

Form **990-EZ**

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No 1545-1150

## 2017

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning** \_\_\_\_\_, **and ending** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**C Name of organization**  
**HOUSE OF HOPE**  
**C/O LUKE VANTILBURG**  
 Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**529 N WALNUT ST**  
 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**CELINA OH 45822**

**D Employer identification number**  
**47-1604480**

**E Telephone number**  
**419-586-1095**

**F Group Exemption Number** ▶

**G Accounting Method**  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

**I Website:** ▶ **MERCERHOUSEOFHOPE.COM**

**J Tax-exempt status** (check only one) —  501(c)(3)  501(c)( ) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K Form of organization**  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ **48,510**

ENVELOPE  
POSTMARKED JAN 04 2021

No Statute issue  
04/26/2021  
01/29/2021

SCANNED FEB 11 2021  
Expenses

RECEIVED IN CORRES  
IRS-OSC-25  
JAN 13 2021  
OGDEN, UTAH

RECEIVED  
E2-628  
JAN 13 2020  
OGDEN, UT  
IRS-OSC

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Line	Description	Amount
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	47,631
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	850
3	Membership dues and assessments	
4	Investment income	
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	
6	Gaming and fundraising events	
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	29
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	483
6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	-454
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	
7b	Less cost of goods sold	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	48,027
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	46,041
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	7,777
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	164
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	6,081
17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	60,063
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	-12,036
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	154,927
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	
21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year.</b> Combine lines 18 through 20	142,891

STATUTE UNIT  
JAN 20 2021  
OGDEN, UTAH

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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**Part II Balance Sheets** (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	82,146	22	63,811
23 Land and buildings	72,781	23	79,080
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	
25 Total assets	154,927	25	142,891
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	154,927	27	142,891

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

SEE SCHEDULE O

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

**Expenses**  
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

28 TO PROVIDE A REFUGE FOR RESIDENTS IN MERCER COUNTY OHIO WHO ARE STRUGGLING			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a		60,063
29			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a		
30			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a		
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)			
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a		
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32		60,063

**Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
TONYA HUBER VICE PRESIDENT	0.00	0	0	0
CRAIG FLACK PRESIDENT	0.00	0	0	0
NANCY WOLTERS SECRETARY	0.00	0	0	0
LUKE VANTILBURG TREASURER	0.00	0	0	0
BOBBI STONER BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
BRAD HAGAMAN BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
SUE BUXTON BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
GARY TEKAMP BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
MOLLI SCHLEUCHER BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
FRED WISWELL BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0
MICK WHISTLER BOARD MEMBER	0.00	0	0	0

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		X
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		X
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		X
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35b			
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
35c			
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
36			
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions <span style="float:right">▶ 37a</span>		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
37b			
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		X
38a			
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved <span style="float:right">38b</span>		
38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 <span style="float:right">39a</span>		
39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities <span style="float:right">39b</span>		
39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____, section 4912 <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____, section 4955 <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
40b			
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
40e			
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <span style="float:right">▶</span> <b>NONE</b>		
42a	The organization's books are in care of <span style="float:right">▶</span> <b>LUKE VANTILBURG</b> Telephone no <span style="float:right">▶</span> <b>419-305-0689</b> 6951 OREGON ROAD Located at <span style="float:right">▶</span> <b>CELINA</b> OR ZIP + 4 <span style="float:right">▶</span> <b>45822</b>		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	Yes	No
42b			X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <span style="float:right">▶</span> _____		X
42c			
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <span style="float:right">▶</span> <input type="checkbox"/> <span style="float:right">▶</span> <b>43</b>		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
44a			
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
44b			
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		X
44c			
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
44d			
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
45a			
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		X
45b			

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		Yes	No
<b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46		<b>X</b>

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only**

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		<b>X</b>
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		<b>X</b>
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<b>NONE</b>				

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<b>NONE</b>		

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ▶  Yes  No

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

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer <b>LUKE VANTELBURG</b> Type or print name and title	Date 1-4-21 <b>TREASURER</b>
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<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name <b>MARLENE E GAGEL, CPA</b>	Preparer's signature <i>Marlene Gagel</i>	Date 01/04/21	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00032562
	Firm's name ▶ <b>MUHLENKAMP &amp; ASSOCIATES, LLC</b>	Firm's EIN ▶ <b>26-3953823</b>			
	Firm's address ▶ <b>215 NORTH MAIN STREET CELINA, OH 45822-1601</b>	Phone no <b>419-586-6405</b>			

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

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