

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning <u>Jul 1</u> , 2017, and ending <u>Jun 30</u> , 2018	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization <u>Wake County Smart Start, Inc.</u> Doing business as _____ Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <u>4901 Waters Edge Drive</u> <u>Suite 101</u> City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <u>Raleigh, NC 27606</u> D Employer identification number <u>56-1949415</u> E Telephone number <u>(919) 851-9550</u> G Gross receipts \$ <u>16,820,721.</u>
F Name and address of principal officer: <u>Pamela J. Dowdy, 4901 Waters Edge Drive Ste 101, Raleigh, NC 27606</u> H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶ _____	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)() (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527 J Website: ▶ <u>www.wakesmartstart.org</u> K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶ _____ L Year of formation: <u>1994</u> M State of legal domicile: <u>NC</u>	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>Wake County Smart Start works to ensure that young children, birth to five are prepared for success in school and in life. The organization works with community partners to assess local needs, funds local programs, ensures accountability and leverages resources to support young children and families.</u>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	25
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	20
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5	29
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	190
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	14,580,211.	16,764,061.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	103,846.	38,639.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	10,382.	11,273.
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,559.	6,748.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	14,699,998.	16,820,721.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	12,684,747.	14,067,971.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	1,773,820.	1,876,941.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	367,479.	428,787.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	14,826,046.	16,373,699.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-126,048.	447,022.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,382,600.	2,874,021.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	21,696.	66,095.
			2,360,904.	2,807,926.

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 <u>Kelly Caldwell</u> Date <u>10.24.18</u> <u>Kelly Caldwell, Treasurer</u> Type or print name and title
	Print/Type preparer's name _____ Preparer's signature _____ Date _____ Firm's name ▶ <u>N/A</u> Firm's EIN ▶ _____ Firm's address ▶ <u>N/A, N/A, NA N/A</u> Phone no. _____
Paid Preparer Use Only	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN _____

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

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Form 990 (2017)

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☒

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:
Wake County Smart Start works to ensure young children, birth to 5,
are prepared for success in school and in life.
- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4** Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.
- 4a** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 10,775,708. including grants of \$ 10,408,980.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
NC Pre-Kindergarten Program
The NC Pre-Kindergarten program is designed to provide high quality
educational experiences to enhance school readiness for eligible four
year olds. Children in Pre-K attend a full day, full school year program.
Children participating in the program may be served in licensed programs
in public schools, private child care facilities, or Head Start programs.
For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, approximately 1,588 children participated
in the program. Program was supported by two state grants and a local
government grant.
- 4b** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 2,394,013. including grants of \$ 2,137,109.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
Family Support/Health and Safety
Wake County Smart Start funds family support, as well as health and safety
activities that benefit families and children in Wake County. Family
supports include: parenting skills training, ongoing parent education,
family literacy initiatives, transportation, community outreach and case
management. Health and Safety includes: training, technical
assistance, counseling, and referrals to address healthcare, mental
health needs, and preventative services. Approximately 1,027 children
directly benefited from at least one Wake County Smart Start family
support or health and safety activity. Programs supported by a state grant.
- 4c** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,857,918. including grants of \$ 1,526,881.) (Revenue \$ 29,339.)
Child Care and Education Quality
In Wake County, 28 percent of the birth to five population attended regulated child care.
Because a child's experiences in the first five years are of such a critical nature, Wake County
Smart Start works to ensure that quality child care is both accessible and available to families
who need it. Wake County Smart Start invests in community partners who: provide subsidy payments in
regulated child care, work with licensed child care facilities to maintain or improve quality,
provide opportunities for child care professionals to increase their skills;
Additional areas of support include training, resource and referral
curriculum enhancements and mentoring programs. For fiscal year 2017-2018
approximately 121 child care facilities were served. Programs supported by
a state grant, a private grant, and program service fees.
- 4d** Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ 545,398. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 6,000.)
- 4e** Total program service expenses **▶** 15,573,037.

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 Revenue Procedure 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 temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or 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
12 a 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
14 a 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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21	X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b	X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26	X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27	X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b	X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck 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 38		
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0		
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c X	
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 29		
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?		2b X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
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 in 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 X
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 X
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 X
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			7f X
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?			7g X
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?			7h X
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 X
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			9a X
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9b X
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?			13a
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
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 in Schedule O			14b

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year	1a 25		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.			
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	1b 20		
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, or 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 in 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 in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	X
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 in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	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 ►
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☒ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ►
 Pamela Dowdy, 4901 Waters Edge Dr, Ste 101, Raleigh, NC 27606 (919)851-9550

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Christine Alvarado Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) Ana Maria Bonell Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) Kelly Caldwell Treasurer	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) Dale Cousins Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) L'Teisha Curtis Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) Jim Greene Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) Elizabeth Hamner Secretary	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(8) Sherry Heuser Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) Jessica Holmes Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) Leslie Ann Jackson Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) Benita Jones Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) Mark Langford Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) Susan McCullen Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) Carol Mitchell Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) Barbara Morales-Burke Vice-Chair	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0.	0.	0.
(16) Cathy Moore Director	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0.	0.	0.
(17) Regina Petteway Director	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0.	0.	0.
(18) Patricia Rupert Director	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0.	0.	0.
(19) Camille Schaffer Director	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0.	0.	0.
(20) Kimberly Shaw Director	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0.	0.	0.
(21) Mike Smith Past Chair	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0.	0.	0.
(22) Kristi Tally Director	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0.	0.	0.
(23) Charlotte Turpin Director	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0.	0.	0.
(24) Michael Wasilick Director	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0.	0.	0.
(25) Angie Welsh Chair	1.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total								0.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								223,156.	0.	30,270.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								223,156.	0.	30,270.

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 **1**

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 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
- 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

	Yes	No
3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a				
	b	Membership dues	1b				
	c	Fundraising events	1c				
	d	Related organizations	1d				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	16,475,633.			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	288,428.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		16,764,061.			
Program Service Revenue	2a	Training and Service Fees	Business Code 611710	38,639.	38,639.	0.	0.
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue .					
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		38,639.			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		11,273.	0.	0.
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5		Royalties					
			(i) Real (ii) Personal				
6a		Gross rents					
b		Less: rental expenses					
c		Rental income or (loss)					
d		Net rental income or (loss)					
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
b		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c		Gain or (loss)					
d		Net gain or (loss)					
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
b		Less: direct expenses	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
9a		Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
b		Less: direct expenses	b				
c		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
b		Less: cost of goods sold	b				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	Sales Tax Refunds	900099	6,748.	6,748.	0.	0.	
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		6,748.				
12	Total revenue. See instructions.		16,820,721.	45,387.	0.	11,273.	

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	14,044,325.	14,044,325.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	23,646.	23,646.		
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	262,329.	0.	262,329.	0.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,228,174.	972,010.	256,164.	0.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	68,268.	53,330.	14,938.	0.
9 Other employee benefits	208,859.	160,830.	48,029.	0.
10 Payroll taxes	109,311.	73,003.	36,308.	0.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying	7,069.	5,069.	2,000.	0.
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.)	75,654.	24,508.	51,146.	0.
12 Advertising and promotion	4,011.	3,582.	429.	0.
13 Office expenses	44,066.	27,282.	16,784.	0.
14 Information technology	111,384.	81,513.	29,871.	0.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	101,537.	66,436.	35,101.	0.
17 Travel	21,282.	14,358.	6,924.	0.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	20,465.	13,088.	7,377.	0.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	13,043.	0.	13,043.	0.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Dues and Subscriptions	8,302.	3,982.	4,320.	0.
b Equipment	5,496.	2,850.	2,646.	0.
c Sales Taxes Paid	13,253.	0.	13,253.	0.
d Outreach and Education	3,225.	3,225.	0.	0.
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	16,373,699.	15,573,037.	800,662.	0.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance SheetCheck 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	60,150.	1	60,150.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,311,059.	2	2,802,357.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	11,391.	4	11,514.
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,382,600.	16	2,874,021.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,153.	17	6,769.
	18 Grants payable	15,543.	18	59,326.
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	21,696.	26	66,095.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	1,935,901.	27	1,877,311.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	425,003.	28	930,615.
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	2,360,904.	33	2,807,926.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,382,600.	34	2,874,021.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	16,820,721.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	16,373,699.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	447,022.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,360,904.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,807,926.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

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

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

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Part VII: Section A (continued)

Continuation Statement

Name and title	Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations on the right)		Position						Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
			C1 - Individual trustee or director	C2 - Institutional trustee	C3 - Officer	C4 - Key employee	C5 - Highest compensated employee	C6 - Former			
Joe White Director	1.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Tyrone Williamson Director	1.00		X						0.	0.	0.
Pamela Dowdy Executive Director	40.00				X				128,017.	0.	16,423.
Gary Carr Director of Finance	40.00				X				95,139.	0.	13,847.
									223,156.	0.	30,270.

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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.

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Wake County Smart Start, Inc.

Employer identification number

56-1949415

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % 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 $\frac{1}{3}$ % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	11,855,289.	14,131,450.	14,362,002.	14,580,211.	16,764,061.	71,693,013.
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	11,855,289.	14,131,450.	14,362,002.	14,580,211.	16,764,061.	71,693,013.
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						71,693,013.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	11,855,289.	14,131,450.	14,362,002.	14,580,211.	16,764,061.	71,693,013.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	7,300.	8,650.	9,947.	10,382.	11,273.	47,552.
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.)	70,931.	44,761.	8,009.	5,559.	6,748.	136,008.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						71,876,573.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	38,639.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	99.74 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99.67 %
16a 33⅓% support test—2017. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33⅓% support test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

- 19a 33¹/₃% support tests—2017.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33¹/₃%, and line 17 is not more than 33¹/₃%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐
- b 33¹/₃% support tests—2016.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33¹/₃%, and line 18 is not more than 33¹/₃%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

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

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.		
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).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
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.		
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.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
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.		
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.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
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?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
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 .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		
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.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

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).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? 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.		
b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? 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.		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI .		
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.		

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

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

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

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)**Section D - Distributions****Current Year**

1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9	Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6	
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2017	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2017
1	Distributable amount for 2017 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2017 (reasonable cause required — explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017			
a				
b	From 2013			
c	From 2014			
d	From 2015			
e	From 2016			
f	Total of lines 3a through e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2012 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2017 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2017 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2017, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2017. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2013 . . .			
b	Excess from 2014 . . .			
c	Excess from 2015 . . .			
d	Excess from 2016 . . .			
e	Excess from 2017 . . .			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Pt II Ln 10: Other Income Part II, Line 10 Description: Sales Tax Refunds 2013:

8552. 2014: 8013. 2015: 8009. 2016: 5559. 2017: 6748. Description: MAC Services

Description: Training Registration Fees 2013: 5402. Description: Service Fees

2013: 56977. 2014: 36748.

Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**▶ **Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

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2017**Name of the organization**

Wake County Smart Start, Inc.

Employer identification number

56-1949415

Organization type (check one):**Filers of:****Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☒ 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- ☐
- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☒ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

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

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	State of North Carolina Smart Start Program Raleigh NC 27603	\$ 7,792,371.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	State of North Carolina NC PreKindergarten Program Raleigh NC 27603	\$ 8,094,670.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	John Rex Endowment 712 W. North Street Raleigh NC 27603	\$ 247,615.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	Wake County 301 South McDowell Street Raleigh NC 27601	\$ 588,592.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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

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

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

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

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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

Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4

Relationship of transferor to transferee

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SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

- ▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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2017

**Open to Public
Inspection**

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) ▶

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).

B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	0.													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	7,069.													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	7,069.													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	16,366,630.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	16,373,699.													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	968,685.													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	242,171.													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.
See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2014	(b) 2015	(c) 2016	(d) 2017	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	851,999.	853,260.	891,302.	968,685.	3,565,246.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					5,347,869.
c Total lobbying expenditures	5,058.	5,058.	5,058.	7,069.	22,243.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	213,001.	213,315.	222,826.	242,171.	891,313.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,336,970.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b) Amount
	Yes	No	
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Part IV **Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

Lined area for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**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.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) A Safe Place Child Enrich Ctr 201 Clarendon Crescent Raleigh NC 27610	20-1187875		186,730.				PreK Ed/Child Care
(2) ABC Land, Inc. 55 Liles Dean Road Wendell NC 27591	56-1239648		505,170.				PreK Ed/Child Care
(3) Academically Based 916 Rock Quarry Rd Raleigh NC 27610	56-2056643		478,613.				PreK Educ Serv
(4) Appletree Day Care, Inc. 5105 Poole Road Raleigh NC 27610	56-1719379		66,606.				Child Care Quality
(5) Advocates for Hlth in Action 801 Corporate Ctr Dr, Ste 118 Raleigh NC 27607	56-0591307	501(c)3	31,061.				Child Care Quality
(6) AsheBridge, Inc. 916 Old Honeycutt Rd Apex NC 27526	27-3357203		11,493.				Child Care Quality
(7) Babes & Kids Creative Center 4309 Ten Ten Road Apex NC 27539	20-1953173		153,580.				PreK Ed/Child Care
(8) Bacillio, LLC (Kiddie Academy) 150 Rose Wood Centre Dr Holly Springs NC 27540	20-4258659		219,616.				PreK Ed/Child Care
(9) Bedford School of Discovery 1307 W. Woodcroft Pkwy. Durham NC 27713	46-1847057		9,264.				Child Care Quality
(10) Bright Beginnings 123 Bright Beginnings Way Cary NC 27519	56-2134126		611,829.				PreK Ed/Child Care
(11) Buttons & Bows PO Box 69 Rolesville NC 27571	56-1619630		408,488.				PreK Ed/Child Care
(12) See Statement			11,190,288.	40,462.			

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 18
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 65

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
1 Child Care Quality and PreK Educ	122		23,523.	Cost	Professional Development
2 Educational Materials	10		123.	Cost	Books
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.

Pt I Line 2: All funded activities are monitored to assure compliance with proposal and contract requirements which include program and financial requirements. Program sites are visited to document program activity and compliance, delivery of service, outputs, and outcomes. Technical support is provided to achieve goals.

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Name and address of organization or government	EIN	IRC Section (if applicable)	Amount of cash grant	Amount of non-cash assistance	Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	Description of noncash assistance	Purpose of grant or assistance
Catholic Charities 7200 Stonehenge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613	560529943	501(c)3	134,000.				Family Support
Child Care Services Association PO Box 901, Chapel Hill, NC 27514	561514058	501(c)3	274,091.				Child Care/Edu
Childcare Network, Inc. 2912 Brentwood Rd, Raleigh, NC 27604	630986576		1,618,686.				PreK Ed/Child Care
Children's Academy 10329 Durant Rd. Suite 113, Raleigh, NC 27614	561195243		10,758.				Child Care/Edu
Comm Care of Wake and Johnston 2500 Blue Ridge Rd, Ste 330, Raleigh, NC 27607	562205175	501(c)3	43,356.				Health & Safety
Creative Schools, Inc 2139 Walleysgate Dr, Ste 203, Fayetteville, NC 28104	561469260		513,083.				PreK Ed/Child Care
Discovery Point Heritage Child Dev. Ctr. 1212 Heritage Links Dr., Wake Forest, NC 27587	462751331		16,598.				Child Care Quality
Early Preschool 2614 Fairway Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603	562222511		283,488.				PreK Ed/Child Care
Easter Seals UCP NC & VA, Inc 5171 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27612	560670676		11,496.				Child Care Quality
Early Stages Child Care 3201 Steiner Trl., Raleigh, NC 27610	472458657		5,631.				Child Care Quality
Edenton St. United Methodist Child Dev. Ctr. 228 West Edenton Street, Raleigh, NC 27603	561030056		5,850.				Child Care Quality
Fam Resource Ctr of Ral 108 S Harrington St, Raleigh, NC 27603	201257901		247,461.				Family Support
Frankie Lemmon Sch & Dev Ctr 3311 Carl Sandburg Ct, Raleigh, NC 27603	560931467	501(c)3	181,148.				PreK Educ
Goddard (Follow the Leader) 655 Old Honeycutt Rd, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526	262446118		22,731.				Child Care Quality
Irregular Time Childcare Ctr 4030-100 Capital Blvd, Raleigh, NC 27604	043784239		18,717.				Child Care Quality
Johnson Pond Learning Ctr 6323 Johnson Pond Rd, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526	562255702		22,515.				Child Care/Edu
Jordan Ctr (Methodist Home) 1305 Glenwood Ave, Raleigh, NC 27605	560547428	501(c)3	244,019.				PreK Educ Serv

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Kids First Academy, Inc	271294274		312,751.				PreK Ed/Child Care
99 Wood Green Dr, Wendell, NC 27591							
Kids Ventures Inc. (Heather Park CDC)	562046537		304,969.				PreK Ed/Child Care
932 Heather Park Drive, Garner, NC 27529							
Kids R Kids of Wake Forest	134266918		5,227.				Child Care Quality
1941 Heritage Branch Rd, Wake Forest, NC 27587							
Kindercare	630941966		50,448.				Child Care/Educ
650 NE Holladay St, Ste 1400, Portland, OR 97232							
King's Kids Early Educ and Learning Ctr	300746573		9,632.				Child Care Quality
3301-104 Rock Quarry Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610							
Kreepers-N-Krawlers	562061342			5,008.	Cost	Classroom Materials	Child Care Quality
2733 Community Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610							
La Petite Academy, Inc.	431243221		566,087.				PreK Ed/Child Care
9313 Leesville Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613							
Learning Together, Inc.	560161593	501(c)3	121,460.				PreK Ed/Child Care
568 E. Lenoir St, Raleigh, NC 27601							
Little Believers Academy	471308220			8,454.	Cost	Classroom Materials	Child Care Quality
309 Holman St, Garner, NC 27529							
Learning Tots Academy	270611446		307,633.				Child Care/Educ
2209 Candun Dr, Apex, NC 27523							
Little Destiny Literacy & Discovery Ctr	463319443		143,381.				PreK Educ Serv
3329 Forestville Rd, Raleigh, NC 27616							
Little Hands 'n' Feet	208612696		101,211.				PreK Ed/Child Care
2906 Brentwood Rd, Raleigh, NC 27604							
Little Pros Academy (PHE Southeast)	800575983		325,257.				PreK Ed/Child Care
3311 Carl Sandburg Ct, Raleigh, NC 27610							
Lots of Love and Learning Family Childcare	205740001		6,736.				Child Care Quality
314 Bainbridge Circle, Garner, NC 27529							
Lucy Daniels Center	581863104	501(c)3	352,100.				Health& Safety
9003 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513							
Mariah's Christian Presch Ctr, Inc	943427586		6,498.				Child Care Quality
2721 Renfrow Rd, Raleigh, NC 27603							
Method Child Dev Ctr	560939512		174,446.				PreK Ed/Child Care
900 Trailwood Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606							
Pam's School of Raleigh	561598121		12,279.				Child Care Quality
2705 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610							
Preston Children's Academy	203690113		255,930.				PreK Ed/Child Care
551 James Jackson Ave, Cary, NC 27513							

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Priceless Child Care 316 S King Charles Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610	562057053		13,140.				Child Care Quality
Primary Beginnings 2100 North Hills Dr, Raleigh, NC 27612	562133291		555,086.				PreK Ed/Child Care
Raleigh Nursery Sch Inc 1035 Halifax St, Raleigh, NC 27604	560616606	501(c)3	60,600.				Child Care Quality
Reach Out and Read 18 Plott Drive, Sylva, NC 28779	043481253	501(c)3		20,000.	Cost	Children's books and materials	Family Support
Ready or Not, Here I Grow 201 Powhan Dr, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526	203510518		19,755.				Child Care Quality
Rising Stars JrVersity 1900 Edwin Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610	562094779			7,000.	Cost	Classroom Materials	Child Care Quality
SAFEChild, Inc. 864 W. Morgan Street, Raleigh, NC 27603	561817816	501(c)3	81,727.				Family Support
Shaw University 317 E. Lenoir Street, Raleigh, NC 27601	560530235	501(c)3	231,258.				Child Care/Educ
Sunny Christian Childcare, Inc. 2625 Garner Rd, Raleigh, NC 27610	471605891	501(c)3	11,421.				Child Care Quality
Tammy Lynn Center 739 Chappell Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606	561949972	501(c)3	155,784.				PreK Ed/Child Care
Telamon Corporation 5560 Mumford Road, Ste 201, Raleigh, NC 27612	561022483	501(c)3	471,290.				PreK Educ
The Growing Years Learning Center 102 Davis Grove Circle, Cary, NC 27519	263462115		33,552.				Child Care Quality
The Happy Face Preschool 5010 Fort Sumter Rd, Raleigh, NC 27606	561836772		339,845.				PreK Ed/Child Care
Upper Room Christian Acad 3330 Idlewood Village Dr, Raleigh, NC 27610	562125192	501(c)3	295,345.				PreK Ed/Child Care
Wake County Human Services 220 Swinburne Road, Raleigh, NC 27620	566000347	Wake County Govt	505,372.				Hlth & Fam Supp
Wake County Public Schools 5625 Dillard Drive, Cary, NC 27518	561137759	Public Schools	1,410,411.				Prek & Fam Supp
Wanda's Little Hands 3400 Poole Road, Raleigh, NC 27610	561999520		280,585.				PreK Ed/Child Care
White Plains Childrens Ctr, Inc 313 SE Maynard Rd, Cary, NC 27511	581792551		15,444.				Child Care Quality

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SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
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Part I

Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3), section 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations only).

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

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

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$

Part II

Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												
(8)												
(9)												
(10)												
Total ▶						\$						

Part III **Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

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

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2017

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Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) A Safe Place Child Enrichment Ctr	Board Member	186,730.	PreK Educ Services		X
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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Pt VI, Line 1a: The Executive Committee of the Board consists of the Officers
of the Corporation, the Executive Director, and up to three other members from
the Board of Directors appointed by the Chair and approved by the Board of Directors.

The Executive Committee shall have and may exercise all the authority of the
Board in matters pertaining to the Corporation between meetings of the Board
except as limited N.C.G.S. Section 55A-23. Actions of the Executive Committee
may be ratified by the Board of Directors at its next regular meeting, except
where advanced authority for such action has been granted.

Pt VI, Line 11b: The 990 is completed by the Director of Finance. It is then
reviewed by the Board Finance Committee, after review it is distributed to the
full Board and questions are directed to the Board Finance Committee. After
this process is completed, the return is signed by a Board Officer.

Pt VI, Line 12c: The conflict of interest policy requires Board Members to annually
complete a conflict of interest disclosure form. These forms are reviewed by
the Board Finance Committee. A schedule of Board Member with conflicts is taken
to the full Board for action. Board Members are required to abstain from voting
on items which they have a conflict. Board Members are required to update their
conflict of interest disclosure for any changes during the year.

Pt VI, Line 15a: The compensation and review process for the Executive Director
is conducted by Board Executive Committee. Compensation is determined using independent

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comparable data. The organization has a written contract with the Executive Director. The last compensation review was 2017. The North Carolina Partnership for Children developed a mandatory salary schedule for Smart Start Executive Directors effective July 1, 2012 as required by State legislation. The Wake County Smart Start Executive Director compensation is in compliance with the salary schedule.

Pt VI, Line 19: The organization's governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and audited financial statements are contained in a public file at the organization's office. Documents are available upon request and on organization's website, www.wakesmartstart.org.

Pt VI, Line 15b: A compensation study was conducted in 2017 for all positions in the organization. Salary ranges were revised using independent comparable data. Salary Ranges are reviewed and approved by the Board periodically using independent comparable data.

Pt XII, Line 3b: The Single Audit had not been completed at the time the 990 was finalized.

Pt III, Line 4d:

Expenses: \$545,398 including grants of: \$0 Revenue: \$6,000

Description: Program Coordination and Evaluation

Work with community stakeholders to achieve goals articulated in the strategic plan. Work with partners to develop evaluation plans and track implementation; assess progress toward goals; participate in strategic planning; gather and analyze relevant data; community needs assessments; manage request for proposals process and participate in the development of funding recommendations. Delivered an integrated referral and linkage platform to connect families efficiently with services based on needs. Program supported by a state and private grant.