

Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**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 foundation)

Do not enter Social Security numbers on this form as it may be made public. By law, the
IRS generally cannot redact the information on the form.Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No. 1545-1150

2020Open to Public
Inspection**A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020, and ending 12-31-2020****B** Check if applicable:

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

C Name of organization
RESILIENT ACTIVIST INCNumber and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
15 W 108th TerraceCity or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Kansas City, MO64114**D** Employer identification number

82-4982519

E Telephone number

(816) 919-3311

F Group Exemption
Number. ▶**G** Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶**I** Website: ▶ <https://www.theresilientactivist.org/>**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 ▶ \$ **9,803****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 ☒

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	7,566	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	2,137	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0	
	4	Investment income	4	100	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events			
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0	
Expenses	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)	6b	0	
	c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events.	6c	0	
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	0	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0	
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0	
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	0	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	9,803	
	Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	0
		11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
12		Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0	
13		Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	440	
14		Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	0	
15		Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	0	
16		Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	4,743	
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	5,183		
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	4,620	
	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)	19	965	
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	5,585	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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.	965	22 5,881
23 Land and buildings.	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O).	0	24 0
25 Total assets.	965	25 5,881
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O).	0	26 296
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21).	965	27 5,585

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 ☒**Expenses**

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Our mission is to build resilience, optimism, and hope in response to the impact of the climate crisis. We provide community-building programs that offer inspiration, self-care, and mental health support. Our programs are immersed in deep nature-connection and designed to nourish positive ecological change.

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.

28 In 2020, in the midst of the pandemic, we co-created a Research Study on the emotional health of Environmental Activists in partnership with the Department of Psychology at the University of Kansas and other mental health professionals. In September of 2020, KU's Psychology Department hosted fourteen 90-minute focus group sessions with two to four participants in each discussion group. The focus groups offered an opportunity for activists to share their thoughts, exchange ideas for addressing emotional concerns, build connections to like-minded people in the community, and continue their resilience and recovery work. The results of this study are not yet released, but initial feedback has been very supportive of the programming we are offering through our Climate of Community: True Power for Climate Resilience and Recovery events (see below). For these focus groups, the design and implementation of the research study, and the first stages of transcription, we received \$18,150 in in-kind hours from the professionals working on this project. The \$700 expense was a small token of our appreciation to the graduate students who coordinated the fourteen focus group sessions and created detailed notes for each session.

(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐**28a** 700

29 Meditation: People everywhere began experiencing severe emotional distress with the appearance of COVID-19 in March 2020. Many people were overwhelmed with fear for their health, uncertainty about their jobs and finances, and sorrow over social and physical distancing. For many people, these events resulted in anger, shock, resistance, panic, anxiety, and grief. These emotional reactions show up in our physical bodies in the form of muscle tension, headaches, digestive problems, and insomnia as we live in a perpetual state of fight, flight, or freeze. As a public service, The Resilient Activist began hosting a free, online resilience and meditation program for one hour every evening throughout the month of April 2020. This program was so well received, that we created our "Sunday Morning Meditation and Resilience" program, on Zoom. Throughout 2020, we have provided guided meditations and formal meditation instruction to more than 365 individuals (many of whom continue to participate regularly), for a total of 70 hours of programming. These programs are offered via in-kind donations totaling \$7,515.

(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐**29a** 0

30 Ecological Angst programming and Climate of Community -True Power for Climate Resilience and Recovery: In February 2020, before we experienced public health measures in response to COVID-19, a group called "True Power for Climate Recovery" met in Lawrence, KS at Haskell Indian Nations University to discuss concerns about climate change and to mobilize effective strategies to address climate anxiety and eco-grief. This group was the brainchild of Barbara Gilbert, Ph.D., a clinical psychologist currently in private practice in Lawrence, Kansas. In her work, Barbara addresses larger-scale barriers to the healthy functioning of the whole community. She offers a psychology-based path to True Power for Climate Resilience and Recovery. Concurrently, in 2019 and 2020, The Resilient Activist had been hosting monthly "Climate Conversations" and "Ecological Angst: Building Resilience for the Emotional Impact of Climate Change" programs for a similar purpose. These two groups joined together, along with others, to continue our programming to support those who are concerned about climate change and ecological catastrophe. Through our Climate of Community: True Power for Climate Resilience and Recovery events as well as our Ecological Angst programming, during 2020, we connected with 355 participants for 13.5 hours of programming. This programming was offered in-kind for a combined donation of \$3,215.

(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐**30a** 0

Visionary Activism: Climate Conversations - Building an ecologically supportive community is an important part of The Resilient Activist's mission and our monthly Climate Conversations reflect this. In 2020, we hosted twelve events with topics that included Transformation of a Superfund Site to an Ecological Habitat, Exforming Grief, Climate Card Deck, Falling in Love With Nature, Resilience, Reconnecting to Nature, Native Wisdom, Conversations on the 2040 Movie and watch party, and interviews with Visionary Activists. Recordings of many of these events are on our YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdMD4_4gzoIMJiJrcQEz3NA. We hosted 26 hours of programming for 164 participants. In-kind donations to coordinate and host these events totaled \$3,025.

(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐**31a** 0**32** Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) **32** 700**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
Sami Aaron Board Chair, Treasurer	0	0	0	0

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Tobi HollowayBoard Secretary	0	0	0	0
Meredith Evans McAllisterBoard Vice Chair	0	0	0	0

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in theinstructions 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	33	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	No
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	No
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	35b	
c	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	35c	No
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	No
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?	37b	No
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?	38a	No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
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.	40b	No
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	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Sami Aaron Telephone no. ▶ (913) 915-1971 Located at ▶ 15 W 108th Terrace Kansas City, MO ZIP + 4 ▶ 64114		
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)?	42b	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ 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 U.S.?	42c	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> 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	No
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	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
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	No
45b	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	No

		Yes	No
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.	46		No

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 ☐

		Yes	No
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	47		No
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		No
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		No
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		No

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 **0**

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. **0**

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	Signature of officer		Date		
	Sami Aaron Board Chair		2021-05-07		
	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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 82-4982519
Name: RESILIENT ACTIVIST INC

Form 990-EZ, Special Condition Description:

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