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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)

2015

OMB No 1545-1150

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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 ▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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7	F	or the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending				, 20		
E	3 CH	Check if applicable. C Name of organization D Emi			nployer identification number			
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Ļ	=	lame cha	-	Number and street (or P.O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite E Tel	Telephone number			
Ļ	===	ntial retur	n n∕terminated	163 Whitney Road	802-875-3672			
ř	==	mairetun mended		oup Exemption				
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(3 A	ccount	▶					
		ebsite	quired to attach Schedule B					
J	Та	x-exen	990, 99	0-EZ, or 990-PF).				
				Corporation Trust Association Other				
Şι	. Ac	dd lines	5b, 6c, and	7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total asset	S			
(Part	II, colu	ımn (B) belov	w) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ	▶ §	S		
7.	Pa	irt I	Revenu	e, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instri	uctions	s for Part I)		
			Check if	the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I		<u> 🔲</u>		
5		1	Contribution	ons, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	35,326		
		2	Program s	ervice revenue including government fees and contracts	2	11,295		
A SE	l	3	Membersh	ip dues and assessments	3			
= 	ŀ	4	Investment	t income	4	10,354		
2		5a	Gross amo	ount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a 131,24	2			
3	l	þ	Less: cost	or other basis and sales expenses	8			
•		С		ss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	(17,686)		
		6	-	nd fundraising events	7.5			
	971	а	Gross inc \$15,000)	6				
	Revenue	b						
	ê		from fundr					
			sum of suc	ch gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) 6b 13,14	<u>o</u>			
		C		t expenses from gaming and fundraising events 6c 5,45				
		đ	Net incom	e or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract				
			line 6c)		6d	17,960		
		7a	Gross sale	s of inventory, less returns and allowances				
		b		of goods sold				
		C	Gross prof	it or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c			
		8		nue (describe in Schedule O)	8			
_		9	Total reve	9	57,249			
		10		d similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	24,693		
		11	•	aid to or for members	11			
	8	12	Salaries, o	ther compensation, and employee benefits	12	10,125		
	<u>د</u> ا	13		arises and other payments to independent confectors MM	13	340		
	ا چ	14		y, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14			
	Ŵ	15		ublications, postage, and shipping	15	1,137		
		16		enses (describe in Schedule O)	16	14,271		
_		17	Total expe	17	50,566			
	₂₃	18	Excess or	18	6,683			
	Net Assets	19		s or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with	-			
	As		=	ar figure reported on prior year's return)	19	336,535		
	ᄫᆝ	20		nges in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20			
•	-	21	Net assets	or fund balances at end of year.Combine lines 18 through 20	21	343,218		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.



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Pâ	rt II Balance Sheets (see the instructions f	or Part II)				
	Check if the organization used Schedule	O to respond to ar	ny guestion in this	Part II		🗆
				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	'Cash, savings, and investments		[22	343,218
23	Land and buildings		[23	
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	· · · · · · ·			24	
25	Total assets		[25	343,218
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		[26	
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column				27	343,218
Par	t III Statement of Program Service Accom	plishments (see th	e instructions for F	Part III)		•
	Check if the organization used Schedule	O to respond to ar	ny question in this	Part III 🗸	_	Expenses
Wha	t is the organization's primary exempt purpose?	helping VT Lions clu	bs with sight and he	aring programs		quired for section (c)(3) and 501(c)(4)
Desc	cribe the organization's program service accomplis	shments for each o	f its three largest p	rogram services.		anizations; optional for
as n	neasured by expenses. In a clear and concise mons benefited, and other relevant information for ea	anner, describe the			oth	ers.)
28	Operation of Greem Mountain Lions Camp in Brattleb		ner camp experience	for		1
	hearing-impaired youths and their siblings.					
	(Grants \$) If this amount	includes foreign gra	nts. check here .	▶ 🗇	28	23,717
29	Financial assistance for needy individuals around the					20,717
				ing dids.		
	(Grants \$) If this amount	includes foreign gra	nts check here	▶ □	298	9,592
30	Grant to the Gathering Place in Brattleboro, VT. This					9,592
•	in the Wilmington VT area			iit day center		
	in the Wilmington, VT area.					•
	(Grants \$ 5,000) If this amount	includes foreign gra	inte check here		30	5 000
21	Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		ins, check here .		308	5,000
31		includes foreign gra			318	40.400
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a t				32	
	t IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key					10/100
Lai	Check if the organization used Schedule				เรเเน	ictions for Part IV)
	Check if the organization used Schedule		(c) Reportable	(d) Health benefits,	$\dot{\mathbf{T}}$	<u> Ц</u>
	(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	contributions to employ) Estimated amount of other compensation
Stan	ley F. Patch, Jr., President					
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Lyle	Remick, Vice-President				T	
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Carrr	nelita Belisle, Secretary				T	
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Linw	ood Stoddard, Treasurer				1	
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Bruc	e Savery, Director					
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Jack	ie Dutil, Director				_	-
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Alica	Gonyaw, Director	•			┪-	
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ALUIL	ir Folia, Director	•				
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Part				
	instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this	Part		ᆜ
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	33	Yes	No
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)	34		▼
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)?	35a		1
b c	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 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	35b 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	36		1
37a b 38a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions [37a] [0] Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b 38a		1
b 39 a b 40a	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved			
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 Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed	40b		✓
d	on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958			
е	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	40e		1
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶			
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Linwood Stoddard, Treasurer Telephone no. ▶	802-87	5-367	2
	Located at ▶ 163 Whitney Road, Springfield, VT ZIP + 4 ▶	05	156	
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:	42b	Yes	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
С	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	42c	L	✓
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here	• •		▶ □
44a	completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	Yes	No ✓
b	completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b		1
c d	to the state of th	44c 44d		√
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		1
b		45b	-	

•						_			Yes	No		
46		ne organization engage, directly or in ndidates for public office? If "Yes," o						46				
Part		Section 501(c)(3) organizations						1 10	1			
		All section 501(c)(3) organization		stions 47-49b ar	nd 52, and	d complete	the t	ables t	or lin	es		
		50 and 51.				·						
		Check if the organization used Sch	nedule O to respond	l to any question i	n this Part	:VI	<u> </u>			. 🗆		
									Yes	No		
47		he organization engage in lobbying				_		- 1				
	year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II							47	ļ	-		
48					48	ļ	 √					
49a		ne organization make any transfers to	•	•				49a		 √		
_ b		s," was the related organization a se plete this table for the organization's						49b		l kov		
50		oyees) who each received more than										
	ciripi	Syces) who each received more than		1	In Ho							
	(a)	Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MIS	contribut benefit p	tions to emplo lans, and defe mpensation	to employee (e) and deferred		ed amo npensa			
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f	Total	number of other employees paid ov	er \$100,000	. ▶								
51		plete this table for the organization			ent contrac	tors who e	each re	eceived	more	than		
	\$100	,000 of compensation from the orga	nization. If there is no	one, enter "None."								
	(a)	Name and business address of each independ	lent contractor	ontractor (b) Type of service			(c) Compensation					
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d	Total	number of other independent contra	actors each receiving	over \$100,000	. •	1						
52		the organization complete Schedu	-		roanization	s must at	tach a	<u> </u>				
-		oleted Schedule A			_			✓ Ye	3 🗀	No		
		of penury, I declare that I have examined this					ny know	ledge an	d belief	, it is		
		ect, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any known						5-15-2016				
Sign		Signature of officer	u Junary					, 0	·			
Here		Linwood A. Stoddard, Treasurer										
		Type or print name and title			I'n.							
Paid		Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date				Check self-e	k 🔲 if mployed	PTIN				
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Use	Only	Firm's address ▶	<u> </u>			Phone no.						
May t	he IRS	discuss this return with the prepare	r shown above? See	instructions			. ▶	☐ Ye	3 🔲	No		

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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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990. Name of the organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Employer Identification number Vermont Lions Charities, Inc. 03-0345648 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 11, check only one box.) 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i). A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).) A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). 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: 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.) A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v). 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.) A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.) An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 331/3% 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 331/3% 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.) 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). 11 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 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g. 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. 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. 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. 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. Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type III, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization. Enter the number of supported organizations . . Provide the following information about the supported organization(s). (I) Name of supported organization (II) EIN (iv) Is the organization (v) Amount of monetary (iii) Type of organization (vi) Amount of listed in your governing (described on lines 1-9) support (see other support (see document? above (see instructions)) instructions) instructions) Yes No (A) (B) (C) (D) (E)

Total

Part	(Complete only if you checked th	e box on line	5, 7, or 8 of	Part I or if the	organization	n failed to qua				
Socti	Part III. If the organization fails to on A. Public Support	qualify unde	r the tests lis	ted below, pl	ease comple	te Part III.)				
	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total			
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and	(a) 2011	(5) 2012	(0) 2010	(u) 2014	(6) 2013	(i) Total			
•	membership fees received. (Do not]				
	include any "unusual grants.")	122,407	73,976	63,818	42,052	35,326	337,579			
2	Tax revenues levied for the	122,107	70,070		42,002	50,020	007,570			
	organization's benefit and either paid					1				
	to or expended on its behalf					1				
3	The value of services or facilities									
	furnished by a governmental unit to the									
	organization without charge					Į				
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3	122,407	73,976	63,818	42,052	35,326	337,579			
5	The portion of total contributions by									
•	each person (other than a									
	governmental unit or publicly		į	-						
	supported organization) included on					l				
	line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount									
	shown on line 11, column (f)									
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.		i		:					
	on B. Total Support	4 3 0044	73.0040	43.0040	(200044	4) 0045				
	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total			
7	Amounts from line 4	122,407	73,976	63,818	42,052	35,326	337,579			
8	Gross income from interest, dividends,					1				
	payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar									
	sources									
9	Net income from unrelated business	11,502	96	8,245	5,913	10,354	36,110			
9	activities, whether or not the business									
	is regularly carried on									
10	Other income. Do not include gain or						 			
10	loss from the sale of capital assets									
	(Explain in Part VI.)			ļ						
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10				······································		373,689			
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc.	(see instruction	ns)			12	373,009			
13	First five years. If the Form 990 is for th	•	•		or fifth tax ve		501(c)(3)			
	organization, check this box and stop her	-			-		· · · > □			
Secti	on C. Computation of Public Suppor			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						
14	Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6			1, column (f))		14	90 %			
15	Public support percentage from 2014 Sch		•			15	94 %			
16a	331/3% support test-2015. If the organiz	zation did not d	check the box	on line 13, and	l line 14 is 33 ¹ /	3% or more, cl				
	box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization									
b	331/3% support test-2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 331/3% or more,									
	check this box and stop here. The organi	ization qualifies	s as a publicly	supported org	anization .		. ▶ 🗆			
17a	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is									
	10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in									
	Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported									
	organization									
b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2014. 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 m	eets the "facts	-and-circumst	ances" test. Ti	he organizatio	n qualifies as a	publicly			
	supported organization						. ▶ 🗆			
18	Private foundation. If the organization die	d not check a l	box on line 13,	16a, 16b, 17a	, or 17b, checl	k this box and	see			

SCHEDULË O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization ► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
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Vermont Lions Charities, Inc. 03-0345648 Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31: -- Youth awards, \$3,000 -- Vt. Adaptive Ski & Sport, \$1,500 -- Steve Simpson handicap chair, \$700 -- hearing aids, \$1,400 -- Shelburne Museum, \$1,000 -- Vermont Assoc. for the Blind and Visually Impaired, \$1,500 -- emergency housing, \$1,000