>3b</b>     |    |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Land . . . . .				
<b>b</b> Buildings . . . . .				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements				
<b>d</b> Equipment . . . . .		34,861	30,879	3,982
<b>e</b> Other . . . . .		8,875	8,875	0
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				3,982

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)		
<b>Total.</b> (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)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

**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.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	227,102

**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.

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

**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.

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

**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.

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**(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2:	CEO and Chief of Staff are married. The Chief of Staff is not an officer nor key employee of the organization.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b	The board reviews the tax return and votes to submit.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	The governing board and the CEO review the conflict of interest on an ongoing basis to ensure no conflicts or that conflicts are declared. Any conflicts ensures that such board member is recused from voting or discussion of contracts.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	Annual Reports are available to the public on the organization's website. Tax returns are available on the IRS website and GuideStar. All other documents are available upon request.
Form 990, Part IV, Line 34:	The organization is in the process of creating a new related entity named RTE AZ Inc.

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