

FOR TAX YEAR 2022

ROOT NS, INC.

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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2022

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

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2022, and ending, 20

B Check if applicable: C Name of organization Root NS, Inc. D Employer identification number 47-5454938 E Telephone number (978) 616-7615 G Gross receipts \$ 1,689,313 I Tax-exempt status: X 501(c)(3) J Website: Rootns.org K Form of organization: X Corporation L Year of formation: 2015 M State of legal domicile: MA

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission... 2 Check this box... 3 Number of voting members... 4 Number of independent voting members... 5 Total number of individuals employed... 6 Total number of volunteers... 7a Total unrelated business revenue... 7b Net unrelated business taxable income... 8 Contributions and grants... 9 Program service revenue... 10 Investment income... 11 Other revenue... 12 Total revenue... 13 Grants and similar amounts paid... 14 Benefits paid... 15 Salaries, other compensation... 16a Professional fundraising fees... 16b Total fundraising expenses... 17 Other expenses... 18 Total expenses... 19 Revenue less expenses... 20 Total assets... 21 Total liabilities... 22 Net assets or fund balances.

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.

Sign Here: Signature of officer Alexander S McGrath, Director. Date.

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name Melissa Gilroy, Preparer's signature Melissa Gilroy, Date 08-09-2023, Check self-employed if PTIN P01069703, Firm's name Melissa Gilroy, CPA, Firm's address 80 Greenacre Rd, Westwood MA 02090, Firm's EIN, Phone no. 781-696-4019

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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:

Root's mission is to help young adults create a pathway to independence through food service training and employment. By developing essential life and work readiness skills, youth leave Root prepared for success in the workplace.

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

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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 \$ **1,253,798** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **1,253,798**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 21, with sub-questions a-f for items 4, 11, 12, and 14. Marked 'Yes' with 'X' in the Yes column.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting and compliance.

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 []

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096 and backup withholding.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)		Yes	No		
2a	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	2a	24		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b		X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	3b			
4a	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)?	4a			X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a	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?	6a			X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).				
a	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?	7a			X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			X
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			X
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.				
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a			
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	13b			
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	14b			
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15			X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16			X
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	17			

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... 15; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a... 15; 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship... X; 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties... X; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents... X; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets... X; 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders... X; 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... X; 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body... X; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body... X; 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body... X; 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 on Schedule O... X

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... X; 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... X; 11b Describe on 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... X; 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts... X; 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done... X; 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy... X; 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy... X; 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... X; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization... X; 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... X; 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... X

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed Massachusetts
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, 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. [] Own website [X] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain on Schedule O)
19 Describe on 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, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records. Allison Caffrey (978) 616-7615, 35 Congress Street, Salem, MA 01970

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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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.

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted 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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(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) Allison Caffrey Executive Director	40.00				X			87,500	0	3,090
(2) Frank McClelland Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(3) Anne Barker Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(4) Nate Berkowitz Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(5) Paul Nightingale Member	0.50	X						0	0	0
(6) Alexandra Sanchez Member	0.50	X						0	0	0
(7) Alexander S McGrath Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(8) Maria Victoria Rivera Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(9) Cynthia Ross Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(10) Jami Barry Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(11) Felicia Pierce Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(12) Linda Saris Director	0.50	X						0	0	0
(13) Jonathan M Payson Treasurer	2.50	X		X				0	0	0
(14) Nicole McLaughlin Member	0.50	X		X				0	0	0

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 dotted 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/ 1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/ 1099-MISC/ 1099-NEC)	(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			
(15) Jennifer Eddy Board Chair	3.50	X		X				0	0	0
(16) Elisabeth Massey Secretary	0.50			X				0	0	0
(17) -----	-----									
(18) -----	-----									
(19) -----	-----									
(20) -----	-----									
(21) -----	-----									
(22) -----	-----									
(23) -----	-----									
(24) -----	-----									
(25) -----	-----									
1b Subtotal										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								87,500	0	3,090

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 0

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 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
5 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

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

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a			
	b	Membership dues	1b			
	c	Fundraising events	1c			
	d	Related organizations	1d			
	e	Government grants (contributions) . .	1e			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,341,805		
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$		
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,341,805		
Program Service Revenue	2a	Catering and food serv	Business Code 624210	203,907	203,907	
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f	All other program service revenue				
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		203,907		
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)				
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	5	Royalties				
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real			
			(ii) Personal			
			6a			
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b			
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities			
			(ii) Other			
			7a			
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b			
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c			
d	Net gain or (loss)					
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a	143,622			
b	Less: direct expenses	8b	42,593			
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		101,029		101,029	
9a	Gross income from gaming activities, See Part IV, line 19	9a				
b	Less: direct expenses	9b				
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Misc	Business Code 624210	(21)	(21)	
	b					
	c					
	d	All other revenue				
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		(21)		
12	Total revenue. See instructions		1,646,720	203,886	0	101,029

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
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	146,904	27,815	67,512	51,577
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	614,775	452,068	83,246	79,461
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) . .				
9 Other employee benefits	35,346	22,269	6,996	6,081
10 Payroll taxes	64,503	43,769	11,092	9,642
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	1,484		1,484	
c Accounting	55,658		55,658	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 .				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) . .	60,428	12,408	11,866	36,154
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	59,673	33,804	14,254	11,615
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	152,254	147,179	2,538	2,537
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	4,358		4,358	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	188,436	188,436		
23 Insurance	15,513	9,773	3,070	2,670
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Student stipends, travel etc</u>	36,489	30,984	5,505	
b <u>Cafe and program supplies</u>	255,334	255,334		
c <u>Bad debt and other exp</u>	41,541	29,959	11,510	72
d _____				
e All other expenses _____				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e . .	1,732,696	1,253,798	279,089	199,809
26 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 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)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	547,677	1	639,809
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	45,000	3	20,000
	4 Accounts receivable, net	23,109	4	61,038
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	21,893	9	21,251
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,825,409		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 938,066	1,067,294	10c 887,343
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	20,360	11	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	390,331
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	1,725,333	16	2,019,772	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	82,390	17	66,744
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	150,000	23	150,000
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 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		25	396,061
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	232,390	26	612,805
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	1,331,261	27	1,342,711
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	161,682	28	64,256
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	1,492,943	32	1,406,967
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,725,333	33	2,019,772	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,646,720
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,732,696
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	(85,976)
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	1,492,943
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	1,406,967

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	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 on Schedule O.		
2a	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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	x	
c	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 on Schedule O.	x	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		x
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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**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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Inspection**

Name of the organization Root NS, Inc.	Employer identification number 47-5454938
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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)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 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)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2022. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2021. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2022. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2021. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,745,187	1,154,918	1,031,178	1,060,447	1,341,805	6,333,535
2 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	134,046	230,511	61,582	112,932	203,907	742,978
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	1,879,233	1,385,429	1,092,760	1,173,379	1,545,712	7,076,513
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	680,482	67,000	157,000	106,000	209,000	1,219,482
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b	680,482	67,000	157,000	106,000	209,000	1,219,482
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						5,857,031

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	1,879,233	1,385,429	1,092,760	1,173,379	1,545,712	7,076,513
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	30	150	70	423	(21)	652
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	30	150	70	423	(21)	652
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. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	1,879,263	1,385,579	1,092,830	1,173,802	1,545,691	7,077,165
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	82.76 %
16 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	79.54 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.00 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.00 %
19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2022. 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests - 2021. 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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

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
1 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>		
2 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>		
3a 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 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>		
c 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>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
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>		
c 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>		
5a 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 Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 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>		
7 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>		
8 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>		
9a 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 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>		
c 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>		
10a 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 10b below.</i>		
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
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a 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 A family member of a person described on line 11a above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
	11a	
	11b	
	11c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 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>		
2 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>		
	1	
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Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 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>		
	1	

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 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?		
2 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>		
3 By reason of the relationship described in 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>		
	1	
	2	
	3	

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).		
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		
a 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 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>		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a 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 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>		
	2a	
	2b	
	3a	
	3b	

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	Adjusted Net Income (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	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
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	Minimum Asset Amount (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	Distributable Amount. 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)				Current Year
Section D - Distributions				
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes			1
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity			2
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations			3
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets			4
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required) - provide details in Part VI			5
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.			6
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.			7
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.			8
9	Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			9
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount			10
Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2022	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2022
1	Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022			
a	From 2017			
b	From 2018			
c	From 2019			
d	From 2020			
e	From 2021			
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2022. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2023. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2018			
b	Excess from 2019			
c	Excess from 2020			
d	Excess from 2021			
e	Excess from 2022			

Schedule B (Form 990)

Schedule of Contributors

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2022

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Root NS, Inc.

47-5454938

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

[X] 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

[] 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

[] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

[] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

[X] For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

[] For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

[] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

[] For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Jennifer Eddy 187 County Rd Ipswich MA 01938	\$ 77,820	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	Massey Family Charitable Foundation 920 Highland St South Hamilton MA 01982	\$ 50,450	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	Lenoir Charitable Trust 8182 Maryland Ave. 15th Floor Saint Louis MO 63105	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	Amelia Peabody Foundation 10 S Main St Topsfield MA 01983	\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	Samuel Byrne 3 Blossom Lane Manchester MA 01944	\$ 20,399	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	Ansara Fund 175 Andover St Suite 101 Danvers MA 01923	\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	Salem Five Char Foundation 210 Essex St Salem MA 01970	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	John Payson 11 Boardman Ave Manchester MA 01944	\$ 31,745	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	Mark and Cindy Ross Family Found. 810 7th Avenue, suite 700 New York NY 10019	\$ 23,850	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	Nordblom Family Foundation 71 3rd Ave Burlington MA 01803	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
11	Northern Trust One International Place Boston MA 02110	\$ 12,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
12	ASD Fund 175 Andover St Suite 101 Danvers MA 01923	\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>13</u>	<u>Carpenter & MacNeille</u> <u>106 Western Ave</u> <u>Essex MA 01929</u>	\$ <u>7,510</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>14</u>	<u>Cell Signaling Technology, Inc</u> <u>3 Trask Ln</u> <u>Danvers MA 01923</u>	\$ <u>5,000</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>15</u>	<u>Clipper Ship Foundation</u> <u>PO Box 165</u> <u>Belmont MA 02478</u>	\$ <u>75,000</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>16</u>	<u>Disosway Foundation, Inc</u> <u>245 East 71st St</u> <u>New York NY 10021</u>	\$ <u>25,000</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>17</u>	<u>Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation</u> <u>195 Market St</u> <u>Lynn MA 01901</u>	\$ <u>5,000</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
<u>18</u>	<u>National Restaurant Assoc Educ</u> <u>2055 L Street NW</u> <u>Washington DC 20036</u>	\$ <u>10,000</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
19	Reynders McVeigh LLC 121 High St, 5th Floor Boston MA 02110	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
20	Ruggles Family Foundation Two International Place Boston MA 02110	\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
21	The Weezie Foundation 100 West Putnam Ave Greenwich CT 06830	\$ 75,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
22	Essex Community Foundation 175 Andover Str, Suite 101 Danvers MA 01923	\$ 130,124	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
23	City of Salem City Hall 93 Washington Salem MA 01970	\$ 91,100	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
24	Cummings Foundation 200 West Cummings Park Woburn MA 01801	\$ 95,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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25	Haslam Family Foundation C/O Steiner & Ellis, PO Box 52206 Knoxville TN 37950	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
26	HRH Foundation 936 Olive Street Menlo Park CA 94025	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
27	Alexander McGrath 99 Essex St South Hamilton MA 01982	\$ 11,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
28	The Phoebe Foundation C/O Schwab Charitable 1032 Bay Road South Hamilton MA 01982	\$ 13,040	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
29	Ben & Shelley Chigier Schwab Charitable 237 Summer St Manchester MA 01944	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
30	The Church Home Society 138 Tremont Street Boston MA 02111	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
31	Ernst & Gail Von Metzsch 1 Crow Island Road Manchester MA 01944	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
32	Bushrod Campbell & Adah Hall Fund 75 State St Boston MA 02109	\$ 7,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
33	East Tennessee Foundation 520 W Summit Hill Dr Suite 1101 Knoxville TN 37902	\$ 30,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
34	Rob Job - Family Fund 116 Larch Row Wenham MA 01984	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
35	Jonathan Knight 4 Kings Court Essex MA 01929	\$ 10,250	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
36	Karen Otto - NE Biolabs 240 County Rd Ipswich MA 01938	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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37	Eileen Quinn 4 Highland Ave Manchester MA 01944	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
38	S&M Kleinkramer Foundation 222 Royal Palm North Palm Beach FL 33408	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
39	Swartz Shalom Charitable Foundation 25 Beacon Str Unit 4 Boston MA 02108	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
40	Steven Tadler - ECCF Fund 22 Haven Way Beverly MA 01915	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
41	Mr and Mrs Bellissimo 78 Hesperus Ave Gloucester MA 01930	\$ 7,160	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
42	Blue Cross Blue Shield 101 Huntington Ave Boston MA 02199	\$ 7,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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43	ECCF Small Steps Fund 29 Rockholm Gloucester MA 01930	\$ 100,350	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
44	Groom Construction 96 Swampscott Rd Salem MA 01970	\$ 8,687	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
45	Mr and Mrs Dodge 76 Summer St Manchester MA 01944	\$ 7,645	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
46	E Winifred c/o Prio Wealth 265 Franklin St Boston MA 02110	\$ 15,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
47	Anne Eldridge 27 Lakebay Rd Vass NC 28394	\$ 8,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
48	McKinney Gelb Foundation 96 Swampscott Salem MA 01970	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
49	M&T Charitable 280 Congress Boston MA 02210	\$ 7,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
50	Kim McGovern 30 Castle View Dr Gloucester MA 01930	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
51	McGovern Automotive 777 Washington st Newtonville MA 02460	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
52	Mifflin Memorial Fund 230 Congress St Boston MA 02110	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
53	Moses Kimball Foundation 230 Congress St Boston MA 02110	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
54	Kent Penfield 298 Brook Rd Sharon VT 05065	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
55	REDF 785 Market St San Francisco CA 94103	\$ 20,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
56	Rogers Family Foundation 2 Liberty Sq Boston MA 02109	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
57	Fox Foundation 519 Gravilla Place La Jolla CA 92037	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
58	Titus Foundation 10 Fox Creek Rd Ipswich MA 01938	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
59	Toast.org 401 Park Dr Boston MA 02215	\$ 69,400	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
60	Vela Foundation 7 Parker Rd Osterville MA 02655	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
61	Alfred Chase Charity BOA Boston MA 02199	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
—	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

Name of the organization: Root NS, Inc. Employer identification number: 47-5454938

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4 for values, 5-6 for Yes/No questions.

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Form with multiple sections for conservation easements, including checkboxes for land preservation and a table for held at the end of the tax year.

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

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

Form with sections 1a, 1b, 2, and 2a for reporting on art and historical treasures collections.

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 make 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 program
 - 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" on 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 |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

- | | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | | | | | |
| b Contributions | | | | | |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | | | | | |
- 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 _____ %
 - c** Term endowment _____ %
- The percentages on 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:
- | | Yes | No |
|------------------------------------|---------------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
- b** If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? **3b**
- 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" on 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
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		1,572,949	833,320	739,629
d Equipment		252,460	104,746	147,714
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				887,343

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) Right of Use asset	390,331
(2) _____	
(3) _____	
(4) _____	
(5) _____	
(6) _____	
(7) _____	
(8) _____	
(9) _____	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	390,331

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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) ROU Liability	396,061	
(3) _____		
(4) _____		
(5) _____		
(6) _____		
(7) _____		
(8) _____		
(9) _____		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	396,061	

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 FASB 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	1,646,720
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,646,720
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	1,646,720

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	1,732,696
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,732,696
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	1,732,696

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.

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

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

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Name of the organization

Root NS, Inc.

Employer identification number

47-5454938

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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

2a 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 10 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			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

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.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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
		<u>Various</u> (event type)	(event type)	<u>None</u> (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	143,622		143,622
	2	Less: Contributions			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	143,622		143,622
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages			
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses	42,593		42,593
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				101,029

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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))	
Revenue	1	Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Noncash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	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	
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

- 9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____
- a Is the organization licensed to conduct 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: _____
- _____

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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01. Form 990 governing body review (Part VI, line 11)

The finance committee reviews and approves the 990 prior to its filing.

02. Conflict of interest policy compliance (Part VI, line 12c)

The Conflict of interest Policy covers all Board members. Members are required to sign a conflict of interest disclosure form annually and report any potential conflicts of interest. The Board determines if conflicts exist and reviews any potential conflict of interest. The individual with the conflict is restricted from discussions regarding the conflict.

03. CEO, executive director, top management comp (Part VI, line 15a)

The Board determines and approves the salary and compensation package for the Executive Director during the budgeting process annually. The Board utilizes comparability data in determining appropriate compensation and documents this process.

04. Other officer or key employee compensation (Part VI, line 15b)

The Board reviews and determines the compensation of all key employees during the budgeting process.

05. Governing documents, etc, available to public (Part VI, line 19)

The governing documents of the organization are available on the Attorney General's office of Massachusetts website as well as upon request.

06. Audited by an independent accountant (Part XII, line 2b)

The finance committee is responsible to oversee the annual audit and the auditor

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07. List of other fees for services expenses (Part IX, line 11g)

Other services fees include payroll service fees of \$5,576, contract labor fees of \$1,917 and consulting fees of \$64,416.