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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2023

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

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

C Name of organization
PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC.

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
6805 167TH STREET

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
TINLEY PARK IL 60477-2501

D Employer identification number
84-3955561

E Telephone number
708-770-1114

G Gross receipts $ **1,039,193**

F Name and address of principal officer:
KURT DEGROOT

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

H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. See instructions

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

J Website: **WWW.PROJECTFIREBUDDIES.ORG**

H(c) Group exemption number

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

L Year of formation: **2020**

M State of legal domicile:

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
SEE SCHEDULE O

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

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

	Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue		
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	186,870	589,046
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		3,773
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		270,079
12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	186,870	862,898
Expenses		
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		7,620
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		40,235
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) **32,108**		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	142,700	490,184
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	142,700	538,039
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	44,170	324,859
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
Net Assets or Fund Balances		
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	186,053	646,437
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	88,396	223,921
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	97,657	422,516

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer — Date

RYAN BALLARD **CHIEF OPER. OFFICER**

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
DANIELLE N. ABENDROTH		**11/15/24**		**P01695614**

Firm's name **ABENDROTH ACCTG & TAX SERVICES, INC.** Firm's EIN **84-4895294**

Firm's address **6817 167TH STREET TINLEY PARK, IL 60477-2501** Phone no. **708-864-4071**

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:

SEE SCHEDULE O

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 $ **457,906** including grants of $ **7,620**) (Revenue $)

WE WANT TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE TO THE FAMILIES OF OUR FIRE BUDDIES. PROVIDING GIFTS, ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCES, OR NEEDED MEDICAL DEVICES ARE GREAT WAYS THAT WE HELP THE FAMILIES.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

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

4e Total program service expenses **457,906**

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

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**		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	**23**		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than $100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? *If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a*	**24a**		X
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**		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	**25b**		X
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**		X
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**		X
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**		X
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	**28b**		X
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**		X
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in noncash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	**29**		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	**30**		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	**31**		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	**32**		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	**33**		X
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**		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	**35a**		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	**35b**		
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**		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	**37**		X
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**	X	

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

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

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

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

				Yes	No
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	3		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b		X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year?	3a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O*	3b			
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			X
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			X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			X
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			X
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			
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			
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			
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			
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			
9	**Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
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			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation on 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 instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15			X
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			X
17	**Section 501(c)(21) organizations.** Did the trust, 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 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 X

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**	4		
	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	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	**1b**	4		
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**			X
3	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?	**3**			X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	**4**			X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	**5**			X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	**6**			X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	**7a**			X
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	**7b**			X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:				
a	The governing body?	**8a**		X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	**8b**		X	
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 on Schedule O*	**9**			X

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**		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	**10b**		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	**11a**	X	
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**		X
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	**12b**		
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**		
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	**13**		X
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	**14**		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	**15a**		X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	**15b**		X
	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**		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	**16b**		

Section C. Disclosure

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

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.

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TINLEY PARK IL 60477-2501 708-864-4071

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

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

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

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, 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) **KURT DEGROOT**	40.00									
CHIEF EXEC. OFFICER	0.00	X		X				13,455	0	0
(2) **RYAN BALLARD**	40.00									
CHIEF OPER. OFFICER	0.00	X		X				12,707	0	0
(3) **DANIELLE N. ABENDROTH**	10.00									
CHIEF FIN. OFFICER	0.00	X		X				11,212	0	0
(4) **RICK MURPHY**	5.00									
DIRECTOR	0.00	X						0	0	0
(5)										
(6)										
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
(11)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 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			
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
1b **Subtotal**								**37,374**		
c **Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A**										
d **Total (add lines 1b and 1c)**								**37,374**		

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 **0**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than $100,000 of compensation from the organization **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	589,046				
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	$				
	h **Total.** Add lines 1a–1f			589,046			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code					
	2a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g **Total.** Add lines 2a–2f						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			3,773	3,773		
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
		(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	6a Gross rents 6a						
	b Less: rental expenses 6b						
	c Rental inc. or (loss) 6c						
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
		(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory 7a						
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales exps. 7b						
	c Gain or (loss) 7c						
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	386,134				
	b Less: direct expenses	8b	176,295				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			209,839			
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
	b Less: direct expenses	9b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
	11a SWAG SALES			60,240	60,240		
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e **Total.** Add lines 11a–11d			60,240			
	12 **Total revenue.** See instructions			862,898	64,013	0	0

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	7,620	7,620		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	37,376	13,941	18,912	4,523
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	2,859	2,287	286	286
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	1,400	1,120	140	140
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion	9,258	6,480	1,852	926
13 Office expenses	6,529	4,537	996	996
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	11,300	6,780	2,260	2,260
17 Travel	25		25	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	752		752	
24 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.)				
a **PROGRAM EXPENSES**	247,421	247,421		
b **PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS**	131,902	105,522	13,190	13,190
c **BANK CHARGES**	26,849	21,479	2,685	2,685
d **EVENT EXPENSES**	23,941	19,153	2,394	2,394
e All other expenses	30,807	21,566	4,533	4,708
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	538,039	457,906	48,025	32,108
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

			(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	181,058	1	625,394
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	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		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	4,995	9	21,043
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D — 10a			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation — 10b		10c	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
	16	**Total assets.** Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	186,053	16	646,437
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	5,124
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	88,396	19	215,845
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to 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		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	2,952
	26	**Total liabilities.** Add lines 17 through 25	88,396	26	223,921
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here** ☒ **and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.**			
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	97,657	27	422,516
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
		Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ **and complete lines 29 through 33.**			
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances	97,657	32	422,516
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	186,053	33	646,437

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	862,898
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	538,039
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	324,859
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	97,657
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	422,516

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

			Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.			
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2a		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	2b		X
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	2c		
3a	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?	3a		X
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	3b		

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* for instructions and the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC.

Employer identification number

84-3955561

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 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations .....

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

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

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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 **Total support.** Add lines 7 through 10						

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

13 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) **14** %

15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 **15** %

16a **33 1/3% support test — 2023.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

b **33 1/3% support test — 2022.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2023.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2022.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")		52,832	108,758	186,870	589,046	937,506
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose					450,147	450,147
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5		52,832	108,758	186,870	1,039,193	1,387,653
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public support.** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						1,387,653

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6		52,832	108,758	186,870	1,039,193	1,387,653
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)		52,832	108,758	186,870	1,039,193	1,387,653

14 **First 5 years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	100.00 %
16	Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100.00 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2023** (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18	Investment income percentage from **2022** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33 1/3% support tests — 2023.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒

b **33 1/3% support tests — 2022.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations *(continued)*

			Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?	**11a**		
b	A family member of a person described on line 11a above?	**11b**		
c	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 Part VI.*	**11c**		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

			Yes	No
1	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 Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove 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.*	**1**		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? *If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.*	**2**		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 *Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).*

- **a** ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. *Complete line 2 below.*
- **b** ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. *Complete line 3 below.*
- **c** ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. *Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).*

			Yes	No
2	Activities Test. *Answer lines 2a and 2b below.*			
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? *If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.*	**2a**		
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 Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.*	**2b**		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. *Answer lines 3a and 3b below.*			
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? *If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.*	**3a**		
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 Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.*	**3b**		

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

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

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

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

Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	**1**		
2 Enter 0.85 of line 1.	**2**		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	**3**		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	**4**		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	**5**		
6 **Distributable Amount.** Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	**6**		

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

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

Section D – Distributions			**Current Year**
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	**1**	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	**2**	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	**3**	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	**4**	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—*provide details in Part VI*)	**5**	
6	Other distributions (*describe in Part VI*). See instructions.	**6**	
7	**Total annual distributions.** Add lines 1 through 6.	**7**	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (*provide details in Part VI*). See instructions.	**8**	
9	Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6	**9**	
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	**10**	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		**(i) Excess Distributions**	**(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2023**	**(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023**
1	Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required–*explain in Part VI*). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023			
a	From 2018			
b	From 2019			
c	From 2020			
d	From 2021			
e	From 2022			
f	**Total** of lines 3a through 3e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: $			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, *explain in Part VI.* See instructions.			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, *explain in Part VI.* See instructions.			
7	**Excess distributions carryover to 2024.** Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2019			
b	Excess from 2020			
c	Excess from 2021			
d	Excess from 2022			
e	Excess from 2023			

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.)

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

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.
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Name of the organization

PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC.

Employer identification number

84-3955561

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? ☐ Yes ☐ 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? ☐ Yes ☐ 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).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)
☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat
☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ 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.

		Held at the End 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? ☐ Yes ☐ 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)? ☐ Yes ☐ 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
c Beginning balance	**1c**	
d Additions during the year	**1d**	
e Distributions during the year	**1e**	
f Ending balance	**1f**	

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 on 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
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- **a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ____ %
- **b** Permanent endowment ____ %
- **c** Term endowment ____ %

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

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

		Yes	No
(i) Unrelated organizations?	**3a(i)**		
(ii) Related organizations?	**3a(ii)**		
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	**3b**		

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
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. *(Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))*				

Part VII Investments – Other Securities

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

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

Part VIII Investments – Program Related

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, 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)	
Total. *(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) **OTHER LIABILITIES**	**2,952**
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. *(Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))*	**2,952**

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.

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

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

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

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

SCHEDULE G (Form 990)

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.

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Name of the organization

PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC.

Employer identification number

84-3955561

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.

- **a** ☐ Mail solicitations
- **b** ☐ Internet and email solicitations
- **c** ☐ Phone solicitations
- **d** ☐ In-person solicitations
- **e** ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants
- **f** ☐ Solicitation of government grants
- **g** ☐ Special fundraising events

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 fund-raiser have custody or control of contributions? Yes	(iii) No	**(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
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
Total							

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	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		GALA (event type)	JEEP RAFFLE (event type)	1 (total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	217,101	150,000	19,033	386,134
	2 Less: Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	217,101	150,000	19,033	386,134
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes		50,000		50,000
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	126,295			126,295
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				176,295
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				209,839

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	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes % ☐ No	☐ Yes % ☐ No	☐ Yes % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

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

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:

a	The organization's facility	**13a**	%
b	An outside facility	**13b**	%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name

Address

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

Gaming manager compensation $

Description of services provided

☐ 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.

SCHEDULE I (Form 990)

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* for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC.

Employer identification number

84-3955561

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1)				7,620				
(2)								
(3)								
(4)								
(5)								
(6)								
(7)								
(8)								
(9)								

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

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

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

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

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

SCHEDULE O (Form 990)	Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ	OMB No. 1545-0047
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	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* for the latest information.	2023 Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC.	84-3955561

FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

WE ARE FIREFIGHTERS WHO OFFER SUPPORT AND GIVE BACK TO CHILDREN FIGHTING CRITICAL ILLNESSES.EVERY CRITICAL ILLNESS A CHILD IS BATTLING IS A FIGHT WE WILL GIVE OUR ALL TO. WE STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT EACH CHILD WE REACH WILL STAND WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR FIREFIGHTERS AND OUR COMMUNITY.

OUR FIRST RESPONDER VOLUNTEERS GO ALL OUT WHEN IT COMES TO THE CAUSE. THEY SHOW UP FOR THE KIDS DURING THE HOLIDAYS, RUNNING AN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE AND BRINGING HALLOWEEN CANDY TO KIDS WHO ARE TOO SICK TO TRICK-OR-TREAT. WHEN PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES MOBILIZES, IT'S NOT UNUSUAL TO SEE A DOZEN POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, AND A FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER JUMP OUT OF EMERGENCY VEHICLES CARRYING PILES OF DONATED GOODIES FOR OUR FIRE BUDDIES AND THEIR FAMILY TO ENJOY.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO MAKE TIME TO VISIT THEIR FIRE BUDDIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. ON A TYPICAL VISIT, THEY MIGHT PLAY A GAME OF CATCH, HELP THEIR FIRE BUDDY LEARN TO RIDE A BIKE, READ THEM A FAVORITE STORY, OR EVEN TAKE SOME WHIPPED CREAM IN THE EYE DURING A ROUND OF PIE FACE - ANYTHING TO MAKE THEIR FIRE BUDDY LAUGH AND BRIGHTEN THEIR DAY.

PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES ALSO INVITES KIDS IN, GIVING PERSONAL TOURS OF THE FIRE HOUSE AND EVEN COOKING DINNER AND EATING AT THE KITCHEN TABLE WITH A CHILD'S FAMILY. FOR TEENAGERS, PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES MAKES SURE TO PLAY IT COOL - AVOIDING THE SHOWIER VISITS AND FOCUSING ON MAKING THESE OLDER KIDS' DREAMS COME TRUE, WHETHER THAT'S FINDING TICKETS TO THEIR FAVORITE TEAM'S BIG GAME OR PITCHING IN FOR HIGH QUALITY HEADPHONES SO THEY CAN RELAX WITH THEIR FAVORITE MUSIC.

Name of the organization: **PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC.**

Employer identification number: **84-3955561**

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL REVIEW THE FORM 990 ATA BOARD MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Federal Statements

Form 990, Part IX, Line 24e - All Other Expenses

Description	Total Expenses	Program Service	Management & General	Fund Raising
COMPUTER HARDWARE	$ 13,363	$ 10,691	$ 1,336	$ 1,336
TELEPHONE	3,412	2,388	512	512
SALES TAX EXPENSE	3,172	1,903	317	952
SOFTWARE & APPS	2,920	2,336	292	292
MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIO	2,561	1,537	768	256
STATIONARY	1,818	1,091	545	182
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	1,232	616	370	246
LODGING	1,094	766		328
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	485			485
SWAG STORE SUPPLIES	397	238	40	119
LICENSES & PERMITS	353		353	
TOTAL	$ 30,807	$ 21,566	$ 4,533	$ 4,708

Federal Statements

Schedule A, Part III, Line 1(e)

Description	Amount
FEDERATED CAMPAIGNS	$ 589,046
TOTAL	$ 589,046

Schedule A, Part III, Line 2(e)

Description	Amount
TAXABLE INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS	$ 3,773
SWAG SALES	60,240
GALA	217,101
QUEEN OF HEARTS	19,033
JEEP RAFFLE	150,000
TOTAL	$ 450,147

ILLINOIS CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul
Charitable Trust Bureau, 115 S. LaSalle St
Chicago, IL 60603

Form AG990-IL
Revised 01/24

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CO # **01079706**

Report for the Fiscal Period:
Beginning **01/01/2023**
& Ending **12/31/2023**
MO DAY YR

Check all items attached:
- [X] Copy of IRS Return
- [ ] Audited Financial Statements
- [ ] Reviewed Financial Statements
- [ ] Copy of Form IFC
- [ ] $15 Annual Report Filing Fee
- [ ] $100 Late Report Filing Fee

Make Checks Payable to Illinois Charity Bureau Fund

Federal ID # **84-3955561**
Are contributions to the organization tax deductible? Yes [X] No [ ]
Date organization was created: **01/02/2020** MO DAY YR

Legal Name: **PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC.**
Mail Address: **6805 167TH STREET**
City, State: **TINLEY PARK IL**
Zip Code: **60477-2501**

	YEAR-END AMOUNTS	
A) ASSETS		A) $ **646,437**
B) LIABILITIES		B) $ **223,921**
C) NET ASSETS		C) $ **422,516**

I. SUMMARY OF ALL REVENUE ITEMS DURING THE YEAR:	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
D) PUBLIC SUPPORT, CONTRIBUTIONS AND PROGRAM SERVICE REV. **(GROSS AMTS.)**	**94** %	D) $ **975,180**
E) GOVERNMENT GRANTS AND MEMBERSHIP DUES	**0** %	E) $ **0**
F) OTHER REVENUES	**6** %	F) $ **64,013**
G) TOTAL REVENUES, INCOME AND CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED (ADD D, E & F)	100%	G) $ **1,039,193**
II. SUMMARY OF ALL EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR		
H) OPERATING CHARITABLE PROGRAM EXPENSE	**84** %	H) $ **450,286**
I) EDUCATION PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSE	%	I) $
J) TOTAL CHARITABLE PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSE (ADD H & I)	**84** %	J) $ **450,286**
J1) JOINT COSTS ALLOCATED TO PROGRAM SERVICES (INCLUDED IN J) $		
K) GRANTS TO OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS	**1** %	K) $ **7,620**
L) TOTAL CHARITABLE PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENDITURE (ADD J & K)	**85** %	L) $ **457,906**
M) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSE	**9** %	M) $ **48,025**
N) FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	**6** %	N) $ **32,108**
O) TOTAL EXPENDITURES THIS PERIOD (ADD L, M & N)	100%	O) $ **538,039**

III. SUMMARY OF ALL PAID FUNDRAISER & CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES
(Attach Attorney General Report of Individual Fundraising Campaign (Form IFC). One for each PFR.)

PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISERS:

P) TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED BY PAID PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISERS	100%	P) $
Q) TOTAL FUNDRAISERS FEES AND EXPENSES	%	Q) $
R) NET RECEIVED BY THE CHARITY (P MINUS Q = R)	%	R) $

• PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING CONSULTANTS:

S) TOTAL AMOUNT PAID TO PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING CONSULTANTS — S) $

IV. COMPENSATION TO THE (3) HIGHEST PAID PERSONS DURING THE YEAR:

T) NAME, TITLE: **KURT M. DEGROOT**	**CEO**	T) $ **13,455**
U) NAME, TITLE: **RYAN T. BALLARD**	**COO**	U) $ **12,707**
V) NAME, TITLE: **DANIELLE N. ABENDROTH**	**CFO**	V) $ **1,121**

V. CHARITABLE PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: *CHARITABLE PROGRAM (3 HIGHEST BY $ EXPENDED) CODE CATEGORIES*

List on back side of Instructions CODE

W) DESCRIPTION: **NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**	W) # **112**
X) DESCRIPTION:	X) #
Y) DESCRIPTION:	Y) #

PROJECT FIRE BUDDIES, INC. **84-3955561**

IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS YES, ATTACH A DETAILED EXPLANATION:		YES	NO
1. WAS THE ORGANIZATION THE SUBJECT OF ANY COURT ACTION, FINE, PENALTY OR JUDGEMENT?	1.		X
2. HAS THE ORGANIZATION OR A CURRENT DIRECTOR, TRUSTEE, OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE THEREOF, EVER BEEN CONVICTED BY ANY COURT OF ANY MISDEMEANOR INVOLVING THE MISUSE OR MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS OR ANY FELONY?	2.		X
3. DID THE ORGANIZATION MAKE A GRANT AWARD OR CONTRIBUTION TO ANY ORGANIZATION IN WHICH ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS OR TRUSTEES OWNS AN INTEREST; OR WAS IT A PART TO ANY TRANSACTION IN WHICH ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS OR TRUSTEES HAS A MATERIAL FINANCIAL INTEREST; OR DID ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR TRUSTEE RECEIVE ANYTHING OF VALUE NOT REPORTED AS COMPENSATION?	3.		X
4. HAS THE ORGANIZATION INVESTED IN ANY CORPORATE STOCK IN WHICH ANY OFFICER, DIRECTOR OR TRUSTEE OWNS MORE THAN 10% OF THE OUTSTANDING SHARES?	4.		X
5. IS ANY PROPERTY OF THE ORGANIZATION HELD IN THE NAME OF OR COMMINGLED WITH THE PROPERTY OF ANY OTHER PERSON OR ORGANIZATION?	5.		X
6. DID THE ORGANIZATION USE THE SERVICES OF A PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER? (ATTACH FORM IFC.)	6.		X
7a. DID THE ORGANIZATION ALLOCATE THE COST OF ANY SOLICITATION, MAILING, ADVERTISEMENT OR LITERATURE COSTS BETWEEN PROGRAM SERVICE AND FUNDRAISING EXPENSES?	7.		X
7b. IF "YES", ENTER (I) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF THESE JOINT COSTS $_____ ; (II) THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO PROGRAM SERVICES $_____ ; (III) THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL $_____ ; AND (IV) THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED TO FUNDRAISING $_____ .			
8. DID THE ORGANIZATION EXPEND ITS RESTRICTED FUNDS FOR PURPOSES OTHER THAN RESTRICTED PURPOSES?	8.		X
9. HAS THE ORGANIZATION EVER BEEN REFUSED REGISTRATION OR HAD ITS REGISTRATION OR TAX EXEMPTION SUSPENDED OR REVOKED BY ANY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY?	9.		X
10. WAS THERE OR DO YOU HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF ANY KICKBACK, BRIBE OR ANY THEFT, DEFALCATION, MISAPPROPRIATION, COMMINGLING OR MISUSE OF ORGANIZATIONAL FUNDS?	10.		X

11. LIST THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WHERE THE ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS ITS THREE LARGEST ACCOUNTS:

JP MORGAN CHASE, N.A. P.O. BOX 182051 COLUMBUS, OH 43218-2051
CNB BANK & TRUST, N.A. 5459 W. 159TH STREET OAK FOREST, IL 60452

12. NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON: **DANIELLE N. ABENDROTH**
708-864-4071

• ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS REPORT – SEE INSTRUCTIONS •

UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I (WE) THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARE AND CERTIFY THAT I (WE) HAVE EXAMINED THIS ANNUAL REPORT AND THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING ALL THE SCHEDULES AND STATEMENTS, AND THE FACTS THEREIN STATED ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE AND FILED WITH THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS RELY THEREUPON. I HEREBY FURTHER AUTHORIZE AND AGREE TO SUBMIT MYSELF AND THE REGISTRANT HEREBY TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE ALL FEES DUE:

1.) REPORTS ARE DUE WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF YOUR FISCAL YEAR END.
2.) FOR FEES DUE, SEE INSTRUCTIONS.
3.) REPORTS THAT ARE LATE OR INCOMPLETE ARE SUBJECT TO A $100.00 PENALTY.

PRESIDENT or TRUSTEE (PRINT NAME) SIGNATURE DATE

TREASURER or TRUSTEE (PRINT NAME) SIGNATURE DATE

DANIELLE N. ABENDROTH
PREPARER (PRINT NAME) SIGNATURE DATE