

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

2017

Open to Public
Inspection

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 Stepping Stones Foundation, Inc

Doing business as STEPPING STONES AGENCIES

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address)

6719 E 2nd Street

Room/suite

Suite A

City or town

Prescott Valley

State

AZ

ZIP code

86314

Foreign country name

Foreign province/state/county

Foreign postal code

D Employer identification number

86-0542919

E Telephone number

928-7724184

G Gross receipts \$

516,710

F Name and address of principal officer

Robin C Burke 6719 E. 2nd Street Suite A, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?

☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status

☒ 501(c)(3)☐ 501(c)

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(insert no)

☐ 4947(a)(1) or☒ 527J Website: www.SteppingStonesAZ.org

H(c) Group exemption number

K Form of organization

☒ Corporation☐ Trust☐ Association☐ Other

L Year of formation 1984

M State of legal domicile AZ

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets or Fund Balances	
1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: 24/7 Helpline, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living Program & 24/7 Advocacy for women & their children who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, economic						
2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.						
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3					
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4					
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2017 (Part V, line 2a)	5					
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6					
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a					
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b					
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		484,620		509,148		
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		8,409		7,562		
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0		0		
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0		0		
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		493,029		516,710		
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0		0		
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0		0		
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		313,766		408,779		
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0		0		
16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)		0		0		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		143,663		122,029		
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		457,429		530,808		
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		35,600		-14,098		
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)		358,636		352,620		
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		13,750		21,832		
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		344,886		330,788		

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

Robin C. Burke

Type or print name and title

President/CEO

Date

11-5-18

Paid
Preparer
Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if
self-employed

PTIN

SELF-PREPARED RETURN

Firm's name

Firm's EIN

Firm's address

Phone no

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form 990 (2017)

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

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:
 24/7 Helpline, Emergency Shelter, Transitional Living Program & 24/7 Advocacy for women & their children who have been victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, homelessness, economic exploitation/deprivation or any type of victimization and needing our specialized therapeutic/advocacy services
- 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 \$ 456,247 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 516,710)
 24/7/365 Residential, advocacy & support services to adults & child victims. In 2017 we served 78 women & 65 children in our emergency shelter program. Advocates took over 2100 crisis calls on our 24/7 helpline. 6 families participated in our Transitional Living Program. Provided 7012 bednights, 43000+ meals & snacks, 3252 hours of face to face advocacy, 1398 hours of support groups, 258 hours of community educational programs. 118 safety plans. 98of families we served were TANF eligible. 99% of the individuals we served are @ 50% or below poverty level according to the most current AZ Department of Housing Chart.

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

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

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

(Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 456,247

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2 X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b	X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d	X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e	X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f	X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b	X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions).	17	X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V. ☐

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <input type="text"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)			
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	6a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?	13a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: **▶**
 Robin C. Burke 928-7724184
 6719 E 2nd Street Suite A, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

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

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

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Robin C. Burke President	20.00 20.00	X		X						
(2) Alva Y. Sanchez Secretary/Treasurer	20.00 20.00	X		X						
(3) Ginger Johnson Director	1.00 1.00	X								
(4) Patti Robison Director	1.00 1.00	X								
(5) Cori Burke Chairperson	40.00 0.00	X								
(6) Ryan Smith Vice Chairperson	1.00 1.00	X								
(7)										
(8)										
(9)										
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Sub-total							0	0	0	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0	0	0	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							0	0	0	

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

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4		X
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0

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

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	0			
	b	Membership dues	0			
	c	Fundraising events	0			
	d	Related organizations	0			
	e	Government grants (contributions)	348,765			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	160,383			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	\$ 28,417			
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	509,148			
	Program Service Revenue	2a Transitional Living Program		Business Code 624200	7,562	7,562
b				0		
c				0		
d				0		
e				0		
f		All other program service revenue		0		
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		7,562		
Other Revenue		3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		0	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0		
	5	Royalties		0		
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal			
		b	Less: rental expenses			
		c	Rental income or (loss)	0	0	
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		0		
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other			
		b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		0	
		c	Gain or (loss)	0	0	
		d	Net gain or (loss)		0	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	0		
		b	Less: direct expenses	b	0	
		c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0	
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19.	a	0		
		b	Less: direct expenses	b	0	
		c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0	
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	0		
		b	Less: cost of goods sold	b	0	
		c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		0	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a			0			
b			0			
c			0			
d	All other revenue		0			
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0			
12	Total revenue. See instructions		516,710	7,562	0	0

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	0			
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0			
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0		0	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7	Other salaries and wages	356,425	290,875	65,550	
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9	Other employee benefits	25,072	21,864	3,208	
10	Payroll taxes	27,282	22,267	5,015	
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management	5,670	5,371	299	
b	Legal	0			
c	Accounting	7,525	7,525		
d	Lobbying	0			
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	387	387	0	
12	Advertising and promotion	0			
13	Office expenses	1,416	1,416		
14	Information technology	8,002	8,002		
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	31,995	31,748	247	
17	Travel	1,858	1,858		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0			
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	15,188	15,188	0	0
23	Insurance	3,737	3,737		
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	Operating Supplies for Program Services	24,793	24,793		
b	Equipment/Furnish/Fixture purchase/repair/lease	15,962	15,720	242	
c	Community & HR Outreach, Education, Training	1,431	1,431		
d	Direct Client Services Costs	1,268	1,268		
e	All other expenses	2,797	2,797		
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e .	530,808	456,247	74,561	0
26	Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	50,766	1	3,574
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0	2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	27,513	3	61,243
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	4	0
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	1,746
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	448,218		
	10b Less: accumulated depreciation	162,161		
		280,357	10c	286,057
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	358,636	16	352,620	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13,173	17	21,832
	18 Grants payable	0	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	577	24	0
	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	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	13,750	26	21,832
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	344,886	27	330,788
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	0	28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	344,886	33	330,788	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	358,636	34	352,620	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI. ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	516,710
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	530,808
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-14,098
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	344,886
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	330,788

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

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990. <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		X
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?		X
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Name of the organization

Stepping Stones Foundation, Inc.

Employer identification number

86-0542919

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

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

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 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: _____ 0
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total					0	0

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants").						0
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0	0	0	0	0	0
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						0

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources.						0
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						0
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						0
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 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	0.00%
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	0.00%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2017. 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 type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test—2016. 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—2017. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2016. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II)

(If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	349,734	311,709	333,519	484,620	516,710	1,996,292
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	7,379	7,702	8,201	8,409	7,562	39,253
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	357,113	319,411	341,720	493,029	524,272	2,035,545
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0
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						0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						2,035,545

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	357,113	319,411	341,720	493,029	524,272	2,035,545
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	19					19
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	19	0	0	0	0	19
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						0
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	357,132	319,411	341,720	493,029	524,272	2,035,564
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2017 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	100.00%
16 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100.00%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2017 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.00%
18 Investment income percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.00%

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2017. 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—2016. 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. ☐

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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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 a historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included 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)	
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89	90
91	92
93	94
95	96
97	98
99	100

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:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c 0
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f 0

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0

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:

organization by:		Yes	No
(i)	unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii)	related organizations	3a(ii)	
If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?		3b	

b If "Yes" on line 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	0	116,666		116,666
b Buildings	0	278,364	152,591	125,773
c Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0
d Equipment	0	53,188	9,570	43,618
e Other	0	0	0	0
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				286,057

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
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Noncash Contributions

- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Stepping Stones Foundation, Inc

Employer identification number

86-0542919

Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods	X		5,621	real time budget offset value
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other	X	1	18,000	Actual Lease amount donated
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory	X	214	4,796	real time budget offset value
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ()				
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

- 30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?
- b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.
- 31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?
- 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?
- b If "Yes," describe in Part II.
- 33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31		X
32a		X
33		

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b: All voting members review the complete 990. A vote to
submit or amend upon first visit. After requested amendments are made, voting members review
again and vote on final submission

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c: At each Board meeting, any new conflict of interest
disclosures are reviewed for justification and approved. If approved, disclosures are read into
the minutes. Conflict of interest Disclosure forms are then completed, signed by Board members
and submitted as attachments to the minutes with back up justification documentation

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15a: Process to determine CEO compensation is completed by
2 designated board members. Compensation is reviewed and determined every time CEO's
compensation schedule is proposed to change. CEO's compensation has been fixed since 2003

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19. We make our governing documents, conflict of interest
policy or financial statements available to the public upon appropriate request only. E.g.
state oversight entities, our financial institutions, etc. All requests must be approved by
CEO prior to making documents available.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) Step One Foundation, Inc 58-2675854 6719 E. 2nd Street Suite A Prescott Valley, AZ 86314	Paid job training for underemployed &	AZ	501 C 3	509 a 2	N/A		X
(2) Be Better Foundation, Inc. 27-1185523 6719 E 2nd Street Suite A Prescott Valley, AZ 86314	Operating support for DV shelter and	AZ	501c3	509a2	N/A		X
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

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Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1).....												
(2).....												
(3).....												
(4).....												
(5).....												
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(7).....												

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1).....									
(2).....									
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(5).....									
(6).....									
(7).....									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.**Note:** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II–IV?

- a** Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c	X	
1d		X
1e		X
1f		X
1g		X
1h		X
1i		X
1j		X
1k		X
1l		X
1m		X
1n		X
1o	X	
1p		X
1q		X
1r		X
1s		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a–s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)	Step One Foundation, Inc	c	18,000	Actual
(2)	Step One Foundation, Inc.	o	61,200	Actual
(3)	Be Better Foundation, Inc	c	124,000	Actual
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				