

Form **990**
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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OMB No. 1545-0047
2019
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2019, and ending 06-30-2020

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

C Name of organization
CHEROKEE FOCUS INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 1191

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
HOLLY SPRINGS, GA 301421191

F Name and address of principal officer:
SONIA CARRUTHERS
PO BOX 1191
HOLLY SPRINGS, GA 301421191

D Employer identification number
45-0466319

E Telephone number
(770) 345-5483

G Gross receipts \$ 381,886

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

J Website: WWW.CHEROKEEFOCUS.ORG

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: 2002

M State of legal domicile: GA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
CHEROKEE FOCUS IS A 501(C)(3) COLLABORATIVE WHOSE MISSION IS STRENGTHENING FAMILIES, YOUTH, AND INDIVIDUALS THROUGH COLLABORATION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES, SKILLS, AND EXPERTISE BY REDUCING AND PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND IMPROVING HOUSING ALTERNATIVES FOR A STRONGER CHEROKEE COUNTY.

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

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	38
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	38
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	5	18
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	176
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 39	7b	

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	436,292	377,339
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-11,646	2,434
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	424,646	379,773
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	260,323	240,978
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶7,452		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	173,178	170,906
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	433,501	411,884
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-8,855	-32,111
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	43,728	71,356
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	13,427	73,166
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	30,301	-1,810

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here
Signature of officer: *****
Date: 2021-05-17
SONIA CARRUTHERS CEO AND EX DRECTOR
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
Print/Type preparer's name: Preparer's signature: Date: 2021-05-17
Check if self-employed PTIN: P00861599
Firm's name: ▶ SUSAN KENNEY CPA Firm's EIN: ▶ 58-2273748
Firm's address: ▶ 5085 THORNBURY WAY Phone no. (770) 751-6805
ALPHARETTA, GA 30005

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:

CHEROKEE FOCUS IS A 501(C)(3) COLLABORATIVE WHOSE MISSION IS STRENGTHENING FAMILIES, YOUTH, AND INDIVIDUALS THROUGH COLLABORATION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES, SKILLS, AND EXPERTISE BY REDUCING AND PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND IMPROVING HOUSING ALTERNATIVES FOR A STRONGER CHEROKEE COUNTY.

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 \$ 170,347 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 167,660 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 22,477 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 360,484

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	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	Yes	
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		No
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		No
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		No
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		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		No
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.		
11a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	Yes	
11b	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		No
11c	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		No
11d	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		No
11e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	Yes	
11f	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		No
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII		No
12b	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		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
14b	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		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		No
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		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		No
20b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting, compensation, and tax-exempt status.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

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

2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return. 2b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? 3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? 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? 5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 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? 7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). 8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. 9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. 10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. 11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. 12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. 13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers. 14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? 15 Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? 16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income?

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



Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 5 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 1a (governing body members), 1b (independent members), 2-7a (governance questions), 7b (reserved decisions), 8-9 (documentation and reachability).

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

Table with 5 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include 10a-16b covering local chapters, policies, conflict of interest, whistleblower, document retention, compensation, and joint ventures.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (GA)
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
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:
CHERKEE FOCUS PO BOX 1191 HOLLY SPRINGS, GA 301421191 (770) 345-5483

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c	4,765				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	347,253				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	25,321				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$	1g					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			377,339			
Program Service Revenue	2a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue.						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f.						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)						
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	6a				
			(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses	6b				
		c Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	7a				
			(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b				
		c Gain or (loss)	7c				
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 4,765 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18		8a	4,547			
		b Less: direct expenses	8b	2,113			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				2,434		2,434	
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19		9a					
	b Less: direct expenses	9b					
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		10a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
11a							
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12 Total revenue. See instructions			379,773			2,434	

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				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	92,218	72,473	14,468	5,277
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	132,448	125,333	7,115	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	16,312	14,391	1,549	372
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	14,315		14,315	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	7,247	5,155	1,958	134
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	7,476	6,546	705	225
17 Travel	23,719	23,719		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	1,308	1,168	105	35
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	7,602	5,898	1,230	474
23 Insurance	6,268	4,472	1,589	207
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 CONTRACTORS	70,501	70,113	388	
b COMMUNITY AWARENESS	21,573	21,573		
c TRAINING, COUNSELING AND	4,849	4,849		
d SUPPLIES	3,162	2,839	245	78
e All other expenses	2,886	1,955	281	650
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	411,884	360,484	43,948	7,452
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	8,953	1	48,499
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	5,818	3	137
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	496	9	1,671
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	87,619		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	66,570		
		28,461	10c	21,049
	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)	43,728	16	71,356	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	7,208	17	8,222
	18 Grants payable		18	
	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 any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	20,500
	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	6,219	25	44,444
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	13,427	26	73,166
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	30,301	27	-1,810
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
32 Total net assets or fund balances	30,301	32	-1,810	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	43,728	33	71,356	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	379,773
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	411,884
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-32,111
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	30,301
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	-1,810

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check 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		No
2b		No
2c		
3a		
3b		

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 45-0466319

Name: CHEROKEE FOCUS INC

Form 990 (2019)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS IS A PROGRAM OF CHEROKEE FOCUS THAT WORKS WITH OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH AGES 16 TO 24. THE GOAL OF CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS PROGRAM IS TO HELP EACH PARTICIPANT BECOME PRODUCTIVE, SELF- SUFFICIENT CITIZENS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN THAT FOCUSES ON EQUIPPING EACH PARTICIPANT WITH THE EDUCATION, WORK READINESS, AND LIFE SKILLS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN STABLE EMPLOYMENT AT A LIVABLE WAGE. CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING: TUTORING AND STUDY SKILLS DROPOUT PREVENTION STRATEGIES ALTERNATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFERINGS; GED PREPARATION CLASSES PAID AND UNPAID WORK EXPERIENCES LINKED TO ACADEMIC AND OCCUPATIONAL LEARNING. INTERNSHIPS JOB SHADOWING REFERRAL FOR OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ADULT MENTORING SUPPORT SERVICES LIFE SKILLS TRAINING FOLLOW-UP SERVICES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT ARE PROVIDED FOR NO LESS THAN 12 MONTHS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CYW PROGRAM. DURING PROGRAM YEAR 2020, CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS WORKED WITH STUDENTS ASSISTING THEM WITH ACADEMICS, LIFE SKILLS AND WORK READINESS. WHILE ACTIVE IN THE PROGRAM, THE STUDENT CURRICULUM FOCUSES ON GED PREPARATION, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, CAREER READINESS, RESUME BUILDING, MENTORING AND OTHER SKILLS TRAINING. CYW PARTNERED WITH LOCAL PUBLIC & PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH. THERE WERE 57 ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS WITH 5 PARTICIPANTS PLACED IN SUBSIDIZED WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES. THE EMPLOYERS COVERED MANY FIELDS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MANUFACTURING/LOGISTICS, EDUCATION, MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND RETAIL.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE DRUG FREE CHEROKEE INITIATIVE IN 2004, CHEROKEE FOCUS HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER CONCERNED CITIZENS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, YOUTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RELATED ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION. THROUGH A COLLABORATION OF AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS, DRUG FREE CHEROKEE WORKS TO DEVELOP A RESOURCE BASE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE THROUGH AWARENESS, EDUCATION, PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND RECOVERY. THE VISION OF DRUG FREE CHEROKEE IS A UNITED CHEROKEE COUNTY THAT IS HEALTHY, SAFE, AND DRUG FREE. THIS FISCAL YEAR, DRUG FREE CHEROKEE WAS AWARDED A DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES CONTINUATION GRANT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY. THE AWARD OF THIS GRANT HAS ENABLED DRUG FREE CHEROKEE TO EXPAND OUR UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION INITIATIVE. DRUG FREE CHEROKEE ALSO DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO AND MARIJUANA INITIATIVE FOCUSING ON E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING AND PARTNERED WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO RUN A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE EDUCATION AND MEDIA CAMPAIGN. A PART OF THE DRUG FREE CHEROKEE COALITION, THE CHEROKEE YOUTH COUNCIL (CYC) IS MADE UP OF HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS FROM CHEROKEE COUNTY. THE CYC MET BI-WEEKLY TO WORK ON DRUG/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO PREVENTION AMONG TEENS. A GROUP OF CYC MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THE COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITIONS OF AMERICA MID-YEAR CONFERENCE AND LEARNED THE STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK AND CAME BACK WITH A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT THEY IMPLEMENTED WITH THE HELP OF THE ADULT MEMBERS OF DRUG FREE CHEROKEE.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

CHEROKEE FOCUS COLLABORATIVE: CHEROKEE FOCUS IS AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON COLLABORATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE STRENGTH OF THIS COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP RESIDES IN COOPERATION BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES, CIVIC CLUBS, THE FAITH BASED COMMUNITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION, FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS. CHEROKEE FOCUS ENCOURAGES AND MODELS INTERAGENCY, COMMUNICATION, PARTNERSHIP AND RESOURCE SHARING; THEREBY CREATING A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF SERVICES DELIVERY. CHEROKEE FOCUS PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEVERAGING RESOURCES, SKILLS, EXPERTISE AND FUNDING TO CREATE, DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT WILL SUPPORT THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN OF CHEROKEE COUNTY THROUGH A MEANS THAT COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ONE AGENCY OR INDIVIDUAL ALONE. CHEROKEE FOCUS INITIATIVES INCLUDE: DRUG FREE CHEROKEE, CHEROKEE YOUTH CONNECTION, VOLUNTEER CHEROKEE, CHEROKEE YOUTH COUNCIL, AND THE HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS. INITIATIVE. THE COLLABORATIVE MEETS ONCE EVERY MONTH ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE CHEROKEE FOCUS OFFICE.

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
SONIA CARRUTHERS CEO AND EX D	40.00			X				79,896	0	7,836
MANDI BALLINGER DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
NOELLE BEARD DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
HUGH BEAVERS DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
JESSICA BENENATI DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
DENISE BOWMAN DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
JON COLLINS DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
JENNIFER COOPER DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
TERRANCE COURSEY DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
ANGELA D'AGATA SECRETARY	0.75	X		X				0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
EMILI DAVIS DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
KAREN LYNN DOMINEY DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
KAREN FLAIG DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
BROOKE FORD DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
TIFFANY FRALEY DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
FIDEL GOMEZ DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
CANDI HANNIGAN DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
TODD HAYES DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
DONNIE HENRIQUES DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
CHERI HOLDEN DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0

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(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			
CHRIS HORDE DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
KENDALL JONES DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
DAVID CANNON JR DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
BOB KOVACS DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
JIM LINDENMAYER DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
MELISSA LINDH DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
ROB LOGAN DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
ESTER LOPEZ DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
KAREN MATTHEWS DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
TIM MCCABE DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
TREY RAGSDALE CHAIRMAN	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
ERIC REIN TREASURER	0.75	X		X				0	0	0
RICHIE RICH DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
BRODY SMITHWICK DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
ASHLEY SNOW DIRECTOR	0.75	X						0	0	0
ANITA SUMMERS DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
SHANNON WALLACE DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
MIKE ZENCHUCK VICE CHAIRMA	0.75	X						0	0	0
KONRAD ZIEGLER DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
CHEROKEE FOCUS INC

Employer identification number
45-0466319

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 **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box 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		
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 failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . .	419,585	425,043	415,822	436,292	377,339	2,074,081
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..	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	80,000
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	435,585	441,043	431,822	452,292	393,339	2,154,081
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.						2,154,081

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4. . .	435,585	441,043	431,822	452,292	393,339	2,154,081
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources. . . .						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. . .						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.). . .	40,985	4,591	50,007	10,049	4,547	110,179
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2,264,260
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
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 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	95.130 %
15 Public support percentage for 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	93.600 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2019. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test—2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. 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—2018. 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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(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.**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2019 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16	Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for 2019 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18	Investment income percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2019. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests—2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of 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? <i>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.</i>		
	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
	2		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
	3a		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
	3c		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
	4a		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
	4b		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>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.</i>		
	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>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).</i>		
	5a		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
	5b		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
	5c		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
	6		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
	8		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
	9a		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
	9b		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
	9c		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).</i>		
	10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described 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? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		

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)? <i>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).</i>		

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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
a	<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? <i>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.</i>	Yes	No
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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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):	1	
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 2019 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-2019	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2019 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019:			
a From 2014.			
b From 2015.			
c From 2016.			
d From 2017.			
e From 2018.			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2014 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2019 from Section D, line 7:			
\$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2019, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2019. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2015.			
b Excess from 2016.			
c Excess from 2017.			
d Excess from 2018.			
e Excess from 2019.			

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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

990 Schedule A, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART II, LINE 10	FUNDRAISING EVENTS 110,179

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization: CHEROKEE FOCUS INC
Employer identification number: 45-0466319

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . . **Yes** **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

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

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

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

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

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

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶

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

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

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

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

- b** If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		35,302	34,599	703
e Other		52,317	31,971	20,346
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				21,049

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) UNEARNED REVENUE	40,659
(3) OTHER LIABILITIES	3,785
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.)	44,444

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation	
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Part XIII **Supplemental Information (continued)**

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization
CHEROKEE FOCUS INC

Employer identification number

45-0466319

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	CHEROKEE FOCUS IS A 501(C)(3) COLLABORATIVE WHOSE MISSION IS STRENGTHENING FAMILIES, YOUTH , AND INDIVIDUALS THROUGH COLLABORATION OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES, SKILLS, AND EXPERTISE BY R EDUCING AND PREVENTING YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, AND IMP ROVING HOUSING ALTERNATIVES FOR A STRONGER CHEROKEE COUNTY.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	<p>CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS IS A PROGRAM OF CHEROKEE FOCUS THAT WORKS WITH OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH AGES 16 TO 24. THE GOAL OF CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS PROGRAM IS TO HELP EACH PARTICIPANT BECOME PRODUCTIVE, SELF-SUFFICIENT CITIZENS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INDIVIDUALIZED PLAN THAT FOCUSES ON EQUIPPING EACH PARTICIPANT WITH THE EDUCATION, WORK READINESS, AND LIFE SKILLS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN STABLE EMPLOYMENT AT A LIVABLE WAGE. CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING: TUTORING AND STUDY SKILLS DROPOUT PREVENTION STRATEGIES ALTERNATIVE SECONDARY SCHOOL OFFERINGS; GED PREPARATION CLASSES PAID AND UNPAID WORK EXPERIENCES LINKED TO ACADEMIC AND OCCUPATIONAL LEARNING. INTERNSHIPS JOB SHADOWING REFERRAL FOR OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ADULT MENTORING SUPPORT SERVICES LIFE SKILLS TRAINING FOLLOW-UP SERVICES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT ARE PROVIDED FOR NO LESS THAN 12 MONTHS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE CYW PROGRAM. DURING PROGRAM YEAR 2020, CHEROKEE YOUTH WORKS WORKED WITH STUDENTS ASSISTING THEM WITH ACADEMICS, LIFE SKILLS AND WORK READINESS. WHILE ACTIVE IN THE PROGRAM, THE STUDENT CURRICULUM FOCUSES ON GED PREPARATION, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, CAREER READINESS, RESUME BUILDING, MENTORING AND OTHER SKILLS TRAINING. CYW PARTNERED WITH LOCAL PUBLIC & PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR YOUTH. THERE WERE 57 ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS WITH 5 PARTICIPANTS PLACED IN SUBSIDIZED WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITIES. THE EMPLOYERS COVERED MANY FIELDS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO MANUFACTURING/LOGISTICS, EDUCATION, MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION AND RETAIL.</p>

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4B	<p>SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE DRUG FREE CHEROKEE INITIATIVE IN 2004, CHEROKEE FOCUS HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER CONCERNED CITIZENS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, YOUTH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE RELATED ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION. THROUGH A COLLABORATION OF AGENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS, DRUG FREE CHEROKEE WORKS TO DEVELOP A RESOURCE BASE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE THROUGH AWARENESS, EDUCATION, PREVENTION, INTERVENTION, AND RECOVERY. THE VISION OF DRUG FREE CHEROKEE IS A UNITED CHEROKEE COUNTY THAT IS HEALTHY, SAFE, AND DRUG FREE. THIS FISCAL YEAR, DRUG FREE CHEROKEE WAS AWARDED A DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES CONTINUATION GRANT FROM THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY. THE AWARD OF THIS GRANT HAS ENABLED DRUG FREE CHEROKEE TO EXPAND OUR UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION INITIATIVE. DRUG FREE CHEROKEE ALSO DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE TOBACCO AND MARIJUANA INITIATIVE FOCUSING ON E-CIGARETTES AND VAPING AND PARTNERED WITH THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TO RUN A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MISUSE EDUCATION AND MEDIA CAMPAIGN. A PART OF THE DRUG FREE CHEROKEE COALITION, THE CHEROKEE YOUTH COUNCIL (CYC) IS MADE UP OF HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL AGED STUDENTS FROM CHEROKEE COUNTY. THE CYC MET BI-WEEKLY TO WORK ON DRUG/ALCOHOL/TOBACCO PREVENTION AMONG TEENS. A GROUP OF CYC MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO ATTEND THE COMMUNITY ANTI-DRUG COALITIONS OF AMERICA MID-YEAR CONFERENCE AND LEARNED THE STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK AND CAME BACK WITH A STRATEGIC PLAN THAT THEY IMPLEMENTED WITH THE HELP OF THE ADULT MEMBERS OF DRUG FREE CHEROKEE.</p>

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4C	CHEROKEE FOCUS COLLABORATIVE: CHEROKEE FOCUS IS AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON COLLABORATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE COMMUNITY. THE STRENGTH OF THIS COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP RESIDES IN COOPERATION BETWEEN ORGANIZATIONS, AGENCIES, CIVIC CLUBS, THE FAITH BASED COMMUNITY, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION, FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS. CHEROKEE FOCUS ENCOURAGES AND MODELS INTERAGENCY, COMMUNICATION, PARTNERSHIP AND RESOURCE SHARING; THEREBY CREATING A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF SERVICES DELIVERY. CHEROKEE FOCUS PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LEVERAGING RESOURCES, SKILLS, EXPERTISE AND FUNDING TO CREATE, DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES THAT WILL SUPPORT THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN OF CHEROKEE COUNTY THROUGH A MEANS THAT COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY ONE AGENCY OR INDIVIDUAL ALONE. CHEROKEE FOCUS INITIATIVES INCLUDE: DRUG FREE CHEROKEE, CHEROKEE YOUTH CONNECTION, VOLUNTEER CHEROKEE, CHEROKEE YOUTH COUNCIL, AND THE HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS. INITIATIVE. THE COLLABORATIVE MEETS ONCE EVERY MONTH ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE CHEROKEE FOCUS OFFICE.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	FORM 9990 IS EMAILED TO THE FINANCE COMMITEE REPRESENTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIE W. ANY CHANGES ARE MADE BEFORE FILING THE RETURN WITH THE IRS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST UPON JOINING THE BOARD, AND THEREAFTER, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. AFTER A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL DISCLOSURE OF ALL RELEVANT FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, DISINTERESTED BOARD MEMBERS DETERMINE WHETHER ANY CONFLICT EXISTS, IF IT IS MATERIAL, AND WHETHER THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION MAY BE ENTERED INTO FAIRLY AND TO THE BENEFIT OF THE ORGANIZATION.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE BOARD SETS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SALARY WITH REFERENCE TO SALARY COMPARISON WITH OTHER NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. THE BOARD ALSO EVALUATES THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PERFORMANCE WHEN REVIEWING HER SALARY.

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Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING ANY FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST AND IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICE DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.