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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)

OMB No. 1545-1150

2016

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.
▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

A For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2016

B Check if applicable:

- Address change
- Name change
- Initial return
- Final return/terminated
- Amended return
- Application pending

C Name of organization
Sand Sisters Los Angeles Inc.
Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1545 Amherst Ave. Unit 209
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Los Angeles, California USA 90025

D Employer identification number
81-1483362
E Telephone number
310-866-8025
F Group Exemption Number ▶ n/a

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.sandsistersla.com

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

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

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

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

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

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

		1		2		3		4		5a		5b		5c		6a		6b		6c		6d		7a		7b		7c		8		9		10		11		12		13		14		15		16		17		18		19		20		21											
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		13693		2		44385		3		0		4		0		5a		0		5b		0		5c		0		6a		0		6b		0		6c		0		6d		0		7a		0		7b		0		7c		0		8		0		9		58078			
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																																																																	
	3	Membership dues and assessments																																																																	
	4	Investment income																																																																	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																																																																	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																																																																	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																																																																	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events																																																																	
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)																																																																	
b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)																																																																		
c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events																																																																		
d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)																																																																		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																																																																		
b	Less: cost of goods sold																																																																		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																																																																		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)																																																																		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8																																																																		
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)																																																																	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																																																																	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																																																																	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																																																																	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																																																																	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																																																																	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)																																																																	
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16																																																																		
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)																																																																	
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)																																																																	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)																																																																	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																																																																	

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

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	1,000	6059
23 Land and buildings	0	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	0
25 Total assets	1,000	6059
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	1,000	6059

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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Empowerment Program

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

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)

28 <u>After School Enrichment: offered as Social Emotional Learning We mentor students after school in independent schools and with the Santa Monica School District. Offered 27 times & reached 302 student.</u> (Grants \$ <u>10,600</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	<u>7354</u>
29 <u>Summer Camp: Sand Sisters provides a place for youth to connect with nature and gain confidence through water sports and hiking. 12B camps with SE activities in 2016.</u> (Grants \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	<u>9597</u>
30 <u>Women Empowerment: Sand Sisters hosts quarterly women empowerment events for fundraising opportunities and to connect with the Los Angeles Community. We created wellness experiences for 400 women.</u> (Grants \$ <u>3193</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	<u>545</u>
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$ <u>N/A</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	<u>N/A</u>
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	<u>17496</u>

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

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
<u>Sonya Serge</u> <u>CEO</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>6230</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Theodora Serge</u> <u>CEO</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>5580</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Adam Benton</u> <u>Board of Directors, President</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Torney McNight</u> <u>Board of Directors, Secretary</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Jessica Mallett</u> <u>Board of Directors, Treasury</u>	<u>1-5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35c 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		
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a n/a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b n/a	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0		
d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ California		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Sonya Serale Telephone no. ▶ 310-816-8025 Located at ▶ 1545 Amhurst Ave - #209 CAJCA USA ZIP + 4 ▶ 90025		
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: ▶ n/a	42b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ n/a	42c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

47 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

	Yes	No
47		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

48		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49b		<input type="checkbox"/>
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50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

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

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ NONE

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

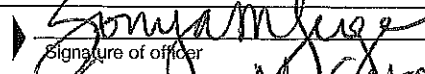
(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ NONE

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

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

Sign Here

	9/28/17
Signature of officer	Date
Sonya M. Serge, COO	
Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
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

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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Name of the organization

Sand Sisters Los Angeles Inc.

Employer identification number

81-1483362

Part I: Expenses, Line 16 (other expenses)

Payroll Taxes: 3,517

Insurance: 2,710

Travel: 3,167

Technology / Hosting: 2,174

Conferences: 715

Other Expenses total: 12,283