

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2024

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

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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Header section A-L containing organization name (START THE WAVE INC), EIN (84-3769439), website (WWW.STARTTHEWAVE.ORG), and total revenue (\$33,413).

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

Main table with 21 rows categorized into Revenue (lines 1-9), Expenses (lines 10-17), and Net Assets (lines 18-21). Total revenue is 33,413 and total expenses are 14,408, resulting in a net asset of 19,005.

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

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

Table with 2 columns: (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, savings, and investments; Land and buildings; Other assets; Total assets; Total liabilities; Net assets or fund balances.

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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? SEE SCHEDULE O

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Expenses. Rows 28-32 include SEE SCHEDULE O, 28a, 29a, 30a, 31a, and Total program service expenses.

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

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

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. Rows include DOMINIQUE PROVOST-CHALKLEY, LINA HERRERA-HERNANDEZ, and CHANTEL CAIN.

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

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|  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office?<br>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I ..... |            | <b>X</b>  |
| 46   |            | <b>X</b>  |

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**

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

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

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|  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year?<br>If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II ..... |            | <b>X</b>  |
| 47   |            | <b>X</b>  |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E .....  |            | <b>X</b>  |
| 48   |            | <b>X</b>  |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? .....  |            | <b>X</b>  |
| 49a  |            | <b>X</b>  |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? .....   |            |           |
| 49b  |            |           |

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

| (a) Name and title of each employee | (b) Average hours per week devoted to position | (c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation | (e) Estimated amount of other compensation |
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| NONE                                |  |  |   |  |
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f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 .....

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

| (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor | (b) Type of service | (c) Compensation |
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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 .....

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

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

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| <b>Sign Here</b> | Signature of officer                        | Date |
|                  | <b>LINA HERRARA-HERNANDEZ, BOARD MEMBER</b> |      |
|                  | Type or print name and title                |      |

|                               |  |                              |  |   |                  |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|---|------------------|
| <b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b> | Print/Type preparer's name                           | Preparer's signature         | Date   | Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN             |
|                               | <b>JONATHAN D. MOLL, CPA</b>                         |                              | <b>03/05/25</b>  |   | <b>P01053700</b> |
|                               | Firm's name <b>BELFINT, LYONS &amp; SHUMAN, P.A.</b> | Firm's EIN <b>51-0232399</b> | Firm's address <b>1011 CENTRE RD, STE 310 WILMINGTON, DE 19805</b> | Phone no. <b>302-225-0600</b>                   |                  |

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

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990)**

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.

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| <b>Name of the organization</b><br><p style="text-align: center;">START THE WAVE INC</p> | <b>Employer identification number</b><br><p style="text-align: center;">84-3769439</p> |
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**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 12, 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 (Form 990).)
- 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  An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  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.)
- 11  An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12  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 on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
  - a  **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
  - b  **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
  - c  **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
  - d  **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
  - e  Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
  - f Enter the number of supported organizations .....
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

| (i) Name of supported organization | (ii) EIN | (iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions)) | (iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document? |    | (v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions) | (vi) Amount of other support (see instructions) |
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|                                    |          |   | Yes   | No |   |   |
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| <b>Total</b>                       |          |   |   |    |   |   |

**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) 2020 | (b) 2021 | (c) 2022 | (d) 2023 | (e) 2024 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....  | 97,177.  | 112,902. | 102,410. | 36,590.  | 33,413.  | 382,492.  |
| <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 .....  | 97,177.  | 112,902. | 102,410. | 36,590.  | 33,413.  | 382,492.  |
| <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.  |          |          |          |          |          | 382,492.  |

**Section B. Total Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)  | (a) 2020 | (b) 2021 | (c) 2022 | (d) 2023 | (e) 2024 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 .....   | 97,177.  | 112,902. | 102,410. | 36,590.  | 33,413.  | 382,492.  |
| <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 VI.) .....                                |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10  |          |          |          |          |          | 382,492.  |

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) ..... **12**

**13 First 5 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**

**14** Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) ..... **14** %

**15** Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 ..... **15** %

**16a 33 1/3% support test - 2024.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

**b 33 1/3% support test - 2023.** 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 **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

**17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2024.** 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 **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

**b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2023.** 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 **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization .....

**18 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions .....

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.); 13 Total support.

14 First 5 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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2024 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 15%. Row 16: Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16%.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2024 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) 17%. Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 18%.

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2024. 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 - 2023. 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

**Part IV Supporting Organizations**

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

|  | Yes | No |
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| <b>1</b> Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>2</b> Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>   |     |    |
| <b>3a</b> Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>c</b> Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>4a</b> Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>c</b> Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>5a</b> Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i> |     |    |
| <b>b Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?   |     |    |
| <b>c Substitutions only.</b> Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?  |     |    |
| <b>6</b> Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>7</b> Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>  |     |    |
| <b>8</b> Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>  |     |    |
| <b>9a</b> Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>b</b> Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>c</b> Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>   |     |    |
| <b>10a</b> Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>  |     |    |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>   |     |    |



**Part IV Supporting Organizations** (continued)

|  | Yes | No |
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| <b>11</b> Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?  |     |    |
| <b>a</b> A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization? |     |    |
| <b>b</b> A family member of a person described on line 11a above?  |     |    |
| <b>c</b> A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>                              |     |    |
| <b>11a</b>   |     |    |
| <b>11b</b>   |     |    |
| <b>11c</b>   |     |    |

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

|   | Yes | No |
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| <b>1</b> Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i> |     |    |
| <b>2</b> Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.</i>   |     |    |
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**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

|  | Yes | No |
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| <b>1</b> Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i> |     |    |
| <b>1</b>   |     |    |

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

|   | Yes | No |
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| <b>1</b> Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? |     |    |
| <b>2</b> Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>   |     |    |
| <b>3</b> By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>  |     |    |
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| <b>2</b>  |     |    |
| <b>3</b>  |     |    |

**Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations**

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|---|--|--|
| <b>1</b> Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).  |  |  |
| <b>a</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.  |  |  |
| <b>b</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.   |  |  |
| <b>c</b> <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).   |  |  |
| <b>2</b> Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.   |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i> |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>  |  |  |
| <b>3</b> Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.   |  |  |
| <b>a</b> Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>  |  |  |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>   |  |  |
| <b>2a</b>   |  |  |
| <b>2b</b>   |  |  |
| <b>3a</b>   |  |  |
| <b>3b</b>   |  |  |

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations**

1  Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 ( explain in Part VI). See instructions.  
 All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

| Section A - Adjusted Net Income |  | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                               | Net short-term capital gain  | 1              |                             |
| 2                               | Recoveries of prior-year distributions   | 2              |                             |
| 3                               | Other gross income (see instructions)  | 3              |                             |
| 4                               | Add lines 1 through 3.   | 4              |                             |
| 5                               | Depreciation and depletion   | 5              |                             |
| 6                               | Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions) | 6              |                             |
| 7                               | Other expenses (see instructions)  | 7              |                             |
| 8                               | <b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)  | 8              |                             |

| Section B - Minimum Asset Amount |   | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1                                | Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): |                |                             |
| a                                | Average monthly value of securities   | 1a             |                             |
| b                                | Average monthly cash balances   | 1b             |                             |
| c                                | Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets  | 1c             |                             |
| d                                | <b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)   | 1d             |                             |
| e                                | <b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):   |                |                             |
| 2                                | Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets  | 2              |                             |
| 3                                | Subtract line 2 from line 1d.   | 3              |                             |
| 4                                | Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).                                  | 4              |                             |
| 5                                | Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)  | 5              |                             |
| 6                                | Multiply line 5 by 0.035.   | 6              |                             |
| 7                                | Recoveries of prior-year distributions  | 7              |                             |
| 8                                | <b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)  | 8              |                             |

| Section C - Distributable Amount |   |   | Current Year |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--------------|
| 1                                | Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)   | 1 |              |
| 2                                | Enter 0.85 of line 1.   | 2 |              |
| 3                                | Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)  | 3 |              |
| 4                                | Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.  | 4 |              |
| 5                                | Income tax imposed in prior year  | 5 |              |
| 6                                | <b>Distributable Amount.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).   | 6 |              |
| 7                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions). |   |              |

**Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations** (continued)

| <b>Section D - Distributions</b> |   | <b>Current Year</b> |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>1</b>                         | Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes   | <b>1</b>            |
| <b>2</b>                         | Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity               | <b>2</b>            |
| <b>3</b>                         | Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations   | <b>3</b>            |
| <b>4</b>                         | Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets   | <b>4</b>            |
| <b>5</b>                         | Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - <i>provide details in Part VI</i> )  | <b>5</b>            |
| <b>6</b>                         | Other distributions (describe in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.  | <b>6</b>            |
| <b>7</b>                         | <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.   | <b>7</b>            |
| <b>8</b>                         | Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive ( <i>provide details in Part VI</i> ). See instructions. | <b>8</b>            |
| <b>9</b>                         | Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6  | <b>9</b>            |
| <b>10</b>                        | Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount  | <b>10</b>           |

| <b>Section E - Distribution Allocations</b> (see instructions)   | <b>(i)<br/>Excess Distributions</b> | <b>(ii)<br/>Underdistributions<br/>Pre-2024</b> | <b>(iii)<br/>Distributable<br/>Amount for 2024</b> |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>2</b> Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required - <i>explain in Part VI</i> ). See instructions.   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>a</b> From 2019   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>b</b> From 2020   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>c</b> From 2021   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>d</b> From 2022   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>e</b> From 2023   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>f</b> <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>g</b> Applied to under distributions of prior years   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>h</b> Applied to 2024 distributable amount  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>i</b> Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions)  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>j</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>4</b> Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>a</b> Applied to underdistributions of prior years  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>b</b> Applied to 2024 distributable amount  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>c</b> Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>5</b> Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions. |                                     |   |  |
| <b>6</b> Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, <i>explain in Part VI</i> . See instructions.                        |                                     |   |  |
| <b>7</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2025.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.   |                                     |   |  |
| <b>8</b> Breakdown of line 7:  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>a</b> Excess from 2020  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>b</b> Excess from 2021  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>c</b> Excess from 2022  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>d</b> Excess from 2023  |                                     |   |  |
| <b>e</b> Excess from 2024  |                                     |   |  |

**Part VI**

**Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Multiple horizontal lines for supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**

(Rev. December 2024)

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 Form 990-EZ.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Name of the organization

START THE WAVE INC

Employer identification number

84-3769439

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:**

| DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:                    | AMOUNT:        |
|---|----------------|
| BANK AND PROCESSING FEES                          | 773.           |
| LICENSES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS                        | 1,468.         |
| DIRECTOR'S INSURANCE                              | 1,256.         |
| POSTAGE AND DELIVERIES                            | 222.           |
| REDUCTION OF CARRYING AMOUNT OF FUNDRAISING STOCK | 8,939.         |
| <b>TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16</b>              | <b>12,658.</b> |

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS:**

| DESCRIPTION          | BEG. OF YEAR | END OF YEAR |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| STOCK OF MERCHANDISE | 8,939.       | 0.          |

**FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, OTHER LIABILITIES:**

| DESCRIPTION      | BEG. OF YEAR | END OF YEAR |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 0.           | 53.         |

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - START THE WAVE IS A  
NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE ONLINE  
COMMUNITY THAT EMPOWERS INDIVIDUALS TO FIND THEIR UNIQUE PATH TO CREATE  
POSITIVE CHANGE.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

START THE WAVE IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION FOCUSED ON  
BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE ONLINE COMMUNITY THAT EMPOWERS  
INDIVIDUALS TO FIND THEIR UNIQUE PATH TO CREATE POSITIVE  
CHANGE. WE DO THAT BY FUNDING ACTION, AMPLIFYING CHANGE, AND SUPPORTING  
WAVEMAKERS WORLDWIDE. AT START THE WAVE, WE BELIEVE IN A GLOBAL  
MOVEMENT THAT FOCUSES ON FINDING POSITIVE SOLUTIONS TO OUR WORLD'S  
PROBLEMS. OUR MAIN AREAS OF FOCUS ARE LOVE & KINDNESS, CREATIVITY &  
HEALING, EQUALITY & ANTI-OPPRESSION, OUR ENVIRONMENT, UNITY & ONENESS,  
CONSCIOUS CONSUMING, AND PRIDE.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:**

THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,  
OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.  
THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,  
OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.

Form **8879-TE**

# IRS E-file Signature Authorization for a Tax Exempt Entity

OMB No. 1545-0047

For calendar year 2024, or fiscal year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and ending \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

# 2024

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.**  
Go to [www.irs.gov/Form8879TE](http://www.irs.gov/Form8879TE) for the latest information.

Name of filer

**START THE WAVE INC**

EIN or SSN

**84-3769439**

Name and title of officer or person subject to tax **LINA HERRARA-HERNANDEZ  
BOARD MEMBER**

### Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, or 10a below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not complete more than one line in Part I.**

|                                       |                                     |  |                          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>1a</b> Form 990 check here .....   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b Total revenue</b> , if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) ..... | <b>1b</b> _____          |
| <b>2a</b> Form 990-EZ check here ...  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <b>b Total revenue</b> , if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9) .....                      | <b>2b</b> <u>33,413.</u> |
| <b>3a</b> Form 1120-POL check here    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b Total tax</b> (Form 1120-POL, line 22) .....                                | <b>3b</b> _____          |
| <b>4a</b> Form 990-PF check here ...  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b Tax based on investment income</b> (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5) .....      | <b>4b</b> _____          |
| <b>5a</b> Form 8868 check here .....  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b Balance due</b> (Form 8868, line 3c) .....                                  | <b>5b</b> _____          |
| <b>6a</b> Form 990-T check here ..... | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b Total tax</b> (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4) .....                          | <b>6b</b> _____          |
| <b>7a</b> Form 4720 check here .....  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b Total tax</b> (Form 4720, Part III, line 1) .....                           | <b>7b</b> _____          |
| <b>8a</b> Form 5227 check here .....  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b FMV of assets at end of tax year</b> (Form 5227, Item D) .....              | <b>8b</b> _____          |
| <b>9a</b> Form 5330 check here .....  | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b Tax due</b> (Form 5330, Part II, line 19) .....                             | <b>9b</b> _____          |
| <b>10a</b> Form 8038-CP check here    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <b>b Amount of credit payment requested</b> (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)    | <b>10b</b> _____         |

### Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that  I am an officer of the above entity or  I am a person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) \_\_\_\_\_, (EIN) \_\_\_\_\_ and that I have examined a copy of the 2024 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the electronic return and, if applicable, the consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

#### PIN: check one box only

I authorize **BELFINT, LYONS & SHUMAN, P.A.** to enter my PIN **19805**  
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the tax year 2024 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer or person subject to tax with respect to the entity, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the tax year 2024 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Signature of officer or person subject to tax

Date

### Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

**51060419805**

Do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2024 electronically filed return indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS *e-file* Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature **BELFINT, LYONS & SHUMAN, P.A.**

Date **03/05/25**

**ERO Must Retain This Form - See Instructions**

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