

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2017, and ending 20

Form 990 header section containing organization name (RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.), EIN (13-3471559), address (360 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NEW YORK, NY 10017), principal officer (BRIAN HOFLAND, PRESIDENT), and tax-exempt status (501(c)(3)).

Part I Summary

Summary table with columns for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Rows include mission statement, governance details, revenue breakdown (Total revenue: 22,567,992), expenses breakdown (Total expenses: 10,432,679), and net assets (Total assets: 278,119,436).

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.

Signature block containing the signature of Brian F. Hofland, President, dated 5/14/2018.

Preparer information section for James J. Reilly, dated May 11, 2018, with firm name CONDON O'MEARA MCGINTY & DONNELLY L.

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

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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:

RPBEF PROVIDES THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF EYE RESEARCH.

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 \$ 9,306,021. including grants of \$ 8,631,928.) (Revenue \$)

RESEARCH GRANTS AND SUPPORT: DURING 2017, RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC. (RPBEF) MADE GRANTS TO UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO AID IN THE OPHTHALMOLOGICAL RESEARCH OF BLINDING EYE DISEASES.

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 9,306,021.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 19 rows and 3 columns (Yes/No). Rows include questions about organization type, political activities, lobbying, membership dues, donor funds, conservation easements, art collections, escrow services, restricted assets, land/buildings/equipment, investments, other assets, liabilities, financial statements, foreign activities, and gaming activities.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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

Table with columns for question ID (e.g., 1a, 2a), question text, and Yes/No columns. Includes questions about Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, and various tax compliance requirements.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 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 [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NEW YORK
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 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: KATY TOOLIN/DIR. OF FINANCE/360 LEXINGTON AVE./22ND FL./NEW YORK, NY 10017 212-752-4333

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 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 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and 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.

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

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)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JOHN TINKER TREASURER & ASSISTANT SECRETARY	3.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) DIANE S. SWIFT CHAIRMAN	3.00	X		X				0.	10,920.	31,190.
(3) DAVID BRENNER TRUSTEE	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) BRIAN F. HOF LAND PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY	3.00 40.00			X				0.	296,743.	95,363.
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns 1a				
	b Membership dues 1b				
	c Fundraising events 1c				
	d Related organizations 1d				
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶	0.			
Program Service Revenue	2a _____ Business Code				
	b _____				
	c _____				
	d _____				
	e _____				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶	0.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts). ▶	6,847,529.			6,847,529.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . ▶	0.			
	5 Royalties ▶	0.			
	6a Gross rents				
	b Less: rental expenses				
	c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶	0.			
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
	c Gain or (loss)				
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶	15,588,837.			15,588,837.
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 a				
	b Less: direct expenses b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events. ▶	0.			
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a				
b Less: direct expenses b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities. ▶	0.				
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a					
b Less cost of goods sold b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory. ▶	0.				
11a LIMITED PARTNERSHIP INCOME	131,626.			131,626.	
b _____					
c _____					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶	131,626.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶	22,567,992.			22,567,992.	

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	8,631,928.	8,631,928.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0.			
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0.			
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0.			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0.			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.			
7 Other salaries and wages	0.			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0.			
9 Other employee benefits	0.			
10 Payroll taxes	0.			
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management	0.			
b Legal	15,384.		15,384.	
c Accounting	30,650.		30,650.	
d Lobbying	0.			
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17.	0.			
f Investment management fees	751,139.		751,139.	
g Other (if line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	0.			
12 Advertising and promotion	0.			
13 Office expenses	50,044.		50,044.	
14 Information technology	0.			
15 Royalties	0.			
16 Occupancy	0.			
17 Travel	0.			
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0.			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0.			
20 Interest	0.			
21 Payments to affiliates	0.			
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0.			
23 Insurance	0.			
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e if line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O)				
a <u>OPERATING CHARGE -</u>				
b <u>TO REIMBURSE RESEARCH TO</u>				
c <u>PREVENT BLINDNESS, INC.</u>	793,050.	674,093.	118,957.	
d <u>LIMITED PARTNERSHIP EXPENSE</u>	158,984.		158,984.	
e All other expenses _____	1,500.		1,500.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	10,432,679.	9,306,021.	1,126,658.	
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	0.			

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	0.	1	0.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	3,836,939.	2	14,430,222.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0.	3	0.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0.	4	0.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	5	0.
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	6	0.
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0.	7	0.
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0.	8	0.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0.	9	0.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	0.	10c 0.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	194,468,526.	11	116,014,338.
	12 Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11	49,412,083.	12	139,527,678.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0.	13	0.
	14 Intangible assets	0.	14	0.
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	5,078,904.	15	8,147,198.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	252,796,452.	16	278,119,436.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	42,400.	17	137,978.
	18 Grants payable	7,438,924.	18	7,836,623.
	19 Deferred revenue	0.	19	0.
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0.	20	0.
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0.	21	0.
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L	0.	22	0.
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0.	23	0.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0.	24	0.
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	0.	25	893,029.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25.	7,481,324.	26	8,867,630.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	194,750,561.	27	219,328,105.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	4,582,756.	28	3,917,106.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	45,981,811.	29	45,981,811.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	245,315,128.	33	269,227,022.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	252,796,452.	34	278,094,652.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	22,567,992.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	10,432,679.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	12,135,313.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	245,315,128.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	11,776,581.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0.
7	Investment expenses	7	0.
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0.
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	269,227,022.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2017

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization **RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS**
ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.

Employer identification number
13-3471559

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university _____
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**.
Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g
 - a **Type I** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations.

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
ATTACHMENT 1						
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						8,631,928.

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

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2013, (b) 2014, (c) 2015, (d) 2016, (e) 2017, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2013, (b) 2014, (c) 2015, (d) 2016, (e) 2017, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)). 14 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 %
16a 33 1/3 % support test - 2017. 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 - 2016. 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 - 2017. 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 - 2016. 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 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2013, (b) 2014, (c) 2015, (d) 2016, (e) 2017, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2013, (b) 2014, (c) 2015, (d) 2016, (e) 2017, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b; 12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 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

Table with 3 columns: Description, Value, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Row 16: Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Value, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2017. 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 - 2016. 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 in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? 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.	X	
2	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 Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)		X
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		X
3b	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 Part VI when and how the organization made the determination		
3c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		X
4b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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.		
4c	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 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		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? 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)		X
5b	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?		
5c	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 (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 Part VI .		X
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)		X
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)		X
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))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		X
9b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		X
9c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		X
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below		X
10b	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 IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		X
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		X
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>		X

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

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

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

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

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

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.35	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

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

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

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2017 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-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required-explain in Part VI). See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a			
b From 2013			
c From 2014			
d From 2015			
e From 2016			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7.			
a Excess from 2013			
b Excess from 2014			
c Excess from 2015			
d Excess from 2016			
e Excess from 2017			

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.)

PART IV, SECTION C. - LINE 1

THE BOARD MEMBERS OF RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS ENDOWMENT FUND INC.

ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS, INC.

ATTACHMENT 1

SCHEDULE A, PART I - INFORMATION ABOUT SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

(I) NAME OF SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION	(II) EIN	(III) TYPE OF ORGANIZATION		(IV) YES NO	(V) AMOUNT OF SUPPORT	(VI) OTHER SUPPORT AMOUNT
RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS, INC.	13-1945117	03		X	0.	8,631,928.
TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUPPORT						

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

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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.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS ENDOWMENT FUND, INC.

Employer identification number 13-3471559

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 total number at end of year, aggregate value of contributions, grants, and end of year, and two questions about donor advisement with Yes/No checkboxes.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes checkboxes for purposes of easements, a table for lines 2a-2d (Total number, acreage, certified historic structures), and questions 3-9 regarding monitoring, expenses, and reporting.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions 1a, 1b, 2, and 2a, 2b regarding reporting requirements and amounts.

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?

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?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.
Table with columns: Amount, 1c Beginning balance, 1d Additions during the year, 1e Distributions during the year, 1f Ending balance.
2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII.

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current year, (b) Prior year, (c) Two years back, (d) Three years back, (e) Four years back. Rows include: 1a Beginning of year balance, b Contributions, c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses, d Grants or scholarships, e Other expenditures for facilities and programs, f Administrative expenses, g End of year balance.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %
b Permanent endowment 92.1500 %
c Temporarily restricted endowment 7.8500 %
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

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows: 3a(i) unrelated organizations, 3a(ii) related organizations, 3b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

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.

Table with 4 columns: (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows include: 1a Land, b Buildings, c Leasehold improvements, d Equipment, e Other.

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c).

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) MULTI-STRATEGY FUND OFFSHORE	10,997,801.	FMV
(B) BENCHMARK-FREE FUND III	45,742,531.	FMV
(C) HARVEST MLP INCOME FUND II	12,675,217.	FMV
(D) PANAGORA DIVERSIFIED RISK FUND	18,387,754.	FMV
(E) LEGAL & GENERAL MSCI EAFE FUND	22,825,984.	FMV
(F) LEGAL & GENERAL S&P 500 FUND	28,898,391.	FMV
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ▶	139,527,678.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
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Total. (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) DUE TO INVESTMENT ADVISORS	893,029.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	893,029.

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

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.
 Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

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

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.
 Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

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

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.

PART V - LINE 4

THE TEMPORARY AND PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED FUNDS OF RPBEF ARE USED TO

SUPPORT THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION, I.E., TO FOSTER MEDICAL AND

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF OPHTHALMOLOGY. THIS MISSION IS

SPECIFICALLY ACCOMPLISHED BY GRANTS TO QUALIFIED INSTITUTIONS.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) UNI. OF AL, BIRMINGHAM SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 700 SOUTH 18TH ST. BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233	63-6005396	501(C)(3)	415,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(2) DAVID GEFEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNI. 100 STEIN PLAZA LOS ANGELES, CA 90095	95-6006143	501(C)(3)	145,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(3) UNI. OF CA, S.D., SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 9500 GILMAN DR. LA JOLLA, CA 92093	95-6006144	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(4) INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 702 ROTARY CIRCLE INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202	35-6001673	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(5) UNI. OF MIAMI, MILLER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 1638 NW 10TH AVE. MIAMI, FL 33136	59-0624458	501(C)(3)	145,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(6) UNI. OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO 1855 WEST TAYLOR ST. CHICAGO, IL 60612	37-6000511	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(7) UNI. OF IOWA CARVER COLLEGE OF MEDICINE 200 HAWKINS DR. IOWA CITY, IA 52242	42-6004813	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(8) UNI. OF LOUISVILLE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 301 MUHAMMAD ALI BLVD. LOUISVILLE, KY 40202	61-1029636	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(9) JOHNS HOPKINS UNI., SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 600 NORTH WOLFE ST. BALTIMORE, MD 21287	52-0595110	501(C)(3)	600,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(10) HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL-MEEI 243 CHARLES ST. BOSTON, MA 02114	04-2103591	501(C)(3)	240,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(11) WAYNE STATE UNI. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 4717 ST. ANTOINE ST. DETROIT, MI 48201	38-6028429	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(12) MAYO MEDICAL SCHOOL 200 FIRST ST., SW ROCHESTER, MN 55905	41-6011702	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH

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

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(1) WASHINGTON UNI. S.L., SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 660 S EUCLID AVE. ST. LOUIS, MO 63110	43-0653611	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(2) COLUMBIA UNI. COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURG. 635 WEST 165TH ST. NEW YORK, NY 10032	13-5598093	501(C)(3)	145,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(3) UNI. OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL OF MED & DENTISTRY 601 ELMWOOD AVE. ROCHESTER, NY 14642	16-0743209	501(C)(3)	415,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(4) STATE UNI. OF NEW YORK, UPSTATE MED. UNI. 550 HARRISON ST. SYRACUSE, NY 13202	16-1477355	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(5) CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNI. SCHOOL OF MED. 1100 EUCLID AVE. CLEVELAND, OH 44106	34-1018992	501(C)(3)	190,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(6) CLEVELAND CLINIC, LERNER COLLEGE OF MED. 9500 EUCLID AVE. CLEVELAND, OH 44195	34-0714585	501(C)(3)	665,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(7) UNI. OF OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER 608 STANTON L YOUNG BLVD OK. CITY, OK 73104	73-6017987	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(8) OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNI. SCHOOL OF MEDI 3375 TERWILLINGER BLVD. PORTLAND, OR 97201	93-1176109	501(C)(3)	175,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(9) UNI. OF TENNESSEE HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER 930 MADISON AVE. MEMPHIS, TN 38163	62-6001636	501(C)(3)	75,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(10) VANDERBILT UNI. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 2311 PIERCE AVE. NASHVILLE, TN 37232	62-0476822	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(11) BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE 6565 FANNIN HOUSTON, TX 77030	74-1613878	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(12) UNI. OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER 5323 HARRY HINES BLVD. DALLAS, TX 75390	74-6000203	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH

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(1) UNI. OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 325 NINTH AVE. SEATTLE, WA 98195	91-6001537	501(C)(3)	300,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(2) DUKE UNI. SCHOOL MEDICINE 2351 ERWIN RD. DURHAM, NC 27705	56-0532129	501(C)(3)	600,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(3) REGENTS OF THE UNI. OF MI SCHOOL OF MED. 1000 WALL ST. ANN ARBOR, MI 48105	38-6006309	501(C)(3)	30,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(4) UNIVERSITY OF PENN. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 51 NORTH 39TH STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19104	23-1352685	501(C)(3)	145,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(5) UNI. OF WISCONSIN-MADISON SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 2828 MARSHALL COURT MADISON, WI 53705	39-6006492	501(C)(3)	415,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(6) UNI. OF CALI., SF, SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 10 KORET WAY SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94143	94-6036493	501(C)(3)	600,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(7) UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 203 LOTHROP STREET, 8TH FLOOR	25-0965591	501(C)(3)	600,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(8) ASSOC. OF UNI. PROFESSORS OF OPHTHALMOLOGY 655 BEACH ST. SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	42-6130779	501(C)(3)	125,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(9) HEED OPHTHALMIC FOUNDATION 33700 O. KINSMAN RD CHAGRIN FALLS, OH 44022	36-6012426	501(C)(3)	34,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(10) ALLIANCE FOR EYE & VISION RESEARCH INC. 1801 ROCKVILLE PIKE ROCKVILLE, MD 20852	52-1846140	501(C)(3)	50,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(11) UNIVERSITY OF UTAH 65 MARIO CAPECCHI DRIVE	87-6000525	501(C)(3)	115,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(12) STANFORD UNIVERSITY 2452 WATSON COURT PALO ALTO, CA 94303	94-1156365	501(C)(3)	300,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH

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1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) USC KECK SCHOOL OF MEDICINE 1450 PABLO STREET, ROOM 4900	95-1642394	501(C)(3)	75,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(2) FOUNDATION OF THE AMERICAN ACAD. OF OPHTHAL 655 BEACH STREET	92-4682387	501(C)(3)	210,000.				BLINDNESS RESEARCH
(3)							
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- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table .
- 3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table .

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Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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

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

PART I - LINE 2

RPBEF REQUIRES ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS ON EACH ACTIVE GRANT. RPBEF STAFF ALSO DOES SITE VISITS TO VARIOUS OPHTHALMIC DEPARTMENTS TO OVERSEE THE GRANT FUNDS. IF THE PROGRESS REPORTS AND/OR SITE VISITS UNCOVER INEFFECTIVE USE OF RPBEF GIVING, CORRECTIVE ACTION IS TAKEN WHICH CAN RESULT IN TERMINATION OF THE GRANT.

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

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

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

GRANTS

TOTAL GRANTS: 8,609,000
 NET CHANGE IN DISCOUNT: 38,199
 CANCELLED GRANTS: -15,271
 TOTAL GRANTS PER RETURN: 8,631,928

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.
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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as, maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
 - b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
 - c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of

- a** The organization?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of

- a** The organization?
 - b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1a		
2		
3		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2017

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note: The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
BRIAN F. HOFLAND 1 PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY	(i) 0. (ii) 296,743. (iii) 0.	0. 0.	0. 0.	0. 54,000.	0. 41,363.	0. 392,106.	
2	(i) (ii)						
3	(i) (ii)						
4	(i) (ii)						
5	(i) (ii)						
6	(i) (ii)						
7	(i) (ii)						
8	(i) (ii)						
9	(i) (ii)						
10	(i) (ii)						
11	(i) (ii)						
12	(i) (ii)						
13	(i) (ii)						
14	(i) (ii)						
15	(i) (ii)						
16	(i) (ii)						

Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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PART VI, SECTION B. - LINE 11B

THE FORM 990 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING.

PART VI, SECTION B. - LINE 12C

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS ARE SIGNED ANNUALLY BY ALL BOARD MEMBERS.

RPBEF CURRENTLY HAS NO CONFLICTS.

PART VI, SECTION C. - LINE 19

THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT MAKE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF
INTEREST POLICY, OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(1)	(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
(5)						
(6)						

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(1)	(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
							Yes	No
(1)	RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS, INC. 360 LEXINGTON AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10017 13-1945117	CHARITABLE	NY	501 (C) (3)	509 (A) (1)	N/A		X
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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V - UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)												
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Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
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Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note: Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

- 1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?
 - a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity. 1a
 - b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) 1b
 - c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) 1c
 - d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) 1d
 - e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) 1e
 - f Dividends from related organization(s) 1f
 - g Sale of assets to related organization(s) 1g
 - h Purchase of assets from related organization(s) 1h
 - i Exchange of assets with related organization(s) 1i
 - j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) 1j
 - k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) 1k
 - l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) 1l
 - m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) 1m
 - n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) 1n
 - o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) 1o
 - p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses 1p
 - q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses 1q
 - r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) 1r
 - s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) 1s

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)	RESEARCH TO PREVENT BLINDNESS, INC.	M	793,050.	% OF EXPENSES
(2)				
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Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(1) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(2) Primary activity	(3) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(4) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(5) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(6) Share of total income	(7) Share of end-of-year assets	(8) Disproportionate allocations?		(9) Code V - UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(10) General or managing partner?		(11) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.

TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

AN OPERATING CHARGE IS ALLOCATED BY RPB TO RPBEF BASED ON A PERCENTAGE OF CERTAIN EXPENSES. NO ACTUAL AMOUNT IS TRANSFERRED FROM RPBEF TO RPB.

ALSO SEE FORM 990, PART IX - LINE 24B.