

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning** OCT 1, 2007 **and ending** SEP 30, 2008

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>DEAFNESS RESEARCH FOUNDATION</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>13-1882107</b>
	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>641 LEXINGTON AVENUE</b> <b>FL. 15</b>	<b>E</b> Telephone number <b>(212) 328-9480</b>
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>NEW YORK, NY 10022</b>	<b>F</b> Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

*H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations.*

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No

**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates **N/A**

**H(c)** Are all affiliates included? **N/A**  Yes  No (If "No," attach a list.)

**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No

**I** Group Exemption Number **N/A**

**G Website:** WWW.DRF.ORG

**J Organization type** (check only one)  501(c) ( 3 ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check here  if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 **1,981,994.**

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

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

		1a		1b		1c		1d		1e	
<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:											
<b>a</b> Contributions to donor advised funds											
<b>b</b> Direct public support (not included on line 1a)				1,800,920.							
<b>c</b> Indirect public support (not included on line 1a)											
<b>d</b> Government contributions (grants) (not included on line 1a)											
<b>e Total</b> (add lines 1a through 1d) (cash \$ 1,766,959. noncash \$ 33,961.)										1,800,920.	
<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)										64,319.	
<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments											
<b>4</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments										24,284.	
<b>5</b> Dividends and interest from securities											
<b>6 a</b> Gross rents <b>SEE STATEMENT 1</b>		6a		42,280.							
<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses <b>SEE STATEMENT 2</b>		6b		59,442.							
<b>c</b> Net rental income or (loss). Subtract line 6b from line 6a										-17,162.	
<b>7</b> Other investment income (describe )											
<b>8 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory		(A) Securities		(B) Other							
		24,725.		8a							
<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		24,725.		8b							
<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)				8c							
<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B) <b>STMT 3</b>										8d	
<b>9</b> Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>											
<b>a</b> Gross revenue (not including \$ 189,200. of contributions reported on line 1b)		9a		21,000.							
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses		9b		125,253.							
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from special events. Subtract line 9b from line 9a <b>SEE STATEMENT 4</b>										-104,253.	
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		10a									
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold		10b									
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule). Subtract line 10b from line 10a										10c	
<b>11</b> Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)										4,466.	
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11										1,772,574.	
<b>13</b> Program services (from line 44, column (B))										862,630.	
<b>14</b> Management and general (from line 44, column (C))										153,059.	
<b>15</b> Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))										422,043.	
<b>16</b> Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)											
<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 16 and 44, column (A)										1,437,732.	
<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 17 from line 12										334,842.	
<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))										1,098,896.	
<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)										0.	
<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18, 19, and 20										1,433,738.	

**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses**

All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others.

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
<b>22a</b> Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach schedule) (cash \$ <u>0</u> . noncash \$ <u>0</u> . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> <b>22a</b>				
<b>22b</b> Other grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ <u>422,445</u> . noncash \$ <u>0</u> . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/> <b>22b</b>	<b>422,445.</b>	<b>422,445.</b>	<b>STATEMENT 6</b>	
<b>23</b> Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule) <b>23</b>				
<b>24</b> Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule) <b>24</b>				
<b>25a</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-A <b>25a</b>	<b>168,391.</b>	<b>66,707.</b>	<b>13,341.</b>	<b>88,343.</b>
<b>b</b> Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-B <b>25b</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>	<b>0.</b>
<b>c</b> Compensation and other distributions, not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <b>25c</b>				
<b>26</b> Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b, and c <b>26</b>	<b>61,574.</b>	<b>14,152.</b>	<b>11,986.</b>	<b>35,436.</b>
<b>27</b> Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b, and c <b>27</b>				
<b>28</b> Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27 <b>28</b>	<b>13,220.</b>	<b>3,475.</b>	<b>2,640.</b>	<b>7,105.</b>
<b>29</b> Payroll taxes <b>29</b>	<b>13,409.</b>	<b>4,109.</b>	<b>2,168.</b>	<b>7,132.</b>
<b>30</b> Professional fundraising fees <b>30</b>				
<b>31</b> Accounting fees <b>31</b>	<b>48,485.</b>		<b>48,485.</b>	
<b>32</b> Legal fees <b>32</b>	<b>10,760.</b>		<b>8,931.</b>	<b>1,829.</b>
<b>33</b> Supplies <b>33</b>	<b>7,038.</b>	<b>540.</b>	<b>6,498.</b>	
<b>34</b> Telephone <b>34</b>	<b>15,952.</b>	<b>3,874.</b>	<b>8,204.</b>	<b>3,874.</b>
<b>35</b> Postage and shipping <b>35</b>	<b>53,208.</b>	<b>38,702.</b>	<b>2,027.</b>	<b>12,479.</b>
<b>36</b> Occupancy <b>36</b>	<b>83,834.</b>	<b>38,898.</b>	<b>9,758.</b>	<b>35,178.</b>
<b>37</b> Equipment rental and maintenance <b>37</b>				
<b>38</b> Printing and publications <b>38</b>	<b>95,303.</b>	<b>54,946.</b>	<b>5,972.</b>	<b>34,385.</b>
<b>39</b> Travel <b>39</b>	<b>16,034.</b>	<b>10,393.</b>	<b>4.</b>	<b>5,637.</b>
<b>40</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings <b>40</b>	<b>4,659.</b>	<b>3,779.</b>		<b>880.</b>
<b>41</b> Interest <b>41</b>				
<b>42</b> Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule) <b>42</b>	<b>1,363.</b>	<b>1,363.</b>		
<b>43</b> Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a _____ <b>43a</b>				
b _____ <b>43b</b>				
c _____ <b>43c</b>				
d _____ <b>43d</b>				
e _____ <b>43e</b>				
f _____ <b>43f</b>				
g <b>SEE STATEMENT 5</b> <b>43g</b>	<b>422,057.</b>	<b>199,247.</b>	<b>33,045.</b>	<b>189,765.</b>
<b>44</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 22a through 43g. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15) <b>44</b>	<b>1,437,732.</b>	<b>862,630.</b>	<b>153,059.</b>	<b>422,043.</b>

**Joint Costs.** Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No

If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ N/A ; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ N/A ;

(iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ N/A ; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ N/A

**Part III** Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ► <u>SEE STATEMENT 7</u>	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)
All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)	
<b>a</b> <u>RESEARCH GRANTS - TO FINANCE PROMISING RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF HEARING AND BALANCE SCIENCE, THAT SHOW HIGH SCIENTIFIC MERIT AND CLEAR IMPORTANCE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF CLINICAL MEDICAL THERAPY.</u>	
(Grants and allocations \$ <u>422,445.</u> ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	507,525.
<b>b</b> <u>HEARING HEALTH MAGAZINE - TO EDUCATE AND COMMUNICATE WITH INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH HEARING LOSS, AS WELL AS THOSE AT RISK, ABOUT NEW SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL AND THERAPEUTIC ADVANCES IN HEARING LOSS THROUGH OUR AWARD-WINNING PUBLICATION, HEARING HEALTH MAGAZINE.</u>	
(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	296,078.
<b>c</b> <u>CONFERENCES - TO EDUCATE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES RELATED TO HEARING LOSS, AS WELL AS PROVIDE GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DEAFNESS RESEARCH FOUNDATION ("DRF"). DRF-SPONSORED CONFERENCES SERVE AS A FORUM TO STIMULATE RESEARCH THROUGH LECTURES, POSTER SESSIONS, PANEL DISCUSSIONS AND INFORMAL INTERACTIONS.</u>	
(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	59,027.
<b>d</b>	
(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>e</b> Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>f</b> Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ..... ►	862,630.

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**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See the instructions.)

**Note:** Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	658,664.	281.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments .....	525,568.	1,515,031.
	47 a Accounts receivable .....	22,131.	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts .....		
	48 a Pledges receivable .....	62,955.	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts .....		
	49 Grants receivable .....		
	50 a Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees .....		
	b Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....		
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable .....		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts .....		
	52 Inventories for sale or use .....		
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	51,177.	32,075.
	54 a Investments - publicly-traded securities .....		
	b Investments - other securities .....		
55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis .....			
b Less: accumulated depreciation .....			
56 Investments - other .....			
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis .....	41,133.		
b Less: accumulated depreciation <b>STMT. 8</b> .....	1,913.		
58 Other assets, including program-related investments (describe ► <b>INTANGIBLE ASSETS</b> ) .....	85,713.	64,284.	
59 <b>Total assets</b> (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58 .....	1,440,426.	1,735,977.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	44,831.	30,575.
	61 Grants payable .....	286,529.	271,664.
	62 Deferred revenue .....		
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees .....		
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		
	b Mortgages and other notes payable .....		
	65 Other liabilities (describe ► <b>REFUNDABLE ADVANCE</b> ) .....	10,170.	0.
66 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 60 through 65 .....	341,530.	302,239.	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.</b>		
	67 Unrestricted .....	790,896.	1,142,251.
	68 Temporarily restricted .....	108,000.	91,487.
	69 Permanently restricted .....	200,000.	200,000.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 70 through 74.</b>		
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds .....		
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund .....		
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		
	73 <b>Total net assets or fund balances.</b> Add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72. (Column (A) <b>must</b> equal line 19 and column (B) <b>must</b> equal line 21) .....	1,098,896.	1,433,738.
	74 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.</b> Add lines 66 and 73 .....	1,440,426.	1,735,977.

