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Form **990****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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<b>A</b> For the <b>2024</b> calendar year, or tax year beginning <b>07/01</b> , 20 <b>24</b> , and ending <b>06/30</b> , 20 <b>25</b>	
<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>BIG SHOULDERS FUND</b> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>212 W VAN BUREN STREET</b> <b>900</b> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>CHICAGO, IL 60607</b> <b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>JOSHUA HALE</b> <b>SAME AS C ABOVE</b> <b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions. <b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>36-3490557</b> <b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(312) 751-8337</b> <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>79,742,696</b>
<b>J</b> Website: <b>WWW.BIGSHOULDERSFUND.ORG</b>	
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1986</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>IL</b>

**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	<b>1</b>	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>WE PROVIDE SUPPORT TO HIGH NEED SCHOOLS WHICH PROVIDE A QUALITY, VALUES-BASED EDUCATION FOR CHICAGO AND NORTHWEST INDIANA'S CHILDREN.</b>		
	<b>2</b>	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b>	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>32</b>
	<b>4</b>	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>32</b>
	<b>5</b>	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>114</b>
	<b>6</b>	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>3,457</b>
		<b>7a</b>	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>
<b>b</b>		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>
Revenue	<b>8</b>	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year <b>72,815,110</b>	Current Year <b>42,507,854</b>
	<b>9</b>	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>166,541</b>	<b>130,909</b>
	<b>10</b>	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>11,128,285</b>	<b>10,487,082</b>
	<b>11</b>	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>666,688</b>	<b>30,042</b>
	<b>12</b>	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>84,776,624</b>	<b>53,155,887</b>
Expenses	<b>13</b>	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<b>63,152,854</b>	<b>41,830,502</b>
	<b>14</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		<b>0</b>
	<b>15</b>	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<b>7,669,821</b>	<b>8,758,777</b>
	<b>16a</b>	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>b</b>	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	<b>1,355,756</b>	
	<b>17</b>	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	<b>5,066,334</b>	<b>4,295,588</b>
	<b>18</b>	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>75,889,009</b>	<b>54,884,867</b>
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>19</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>8,887,615</b>	<b>(1,728,980)</b>
	<b>20</b>	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year <b>150,134,830</b>	End of Year <b>152,085,991</b>
	<b>21</b>	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>19,304,905</b>	<b>22,661,081</b>
	<b>22</b>	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>130,829,925</b>	<b>129,424,910</b>

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>MALCOLM DOUGLAS, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>		Date	
	Type or print name and title			
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>JENNIFER BURKE</b>	Preparer's signature <b>JENNIFER BURKE</b>	Date <b>01/22/2026</b>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN <b>P01342224</b>
	Firm's name <b>CROWE LLP</b>	Firm's EIN <b>35-0921680</b>		
	Firm's address <b>225 WEST WACKER DRIVE, SUITE 2600, CHICAGO, IL 60606-1224</b>	Phone no. <b>(312) 899-7000</b>		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Part III** Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐ Yes ☒ No**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

WE PROVIDE SUPPORT TO UNDERSERVED SCHOOLS WHICH PROVIDE A QUALITY, VALUES-BASED EDUCATION FOR CHICAGO'S CHILDREN. IN 2020, BIG SHOULDERS FUND'S PROGRAMMING WAS EXTENDED TO THE NORTHWEST INDIANA REGION.

**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 \$ 24,074,917 including grants of \$ 22,141,857 ) (Revenue \$ )

SCHOOL OPERATIONS: DISTRIBUTED OPERATING AND CAPITAL GRANTS TO MULTIPLE SCHOOLS IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT SCHOOL CLOSURES; ALSO ASSISTED SCHOOLS IN IMPROVING MARKETING/RECRUITING, BUILDING NEW EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES, IMPROVING SCHOOL BUSINESS OPERATIONS, ETC.

**4b** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 13,580,195 including grants of \$ 12,463,115 ) (Revenue \$ )

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS: ADMINISTERED OVER 90 DISTINCT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS THAT INCLUDE MENTORING, ENRICHMENT AND OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES. 5,267 SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO 5,080 STUDENTS AT 120 ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOLS TO ENABLE THEM TO ATTEND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

**4c** (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 12,158,860 including grants of \$ 6,136,650 ) (Revenue \$ )

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: BIG SHOULDERS ADMINISTERS OVER 25 ONGOING PROGRAMS IN 90 SCHOOLS INVOLVING OVER 800 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS TO IMPROVE INSTRUCTION AND LEARNING THROUGH LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES AND ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY CURRICULA WITH FOCUS ON MATH, SCIENCE, CIVICS, AND LITERACY. PROVIDE A VARIETY OF OTHER NEEDED CAPITAL AND PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT TO ENSURE A SAFE, EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR NEARLY 25,000 STUDENTS THROUGH ONGOING ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS INCLUDING A SCIENCE AND LEADERSHIP CAMP, AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS, SUMMER PROGRAMS, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS.

**4d** Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ 1,851,647 including grants of \$ 1,088,880 ) (Revenue \$ 130,909 )

**4e** Total program service expenses 51,665,619



**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .	<b>1</b> ✓	
<b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? See instructions . . . . .	<b>2</b> ✓	
<b>3</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>3</b>	✓
<b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>4</b>	✓
<b>5</b> 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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III . . . . .	<b>5</b>	✓
<b>6</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>6</b>	✓
<b>7</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>7</b>	✓
<b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .	<b>8</b>	✓
<b>9</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>9</b> ✓	
<b>10</b> Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .	<b>10</b> ✓	
<b>11</b> 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.		
<b>a</b> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI . . . . .	<b>11a</b> ✓	
<b>b</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 . . . . .	<b>11b</b> ✓	
<b>c</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>11c</b>	✓
<b>d</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>11d</b>	✓
<b>e</b> Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .	<b>11e</b> ✓	
<b>f</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>11f</b> ✓	
<b>12a</b> Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .	<b>12a</b> ✓	
<b>b</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 . . . . .	<b>12b</b>	✓
<b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<b>13</b>	✓
<b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .	<b>14a</b>	✓
<b>b</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 . . . . .	<b>14b</b> ✓	
<b>15</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	✓
<b>16</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	✓
<b>17</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>17</b>	✓
<b>18</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>18</b> ✓	
<b>19</b> 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 . . . . .	<b>19</b> ✓	
<b>20a</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .	<b>20a</b>	✓
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return? . . . . .	<b>20b</b>	
<b>21</b> 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .	<b>21</b> ✓	



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

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

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V . . . . . ☐

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1a</b> 299	
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .	<b>1b</b> 3	
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .	<b>1c</b> ✓	



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



**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 on 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
<b>1a</b> Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year . . .	<b>1a</b> 32		
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 on Schedule O.			
<b>b</b> Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent . . .	<b>1b</b> 32		
<b>2</b> 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? . . .	<b>2</b>	✓	
<b>3</b> Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? . . .	<b>3</b>		✓
<b>4</b> Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . .	<b>4</b>		✓
<b>5</b> Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? . . .	<b>5</b>		✓
<b>6</b> Did the organization have members or stockholders? . . .	<b>6</b>		✓
<b>7a</b> 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? . . .	<b>7a</b>		✓
<b>b</b> Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? . . .	<b>7b</b>		✓
<b>8</b> Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:			
<b>a</b> The governing body? . . .	<b>8a</b>	✓	
<b>b</b> Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . .	<b>8b</b>	✓	
<b>9</b> 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 on Schedule O . . .	<b>9</b>		✓

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

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

### Section C. Disclosure

**17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed IL, IN

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

**19** Describe on 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.  
MALCOLM DOUGLAS, 212 W VAN BUREN ST, SUITE 900, CHICAGO, IL 60607, (312) 751-8337



**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, 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.

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JOSHUA HALE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	50.0			✓				585,588	0	52,879
(2) REBECCA LINDSAY-RYAN CHIEF SCHOOLS OFFICER	50.0				✓			292,828	0	54,427
(3) MALCOLM DOUGLAS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	50.0			✓				254,776	0	41,651
(4) AMELIA DROZDA CHIEF ADVANCEMENT & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	50.0				✓			204,800	0	21,844
(5) DANIEL BENNETT SENIOR DIRECTOR, SCHOLARSHIPS	50.0				✓			191,377	0	39,202
(6) TIMOTHY GALLO MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLUS SCHOOLS AND LEADERSHIP	50.0					✓		171,161	0	37,991
(7) DANIEL KOZLOWSKI MANAGING DIRECTOR, NWI	50.0					✓		166,775	0	28,287
(8) DANIELLE ROBINSON MANAGING DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND PATRONS PROGRAM	50.0					✓		165,754	0	14,867
(9) LAURA NALLEY SENIOR DIRECTOR, PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP	50.0					✓		159,145	0	30,424
(10) MARIA IPPOLITO MANAGING DIRECTOR, SCHOOL MARKETING AND ENROLLMENT	50.0					✓		154,012	0	3,805
(11) KENNETH J. VELO CO-CHAIRMAN	25.0	✓		✓				0	0	0
(12) KENT DAUTEN CO-CHAIRMAN	15.0	✓		✓				0	0	0
(13) JOHN CROGHAN VICE CHAIRMAN	1.0	✓		✓				0	0	0
(14) CHARLES K. BOBRINSKOY BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	✓						0	0	0

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**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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) DANIEL DOHERTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(16) DAVID DURY BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(17) ARTHUR R. VELASQUEZ BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(18) CHERRYL THOMAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(19) CHRISTINE E. KELLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(20) CHRISTOPHER VALENTI BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(21) DENNIS FITZSIMONS BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(22) ELIZABETH COLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(23) GERALD BEESON BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(24) GIANCARLO TURANO BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(25) (SEE PART VII CONTINUATION SHEET)										
<b>1b Subtotal</b>								2,346,216	0	325,377
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>								0	0	0
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								2,346,216	0	325,377

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **20**

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

**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
UCHICAGO STEM EDUCATION, 1427 E. 60TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60637	PROF DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOLS	348,338
ZIEMKE CONSULTING, LLC, 130 S. CANAL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60606	PROF DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOLS	295,701
NQC LITERACY LLC, P. O. BOX 195, JERSEY CITY, NJ 07303	PROF DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOLS	286,702
KIRK ZIEMKE, 130 S. CANAL ST, CHICAGO, IL 60606	PROF DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOLS	217,847
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - CHICAGO, 1240 W HARRISON STREET RM 1535, CHICAGO, IL 60607	PROF DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOLS	193,361
<b>2</b> Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization	<b>7</b>	



**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
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b>	Federated campaigns . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	13,060			
	<b>b</b>	Membership dues . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	0			
	<b>c</b>	Fundraising events . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	5,581,215			
	<b>d</b>	Related organizations . . . . .	<b>1d</b>	0			
	<b>e</b>	Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>	704,510			
	<b>f</b>	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	36,209,069			
	<b>g</b>	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f . . . . .	<b>1g</b>	\$ 2,935,475			
	<b>h</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .		42,507,854			
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	WORK STUDY SPONSORSHIPS	Business Code 611710	130,909	130,909	0
<b>b</b>	-----						
<b>c</b>	-----						
<b>d</b>	-----						
<b>e</b>	-----						
<b>f</b>	All other program service revenue . . . . .		0	0	0	0	
<b>g</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .		130,909				
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b>	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) . . . . .		1,363,758	0	4,139	1,359,619
	<b>4</b>	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0	0
	<b>5</b>	Royalties . . . . .		0	0	0	0
	<b>6a</b>	Gross rents . . . . .	(i) Real 0	(ii) Personal 0			
	<b>b</b>	Less: rental expenses	0	0			
	<b>c</b>	Rental income or (loss)	0	0			
	<b>d</b>	Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .		0	0	0	0
	<b>7a</b>	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities 34,563,546	(ii) Other 0			
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	25,440,222	0			
	<b>c</b>	Gain or (loss) . . . . .	9,123,324	0			
	<b>d</b>	Net gain or (loss) . . . . .		9,123,324	0	0	9,123,324
	<b>8a</b>	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 5,581,215 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .	1,105,219				
	<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	1,141,127				
	<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .		(35,908)		0	(35,908)
	<b>9a</b>	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .	71,410				
	<b>b</b>	Less: direct expenses . . . . .	5,460				
	<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .		65,950	0	0	65,950
	<b>10a</b>	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	0				
	<b>b</b>	Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	0				
	<b>c</b>	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .		0	0	0	0
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11a</b>	-----	Business Code				
	<b>b</b>	-----					
	<b>c</b>	-----					
	<b>d</b>	All other revenue . . . . .		0	0	0	0
	<b>e</b>	<b>Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .		0			
	<b>12</b>	<b>Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .		53,155,887	130,909	4,139	10,512,985



**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
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 . . . . .	29,410,919	29,410,919		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .	12,419,583	12,419,583		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .	0	0		
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	0	0		
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .	1,750,103	1,104,440	429,988	215,675
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .	5,763,542	4,528,771	577,813	656,958
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .	171,676	137,565	19,368	14,743
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .	571,747	443,171	66,160	62,416
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .	501,709	377,894	64,888	58,927
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>b</b> Legal . . . . .	2,569	0	2,569	0
<b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .	88,866	2,370	86,496	0
<b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 . . . . .	0			0
<b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .	62,500	0	62,500	0
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .	2,092,695	1,961,339	122,236	9,120
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .	132,450	93,414	27,251	11,785
<b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .	420,664	181,889	186,344	52,431
<b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .	372,774	190,140	87,559	95,075
<b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .	215,529	108,165	53,682	53,682
<b>17</b> Travel . . . . .	491,376	452,333	13,643	25,400
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>20</b> Interest . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .	9,183	4,591	2,296	2,296
<b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .	32,638	17,928	7,417	7,293
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) . . . . .				
<b>a</b> <u>FOOD AND MEALS</u> . . . . .	329,588	217,917	32,914	78,757
<b>b</b> <u>CREDIT CARD FEES</u> . . . . .	35,816		18	35,798
<b>c</b> <u>MEMBERSHIP DUES</u> . . . . .	33,940	13,190	20,350	400
<b>d</b> <u>BAD DEBT</u> . . . . .	(25,000)			(25,000)
<b>e</b> All other expenses . . . . .	0	0	0	0
<b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24e . . . . .	54,884,867	51,665,619	1,863,492	1,355,756
<b>26</b> <b>Joint costs.</b> Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) . . . . .				



**Part X Balance Sheet**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	432,083	<b>1</b>	76,230
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	12,874,869	<b>2</b>	3,765,796
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .	36,124,799	<b>3</b>	40,607,154
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	0	<b>4</b>	0
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .	0	<b>5</b>	0
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .	0	<b>6</b>	0
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .	0	<b>7</b>	0
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .	0	<b>8</b>	0
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .	452,958	<b>9</b>	274,492
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .	<b>10a</b> 317,052		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation . . . . .	<b>10b</b> 297,197	<b>10c</b>	19,855
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .	26,604,087	<b>11</b>	17,787,186
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	73,398,614	<b>12</b>	87,413,699
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	0	<b>13</b>	0
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .	0	<b>14</b>	0
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .	218,383	<b>15</b>	2,141,579
<b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	150,134,830	<b>16</b>	152,085,991	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	1,518,394	<b>17</b>	1,202,263
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .	16,919,074	<b>18</b>	18,773,078
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .	392,235	<b>19</b>	404,000
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .	0	<b>20</b>	0
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .	475,202	<b>21</b>	151,238
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons . . . . .	0	<b>22</b>	0
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0	<b>23</b>	0
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .	0	<b>24</b>	0
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17–24). Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .	0	<b>25</b>	2,130,502
	<b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	19,304,905	<b>26</b>	22,661,081
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .	41,875,236	<b>27</b>	39,896,440
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions . . . . .	88,954,689	<b>28</b>	89,528,470
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	0	<b>29</b>	0
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .	0	<b>30</b>	0
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .	0	<b>31</b>	0
	<b>32</b> <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> . . . . .	130,829,925	<b>32</b>	129,424,910
<b>33</b> <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> . . . . .	150,134,830	<b>33</b>	152,085,991	

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	53,155,887
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	54,884,867
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	(1,728,980)
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	130,829,925
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	323,965
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	129,424,910

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b> Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
<b>b</b> Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	✓	
<b>c</b> If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . . If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	✓	
<b>3a</b> As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? . . .		✓
<b>b</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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits .		

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(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (Check all that apply)						(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			
(25) GREGORY Q. BROWN ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(26) JAMES COMPTON ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(27) JAMES A. GORDON ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(28) JAMES HOEG ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(29) JOHN A. CANNING, JR. ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(30) JOHN SCHREIBER ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(31) KIMBERLY QUERREY ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(32) LARRY RICHMAN ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(33) LEE HENDERSON ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(34) LEIGH-ANNE KAZMA ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(35) MARY DEMPSEY ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(36) STEPHEN KING ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(37) TAO HUANG ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(38) THOMAS E. LANCTOT ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(39) THOMAS REYNOLDS, III ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(40) TIMOTHY SULLIVAN ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(41) WILLIAM DEVERS ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0
(42) WILLIAM T. LYNCH ----- BOARD OF TRUSTEES	1.0 -----	✓						0	0	0



SCHEDULE A  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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2024

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

BIG SHOULDERS FUND

Employer identification number

36-3490557

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% 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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . .
  - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

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Schedule A (Form 990) 2024



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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . .	48,714,161	72,019,742	56,956,626	72,815,110	42,507,854	293,013,493
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 . . . .	48,714,161	72,019,742	56,956,626	72,815,110	42,507,854	293,013,493
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . .						33,806,233
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						259,207,260

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .	48,714,161	72,019,742	56,956,626	72,815,110	42,507,854	293,013,493
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources . . . . .	405,551	578,376	1,213,905	1,732,906	1,363,758	5,294,496
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .	2,247	18,262	7,506	0	0	28,015
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .	207,721	368,133	1,438,060	1,164,293	1,307,538	4,485,745
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						302,821,749
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	0
<b>13 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>14</b>	85.60 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	<b>15</b>	87.03 %
<b>16a 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% support test—2024.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> % or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% support test—2023.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>3</sub> % or more, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/>	



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

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

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose . . . .						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . .						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . .						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 . . . .						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons . .						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b . . . . .						
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) . . . . .						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 . . . . .						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 . . . .						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b . . . . .						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) . . . . .						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) . . . . .						
<b>14 First 5 years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/>						

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

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . .	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 . . . . .	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2024</b> (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . .	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2023</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17 . . . . .	<b>18</b>	%
<b>19a 33 1/3% support tests—2024.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b 33 1/3% support tests—2023.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>20 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/>



**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

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



**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

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

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

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

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
<b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete <b>line 2</b> below.			
<b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete <b>line 3</b> below.			
<b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in <b>Part VI</b> how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
<b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
<b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in <b>Part VI</b> identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.			
<b>2a</b>			
<b>b</b> Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in <b>Part VI</b> the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.			
<b>2b</b>			
<b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
<b>a</b> 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? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in <b>Part VI</b> .			
<b>3a</b>			
<b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in <b>Part VI</b> the role played by the organization in this regard.			
<b>3b</b>			



**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.

<b>Section A—Adjusted Net Income</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Net short-term capital gain	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Other gross income (see instructions)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1 through 3.	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Depreciation and depletion	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Other expenses (see instructions)	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section B—Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
<b>1</b>	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly value of securities	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Average monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b>	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors ( <i>explain in detail in Part VI</i> ):		
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	<b>8</b>	
<b>Section C—Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
<b>1</b>	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Income tax imposed in prior year	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

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

Section D—Distributions		Current Year
<b>1</b>	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in <b>Part VI</b> )	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	<b>10</b>

  

Section E—Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2024
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6			
<b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required—explain in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.			
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024			
<b>a</b> From 2019 . . . . .			
<b>b</b> From 2020 . . . . .			
<b>c</b> From 2021 . . . . .			
<b>d</b> From 2022 . . . . .			
<b>e</b> From 2023 . . . . .			
<b>f</b> <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e			
<b>g</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>h</b> Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
<b>i</b> Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)			
<b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
<b>4</b> Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$			
<b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
<b>b</b> Applied to 2024 distributable amount			
<b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
<b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in <b>Part VI</b> . See instructions.			
<b>7</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2025.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
<b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:			
<b>a</b> Excess from 2020 . . .			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2021 . . .			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2022 . . .			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2023 . . .			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2024 . . .			

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## 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 VI

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.)

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation						
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME	Description	(a) 2020	(b) 2021	(c) 2022	(d) 2023	(e) 2024	(f) Total
	(1) GROSS INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING EVENTS	163,001	305,533	1,200,456	934,698	1,105,219	3,708,907
	(2) WORK STUDY SPONSORSHIPS	0	0	188,899	166,541	130,909	486,349
	(3) GROSS REVENUE FROM GAMING ACTIVITIES	44,720	62,600	48,705	63,054	71,410	290,489
	Total	207,721	368,133	1,438,060	1,164,293	1,307,538	4,485,745



**Schedule B  
(Form 990)**

(Rev. January 2025)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

**Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.**  
**Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest information.**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Name of the organization  
**BIG SHOULDERS FUND**

**Employer identification number**  
**36-3490557**

**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, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

**Special Rules**

- ☒ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions 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 an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled 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. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Caution:** An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), 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 doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).



Name of organization

**BIG SHOULDERS FUND**

Employer identification number

**36-3490557****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		\$ 3,370,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2		\$ 5,760,333	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3		\$ 1,500,000	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4		\$ 9,780,683	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5		\$ 1,568,757	<b>Person</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	<b>Person</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Payroll</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Noncash</b> <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)



Name of organization BIG SHOULDERS FUND	Employer identification number 36-3490557
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Part II

Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
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**Part III** **Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor.** Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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SCHEDULE D  
(Form 990)

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

BIG SHOULDERS FUND

Employer identification number

36-3490557

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year . . . . .		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) . . . . .		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year) . . . . .		
4 Aggregate value at end of year . . . . .		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? . . . . .		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	
a Total number of conservation easements . . . . .	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements . . . . .	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a . . . . .	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register . . . . .	2d
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year . . . . .	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located . . . . .	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year . . . . .	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year . . . . .	\$
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.	

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

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

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.	
b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items.	
(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . .	\$
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . .	\$
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items.	
a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 . . . . .	\$
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X . . . . .	\$



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

**3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make 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 program

**e** ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements**

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

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

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

	Amount
<b>c</b> Beginning balance	<b>1c</b>
<b>d</b> Additions during the year	<b>1d</b>
<b>e</b> Distributions during the year	<b>1e</b>
<b>f</b> Ending balance	<b>1f</b>

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

**Part V Endowment Funds**

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance	38,208,506	35,389,758	33,450,248	40,698,957	34,867,877
<b>b</b> Contributions	452,264	82,814	223,950	188,261	242,706
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	4,203,669	4,628,941	3,574,067	(5,532,938)	9,462,265
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships	670,703	688,622	656,262	652,915	599,214
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs	1,104,252	1,154,385	1,152,245	1,201,117	3,224,677
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses	61,060	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
<b>g</b> End of year balance	41,028,424	38,208,506	35,389,758	33,450,248	40,698,957

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

**a** Board designated or quasi-endowment 51.52 %

**b** Permanent endowment 39.16 %

**c** Term endowment 9.32 %

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

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

**(i)** Unrelated organizations?

**(ii)** Related organizations?

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3a(ii)</b>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3b</b>		

**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.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land				
<b>b</b> Buildings				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements		147,789	147,789	0
<b>d</b> Equipment		137,053	117,198	19,855
<b>e</b> Other		32,210	32,210	0
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				19,855



**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) LARGE CAP EQUITY FUNDS	19,030,702	END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE
(B) SMALL/MID CAP EQUITY FUNDS	4,988,666	END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE
(C) INTERNATIONAL EQUITY	17,186,336	END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE
(D) HEDGED EQUITY FUNDS	13,110,273	END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE
(E) PRIVATE INVESTMENTS	13,021,257	END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE
(F) ABSOLUTE RETURN FUNDS	2,021,666	END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE
(G) FIXED INCOME FUND	18,054,799	END OF YEAR MARKET VALUE
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, col. (B)) . . .	87,413,699	

**Part VIII Investments—Program Related**

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

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

**Part IX Other Assets**

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B)) . . . . .	

**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) LEASE LIABILITY	2,130,502
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B)) . . . . .	2,130,502

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 FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒



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

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	52,153,464
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	187,839
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	(1,127,762)
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	(939,923)
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	53,093,387
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	62,500
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	62,500
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	53,155,887

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

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

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements . . . . .	<b>1</b>	53,558,479
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities . . . . .	<b>2a</b>	187,839
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments . . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Other losses . . . . .	<b>2c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>2d</b>	(1,451,727)
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b> . . . . .	<b>2e</b>	(1,263,888)
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b> . . . . .	<b>3</b>	54,822,367
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b . . . . .	<b>4a</b>	62,500
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) . . . . .	<b>4b</b>	0
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b> . . . . .	<b>4c</b>	62,500
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) . . . . .	<b>5</b>	54,884,867

**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.

[SEE STATEMENT](#)



# Part XIII

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

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation	
SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2(D) - OTHER REVENUES IN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOT IN FORM 990	<b>(a) Description</b>	<b>(b) Amount</b>
	ADJUSTMENT FOR AGENCY TRANSACTION RECEIPTS SEE SCHEDULE O FOR NARRATIVE	- 1,127,762
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- 1,127,762</b>
SCHEDULE D, PART XII, LINE 2(D) - OTHER EXPENSES IN AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOT IN FORM 990	<b>(a) Description</b>	<b>(b) Amount</b>
	ADJUSTMENT FOR AGENCY TRANSACTION DISTRIBUTIONS SEE SCHEDULE O FOR NARRATIVE	- 1,451,727
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>- 1,451,727</b>



# Part XIII

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

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE D, PART IV, LINE 2B - EXPLANATION OF ESCROW AGREEMENT	BIG SHOULDERS FUND RECEIVES DONATIONS CLASSIFIED FOR ACCOUNTING PURPOSES AS AGENCY TRANSACTIONS DESIGNATED FOR SPECIFIC BENEFICIARIES. DONATIONS ARE DEPOSITED INTO BIG SHOULDERS FUND BANK ACCOUNTS AND RECORDED AS LIABILITIES UNTIL PAID. DONATIONS ARE TRACKED USING THE SAME METHOD AS OTHER RESTRICTED DONATIONS
SCHEDULE D, PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS	ENDOWMENT FUNDS ARE USED PER DONOR RESTRICTIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, PROGRAMS, AND OTHER EXPENSES.  EARNINGS ON BOARD DESIGNATED ENDOWMENTS ARE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, WHICH MAY INCLUDE PROGRAM, MANAGEMENT, AND FUNDRAISING EXPENSES.
SCHEDULE D, PART X, LINE 2 - FIN 48 (ASC 740) FOOTNOTE	THE FUND HAS RECEIVED A DETERMINATION LETTER FROM THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE INDICATING THAT THE FUND IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 AND, EXCEPT FOR TAXES PERTAINING TO UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME, IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES. THE FUND IS CLASSIFIED AS A PUBLIC CHARITY UNDER SECTION 509(A)(1) AND SECTION 170(B)(1)(A)(VI), AN ORGANIZATION THAT NORMALLY RECEIVES A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF ITS SUPPORT FROM DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC.  THE FUND RECOGNIZES A TAX POSITION AS A BENEFIT ONLY IF IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT THE TAX POSITION WOULD BE SUSTAINED IN A TAX EXAMINATION, WITH A TAX EXAMINATION BEING PRESUMED TO OCCUR. THE AMOUNT RECOGNIZED IS THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF TAX BENEFIT THAT IS GREATER THAN 50% LIKELY OF BEING REALIZED ON EXAMINATION. FOR TAX POSITIONS NOT MEETING THE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT TEST, NO TAX BENEFIT IS RECORDED. THE FUND DOES NOT EXPECT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS TO SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGE IN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.  THE FUND HAS APPLIED THIS CRITERION TO ALL TAX POSITIONS FOR WHICH THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS REMAINS OPEN. TAX YEARS OPEN TO EXAMINATION BY TAX AUTHORITIES UNDER THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS INCLUDE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 2021 THROUGH 2024. THE FUND RECOGNIZES INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS IN INTEREST AND INCOME TAX EXPENSE, RESPECTIVELY. THE FUND HAS NO AMOUNTS ACCRUED FOR INTEREST OR PENALTIES AS OF JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2025. THE FUND HAS DETERMINED THAT ITS TAX PROVISIONS SATISFY THE MORE LIKELY THAN NOT CRITERION AND THAT NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES IS REQUIRED AT JUNE 30, 2025.



**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

Attach to Form 990.

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

BIG SHOULDERS FUND

Employer identification number

36-3490557

**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 the region	(d) Activities conducted in the region (by type) (such as, 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 the region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in the region
(1) CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN	0	0	INVESTMENTS		55,546,349
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
<b>3a</b> Subtotal . . . . .	0	0			55,546,349
<b>b</b> Total from continuation sheets to Part I . . . . .	0	0			0
<b>c Totals</b> (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	0			55,546,349

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Schedule F (Form 990) (Rev. 1-2025)



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 noncash assistance	(h) Description of noncash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(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 a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter . . . . .

3

Enter total number of other organizations or entities . . . . .



Part III

Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of noncash assistance	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							



**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 separately 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; don't file with Form 990)* . . . . . ☐ **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 separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; don't file with Form 990)* . . . . . ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

Schedule F (Form 990) (Rev. 1-2025)



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.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE F, PART I, LINE 3 - METHOD USED TO ACCOUNT FOR EXPENDITURES ON ORG'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - ACCRUAL



SCHEDULE G  
(Form 990)

(Rev. January 2025)  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.  
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047  
**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization <b>BIG SHOULDERS FUND</b>	Employer identification number <b>36-3490557</b>
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**Part I Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- |                                                                    |                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations               | <b>e</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of nongovernment grants |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations | <b>f</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants    |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations              | <b>g</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events           |
| <b>d</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations          |                                                                        |
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
<b>1</b>						
<b>2</b>						
<b>3</b>						
<b>4</b>						
<b>5</b>						
<b>6</b>						
<b>7</b>						
<b>8</b>						
<b>9</b>						
<b>10</b>						
<b>Total</b> . . . . .						

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....



**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1 <u>DINNER</u> (event type)	(b) Event #2 <u>GOLF</u> (event type)	(c) Other events <u>5</u> (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts . . . . .	5,177,445	1,112,044	396,945	6,686,434
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions . . . . .	4,736,686	666,374	178,155	5,581,215
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . . . .	440,759	445,670	218,790	1,105,219
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .	0	142,857	29,391	172,248
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages . . . . .	214,956	3,110	127,975	346,041
	<b>8</b> Entertainment . . . . .	15,500	0	2,000	17,500
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	416,511	137,057	51,770	605,338
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) . . . . .				1,141,127
	<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) . . . . .				(35,908)

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross revenue . . . . .	0	0	71,410	71,410
	<b>2</b> Cash prizes . . . . .	0	0	5,460	5,460
Direct Expenses	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses . . . . .	0	0	0	0
	<b>6</b> Volunteer labor . . . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>96</u> % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) . . . . .				5,460
	<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) . . . . .				65,950

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: IL

**a** Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended, or terminated during the tax year? ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No**

**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_



- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust, or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- |                                      |            |       |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| <b>a</b> The organization's facility | <b>13a</b> | 0 %   |
| <b>b</b> An outside facility         | <b>13b</b> | 100 % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name JOSHUA HALEAddress 212 W VAN BUREN, SUITE 900, CHICAGO, IL 60607

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**16** Gaming manager information:Name JOSHUA HALEGaming manager compensation \$ 0Description of services provided PRESIDENT & CEO☒ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions:

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

SEE NEXT PAGE



**Part IV**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE G, PART III - OTHER GAMING	THE ORGANIZATION CONDUCTS A RAFFLE AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING.
SCHEDULE G, PART III, LINE 16 - GAMING MANAGER COMPENSATION	MR. HALE IS NOT SEPARATELY COMPENSATED FOR HIS OVERSIGHT OF ANY GAMING ACTIVITIES.



SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

Attach to Form 990.

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

Open to Public  
Inspection

Name of the organization

BIG SHOULDERS FUND

Employer identification number

36-3490557

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) ACADEMY OF ST. BENEDICT THE AFRICAN 6020 S. LAFLIN STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60636	36-2171119	501C3	456,012				AE, LPD, OP, DDG
(2) ANDREAN HIGH SCHOOL 5959 BROADWAY, MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410	35-1046711	501C3	187,600				AE
(3) ANNUNCIATA SCHOOL 3750 E 112TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60617	36-2170752	501C3	281,190				AE, LPD, OP
(4) AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL 801 W 73RD AVENUE, MERRILLVILLE, IN 46410	35-1162553	501C3	104,320				AE
(5) AUGUSTUS TOLTON ACADEMY 7120 S CALUMET AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60619	36-2170979	501C3	597,540				AE, OP, PP
(6) BISHOP NOLL INSTITUTE 1519 HOFFMAN STREET, HAMMOND, IN 46327	35-1007097	501C3	160,894				AE
(7) BRIDGEPORT CATHOLIC ACADEMY 3700 S LOWE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60609	36-3377611	501C3	13,760				AE, LPD, OP
(8) CHILDREN OF PEACE SCHOOL 1900 W. TAYLOR ST, CHICAGO, IL 60612-3732	36-2212711	501C3	561,240				AE, OP
(9) CRISTO REY JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL 1852 W 22ND PLACE, CHICAGO, IL 60608	36-4067306	501C3	11,000				SPG
(10) CRISTO REY ST. MARTIN COLLEGE PREP 3106 BELVIDERE ROAD, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085	42-1597059	501C3	9,500				SPG
(11) DEPAUL COLLEGE PREP FR. GORDON CAMPUS, CHICAGO, IL 60618-4602	36-2182169	501C3	5,000				DDG
(12) (SEE STATEMENT)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 84

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 0

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Schedule I (Form 990) (Rev. 12-2024)







**Part II**
**Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (continued)**

(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
(12) EPIPHANY SCHOOL 4223 W. 25TH ST, CHICAGO, IL 60623-3692	36-2412597	501C3	895,883				AE, LPD, OP, PP, DDG
(13) HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL 750 E. 40TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60653-2348	36-2747560	501C3	707,608				AE, LPD, OP, PP
(14) HOLY TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL 1443 W DIVISION ST, CHICAGO, IL 60642	36-2171703	501C3	224,000				AE, OP, DDG
(15) IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL 8739 S EXCHANGE, CHICAGO, IL 60617	36-3310936	501C3	372,780				AE, OP
(16) JOSEPHINUM ACADEMY 1501 N. OAKLEY BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60622	36-2167764	501C3	16,150				AE
(17) LEO HIGH SCHOOL 7901 S SANGAMON ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620	36-2182061	501C3	240,710				AE, LPD, OP, SPG
(18) MARQUETTE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 306 W 10TH STREET, MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360	35-1148636	501C3	153,160				AE
(19) MATERNITY BVM SCHOOL 1537 N LAWNGDALE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60651	36-2171722	501C3	328,017				AE, LPD, OP, PP
(20) MOST BLESSED TRINITY ACADEMY 510 GRAND AVENUE, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085-1835	47-0955784	501C3	340,600				AE, OP, PP
(21) NATIVITY OF OUR SAVIOR SCHOOL 2929 WILLOWCREEK ROAD, PORTAGE, IN 46368	35-1131605	501C3	100,000				AE
(22) NOTRE DAME SCHOOL 1010 MOORE ROAD, MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360	35-0957092	501C3	101,760				AE
(23) OUR LADY OF GRACE 3005 CONDIT STREET, HIGHLAND, IN 46322	35-0905955	501C3	100,200				AE
(24) OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL 2446 N. RIDGEWAY AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60647-2325	36-2170886	501C3	411,450				AE, LPD, OP
(25) OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE SCHOOL 9050 S. BURLEY AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60617	36-2743254	501C3	425,400				AE, LPD, OP, PP
(26) OUR LADY OF TEPEYAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2235 S ALBANY AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60623-3414	36-3409095	501C3	440,210				AE, LPD, OP
(27) OUR LADY OF TEPEYAC HIGH SCHOOL 2228 S WHIPPLE ST, CHICAGO, IL 60623-3425	36-4202108	501C3	62,350				AE, DDG
(28) OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS SCHOOL 4810 S LEAMINGTON AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60638-2199	36-2401758	501C3	29,920				AE, LPD



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(29) POPE JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC SCHOOL 4325 S RICHMOND ST, CHICAGO, IL 60632-2596	36-2170859	501C3	652,160				AE, LPD, OP
(30) QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SCHOOL 1715 E BARKER AVE, MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360	83-2242462	501C3	165,880				AE
(31) QUEEN OF THE UNIVERSE SCHOOL 7130 S HAMLIN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60629-4321	36-2583566	501C3	629,330				AE, LPD, OP
(32) SACRED HEART SCHOOL 2906 E 96TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60617	36-2171734	501C3	225,080				AE, LPD, OP
(33) SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL 1755 W HARRISON BLVD, VALPARAISO, IN 46385	35-2012677	501C3	101,380				AE
(34) SAN MIGUEL SCHOOL - BACK OF THE YARDS 1949 W 48TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60609	36-4378726	501C3	34,700				AE, SPG
(35) ST. AGNES OF BOHEMIA SCHOOL 2643 S CENTRAL PARK AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60623	36-3552287	501C3	302,968				AE, CP, OP, DDG
(36) ST. AILBE SCHOOL 9037 S HARPER AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60619	36-2170926	501C3	573,468				AE, CP, LPD, OP, PP
(37) ST. ANASTASIA SCHOOL 629 GLEN FLORA AVE, WAUKEGAN, IL 60085	36-2427693	501C3	158,700				AE, OP, PP
(38) ST. ANGELA SCHOOL 1332 NORTH MASSASOIT AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60651	36-2170932	501C3	917,202				AE, OP, DDG
(39) ST. ANN SCHOOL 2211 W 18TH PLACE, CHICAGO, IL 60608	36-2284297	501C3	549,190				AE, LPD, OP, DDG, SPG
(40) ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE SCHOOL 4440 W. 83RD STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60652-2126	36-4055633	501C3	7,810				AE
(41) ST. CASIMIR SCHOOL 4329 CAMERON AVENUE, HAMMOND, IN 46327	35-0883494	501C3	117,275				AE
(42) ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA/ST. LUCY SCHOOL 27 W. WASHINGTON, OAK PARK, IL 60302-4308	36-2170969	501C3	368,924				AE, LPD, OP, SPG
(43) ST. CONSTANCE SCHOOL 5841 W. STRONG ST, CHICAGO, IL 60630	36-3965141	501C3	823,640				AE, LPD, OP, PP
(44) ST. ETHELREDA SCHOOL 8734 S PAULINA STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60620	36-2182112	501C3	1,223,850				AE, CP, LPD, OP
(45) ST. FERDINAND SCHOOL 3131 N. MASON AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60634	36-2192835	501C3	21,740				AE, LPD
(46) ST. FRANCES OF ROME SCHOOL 1428 S. 59TH CT, CICERO, IL 60804	36-2179805	501C3	395,068				AE, OP, DDG



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(47) ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL 10155 S EWING AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60617	36-2435876	501C3	1,061,550				AE, CP, OP, PP, DDG
(48) ST. GABRIEL SCHOOL 4500 S. WALLACE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60609-3593	36-2707503	501C3	5,601				AE, PP
(49) ST. GALL SCHOOL 5515 S. SAWYER AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60629	36-2704905	501C3	360,233				AE, LPD, OP, PP
(50) ST. GENEVIEVE SCHOOL 4854 W. MONTANA ST, CHICAGO, IL 60639-2509	36-2171008	501C3	446,110				AE, OP, PP, DDG
(51) ST. HELEN SCHOOL 2347 W. AUGUSTA BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60622	36-2373447	501C3	55,280				AE, DDG
(52) ST. JOHN BOSCO 7113 COLUMBIA AVENUE, HAMMOND, IN 46324	35-0957897	501C3	115,478				AE
(53) ST. JOHN DE LA SALLE CATHOLIC ACADEMY 10212 S. VERNON AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60628	36-2171032	501C3	150,820				AE, LPD, OP, PP
(54) ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 1844 LINCOLN AVENUE, WHITING, IN 46394	35-0883499	501C3	107,270				AE
(55) ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SCHOOL 11301 W 93RD AVE, SAINT JOHN, IN 46373	35-1000674	501C3	101,060				AE
(56) ST. LAURENCE HIGH SCHOOL 5556 W 77TH STREET, BURBANK, IL 60459-1398	36-2205990	501C3	15,000				DDG
(57) ST. MALACHY SCHOOL 2252 W. WASHINGTON BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60612-2236	36-2936823	501C3	621,509				AE, LPD, OP, PP, DDG
(58) ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND SCHOOL 9833 S. THROOP STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60643-1445	36-2367986	501C3	618,810				AE, LPD, OP
(59) ST. MARY SCHOOL 525 N BROAD STREET, GRIFFITH, IN 46319	35-0874267	501C3	100,840				AE
(60) ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL 6424 S KENNETH AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60629	36-2848256	501C3	734,101				AE, OP
(61) ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL 321 E JOLIET STREET, CROWN POINT, IN 46307	35-0960852	501C3	106,530				AE
(62) ST. MATTHIAS SCHOOL 4910 N. CLAREMONT, CHICAGO, IL 60625-1912	36-2171089	501C3	9,140				AE
(63) ST. MICHAEL CHURCH 1 W WILHELM STREET, SCHERERVILLE, IN 46375	35-0965645	501C3	103,700				AE
(64) ST. MICHAEL PARISH & SCHOOL 14327 HIGHLAND AVE, ORLAND PARK, IL 60462	36-2171092	501C3	10,000				DDG



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(65) ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE SCHOOL 3741 W. 62ND STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60629	36-2182132	501C3	381,771				AE, LDP, OP, PP, DDG
(66) ST. NICHOLAS UKRAINIAN CATHEDRAL SCHOOL 2200 W. RICE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60622	13-1026995	501C3	9,390				AE, LDP
(67) ST. PATRICK SCHOOL 640 N CALUMET ROAD, CHESTERTON, IN 46304	01-0851893	501C3	100,120				AE
(68) ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL 2110 E. 72ND STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60649	36-2171115	501C3	486,534				AE, CP, LPD, OP, PP
(69) ST. PIUS V SCHOOL 1919 S. ASHLAND AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60608	36-2240477	501C3	348,052				AE, CP, LPD, OP, PP
(70) ST. PROCOPIUS SCHOOL 1625 S. ALLPORT STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60608	36-3352367	501C3	16,936				AE, LPD, SPG
(71) ST. RITA OF CASCIA HIGH SCHOOL 7740 S. WESTERN AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60620	36-2171753	501C3	25,000				DDG
(72) ST. SABINA ACADEMY 7801 S. THROOP ST, CHICAGO, IL 60620	36-2171123	501C3	1,369,348				AE, CP, OP
(73) ST. STANISLAUS SCHOOL 4930 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD, EAST CHICAGO, IN 46312	35-1016046	501C3	186,960				AE
(74) ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA SCHOOL 1255 N. NOBLE STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60642	36-2171128	501C3	210,697				AE, OP
(75) ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA SCHOOL 1506 WASHINGTON STREET, MICHIGAN CITY, IN 46360	35-0929986	501C3	103,400				AE
(76) ST. SYLVESTER SCHOOL 3027 W. PALMER SQUARE, CHICAGO, IL 60647	36-2488067	501C3	712,399				AE, CP, LPD, OP, PP, DDG
(77) ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL 6125 S. AUSTIN AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60638-4396	36-2171135	501C3	5,325				AE, LDP
(78) ST. TERESE SCHOOL 247 W. 23RD ST, CHICAGO, IL 60616	36-2240479	501C3	7,755				AE, LPD, OP
(79) ST. THOMAS MORE SCHOOL 8501 CALUMET AVE, MUNSTER, IN 46321	35-0900733	501C3	103,360				AE
(80) ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SCHOOL 5525 N. MAGNOLIA AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60640	36-2240480	501C3	62,961				AE, LPD, DDG
(81) ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE SCHOOL 5467 S. WOODLAWN AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60615	36-2171144	501C3	11,402				AE, LPD
(82) ST. WALTER - ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL 11741 S. WESTERN AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60643-4789	36-2170950	501C3	54,760				AE, OP
(83) ST. WILLIAM SCHOOL 2559 N SAYRE AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60707-2186	36-2171154	501C3	7,649				AE, OP
(84) VISITATION SCHOOL 900 W. GARFIELD BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60609	36-3648506	501C3	799,930				AE, CP, OP, PP, DDG



Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2 - PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING USE OF GRANT FUNDS	PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS DIFFER BASED ON THE TYPE OF GRANT AWARDED. SCHOOLS ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT ARE REVIEWED EACH YEAR TO ENSURE THEY MEET THE CRITERIA (IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO, STUDENT POPULATION HAS OVER 20% WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH AND PARTICIPATE IN TITLE I PROGRAMS). SCHOOLS REPORT ANNUALLY ON INDICATORS INCLUDING FINANCIAL VIABILITY, ENROLLMENT, STUDENT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENTS SERVED. RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS INCLUDE REGULAR PROGRESS MONITORING AND REPORTING BY THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS ON STUDENTS. PATRON PROGRAM FUNDS ARE ONLY DISTRIBUTED UPON AGREEMENT OF PATRON, SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, AND BIG SHOULDERS FUND, AND REQUIRES SUBSTANTIATION THROUGH RECEIPTING OR ACCOUNTING OF USE OF FUNDS. PROGRAMMATIC AND CAPITAL SUPPORT REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF ANNUAL REPORTS ON USE OF FUNDS AND DEMONSTRATED MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES MET THROUGH THE FUNDING. BIG SHOULDERS FUND STAFF REGULARLY VISIT (AT LEAST 2 - 5 TIMES PER YEAR) SCHOOLS AND MEET WITH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE SCHOOLS ARE USING FUNDS AS INDICATED BY THE REQUIREMENT OF EACH TYPE OF SUPPORT.
SCHEDULE I, PART II - BASIS OF ACCOUNTING	ALTHOUGH BIG SHOULDERS FUND PREPARES ITS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON THE ACCRUAL BASIS, SCHEDULE I PART II HAS BEEN PREPARED ON THE CASH BASIS. BIG SHOULDERS FUND BELIEVES THIS METHOD IS MORE INFORMATIVE AS IT SHOWS ACTUAL CASH OUTLAYS DURING THE YEAR, INCLUDING BOTH DIRECT PAYMENTS TO SCHOOLS AND PAYMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF SCHOOLS. ON THE ACCRUAL BASIS, MULTI-YEAR GRANTS PLEDGED BUT NOT PAID IN THE CURRENT YEAR WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THIS SCHEDULE, BUT CASH PAYMENTS TO SCHOOLS AS A RESULT OF PREVIOUS MULTI-YEAR GRANTS WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED. THIS COULD CAUSE A MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING THE ACTUAL ANNUAL SUPPORT THAT THE BIG SHOULDERS FUND PROVIDES TO CERTAIN SCHOOLS DURING EACH SCHOOL YEAR.
SCHEDULE I, PART II, LINE 1(H) - PURPOSE OF GRANT OR ASSISTANCE CODE LEGEND	AE.....ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT CG.....CAPITAL GRANT DDG.....DONOR DESIGNATED GRANT FR.....FUNDRAISING EVENT LPD.....LEADERSHIP/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MO.....MARKETING/OPERATING ASSISTANCE OP.....OPERATING GRANT PP.....PATRON PROGRAM SPG.....SPECIAL PROGRAM GRANTS
SCHEDULE I, PART III, COLUMN A - TYPE OF GRANT	SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
SCHEDULE I, PART III, COLUMN A - TYPE OF GRANT	SCHOLARSHIPS TO TEACHERS - LEADERSHIP/TEACHER DEVELOPMENT



**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

BIG SHOULDERS FUND

**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.  
Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Employer identification number

36-3490557

**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

	Yes	No								
<b>1a</b> 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. <table><tbody><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef)</td></tr></tbody></table>	<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 checked="" 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)		
<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 checked="" 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>b</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 . . . . .	✓									
<b>2</b> 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? . . . . .	✓									
<b>3</b> Indicate which, if any, of the following the 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. <table><tbody><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td></tr><tr><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td><td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td></tr></tbody></table>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee				
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<b>4</b> 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: <b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? . . . . .		✓								
<b>b</b> Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? . . . . .		✓								
<b>c</b> 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.										
<b>Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.</b>										
<b>5</b> 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: <b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .		✓								
<b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .		✓								
If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.										
<b>6</b> 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: <b>a</b> The organization? . . . . .		✓								
<b>b</b> Any related organization? . . . . .		✓								
If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.										
<b>7</b> 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 . . . . .	✓									
<b>8</b> 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 . . . . .		✓								
<b>9</b> If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? . . . . .										



**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 and/or 1099-NEC 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				
<b>1</b>	JOSHUA HALE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER	(i) 540,896	(ii) 27,816	(iii) 16,876	11,250	41,629	638,467	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>2</b>	REBECCA LINDSAY-RYAN CHIEF SCHOOLS OFFICER	(i) 277,259	(ii) 14,789	(iii) 780	11,500	42,927	347,255	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>3</b>	MALCOLM DOUGLAS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	(i) 253,134	(ii) 0	(iii) 1,642	10,634	31,017	296,427	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>4</b>	AMELIA DROZDA CHIEF ADVANCEMENT & DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	(i) 194,059	(ii) 9,771	(iii) 970	8,207	13,637	226,644	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>5</b>	DANIEL BENNETT SENIOR DIRECTOR, SCHOLARSHIPS	(i) 159,218	(ii) 23,129	(iii) 9,030	6,957	32,245	230,579	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>6</b>	TIMOTHY GALLO MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLUS SCHOOLS AND LEADERSHIP	(i) 154,051	(ii) 8,402	(iii) 8,708	5,469	32,522	209,152	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>7</b>	DANIEL KOZLOWSKI MANAGING DIRECTOR, NWI	(i) 156,652	(ii) 8,307	(iii) 1,816	6,978	21,309	195,062	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>8</b>	DANIELLE ROBINSON MANAGING DIRECTOR, SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND PATRONS PROGRAM	(i) 157,044	(ii) 7,930	(iii) 780	4,607	10,260	180,621	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>9</b>	LAURA NALLEY SENIOR DIRECTOR, PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP	(i) 150,218	(ii) 8,051	(iii) 876	6,763	23,661	189,569	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>10</b>	MARIA IPPOLITO MANAGING DIRECTOR, SCHOOL MARKETING AND ENROLLMENT	(i) 138,388	(ii) 6,919	(iii) 8,705	3,295	510	157,817	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>11</b>		(i)						
		(ii)						
<b>12</b>		(i)						
		(ii)						
<b>13</b>		(i)						
		(ii)						
<b>14</b>		(i)						
		(ii)						
<b>15</b>		(i)						
		(ii)						
<b>16</b>		(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.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 1A - HEALTH OR SOCIAL CLUB DUES OR INITIATION FEES	DUES TO SOCIAL CLUBS ARE PAID ON BEHALF OF JOSHUA HALE, PRESIDENT AND CEO, TO HAVE A PLACE TO CONDUCT OFF-SITE BOARD MEETINGS AND MEETINGS WITH DONORS. DUES ARE NOT CONSIDERED TAXABLE INCOME TO MR. HALE.
SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 7 - NON-FIXED PAYMENTS	ALL ACTIVE EMPLOYEES AT 12/31/2024 WERE ELIGIBLE FOR A BONUS, INCLUDING EMPLOYEES LISTED IN PART VII, BASED ON MEETING ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS DURING THE YEAR. THE BONUS PERCENTAGE IS DETERMINED BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN. THE SAME BONUS PERCENTAGE IS USED FOR ALL EMPLOYEES. THE BONUS PERCENTAGE IS MULTIPLIED BY EACH EMPLOYEES' REGULAR ANNUAL COMPENSATION TO DETERMINE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE BONUS.



SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 29 or 30.  
Attach to Form 990.  
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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art . . . . .				
2 Art—Historical treasures . . . . .				
3 Art—Fractional interests . . . . .				
4 Books and publications . . . . .				
5 Clothing and household goods . . . . .				
6 Cars and other vehicles . . . . .				
7 Boats and planes . . . . .				
8 Intellectual property . . . . .				
9 Securities—Publicly traded . . . . .	✓	39	2,935,475	MARKET VALUE
10 Securities—Closely held stock . . . . .				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests . . . . .				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous . . . . .				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures . . . . .				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other . . . . .				
15 Real estate—Residential . . . . .				
16 Real estate—Commercial . . . . .				
17 Real estate—Other . . . . .				
18 Collectibles . . . . .				
19 Food inventory . . . . .				
20 Drugs and medical supplies . . . . .				
21 Taxidermy . . . . .				
22 Historical artifacts . . . . .				
23 Scientific specimens . . . . .				
24 Archeological artifacts . . . . .				
25 Other ( ) . . . . .				
26 Other ( ) . . . . .				
27 Other ( ) . . . . .				
28 Other ( ) . . . . .				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement . . . . .			29	1
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported on Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? . . . . .				Yes No 30a ✓
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.				
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? . . . . .				31 ✓
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? . . . . .				32a ✓
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.				
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.				



**Part II**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
SCHEDULE M, PART I - EXPLANATIONS OF REPORTING METHOD FOR NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS	SECURITIES - PUBLICLY TRADED - COMBINATION OF BOTH METHODS



**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

(Rev. January 2025)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ****Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.****Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.****Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.**

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Big Shoulders Fund

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Return Reference - Identifier	Explanation
FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A-4C - DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM SERVICES	(EXPENSES \$1,851,647 INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$1,088,880)(REVENUE \$130,909)  OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES: GENERAL ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS, SUCH AS OUTDOOR EDUCATION, LEARNING ABOUT INVESTMENTS AND THE STOCK MARKET. SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS HOLDING FUND-RAISING EVENTS. SUPPORTING VOLUNTEER SCHOOL CLEANUP AND MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES. GRANTS TO SCHOOLS AS DESIGNATED BY DONORS - AGENCY (PASS-THROUGH) TRANSACTIONS. IN ADDITION, BIG SHOULDERS FUND PROVIDES SUPPORT TO STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINSTRATORS AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PRIMARILY SERVING LOW-INCOME STUDENTS IN NORTHWEST INDIANA THROUGH A RESTRICTED GRANT.  SOUTHEAST SIDE EXPERIENCE INCUBATOR (SSEI) PROVIDES STUDENTS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL WITH VALUABLE LIFE AND WORK EXPERIENCES IN A PROFESSIONAL SETTING UTILIZING A WORK STUDY PROGRAM. STUDENTS' ACADEMIC SCHEDULES ARE MODIFIED SO THAT FOUR STUDENTS SHARE ONE FULL-TIME ENTRY-LEVEL JOB. WORK STUDY HOURS PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN ENRICHED LEARNING EXPERIENCE AND IS CERTIFIED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 1A - DELEGATE BROAD AUTHORITY TO A COMMITTEE	A BOARD OF TRUSTEES, COMPRISED OF AT LEAST 11 BUT NO MORE THAN 35 INDIVIDUALS, IS VESTED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION. EACH MEMBER IS ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE ON EACH MATTER SUBMITTED TO A VOTE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.  THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (AS MANY MEMBERS AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE) SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. THE DUTY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON ANY MATTERS FOR WHICH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REQUESTS THEIR COUNSEL. THE OPINION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A WHOLE SHALL NOT BE BINDING ON ANY ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.  THE TERMS DIRECTOR AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS DO NOT REFER TO THOSE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR GOVERNANCE OF THE CORPORATION BUT ARE HONORARY TITLES ONLY.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 2 - FAMILY/BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS AMONGST INTERESTED PERSONS	MR. JOHN A. CANNING, JR. AND MR. TIMOTHY P. SULLIVAN - BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - REVIEW OF FORM 990 BY GOVERNING BODY	THE FORM 990 TAX RETURN IS REVIEWED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE PRESIDENT AND IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRIOR TO FILING.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY	A CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY APPLIES TO DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, OR MEMBERS OF A COMMITTEE WITH AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. AN ANNUAL NOTICE IS SENT TO ALL INDIVIDUALS COVERED UNDER THE POLICY. ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST IS REQUIRED TO BE DISCLOSED TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRIOR TO THE TRANSACTION TAKING PLACE. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WILL REVIEW RELEVANT INFORMATION AND MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHETHER OR NOT A CONFLICT EXISTS. SHOULD A CONFLICT EXIST, NO PARTIES SUBJECT TO THE CONFLICT ARE ELIGIBLE TO DISCUSS OR VOTE ON THE TRANSACTION. ALL BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO REPORT ANY FAMILY OR BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS REQUIRING DISCLOSURE ON THE FORM 990.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - PROCESS TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL	DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025, THE CO-CHAIRMEN DELIBERATED COMPENSATION FOR JOSH HALE. COMPARATIVE DATA FROM OTHER NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS WAS INCLUDED AS PART OF DELIBERATIONS. CONTEMPORANEOUS DOCUMENTATION AND RECORDKEEPING FOR DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS REGARDING THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT WAS RECORDED. CO-CHAIRS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE INDEPENDENT PERSONS.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - PROCESS TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS & KEY EMPLOYEES	ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, THE CEO AND SENIOR DIRECTOR, PEOPLE AND LEADERSHIP, PERFORM AN EVALUATION FOR EACH OFFICER AND KEY EMPLOYEE OF THE ORGANIZATION. THIS EVALUATION IS PERFORMED USING A SET OF PREDETERMINED CRITERIA FOR EACH ROLE AND ASSESSING HOW EACH INDIVIDUAL PERFORMED COMPARED TO THESE METRICS. THIS EVALUATION FORMS THE BASIS TO DETERMINE ANY SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.
FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC	FORM 990'S AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT <a href="http://WWW.BIGSHOULDERSFUND.ORG">WWW.BIGSHOULDERSFUND.ORG</a> . GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND THE FORM 1023 ARE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.



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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9 - AGENCY TRANSACTIONS	<p>UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES, NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS MUST REPORT AGENCY TRANSACTIONS IN A SPECIFIC MANNER. AGENCY TRANSACTIONS ARE CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FROM DONORS WHO HAVE DESIGNATED THE USE OF THEIR FUNDS FOR A SPECIFIC BENEFICIARY, SUCH AS A DONOR REQUESTING THAT THEIR GIFT BE DIRECTED TO A CERTAIN SCHOOL AS A GRANT. AS REQUIRED UNDER GAAP FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION, BIG SHOULDERS FUND EXCLUDES THESE FROM (NET) REVENUE AND REPORTS THEM AS LIABILITIES WHEN RECEIVED. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PRESENT THE TRUE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT RECEIVED FROM DONORS, BIG SHOULDERS FUND INCLUDES THESE GIFTS IN TOTAL CONTRIBUTION REVENUE ON LINE 1 AND THEN INCLUDES THEM AS A RECONCILING ITEM ON PART XI, LINE 9.</p> <p>CORRESPONDINGLY, AGENCY EXPENDITURES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL EXPENSES. BIG SHOULDERS FUND NETS THESE WITH THE RECONCILING ITEM FOR AGENCY TRANSACTIONS ON PART XI, LINE 9.</p>								
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	<table><tr><th>(a) Description</th><th>(b) Amount</th></tr><tr><td>ADJUSTMENT FOR AGENCY TRANSACTIONS - SEE SCHEDULE O NARRATIVE</td><td>1,451,727</td></tr><tr><td>ADJUSTMENT FOR AGENCY TRANSACTIONS - SEE SCHEDULE O NARRATIVE</td><td>- 1,127,762</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>323,965</td></tr></table>	(a) Description	(b) Amount	ADJUSTMENT FOR AGENCY TRANSACTIONS - SEE SCHEDULE O NARRATIVE	1,451,727	ADJUSTMENT FOR AGENCY TRANSACTIONS - SEE SCHEDULE O NARRATIVE	- 1,127,762	TOTAL	323,965
(a) Description	(b) Amount								
ADJUSTMENT FOR AGENCY TRANSACTIONS - SEE SCHEDULE O NARRATIVE	1,451,727								
ADJUSTMENT FOR AGENCY TRANSACTIONS - SEE SCHEDULE O NARRATIVE	- 1,127,762								
TOTAL	323,965								



Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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

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

(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) SOUTHEAST SIDE EXPERIENCE INCUBATOR L3C (88-2529374) 212 W VAN BUREN ST, STE 900, CHICAGO, IL 60607	EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCUBATOR	IL	(90,328)	948	BIG SHOULDERS FUND
(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.

(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)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							



**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) .....												
(2) .....												
(3) .....												
(4) .....												
(5) .....												
(6) .....												
(7) .....												

**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
(1) .....									
(2) .....									
(3) .....									
(4) .....									
(5) .....									
(6) .....									
(7) .....									



**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.

	Yes	No
<b>1</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> Receipt of <b>(i)</b> interest, <b>(ii)</b> annuities, <b>(iii)</b> royalties, or <b>(iv)</b> rent from a controlled entity . . . . .	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b> Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d</b> Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1d</b>	
<b>e</b> Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1e</b>	
<b>f</b> Dividends from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1f</b>	
<b>g</b> Sale of assets to related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1g</b>	
<b>h</b> Purchase of assets from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1h</b>	
<b>i</b> Exchange of assets with related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1i</b>	
<b>j</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1j</b>	
<b>k</b> Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1k</b>	
<b>l</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1l</b>	
<b>m</b> Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1m</b>	
<b>n</b> Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1n</b>	
<b>o</b> Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1o</b>	
<b>p</b> Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .	<b>1p</b>	
<b>q</b> Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses . . . . .	<b>1q</b>	
<b>r</b> Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1r</b>	
<b>s</b> Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s) . . . . .	<b>1s</b>	

**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)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			



**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.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512–514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(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
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