

For the calendar year 2023, or tax year beginning **January 01, 2023**, and ending **December 31, 2023**

Name of foundation RUCKER CREEK REFUGE		A Employer identification number 46-3788986
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 1219 EDGEWOOD RD	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (650) 704-8268
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code REDWOOD CITY, CA 94062-2728		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 700,480	J Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d), must be on cash basis.)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received(attach schedule)	19,825			
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	0	0	0	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	0	0	0	
	5a Gross rents	0	0	0	
	b Net rental income or (loss)	0			
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	0			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	0			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	9 Income modifications			0	
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less: Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	19,825	0		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0	0	0	0
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	0	0	0	0
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	0	0	0	0
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest	22	0	0	0
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	170	0	0	0
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	4,427	0	0	
	20 Occupancy	0	0	0	0
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	656	0	0	0
	22 Printing and publications	0			
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	21,488	0	0	0
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	26,763	0		0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	0			0
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	26,763	0		
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:	(6,938)			
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements				
	b Net investment income(if negative, enter -0-)		0		
	c Adjusted net income(if negative, enter -0-)			0	

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	3,800	1,730	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	0	0	0
	3	Accounts receivable	0		
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0	0	0
	4	Pledges receivable	0		
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0	0	0
	5	Grants receivable	0	0	0
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8	Inventories for sale or use	0	0	0
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	0	0
	10a	Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
Liabilities		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans	0	0	0
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	552,290		
		accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	30,990		
			525,728	521,300	700,480
	15	Other assets (describe)			
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	529,528	523,030	700,480
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	440	
	18	Grants payable	0	0	
	19	Deferred revenue	0	0	
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons	0	0	
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe)			
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	440	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30. ☐			
	24	Net assets without donor restrictions			
	25	Net assets with donor restrictions			
		Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 26 through 30. ☒			
	26	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	3,800	1,730	
	27	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	525,728	521,300	
	28	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	0	(440)	
	29	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	529,528	522,590	
	30	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	529,528	523,030	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	529,528
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	(6,938)
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	522,590
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 29	6	522,590

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) ((e) plus (f) minus (g))
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.

(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). See instructions. If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8. }	3	

Part V Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), or 4948—see instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter:(attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		1	0
b All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% (0.0139) of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% (0.04) of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		2	
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	0
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		4	
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	0
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2023 estimated tax payments and 2022 overpayment credited to 2023	6a		
b Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.		7	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached		8	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed		9	0
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid		10	0
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2024 estimated tax Refunded		11	0

Part VI-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	☐	☐
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition	☐	☐
If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b , attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐	☐
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers. \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.	☐	☐
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	☐	☐
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	☐	☐
4b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	☐	☐
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by <i>General Instruction T</i> .	☐	☐
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	☐	☐
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XIV	☒	☐
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. CA		
8b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? If "No," attach explanation	☒	☐
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2023 or the tax year beginning in 2023? See the instructions for Part XIII. If "Yes," complete Part XIII	☒	☐
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	☒	☐
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions	☐	☒
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions	☐	☒
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address http://www.ruckercreekrefuge.org	☒	☐
14 The books are in care of <u>russell f gustafson</u> Telephone no. <u>(650) 704-8268</u> Located at <u>1219 EDGEWOOD RD , REDWOOD CITY , CA</u> ZIP+4 <u>94062-2728</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	☐	
16 At any time during calendar year 2023, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country	☐	☐

Part VI-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):**(1)** Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?**(2)** Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?**(3)** Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?**(4)** Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?**(5)** Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?**(6)** Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (**Exception.** Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)**b** If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did **any** of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions**c** Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here ☐**d** Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2023?**2** Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):**a** At the end of tax year 2023, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XII, lines 6d and 6e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2023?

If "Yes," list the years 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____

b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is **not** applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to **all** years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions.)**c** If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to **any** of the years listed in 2a, list the years here.
20____, 20____, 20____, 20____**3a** Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?**b** If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2023 as a result of **(1)** any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; **(2)** the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or **(3)** the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Form 4720, Schedule C, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2023.)**4a** Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?**b** Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2023?

Part VI-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5a** During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

	Yes	No
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	☐	☒
5a(1)		
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐	☒
5a(2)		
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐	☒
5a(3)		
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d) (4)(A)? See instructions.	☐	☒
5a(4)		
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	☐	☒
5a(5)		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions.	☐	☐
5b		
c Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here ☐		
d If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).	☐	☐
5d		
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	☐	☒
6a		
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.	☐	☒
6b		
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	☐	☒
7a		
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	☐	☐
7b		
8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	☐	☒
8		

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1** List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account other allowances
Russell Gustafson 1219 Edgewood Rd ,Redwood City ,CA 94062	President 4	0	0	0
Margaret Gustafson 1219 Edgewood Rd ,Redwood City ,CA 94062	Secretary 0.5	0	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000				

Part VII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. See instructions. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		

Part VIII-A

Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.		Expenses
1	care of watershed land - Provide security, fire mitigation, flood prevention for 320 acres of Rucker Creek watershed	16,706
2		
3		
4		

Part VIII-B

Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.		Amount
1		
2		
All other program-related investments. See instructions.		
3		
Total. Add lines 1 through 3		

Part IX Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	0
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	0
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	0
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1.5% (0.015) of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	0
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	0
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% (0.05) of line 5	6	0

Part X Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here ☒ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part IX, line 6	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2023 from Part V, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2023. (This does not include the tax from Part V)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XII, line 1	7	

Part XI Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	
b	Program-related investments—total from Part VIII-B	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part XII, line 4	4	0

Part XII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2022	(c) 2022	(d) 2023
1 Distributable amount for 2023 from Part X, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2023:				
a Enter amount for 2022 only				
b Total for prior years: 20 ____, 20 ____, 20 ____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023:				
a From 2018				
b From 2019				
c From 2020				
d From 2021				
e From 2022				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2023 from Part XI, line 4: \$ ____				
a Applied to 2022, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)				
d Applied to 2023 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2023 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2022. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2023. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2024				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2018 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2019				
b Excess from 2020				
c Excess from 2021				
d Excess from 2022				
e Excess from 2023				

Part XIII Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VI-A, question 9)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| 1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2023, enter the date of the ruling | | |
| b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☒ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5) | | |

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
		(a) 2023	(b) 2022	(c) 2021	(d) 2020
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part IX for each year listed	0	0	15	0	15
b 85% (0.85) of line 2a	0	0	13	0	13
c Qualifying distributions from Part XI, line 4, for each year listed	0	0	0	0	0
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	0	0	0	0	0
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	0	0	0	0	0
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a “Assets” alternative test—enter:					
(1) Value of all assets	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)	0	0	0	0	0
b “Endowment” alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part IX, line 6, for each year listed	0	0	10	0	10
c “Support” alternative test—enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)	19,825	21,025	1,115	4,325	46,290
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization	0	0	0	0	0
(4) Gross investment income	0	0	0	0	0

Part XIV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

- a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

Russell Gustafson

- b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

none

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.

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|----------|---|
| a | The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed: |
| b | The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include: |
| c | Any submission deadlines: |
| d | Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors: |

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Form 990-PF (2023)

Part XV-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

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		(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1	Program service revenue:					
	a					
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f					
	g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2	Membership dues and assessments					
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4	Dividends and interest from securities					
5	Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
	a Debt-financed property					
	b Not debt-financed property					
6	Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7	Other investment income					
8	Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
9	Net income or (loss) from special events .					
10	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11	Other revenue: a					
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
12	Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0		0	0
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)			13		0

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

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Part XV-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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Part XVI Information Regarding Transfers to and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations.

- 1** Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

	Yes	No
1a(1)	☐	☐
1a(2)	☐	☐
1b(1)	☐	☐
1b(2)	☐	☐
1b(3)	☐	☐
1b(4)	☐	☐
1b(5)	☐	☐
1b(6)	☐	☐
1c	☐	☐

- a** Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:

(1) Cash

(2) Other assets

- b** Other transactions:

(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization

(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization

(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets

(4) Reimbursement arrangements

(5) Loans or loan guarantees

(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

- c** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

- d** If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

[illegible]

- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?

☐ Yes ☐ No

- b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

**Sign
Here**

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

russell f gustafson

05/04/2024

president

Signature of officer or trustee

Date _____

Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below?

See instructions. ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name		Firm's EIN		
Firm's address		Phone no		

Schedule B
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-PF.
Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Name of the organization
RUCKER CREEK REFUGE

Employer identification number
46-3788986

Organization type (check one):

- | Filers of: | Section: |
|--------------------|--|
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | ☐ 501(c) () organization |
| | ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation |
| | ☐ 527 political organization |
| Form 990-PF | ☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation |
| | ☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation |
| | ☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation |

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

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

Special Rules

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

\$

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

Name of the organization RUCKER CREEK REFUGE	Employer identification number 46-3788986
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Part I

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(c) Type of contribution
1	Russell Gustafson 1219 Edgewood Rd Redwood City, CA 94062	\$ 19,825	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(c) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(c) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(c) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(c) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(c) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(c) Type of contribution
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of the organization RUCKER CREEK REFUGE	Employer identification number 46-3788986
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Part II

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

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$	
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		\$	

Name of the organization RUCKER CREEK REFUGE	Employer identification number 46-3788986
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Part III

Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) \$
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

Name of the Organization RUCKER CREEK REFUGE	Employer identification number 46-3788986
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Statement name: Taxes - Part I Line 18

Explanation:	property taxes
Revenue and Expenses per books:	\$170
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$0
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Statement name: Other Expenses - Part I Line 23

Explanation:	ground maintenance, road work, slash pickup, drainage work, security, equipment upkeep
Revenue and Expenses per books:	\$16,706
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$0
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Explanation:	internet
Revenue and Expenses per books:	\$1,793
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$0
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Explanation:	building improvement
Revenue and Expenses per books:	\$2,862
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$0
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Explanation:	fees
Revenue and Expenses per books:	\$127
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$0
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$0

Name of the Organization RUCKER CREEK REFUGE	Employer identification number 46-3788986
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Statement name: Depreciation - Part I Line 19

Name of property:	barn
Description of Property:	barn garage
Type of Expense:	Depreciation
Date Acquired:	10/07/2016
Cost or Other Basis:	\$170,689
Depreciation Allowed:	\$25,602
Method of Computation:	straight line
Depreciation this Year:	\$4,267
Depreciation:	Life (Years)
Rate(%) / Life:	40
Expenses per books:	\$4,267
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$0

Name of property:	water wagon
Description of Property:	water wagon
Type of Expense:	Depreciation
Date Acquired:	08/06/2016
Cost or Other Basis:	\$1,600
Depreciation Allowed:	\$960
Method of Computation:	straight line
Depreciation this Year:	\$160
Depreciation:	Life (Years)
Rate(%) / Life:	10
Expenses per books:	\$160
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$0

Statement name: Land, buildings and equipment basis - Part II Line 14

Description:	water wagon
Land, buildings, and equipment basis:	\$1,600
Less accumulated depreciation:	\$1,120
BOY:	\$640
EOY:	\$480
EOY - FMV:	\$480

Description:	320 acre parcel of Rucker creek
Land, buildings, and equipment basis:	\$380,000
Less accumulated depreciation:	\$0
BOY:	\$380,000
EOY:	\$380,000
EOY - FMV:	\$500,000

Description:	barn
Land, buildings, and equipment basis:	\$170,690
Less accumulated depreciation:	\$29,870
BOY:	\$145,088
EOY:	\$140,820
EOY - FMV:	\$200,000

Statement name: Substantial Contributor - Part VI A Line 10	
Name:	Russell F Gustafson
Address:	1219 EDGEWOOD RD,REDWOOD CITY,CA 94062-2728

Tax Exempt Entity Declaration and Signature
for Electronic FilingDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceFor calendar year , or tax year beginning , and ending ,
For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-POL, 4720, 8868, 5227, 5330, and 8038-CP
Go to www.irs.gov/Form8453TE for the latest information.

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Name of filer

EIN or SSN

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). If you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. Do not complete more than one line in Part I.

1a	Form 990 check here	☐	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b
2a	Form 990-EZ check here	☐	b	Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b
3a	Form 1120-POL check here	☐	b	Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b
4a	Form 990-PF check here	☐	b	Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b
5a	Form 8868 check here	☐	b	Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b
6a	Form 990-T check here	☐	b	Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b
7a	Form 4720 check here	☐	b	Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b
8a	Form 5227 check here	☐	b	FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b
9a	Form 5330 check here	☐	b	Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b
10a	Form 8038-CP check here	☐	b	Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b

Part II Declaration of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

- 11a ☐ I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.
- b ☐ If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that ☐ I am an officer of the above named entity or ☐ I am the person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) , (EIN) ,

and that I have examined a copy of the 2021 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund.

Sign

russell f gustafson

Here

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

Date

Title, if applicable

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above return and that the entries on Form 8453-TE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The entity officer or person subject to tax will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS to the officer or person subject to tax, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature	Date	Check if also paid preparer ☐	Check if self-employed ☐	ERO's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code				EIN
					Phone no.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN
	Firm's name				Firm's EIN
	Firm's address				Phone no.