

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

2013
Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization: **SowHope.org**

Doing Business As: **SowHope**

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): **PO Box 234**

Room/suite: _____

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: **Rockford MI 49341**

D Employer identification number: **14-1946849**

E Telephone number: _____

G Gross receipts \$ **204,172**

F Name and address of principal officer:
Mary Dailey Brown
9177 Walnut Grove Dr
Rockford MI 49341

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No

H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

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

J Website: **www.sowhope.org**

H(c) Group exemption number **U**

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

L Year of formation: **2006** **M** State of legal domicile: **MI**

Part I Summary

| | | | |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|
| Activities & Governance | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: To inspire women around the world by promoting wellness, education, and economic opportunities. | | |
| | 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. | | |
| | 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 7 | |
| | 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 7 | |
| | 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a) | 2 | |
| | 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 90 | |
| | 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 0 | |
| b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 0 | | |
| Revenue | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | 262,752 | 203,960 |
| | 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | | 0 |
| | 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 256 | 212 |
| | 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | | 0 |
| | 12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 263,008 | 204,172 |
| Expenses | 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | 106,725 | 102,000 |
| | 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | | 0 |
| | 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 57,987 | 75,118 |
| | 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | | 0 |
| | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) u 6,392 | | |
| | 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 44,853 | 26,128 |
| 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 209,565 | 203,246 | |
| 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | 53,443 | 926 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | 244,612 | 201,814 |
| | 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 108,054 | 64,330 |
| | 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 136,558 | 137,484 |

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: **Mary Dailey Brown** Date: _____

Type or print name and title: **President**

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **David A Crawford, EA** Preparer's signature: **David A Crawford, EA** Date: **07/30/14** Check if self-employed PTIN: _____

Firm's name: **CFG Tax & Accounting, LLC** Firm's EIN: _____

Firm's address: **607 Cascade West Pkwy SE Grand Rapids, MI 49546-2107** Phone no.: **616-575-2020**

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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:

To inspire women around the world by promoting wellness, education, and economic opportunities.

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 \$ **41,883** including grants of \$ **22,529**) (Revenue \$)

Wellness programs to serve the physical and emotional needs of women whose health is at risk, 1502 women impacted through maternal healthcare, AIDS care and prevention, and abuse counseling.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **77,331** including grants of \$ **41,601**) (Revenue \$)

Education programs that teach literacy, offer vocational and technical training for 2773 women.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **70,359** including grants of \$ **37,870**) (Revenue \$)

Economic programs that provide micro-loans and small business training for 2525 women.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **189,573**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | | Yes | No |
|-----|---|-----|----|
| 21 | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II | | X |
| 22 | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J | | 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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a | | 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) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If so, complete Schedule L, Part II | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | X | |
| b | A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | | X |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M | | X |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M | | X |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I | | X |
| 32 | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I | | X |
| 34 | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 | | X |
| 35a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | | X |
| 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 | | |
| 36 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 | | 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI | | 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

Input box for Schedule O response

Table with columns for question numbers (1a-14b), Yes, and No. Contains various tax compliance questions and their corresponding responses.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|--|----------|----------|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. | | |
| | 7 | | |
| 1b | Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent | | |
| | 7 | | |
| 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? | | X |
| 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? | | X |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? | | X |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization have members or stockholders? | | X |
| 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? | | X |
| b | Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? | | X |
| 7b | | | |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | |
| a | The governing body? | X | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | X | |
| 8b | | | |
| 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 | X | |
| 9 | | | |

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

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|----------|----------|
| 10a | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | | X |
| 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? | | |
| 10b | | | |
| 11a | Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? | X | |
| b | Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | |
| 11a | | | |
| 12a | Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 | X | |
| b | Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? | X | |
| 12b | | | |
| c | Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done | X | |
| 12c | | | |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | X | |
| 14 | Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? | X | |
| 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 | X | |
| b | Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). | | X |
| 15b | | | |
| 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? | | X |
| 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? | | |
| 16b | | | |

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MI
- 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, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: Mary Dailey Brown 9177 Walnut Grove Dr
Rockford MI 49341 616-433-1575

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 organizations 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) Mary Dailey Brown President | 60.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 54,800 | 0 | 0 |
| (2) Ruth Posthumus Board Chair | 2.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (3) Alfred Longtin Treasurer | 2.00 0.00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) Richard Butler Board Vice Chair | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (5) David Kelson Board Member | 1.00 0.00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (6) Lizbeth Leeson Board Secretary | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (7) Melissa Miller Board Member | 2.00 0.00 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (8) Sylvia Juta Board Member | 1.00 0.00 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (9) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | | | | | | |

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

| (A) Name and title | (B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line) | (C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|--|--|---|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|--|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (12) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (17) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (18) | | | | | | | | | | |
| (19) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1b Sub-total | | | | | | | 54,800 | | | |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | | | | | | | 54,800 | | | |

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **u 0**

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----------|
| 3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual | | X |
| 4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual | | X |
| 5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person | | X |

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **u 0**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

| | | (A) Total revenue | (B) Related or exempt function revenue | (C) Unrelated business revenue | (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514 | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f 203,960 | | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ | | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | u 203,960 | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2a | Busn. Code | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d | | | | | |
| | e | | | | | |
| | f All other program service revenue | | | | | |
| | g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | u | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | u 212 | 212 | | | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | u | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | u | | | | |
| | 6a Gross rents | (i) Real | | | | |
| | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | b Less: rental exps. | | | | | |
| | c Rental inc. or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | u | | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | | | | |
| | | (ii) Other | | | | |
| | b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps. | | | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | | | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | u | | | | |
| | 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 | u | | | | |
| | 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 | u | | | | | |
| 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 | u | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | 11a | Busn. Code | | | | |
| | b | | | | | |
| | c | | | | | |
| | d All other revenue | | | | | |
| | e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | u | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See instructions. | u 204,172 | 212 | 0 | 0 | | |

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 governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21 | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | 102,000 | 102,000 | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 59,184 | 54,800 | 4,384 | |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 10,617 | 9,768 | 849 | |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 Other employee benefits | | | | |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 5,317 | 4,892 | 425 | |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | | | | |
| c Accounting | 2,993 | 2,694 | 299 | |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | | | | |
| g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | 8,921 | 2,529 | | 6,392 |
| 13 Office expenses | 6,702 | 6,032 | 670 | |
| 14 Information technology | 641 | 513 | 128 | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | | | | |
| 17 Travel | 4,879 | 4,489 | 390 | |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 Interest | | | | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | | | | |
| 23 Insurance | 287 | 287 | | |
| 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 Merchant Service Fees | 1,290 | 1,187 | 103 | |
| b Miscellaneous | 213 | 196 | 17 | |
| c Wire Transfer Fees | 202 | 186 | 16 | |
| d | | | | |
| e All other expenses | | | | |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 203,246 | 189,573 | 7,281 | 6,392 |
| 26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | | | | |

Part X Balance 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 | 98,089 | 1 | 83,523 | |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 146,523 | 2 | 118,291 | |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | | 3 | | |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | | 4 | | |
| | 5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | | |
| | 6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | | |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | | |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | | 9 | | |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a | | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 10b | 10c | | |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | | |
| | 12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | | 12 | | |
| | 13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | | 13 | | |
| | 14 Intangible assets | | 14 | | |
| | 15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | | 15 | | |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | | 244,612 | 16 | 201,814 | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 429 | 17 | 1,327 | |
| | 18 Grants payable | 106,301 | 18 | 61,120 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | | 19 | | |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | | |
| | 21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D | | 21 | | |
| | 22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | | 23 | | |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | | 24 | | |
| | 25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D | | 1,324 | 25 | 1,883 |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | | 108,054 | 26 | 64,330 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | | |
| | 27 Unrestricted net assets | | 27 | | |
| | 28 Temporarily restricted net assets | | 28 | | |
| | 29 Permanently restricted net assets | | 29 | | |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" 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 | 136,558 | 32 | 137,484 | |
| 33 Total net assets or fund balances | 136,558 | 33 | 137,484 | | |
| 34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 244,612 | 34 | 201,814 | | |

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 | 204,172 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 203,246 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 926 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 136,558 |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 137,484 |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|---|-----|----------|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O. | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis | | X |
| 2b | 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 | | X |
| 2c | 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? | | |
| 3b | 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. | | |

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Name of the organization

SowHope.org

Employer identification number

14-1946849

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 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 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.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I
 - b Type II
 - c Type III—Functionally integrated
 - d Type III—Non-functionally integrated
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 - (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

| | Yes | No |
|----------|-----|----|
| 11g(i) | | |
| 11g(ii) | | |
| 11g(iii) | | |

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

| (i) Name of supported organization | (ii) EIN | (iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions)) | (iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document? | | (v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support? | | (vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.? | | (vii) Amount of monetary support |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|---|----|--|----|---|----|----------------------------------|
| | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | |
| (A) | | | | | | | | | |
| (B) | | | | | | | | | |
| (C) | | | | | | | | | |
| (D) | | | | | | | | | |
| (E) | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | |

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

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

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

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) α | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | 108,721 | 122,083 | 204,000 | 262,752 | 263,511 | 961,067 |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3 | 108,721 | 122,083 | 204,000 | 262,752 | 263,511 | 961,067 |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | |
| 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | 961,067 |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) α | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 108,721 | 122,083 | 204,000 | 262,752 | 263,511 | 961,067 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 231 | 61 | 95 | 256 | 212 | 855 |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 961,922 |

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 212

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 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 99.91% |
| 15 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | 99.82% |

16a 33 1/3% support test—2013. 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—2012. 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—2013. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) α | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) α | (a) 2009 | (b) 2010 | (c) 2011 | (d) 2012 | (e) 2013 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) | | | | | | |

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|---|
| 15 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | % |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 | 16 | % |

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|---|-----------|---|
| 17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | % |
| 18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 | 18 | % |

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013. 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—2012. 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

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

u **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**

u Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

14-1946849

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(**3**) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

| | |
|---|--|
| Name of organization SowHope.org | Employer identification number 14-1946849 |
|---|--|

Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1 | | \$ 10,000 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 2 | | \$ 15,100 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 3 | | \$ 10,000 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 4 | | \$ 7,450 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 5 | | \$ 12,000 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. u Attach to Form 990.

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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" to 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 contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors... Yes No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees... Yes No.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements, 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution... 2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06... 3 Number of conservation easements modified... 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring... Yes No, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring... 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring... 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements... Yes No, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements...

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: u \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report... 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report... (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenues included in 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

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

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

| | Amount |
|----|--------|
| 1c | |
| 1d | |
| 1e | |
| 1f | |

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

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

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %
 - b Permanent endowment %
 - c Temporarily restricted endowment %
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

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

b If "Yes" to 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | | | |
| e Other | | | | |

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

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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.) u | | |

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) u | |

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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) Payroll Liabilities | 1,883 | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |
| (7) | | |
| (8) | | |
| (9) | | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) u | 1,883 | |

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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include descriptions, sub-row labels (2a-2e, 3, 4a-4c, 5), and a final column for totals.

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

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

Table with 5 main rows and sub-rows (a-e) for adjustments. Columns include descriptions, sub-row labels (2a-2e, 3, 4a-4c, 5), and a final column for totals.

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.

Series of horizontal dotted lines for providing supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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2013

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u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
u Attach to Form 990. u See separate instructions.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

SowHope.org

Employer identification number

14-1946849

Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

| (a) Region | (b) Number of offices in the region | (c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region | (d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region) | (e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region | (f) Total expenditures for and investments in region |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| (1) | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | |
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| (9) | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | |
| (17) | | | | | |
| 3a Sub-total | | | | | |
| b Total from continuation sheets to Part I | | | | | |
| c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b) | | | | | |

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

| 1 | (a) Name of organization | (b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable) | (c) Region | (d) Purpose of grant | (e) Amount of cash grant | (f) Manner of cash disbursement | (g) Amount of non-cash assistance | (h) Description of non-cash assistance | (i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other) |
|------|--------------------------|--|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| (1) | | | DRC | Birthing Clinic | 5,750 | Cash | | | |
| (2) | | | DRC | Building - 150 Women | 11,259 | Cash | | | |
| (3) | | | Egypt | Empowering Women | 11,471 | IBT | | | |
| (4) | | | DRC | Hair Dressing Trn | 5,750 | Cash | | | |
| (5) | | | India | Women's Trn Ctr | 5,750 | IBT | | | |
| (6) | | | India | Micro Finance | 6,900 | IBT | | | |
| (7) | | | Kenya | Micro Finance | 7,590 | IBT | | | |
| (8) | | | Uganda | | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | | | |
| (11) | | | | | | | | | |
| (12) | | | | | | | | | |
| (13) | | | | | | | | | |
| (14) | | | | | | | | | |
| (15) | | | | | | | | | |
| (16) | | | | | | | | | |

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter u 14

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities u 0

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926) Yes No

- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A) Yes No

- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471) Yes No

- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621) Yes No

- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865) Yes No

- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713) Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Part I, Line 2 - Procedures for Monitoring the Use of Grant Funds

Projects are funded by SowHope using the following procedure:

SowHope utilizes a funding strategy that is summed up as "Local leaders using local solutions to solve local problems." We receive requests for proposal on an invitational basis from local leaders who already have a reputation for sacrificially helping women. Once a local leader has been funded they become a SowHope partner. A three page application including contact information, a description of past outcomes which have helped women, a request for funding for a project helping women in one of our three program areas (Wellness, Education, or Economic) that is time-limited, measurable, and outcome based is required. Applications are received either through email, USPS, or by hand delivery. The applications are processed by the SowHope Program Team, which reviews each application using a rubric. Applications are scored and placed on a priority list and are funded once funding has been secured. There are two funding cycles per year. An application is either funded during the next cycle, put on hold to be considered for the next funding cycle, or deactivated. If the project is not funded within one of two consecutive funding cycles, it is considered deactivated and must be resubmitted for consideration.

When a project is accepted for funding a Memorandum of Understanding outlining the objectives, the predicted outcomes, and funding of the project is agreed upon and signed by SowHope and the partner. Once the MOU is signed, SowHope either hand-delivers (for rural projects where no banks exist), wires the money, or sends a check to the partner to fund the project. A report is sent by the partner to SowHope by email or phone about half-way through the project to detail how the project is

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

progressing. SowHope evalutes the projects on site at, or near, the end of the project. This is done by the President and board members/donors going to the field sites and interviewing the partners and beneficiaries to see how the project was implemented compared to the MOU and how it impacted the women.

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Transactions With Interested Persons

U Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
U Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. U See separate instructions.
U Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

| 1 | (a) Name of disqualified person | (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization | (c) Description of transaction | (d) Corrected? | |
|-----|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----|
| | | | | Yes | No |
| (1) | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | |
| (6) | | | | | |

- 2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 u \$ _____
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization u \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

| 1 | (a) Name of interested person | (b) Relationship with organization | (c) Purpose of loan | (d) Loan to or from the org.? | | (e) Original principal amount | (f) Balance due | (g) In default? | | (h) Approved by board or committee? | | (i) Written agreement? | |
|------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----|-------------------------------------|----|------------------------|----|
| | | | | To | From | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| (8) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (9) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Total u \$ _____

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

| 1 | (a) Name of interested person | (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization | (c) Amount of assistance | (d) Type of assistance | (e) Purpose of assistance |
|------|-------------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1) | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | |
| (5) | | | | | |
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| (9) | | | | | |
| (10) | | | | | |

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 9 - Officers Who Cannot Be Reached

Ruth Posthumus

26 Campau Cir NW

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Alfred Longtin

712 Lisson Grove

New Lenox, IL 60451

Richard Butler

2347 Foster NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

David Kelson

5944 Fowler Rd

Twin Lake, MI 49457

Lizabeth Leeson

2564 Summit Ridge Dr NE

Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Melissa Miller

737 N Beebe Ave

Fremont, MI 49412

Name of the organization

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Sylvia Juta

450 Glen Oaks Apt 2A

Muskegon, MI 49442

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

A draft of the Form 990 was prepared by the SowHope staff and a member of the Finance Team. The draft form was emailed to every Board member for their review one week prior to the 2nd Quarter Board Meeting, which was held on May 4, 2013. A time for group review was on the meeting agenda and the Board approved the final form as submitted.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

Every Director, when they are elected to the Board, reads and signs a form explaining the Conflict of Interest policy and requiring them to disclose any conflicts of interest. Officers and key employees are also required to read and sign the Conflict of Interest policy form. To date there has not been a conflict of interest at SowHope.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

A compensation committee is named using members of the SowHope Personnel Team comprised of at least 2 Board Members and HR professional volunteers. They use resources available to determine a compensation recommendation. A presentation is made to the Board of Directors, who are the final authority in establishing compensation.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

Documents are made available upon request.