

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2020, and ending , 20			
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization JOIN HANDS ESL		D Employer identification number 43-1607996
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (618) 857-2600
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	
	PO BOX 1429		
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code EAST SAINT LOUIS, IL 62202		G Gross receipts \$ 721,602.
F Name and address of principal officer: Judge Ellen Dauber, PO Box 1429, East Saint Louis, IL 62202		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: ▶ N/A			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1990	M State of legal domicile: IL

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: - SERVING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS		
	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	13
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	13
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	5	37
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	151
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	718,852.	721,602.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0.	
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0.
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	718,852.	721,602.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	224,882.	414,832.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 129,575.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	255,790.	305,489.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	480,672.	720,321.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	238,180.	1,281.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	337,909.	408,668.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	6,106.	32,078.
			331,803.	376,590.

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		06/21/2021	
	Date			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name William L. Zielinski		Preparer's signature	Date 06/22/2021
	Firm's name ▶ ZIELINSKI & ASSOCIATES		Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P01321856
	Firm's address ▶ 2150 HAMPTON AVE, SAINT LOUIS, MO 63139		Firm's EIN ▶ 43-1915295	
		Phone no. (314) 644-2150		

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

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:

SERVING UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS

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 \$ 136,478. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
Education Program: This program provides education advocacy services for all children and teens in the Dream Path and when possible scholarships to attend private school through the Alternative Education Program. There are currently 12 children in private education at schools including Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School in East St. Louis, Althoff High School in Belleville, and Nerinx High School in Webster Groves, MO.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 337,025. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
The Dream Path Program: This program focuses on relationships, providing a pathway out of poverty for families through support, mentoring programs and education advocacy. Mentors and staff journey with children and families helping them navigate the many barriers to academic success that exist for children growing up in intergenerational poverty. It includes family mentoring, Teen Mentoring, and Education Advocacy. The Dream Path Family program currently serves 38 families and 125 children. Currently the program serves 28 teens and 30 college students. Our model employs a "birth through college" curriculum and personal relationships to build solid foundations for success.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 20,041. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)
Youth Programming: Through this program, Join Hands builds relationships, increases self esteem, and broadens the horizons of children 8-12 in two public housing projects in East St. Louis. Through the Girls Clubs and Boys Clubs and other youth classes and programs, we provide recreational, educational, and athletic opportunities to approximately 80 children, with a current volunteer to child ratio of 1:3 for activities and outings. This program helps to encourage young people to stay on the right track, do the right thing and focus on education. Volunteers act as role models and big brothers and big sisters, reflecting the beauty and worth of each child.

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

(Expenses \$ 48,870. including grants of \$ 0.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 542,414.