

Form **990**

**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. 1545-0047

**2013**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending**

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<b>C</b> Name of organization		<b>D</b> Employer identification number
	Mercy Ships		26-2414132
	Doing Business As		
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite		<b>E</b> Telephone number
15862 State Highway 110 North			(903) 939-7000
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		<b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 38,257,362.	
Lindale, TX 75771		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: Donald K. Stephens same as C above		<b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>I</b> 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		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
<b>J</b> Website: <a href="http://www.mercyships.org">www.mercyships.org</a>		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number	
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		<b>L</b> Year of formation: 2008	<b>M</b> State of legal domicile: TX

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Operates hospital ships in developing countries, providing free medical care, education for		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	8
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	6
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2013 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	200
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	1112
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	0.
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	0.	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	27,404,622.	35,774,085.
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,684,690.	1,705,720.
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	0.	94,685.
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	354,121.	396,781.
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	29,443,433.	37,971,271.
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	275,048.	2,308,060.
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	0.	0.
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	10,154,072.	10,477,504.
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	0.	355,936.
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	15,100,313.	16,755,572.
	<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	25,529,433.	29,897,072.
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	3,914,000.	8,074,199.	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	13,234,468.	22,267,077.
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,792,074.	2,746,799.
		11,442,394.	19,520,278.

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer	Date			
	Vanda Davey, CFO Type or print name and title				
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name David C. Moja	Preparer's signature <i>David C. Moja</i>	Date 8/6/14	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00747006
	Firm's name Capin Crouse LLP	Firm's EIN 36-3990892	Firm's address 2435 Research Parkway, STE 200 Colorado Springs, CO 80920	Phone no. 719-528-6225	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: Mercy Ships operates hospital ships in underdeveloped countries, providing free medical care to patients, and conducting training and education for medical professionals. Mercy Ships also engages in medical infrastructure improvement projects.

Note (not part of 990 filing): In conjunction with surgeries and medical services delivered on its hospital ship, Mercy Ships conducts medical training and capacity building activities on board, and executes or oversees medical, agricultural, and other infrastructure and capacity building activities in host nations.

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

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 \$ 23,429,036. including grants of \$ 2,308,060. ) (Revenue \$ 1,705,720. ) Mercy Ships follows the 2000-year old example of Jesus, bringing hope and healing to the forgotten poor In 2013, Mercy Ships continued providing medical services at no cost, including, but not limited to: \* Specialty surgeries performed 2,863; \* Medical consultations 7,114; \* Healthcare Professionals Trained and Mentored 908; \* Dental treatments 37,463; \* Trained in community health education, 1,971; \* Day workers employed & trained 529; \* Trained in mental health 577; \* Trained in sustainable improved agriculture 64; \* Medical infrastructure facilities improvement projects 5

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses 23,429,036.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	X	
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	X	
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>	X	
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	X	
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
<b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i> .....	X	
<b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> .....	X	
<b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> .....	X	
<b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? .....		
<b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? .....		
<b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? .....		
<b>25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>26</b> Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If so, complete Schedule L, Part II .....		X
<b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> .....		X
<b>28</b> Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
<b>a</b> A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>b</b> A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....	X	
<b>c</b> An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> .....		X
<b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....	X	
<b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> .....		X
<b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> .....		X
<b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> .....		X
<b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> .....	X	
<b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> .....	X	
<b>35a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? .....		X
<b>b</b> If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		
<b>36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> .....		X
<b>37</b> Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> .....		X
<b>38</b> Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? .....	X	

**Note.** All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O .....

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</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)?	X	
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: <b>See Schedule O</b> See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>7h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? N/A		
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? N/A		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 N/A		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders N/A		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year N/A		
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>		
<b>13a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? N/A <b>Note.</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
<b>13b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
<b>13c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
<b>14b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent; 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?; 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?; 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?; 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?; 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AZ, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MN, MS, MO, NH, NM, NC
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [ ] Another's website [X] Upon request [ ] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: Vanda Davey, CFO - (903) 939-7075
15862 State Highway 110 North, Lindale, TX 75771

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

**1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

Note (not part of the 990 filing): The board of Mercy Ships listed here oversees the execution of charitable activities of the organization. The board members listed on www.mercyships.org are directors of Mercy Ships International, which brings together individuals with backgrounds in medical, maritime, legal, accounting, development, international relations, and other disciplines to provide ultimate guidance and oversight of Mercy Ships and related affiliates.

	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Don Stephens Chairman / President	55.00 5.00	X		X				215,250.	0.	75,000.
(2) Peter B. Schulze Treasurer/ Managing Director	32.00 2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) Kerry Peterson Secretary / VP - Marketing	55.00 2.00	X		X				94,778.	0.	9,468.
(4) Leland Paris Director	2.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) AC Musgrave Director	2.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) Gary Brandenburg Director	2.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) Ronald L. Goode, PhD Director	2.00 0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) William S. Kanaga Director	2.00 0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) Vanda Davey CFO	55.00 1.00			X				142,622.	0.	6,911.
(10) Jeffrey Kramer VP - Resource Development	55.00 1.00					X		134,318.	0.	5,428.
(11) Dr. Gary Parker Chief Medical Officer	70.00 0.00					X		213,895.	0.	0.



Note (not part of the 990 filing): Dr. Parker, like other long-term crew members, is responsible for raising his own personal funding to support his full-time professional services on a hospital ship.

**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees** *(continued)*

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
<b>1b Sub-total</b> .....							800,863.	0.	96,807.	
<b>c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b> .....							0.	0.	0.	
<b>d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b> .....							800,863.	0.	96,807.	

**2** Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **4**

	Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....		X
<b>4</b> For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> .....	X	
<b>5</b> Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> .....		X

**Section B. Independent Contractors**

**1** Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Russ Reid, 2 North Lake Avenue, Ste 600, Pasadena, CA 91101	Mail Solicitations	355,936.

**2** Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **1**



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1 a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>	119,129.					
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>						
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>						
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>						
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>						
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	35,654,956.					
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		3,788,162.					
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f			35,774,085.				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2 a</b> Crew & Volunteer Fees	<b>Business Code</b>	624200	1,705,720.	1,705,720.			
	<b>b</b>							
	<b>c</b>							
	<b>d</b>							
	<b>e</b>							
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue							
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f				1,705,720.			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)							
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds							
	<b>5</b> Royalties							
	<b>6 a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
		<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses						
		<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)						
		<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)						
	<b>7 a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
		<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				0.		
		<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)		94,685.				
		<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)			94,685.			94,685.
	<b>8 a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b>						
		<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>					
		<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	<b>9 a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses		<b>b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities								
<b>10 a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>		682,872.					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>	286,091.					
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			396,781.			396,781.	
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>			<b>Business Code</b>					
<b>11 a</b>								
<b>b</b>								
<b>c</b>								
<b>d</b> All other revenue								
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d								
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions.				37,971,271.	1,705,720.	0.	491,466.	

Note (not part of the 990 filing): Crew fees are paid by short and long term crew members serving on a hospital ship to help defray a portion of certain operating costs.



**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21	2,092,919.	2,092,919.		
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	8,500.	8,500.		
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	206,641.	206,641.		
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	544,030.	240,741.	153,666.	149,623.
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	171,530.	127,329.	18,629.	25,572.
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	8,989,222.	6,672,828.	976,297.	1,340,097.
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	330,892.	180,014.	117,207.	33,671.
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	441,830.	219,351.	117,435.	105,044.
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal	26,746.	12,944.	6,269.	7,533.
<b>c</b> Accounting	1,510.	755.	755.	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	355,936.			355,936.
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	1,823,916.	1,036,028.	213,016.	574,872.
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	332,246.	155,049.	91,917.	85,280.
<b>13</b> Office expenses	3,098,877.	2,137,055.	320,732.	641,090.
<b>14</b> Information technology				
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	1,260,157.	710,541.	391,287.	158,329.
<b>17</b> Travel	1,011,217.	808,911.	79,054.	123,252.
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	27,937.	13,616.	2,439.	11,882.
<b>20</b> Interest	269,130.	269,130.		
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	597,126.	534,766.	62,360.	
<b>23</b> Insurance	518,997.	424,648.	91,723.	2,626.
<b>24</b> Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>a</b> Contributed Goods Exp	2,526,611.	2,519,645.	5,779.	1,187.
<b>b</b> Fuel & Oil	2,265,514.	2,265,514.		
<b>c</b> Med & Food	1,873,577.	1,830,760.	42,806.	11.
<b>d</b> All Other Expenses	1,122,011.	961,351.	119,931.	40,729.
<b>e</b> All other expenses				
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	29,897,072.	23,429,036.	2,811,302.	3,656,734.
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here  if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	7,964,061.	<b>1</b>	2,882,860.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....		<b>2</b>	11,887,324.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....	70,438.	<b>4</b>	32,945.
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....	2,510,840.	<b>8</b>	3,557,865.
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	148,902.	<b>9</b>	145,652.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 7,659,997.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 3,980,352.	2,457,977.	<b>10c</b> 3,679,645.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	6,248.	<b>11</b>	6,248.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....	76,002.	<b>15</b>	74,538.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	13,234,468.	<b>16</b>	22,267,077.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	1,750,189.	<b>17</b>	2,689,543.
	<b>18</b> Grants payable .....		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue .....	41,885.	<b>19</b>	57,256.
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D .....		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	1,792,074.	<b>26</b>	2,746,799.
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets .....	8,483,948.	<b>27</b>	13,261,064.
	<b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets .....	2,883,443.	<b>28</b>	6,106,272.
	<b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets .....	75,003.	<b>29</b>	152,942.
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>			
	<b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		<b>32</b>	
<b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances .....	11,442,394.	<b>33</b>	19,520,278.	
<b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances .....	13,234,468.	<b>34</b>	22,267,077.	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	37,971,271.
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	29,897,072.
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	8,074,199.
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	<b>4</b>	11,442,394.
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	3,685.
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	<b>10</b>	19,520,278.

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
<b>2a</b>	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
<b>b</b>	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____ If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? _____ If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
<b>3a</b>	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? _____		X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits _____		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2013

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization: Mercy Ships
Employer identification number: 26-2414132

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
9 [X] An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Non-functionally integrated
e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

Table with 2 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 11g(i), 11g(ii), 11g(iii)

Table with 7 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?, (v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?, (vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S., (vii) Amount of monetary support. Includes a Total row.

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2013

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3 .....						
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) .....						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....						
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) .....					<b>12</b>	
<b>13 First five years.</b> If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and <b>stop here</b> .....						<input type="checkbox"/>

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) .....	<b>14</b>		%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 .....	<b>15</b>		%
<b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2013.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2012.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2013.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2012.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....	26,202,162.	25,790,557.	25,445,883.	27,404,622.	39,150,201.	143,993,425.
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose .....	1,723,239.	1,417,046.	1,842,757.	1,684,690.	1,705,720.	8,373,452.
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....	482,495.	480,410.	641,838.	612,962.	682,872.	2,900,577.
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....	28,407,896.	27,688,013.	27,930,478.	29,702,274.	41,538,793.	155,267,454.
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....	9,265.	37,987.	16,792.	35,452.	12,801.	112,297.
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						0.
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....	9,265.	37,987.	16,792.	35,452.	12,801.	112,297.
<b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						155,155,157.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....	28,407,896.	27,688,013.	27,930,478.	29,702,274.	41,538,793.	155,267,454.
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	28,407,896.	27,688,013.	27,930,478.	29,702,274.	41,538,793.	155,267,454.

**14 First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	99.93 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	.00 %
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2013.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2012.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions





**SCHEDULE D**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**  
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).**

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**2013**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

Mercy Ships

Employer identification number

26-2414132

**Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year .....		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) .....		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year) .....		
4 Aggregate value at end of year .....		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Part II Conservation Easements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
- Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)       Preservation of an historically important land area
- Protection of natural habitat       Preservation of a certified historic structure
- Preservation of open space
- 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.
- |  | Held at the End of the Tax Year |
|--|---------------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements .....   | 2a                              |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....   | 2b                              |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....   | 2c                              |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register ..... | 2d                              |
- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....
- Yes  No
- 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? .....
- Yes  No
- 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
- b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
- (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....
- ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....
- ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:
- a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 .....
- ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- b Assets included in Form 990, Part X .....
- ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets** *(continued)*

**3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a  Public exhibition
- b  Scholarly research
- c  Preservation for future generations
- d  Loan or exchange programs
- e  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.

**5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

**1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
<b>c</b> Beginning balance	<b>1c</b>
<b>d</b> Additions during the year	<b>1d</b>
<b>e</b> Distributions during the year	<b>1e</b>
<b>f</b> Ending balance	<b>1f</b>

**2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance	122,949.	69,521.	64,006.	58,556.	
<b>b</b> Contributions	30,000.	5,000.	5,000.	5,000.	58,556.
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	15,861.	482.	515.	450.	
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses					
<b>g</b> End of year balance	168,810.	75,003.	69,521.	64,006.	58,556.

**2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- b** Permanent endowment  90.60 %
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment  9.40 %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

**3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
<b>3a(i)</b>		X
<b>3a(ii)</b>		X
<b>3b</b>		

**b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

**4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

**Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
<b>1a</b> Land				
<b>b</b> Buildings		252,583.	94,985.	157,598.
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements		5,061,561.	3,586,439.	1,475,122.
<b>d</b> Equipment		2,345,853.	298,928.	2,046,925.
<b>e</b> Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				3,679,645.

**Part VII Investments - Other Securities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives .....		
(2) Closely-held equity interests .....		
(3) Other .....		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

**Part VIII Investments - Program Related.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
<b>Total.</b> (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

**Part IX Other Assets.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

**Part X Other Liabilities.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

**Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
<b>a</b>	Net unrealized gains on investments	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Recoveries of prior year grants	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total revenue. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		<b>5</b>	

**Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

<b>1</b>	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
<b>a</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Prior year adjustments	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Other losses	<b>2c</b>		
<b>d</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>2d</b>		
<b>e</b>	Add lines <b>2a</b> through <b>2d</b>		<b>2e</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line <b>2e</b> from line <b>1</b>		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
<b>a</b>	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b>	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b>	Add lines <b>4a</b> and <b>4b</b>		<b>4c</b>	
<b>5</b>	Total expenses. Add lines <b>3</b> and <b>4c</b> . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		<b>5</b>	

**Part XIII Supplemental Information.**

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part V, line 4:

Explanation: Endowment funds are intended to be used for 1) The support of staff/crew that need assistance in raising the support necessary for monthly living expenses and 2) To help support the organization's operational and/or programmatic activities.

Part X, Line 2:

Explanation: The financial statement effects of a tax position taken or expected to be taken are recognized in the financial statements when it is more likely than not, based on the technical merits, that the position will be sustained upon examination. Interest and penalties, if any, are

included in general and administrative expenses in the statement of

**Part XIII** Supplemental Information *(continued)*

activities. As of December 31, 2013, Mercy Ships had no uncertain tax positions that qualify for recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Mercy Ships' federal Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return Form

990 is subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service, generally

for three years after it is filed. As of December 31, 2013, Mercy Ships'

tax returns for the years 2010 through 2012 remain subject to examination.

**SCHEDULE F  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Statement of Activities Outside the United States**

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.
- ▶ Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization  Mercy Ships	Employer identification number  26-2414132
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**Part I** **General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? .....  **Yes**  **No**
- 2 For grantmakers.** Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.
- 3 Activities per Region.** (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
Sub-Saharan Africa	1	450	Program Services	Free Medical Services	16,753,706.
Sub-Saharan Africa	0	0	Grants to Recipients Located in Region		206,641.
<b>3 a</b> Sub-total .....	1	450			16,960,347.
<b>b</b> Total from continuation sheets to Part I .....	0	0			0.
<b>c Totals</b> (add lines 3a and 3b) .....	1	450			16,960,347.

**Part II** Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
		Sub-Saharan Africa	Mission support	36,512.	Wire Transfer	0.		
		Sub-Saharan Africa	Mission support	32,842.	Wire Transfer	0.	Equipment & Supplies	
		Sub-Saharan Africa	Mission support	5,716.	Wire Transfer	0.		
		Sub-Saharan Africa	Mission support	0.		45,378.	Medical equipment & supplies	Net book value
		Sub-Saharan Africa	Mission support	0.		42,750.	Medical equipment & supplies	Net book value
		Sub-Saharan Africa	Mission support	0.		33,479.	Medical equipment & supplies	Net book value
		Sub-Saharan Africa	Mission support	0.		5,250.	Medical equipment & supplies	Net book value

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter 5

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities 2

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 16.  
 Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)



**Part IV Foreign Forms**

- 1** Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* .....  Yes  No
- 2** Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)* .....  Yes  No
- 3** Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)* .....  Yes  No
- 4** Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* .....  Yes  No
- 5** Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865)* .....  Yes  No
- 6** Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report. (see Instructions for Form 5713)* .....  Yes  No

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part I, Line 2:

Explanation: Mercy Ships only reimburses for charitable costs incurred and documented. These grants were primarily for maintenance and repairs of ship assets used to achieve its charitable purposes

Part I, line 3:

Explanation: Foreign expenditures are accounted for according to the accrual basis of accounting, using expense reports, annual reports from grantees, and other appropriate documentation.

Additional Supplemental Information:

Explanation: Africa Mercy Malta is the maritime legal entity that owns the hospital ship Africa Mercy, that is operated by Mercy Ships to carry out its charitable activities. Africa Mercy Malta is owned and controlled by Mercy Ships International, a related organization.

**SCHEDULE G**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities**  
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.  
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I**

**Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

**1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a  Mail solicitations
- b  Internet and email solicitations
- c  Phone solicitations
- d  In-person solicitations
- e  Solicitation of non-government grants
- f  Solicitation of government grants
- g  Special fundraising events

**2 a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?  **Yes**  **No**

**b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Russ Reid - PO Box 90125, Pasadena, CA 91109	Mail Solicitations		X	2,140,510.	355,936.	1,784,574.
<b>Total</b>				2,140,510.	355,936.	1,784,574.

**3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, IL, KY, MD, MA, MN, MS, NH, NM, NV, NC, ND, OH, OR, PA, SD, SC  
TN, VA, VT, WA, WV, WY, WI, MO

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	<b>1</b> Gross receipts .....				
	<b>2</b> Less: Contributions .....				
	<b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) .....				
Direct Expenses	<b>4</b> Cash prizes .....				
	<b>5</b> Noncash prizes .....				
	<b>6</b> Rent/facility costs .....				
	<b>7</b> Food and beverages .....				
	<b>8</b> Entertainment .....				
	<b>9</b> Other direct expenses .....				
	<b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) .....				
	<b>11</b> Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) .....				

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		<b>1</b> Gross revenue .....			
Direct Expenses	<b>2</b> Cash prizes .....				
	<b>3</b> Noncash prizes .....				
	<b>4</b> Rent/facility costs .....				
	<b>5</b> Other direct expenses .....				
	<b>6</b> Volunteer labor .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) .....					
<b>8</b> Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) .....					

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?  Yes  No

**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?  Yes  No

**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?  Yes  No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?  Yes  No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:
 

a The organization's facility	<b>13a</b>	%
b An outside facility	<b>13b</b>	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Address ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Director/officer       Employee       Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?  Yes  No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Part I, Line 2b, Column (v):

Explanation: In addition to the \$355,936 paid to Russ Reid in professional fundraising services, Mercy Ships also reimbursed Russ Reid \$1,128,616 for direct fundraising expenses such as printing and mailing. These expenses were substantiated and reported separately by Russ Reid on its invoices.



**SCHEDULE I  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,  
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance**

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?  
 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Yes  No

**Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Mercy Ships Foundation PO Box 1298 Lindale, TX 75771	75-2641151	501 (c) 3	2,050,672.	34,000.	Cost		Mission support
Believe and See 201 Main St. Ft Worth, TX 76102	46-0643564	501 (c) 3	8,247.	0.	Cost		Mission Support

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

2.  
0.

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**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.  
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
Scholarships	12	8,500.	0.		Tuition Assistance

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

Part I, Line 2:

Explanation: Mercy Ships conducts periodic reviews of funds granted to ensure all funds are properly recorded, and are being used in accordance with the organization's charitable purposes and written policy.



**SCHEDULE J  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

▶ Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)            |

**b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.**

**5** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
- If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8** Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**9** If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>	X	
<b>2</b>	X	
<b>4a</b>		X
<b>4b</b>		X
<b>4c</b>		X
<b>5a</b>		X
<b>5b</b>		X
<b>6a</b>		X
<b>6b</b>		X
<b>7</b>		X
<b>8</b>		X
<b>9</b>		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2013

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note.** The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
	(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1) Don Stephens Chairman / President	(i)	215,250.	0.	0.	75,000.	290,250.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(2) Dr. Gary Parker Chief Medical Officer	(i)	213,895.	0.	0.	0.	213,895.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
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**Part III Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Part I, Line 1a:

Explanation: A housing allowance is provided under Code Section 107 to the organization's Chairman/President. This is treated as a non-taxable benefit.

**SCHEDULE L**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Transactions With Interested Persons**

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► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.  
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.  
► Information about Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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**Part I Excess Benefit Transactions** (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization	(c) Description of transaction	(d) Corrected?	
				Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ..... ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ..... ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or Form 990, Part IV, line 26; or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship with organization	(c) Purpose of loan	(d) Loan to or from the organization?		(e) Original principal amount	(f) Balance due	(g) In default?		(h) Approved by board or committee?		(i) Written agreement?	
			To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No

Total ..... ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of assistance	(d) Type of assistance	(e) Purpose of assistance

**Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
Deyon Stephens	Wife of President D	25,000.	W2 Compensa		X
Gary Stephens	Brother of Presiden	91,200.	W2 Compensa		X
Jill Peterson	Wife of Secretary K	55,330.	W2 Compensa		X

**Part V Supplemental Information**

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions).

Sch L, Part IV, Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons:

(a) Name of Person: Deyon Stephens

(b) Relationship Between Interested Person and Organization:

Wife of President Donald K. Stephens

(d) Description of Transaction: W2 Compensation

(a) Name of Person: Gary Stephens

(b) Relationship Between Interested Person and Organization:

Brother of President Donald K. Stephens

(d) Description of Transaction: W2 Compensation & Benefits

(a) Name of Person: Jill Peterson

(b) Relationship Between Interested Person and Organization:

Wife of Secretary Kerry Peterson

(d) Description of Transaction: W2 Compensation

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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- ▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
- ▶ Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Name of the organization: Mercy Ships Employer identification number: 26-2414132

**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	26	637,290.	FMV - Market Quote
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory	X	10	46,963.	FMV - Similar Sales
20 Drugs and medical supplies	X	342	2,594,638.	FMV - Similar Sales
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other (Supplies)	X	32	509,271.	FMV - Similar Sales
26 Other ( )				
27 Other ( )				
28 Other ( )				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement 29

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 - 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

**Part II** **Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Schedule M, Part I, Column (b):

Explanation: The numbers listed represent the number of contributions

received.

**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.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990)

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Form 990, Part I, Line 1, Description of Organization Mission:

medical professionals, and medical infrastructure improvements.

Form 990, Part V, Line 4b, List of Foreign Countries:

United Kingdom, Guinea, Togo, Sierra Leone,

Congo (Brazzaville)

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11:

Explanation: The organization's Form 990 was prepared by an independent CPA

firm and reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer. The 990 was then made

available to all members of the board, electronically, for their review and

comment. Board members were then given at least one week to review the

Form 990 and send comments to the Chief Financial Officer. After all

comments and questions were addressed, the 990 was filed with the IRS.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c:

Explanation: Board members and senior staff are required to complete a

Conflicts of Interest Questionnaire on an annual basis. Disclosures are

required to be updated with potential conflicts as they become known

throughout the year. If a conflict is identified by management or by the

board, the person with a conflict recuses themselves from the

decision-making process, and the board votes on whether or not to engage in

the transaction, based on whether it is in the best interests of Mercy

Ships.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15:

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2013)

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Explanation: The Mercy Ships International Board of Directors establishes the compensation of the organization's Managing Director and top management. A compensation committee comprised of several top management personnel reviews and approves all other compensation. Comparability data is used annually and the decisions reached are documented in both the minutes of the board and committee and individual personnel files.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 17, List of States receiving copy of Form 990:

AZ, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MN, MS, MO, NH, NM, NC, PA, SC, VA, WA, WI

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19:

Explanation: Mercy Ships makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available for public inspection at the International Operations Center during regular business hours. Documents are also made available upon written request.

Form 990, Part XI, line 9, Changes in Net Assets:

Gain/Loss on Foreign Currency Translation 3,685.

Form 990, Part XII, lines 2c - Explanation of Responsibility:

Explanation: The audit committee of the board of directors is responsible for overseeing the audit and selecting the independent accounting firm. This process has not changed from the previous year.

**SCHEDULE R  
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
Mercy Ships Associates LLC - 30-0455568 15862 Hwy 110 North Lindale, TX 75771	Supporting entity pursuant to Reg Sec 301 7701-2	Texas	3,373,943.	10,471.	Mercy Ships

**Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
Mercy Ships Foundation - 75-2641151 15862 Hwy 110 North Lindale, TX 75771	Ownership of real estate used in exempt activity	Texas	501(c)(3)	Line 11b	Mercy Ships		X
Mercy Ships International - 75-2685233 PO Box 2020 Lindale, TX 75771	Provides governance to Mercy Ships	Texas	501(c)(3)	Line 9	N/A		X

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**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**  
▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.  
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.  
▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

Employer identification number  
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(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?	(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No			

**Part IV** *Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust* Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

**Part V Transactions With Related Organizations** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

		Yes	No
<b>Note.</b> Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.			
<b>1</b> During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?			
<b>a</b>	Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
<b>b</b>	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	X	
<b>c</b>	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)		X
<b>d</b>	Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		X
<b>e</b>	Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
<b>f</b>	Dividends from related organization(s)		X
<b>g</b>	Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
<b>h</b>	Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
<b>i</b>	Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
<b>j</b>	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
<b>k</b>	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		X
<b>l</b>	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		X
<b>m</b>	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)		X
<b>n</b>	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)		X
<b>o</b>	Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)		X
<b>p</b>	Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses		X
<b>q</b>	Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses		X
<b>r</b>	Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)		X
<b>s</b>	Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		X

<b>2</b> If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.				
(1)	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				





# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**  
▶ **Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form8868](http://www.irs.gov/form8868).**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

*Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.*

**Electronic filing (e-file).** You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

*All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.*

	Enter filer's identifying number	
<b>Type or print</b>	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions.	Employer identification number (EIN) or
	Mercy Ships	26-2414132
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.	Social security number (SSN)
	15862 State Highway 110 North	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions.	
	Lindale, TX 75771	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

Vanda Davey, CFO

- The books are in the care of ▶ 15862 State Highway 110 North - Lindale, TX 75771  
Telephone No. ▶ (903) 939-7075 Fax No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

**1** I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until August 15, 2014, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:  
▶  calendar year 2013 or  
▶  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_.

**2** If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  
 Change in accounting period

<b>3a</b> If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	<b>3a</b>	\$	0.
<b>b</b> If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	<b>3b</b>	\$	0.
<b>c Balance due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	<b>3c</b>	\$	0.

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.