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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2023 , and ending 03-31-2024

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

C Name of organization
BATTLE CREEK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
32 W MICHIGAN AVE STE 1

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017

D Employer identification number
38-2045459

E Telephone number
(269) 962-2181

G Gross receipts $ 12,852,744

F Name and address of principal officer:
LINDA MORRISON
32 W MICHIGAN AVE STE 1
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017

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

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. See instructions.

H(c) Group exemption number

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

J Website: WWW.BCCFOUNDATION.ORG

K Form of organization: ☑ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation: 1974

M State of legal domicile: MI

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
WE PROMOTE GIVING, BUILD ENDOWMENT, AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE.

2 Check this box ☐

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	**3**	17
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	**4**	17
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	**5**	80
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	**6**	365
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	**7a**	42,343
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	**7b**	0

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	12,794,883	7,801,467
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	2,067,798	1,680,754
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,346,131	3,215,996
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	70,827	140,010
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	16,279,639	12,838,227
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	6,412,582	10,884,271
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	2,722,205	2,850,310
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 355,971		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	9,288,692	7,890,382
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	18,423,479	21,624,963
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-2,143,840	-8,786,736

		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	121,679,596	128,945,978
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	20,979,930	24,142,793
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	100,699,666	104,803,185

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my

knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer KELSEY RAMSEY CONTROLLER Type or print name and title	Date 2024-11-25

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
			2024-11-13		P01812246
	Firm's name REHMANN ROBSON LLC				Firm's EIN 38-3635706
	Firm's address 2330 EAST PARIS AVE SE GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546				Phone no. (616) 975-4100

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 Accomplishments**

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

WE PROMOTE GIVING, BUILD ENDOWMENT, AND PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE.

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 $ 13,085,209 including grants of $ 10,884,271) (Revenue $)

GRANTMAKING AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT EDUCATION, HEALTH AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE BATTLE CREEK, MI AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.

4b (Code:) (Expenses $ 5,665,348 including grants of $) (Revenue $ 1,638,411)

PROGRAM EXPENSES , SPECIAL PROJECTS, AND SUB-GRANTEE AWARDS GEARED TOWARD EDUCATION, HEALTH AND LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES IN BATTLE CREEK, MI AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES AND TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS.

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

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

4e **Total program service expenses** 18,750,557

Part IV **Checklist of Required Schedules**

			Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	**1**	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete *Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors*? See instructions. . . .	**2**	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates			No

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

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

			Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes,"*	23	Yes	

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	**1a**	171		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	**1b**	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	**1c**		Yes	

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

2a	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	**2a**	80		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	**2b**		Yes	

3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?		**3a**	Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O*		**3b**	Yes	
4a	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)?		**4a**		No
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).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		**5a**		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		**5b**		No
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		**5c**		
6a	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?		**6a**		No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		**6b**		
7	**Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).**				
a	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?		**7a**	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		**7b**	Yes	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		**7c**		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	**7d**			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		**7e**		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		**7f**		No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		**7g**		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		**7h**		
8	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.** Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		**8**		No
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		**9a**		No
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		**9b**		No
10	**Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	**10a**			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	**10b**			
11	**Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	**11a**			
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	**11b**			
12a	**Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		**12a**		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	**12b**			
13	**Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.**				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? **Note.** See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		**13a**		
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	**13b**			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	**13c**			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		**14a**		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*		**14b**		
15	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.		**15**		No
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.		**16**		No
17	**Section 501(c)(21) organizations.** 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.		**17**		

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	**1a**	17		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.				
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	**1b**	17		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	**2**			No
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	**3**			No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	**4**			No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	**5**			No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	**6**			No
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	**7a**			No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	**7b**			No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a	The governing body?	**8a**		Yes	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	**8b**		Yes	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? *If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O*	**9**			No

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MI

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☑ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
KELSEY RAMSEY 32 W MICHIGAN AVE STE 1 BATTLE CREEK, MI 49017 (269) 962-2181

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, or highest compensated employees who received more than $100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than $10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) LINDA A MORRISON CHAIRPERSON	1.00 1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) JOHN BANKS VICE CHAIRPERSON	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) ROBERT RIDGEWAY 2ND VICE CHAIRPERSON	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) CRAIG OWENS SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) MICHAEL GLASS MEMBER AT LARGE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) EMERALD DIAMANTE TRUSTEE	1.00 1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) BEN DUVAL TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) MICHELLE FULLER TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(10) DANIEL GRAHAM TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) STANLEY HORN TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(12) HUNTER KING TRUSTEE	1.00 1.00	X						0	0	0
(13) JOE MILLER TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(14) KJERSTEN SULLIVAN	1.00									

(14) KJERSTEN SULLIVAN TRUSTEE		X						0	0	0
(15) LINDA M WENDT TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(16) MADISON COLE TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0
(17) LANA SMITH TRUSTEE	1.00	X						0	0	0

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			
(18) ELISHAE JOHNSON TRUSTEE - THRU 11/15/23	1.00	X						0	0	0
(19) BRENDA L HUNT PRESIDENT/CEO	40.00 1.00			X				209,791	0	41,451
(20) KELSEY RAMSEY CONTROLLER	1.00 40.00			X				101,139	0	25,724
(21) ELIZABETH SCHULTHEISS VP OF FUND ADMIN & DATA	1.00					X		102,120	0	26,033
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								413,050	0	93,208

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 3

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

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

Part VIII **Statement of Revenue**

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . 1a				
	b Membership dues . . 1b				
	c Fundraising events . . 1c 42,024				
	d Related organizations 1d				
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e 885,215				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f 6,874,228				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: $ 1g 464,208				
	h **Total.** Add lines 1a-1f 7,801,467				
Program Service Revenue		Business Code			
	2a COMMUNITY BASED EDUCATION	900099	1,132,458	1,090,115	42,343
	b FUND MANAGEMENT FEES	561000	548,296	548,296	
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue.				
	g **Total.** Add lines 2a–2f. 1,680,754				
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		3,224,048		3,224,048
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	5 Royalties				

		(i) Real	(ii) Personal
6a Gross rents	6a	131,181	
b Less: rental expenses	6b	0	
c Rental income or	6c	131,181	