



# RAVEN HILL DISCOVERY CENTER

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# **RAVEN HILL DISCOVERY CENTER**

**9** East Jordan, MI

⇔ www.MiRavenHill.org

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#### **MISSION**

Raven Hill Discovery Center's mission is to provide a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history and the arts. This mission guides the Center's growth and development. Raven Hill (www.MiRavenHill.org) is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both inside and out. Connections emerge through exhibits, facilities & programs that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow & play. Since opening in 1992, Raven Hill's focus on the connections between science, history & art has strengthened. Visitors experience the strands of science & technology, history and the arts interwoven through the Center's hands-on exhibits.

#### EIN

38-3032707

#### AND BRIDGE NUMBER

7392752400

#### **RULING YEAR**

1992

#### IRS SUBSECTION

501(c)(3) Public Charity

#### **FOUNDING YEAR**

1991

#### **MAIN ADDRESS**

4737 Fuller Rd East Jordan, MI 49727

#### **AFFILIATION TYPE**

Independent Organization

#### CONTACT

Ms. Cheri Leach, CEO and Program Director (231) 536-3369 info@miravenhill.org

# CEO AND DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

Cheri Leach

#### **BOARD CHAIR**

Steve Roote

#### **CAUSE AREAS**

Other Art, Culture, Humanities Organizations/Services N.E.C. (A99)

Science & Technology Museum (A57)

Children's Museums (A52)

#### **NAICS CODE**

71 Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation

#### **PROGRAMS**

#### 1. Raven Hill Discovery Center's Facilities and Exhibits

Population(s) served: General/Unspecified, Families

Budget: \$221,000

#### 2. Programs at Raven Hill Discovery Center

Population(s) served: General/Unspecified, K-12 (5-19 years)

Budget: \$221,000

#### 3. Raven Hill Discovery Center's Outreach

Population(s) served: K-12 (5-19 years), Families

#### **TOP FUNDING SOURCES**

**Grants & Contributions** 

\$161,622

Program service revenue

\$49,532

Memberships

\$8,590

#### **COMPLIANCE**

- ✓ IRS Pub 78 Verified as of May 2020
- ✓ IRS BMF 509(a) (1) as of May 11, 2020
- X A-133 Audit Required/Performed?
- X Conflict of Interest Policy
- X Written whistleblower policy

Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

#### TRANSPARENCY MEASURES

- ✓ Board Practices Reported?
- ✓ Diversity Data Reported?
- 9 Number of Independent Board Members

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# Programs & Results

#### **PROGRAMS**

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, May

#### **Raven Hill Discovery Center's Facilities and Exhibits**

#### Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified **Families** 

Budget: \$221,000

Raven Hill Discovery Center is located on 173 acres in northern Lower Michigan adjacent to Little Traverse Conservancy's Raven Ridge Nature Preserve. Facilities include the Main Museum, which houses many hands-on exhibits including light, sound, motion, magnets, music, earth & life sciences; an exotic animal room; periodic room with a periodic table of elements; Art Corridor with science, history and how-to of art mediums; and the Great Room with natural history and multipurpose uses. Other facilities are the Fiber Studio, Print Shop, Wood Shop, School House, Alternative Energy House and the Evolving Technologies (ET) Building. Outdoor exhibits range from Medicinal Gardens; Earth Tones Music Garden; Beyond Jurassic Park: The Earth's Geologic History; Tree House; Wetlands Boardwalk; Taxonomic (Taxi) Trail; The Ancient World; Whisper Dishes; the Pond, the Watershed Model, the Learning Gardens, the new Steppes and the Viewing Platform on Deer Creek. The Ancient World includes the Americas with a raised crop bed and Mayan Ball Court; Africa with a step pyramid and sphinx; Oceana with an Easter Island Head; Europe with the Roman arch, Bluestones of Stonehenge, an amazing Obelisk and much more, including a Neolithic house. Visitors of all ages experience the strands of science & technology, culture, history and the arts interwoven throughout the Center's hands-on exhibits and displays. Raven Hill is a teaching institution whose students are its visitors and its teachers are the collections and displays,

just as much as the staff and volunteers.

# **Programs at Raven Hill Discovery**

#### Population(s) Served:

General/Unspecified K-12 (5-19 years)

Budget: \$221,000

Raven Hill programs vary by location, age & interest. Science, history & art classes, with connections between them, take place year round for all ages. Classes include Arts & Crafts, Astronomy, Chemistry, Geology, History, Life Science Physics & Survival classes. Participants can choose from listed classes to fit their interest or put together a custom hands-on class/classes to meet individual needs & ages. Classes are by appointment, with some scheduled and advertised. Special classes are offered all year. Summer has brought Luke Buck, a watercolor artist, to Raven Hill for a two-day Watercolor Workshop for the past 11 years. NASA typically comes and presents two days of educator workshops for teachers. Other recent classes have included a flute making class in a Native American style; ham radio classes; 3d printer builds; and welding workshops. Field trip groups visit Raven Hill Discovery Center and enjoy the full benefits of fun, hands-on & educational activities for children and adults in small group settings. Groups can choose from activities to fit their interests or put together custom hands-on lessons to meet classroom objectives, regardless of age. ALL ACTIVITIES are chosen to fit ages, needs & interests of the classroom or organizations such as boy or girl scouts and homeschool groups. Possible field trip activities & topics include to arts & crafts, astronomy, chemistry, geology, life science, mathematics, museum, Native American, physics, pioneer living, process skills, survival & technology. Field trips are by appointment. Non-traditional Career Expos are offered each year to middle school students. FREE (Families

Reaching for Educational Excellence) Second Saturdays occur on the second Saturday of each month and are free for families, who enjoy all the hands-on exhibits in the Main Museum and meet the reptiles and amphibians in the Animal Room. Families are then welcome to enjoy the other facilities and exhibits outside all the while learning science, history & art and the connections between them! Teachers can complete work for graduate credit in history, art or science through Central Michigan University Off-Campus Programs presented at Raven Hill Discovery Center year-round. Raven Hill Discovery Center is a wonderful place to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries or any special day.

#### **Raven Hill Discovery Center's** Outreach

#### Population(s) Served:

K-12 (5-19 years) **Families** 

Budget: n/a

Raven Hill provides quality experiences for all ages through outreach. Connections are interwoven between art & culture, history, science & technology and emerge through the use all senses. Hands-on sessions are: available in science, history, & arts; designed for all ages, abilities & interests; and offered year-round. Programs include Classroom Assemblies; a wide variety of STEM and STEAM programs; Under Michigan; Magic in the Air; History Alive; Professional Development; and outreach designed for specific groups. Museum To Go continues to bring museum experiences into classes, giving students time to explore art, history & science hands-on-making links to grade level science & social studies objectives. Everyone's favorite is Reptiles To Go, a program encouraging observations skills with a live snake, lizard and turtle. Outreach programs such as CASH (Connecting Art Science and History) for Kids (a 2014 MCACA Artist In Education Residency award) tie art to

social studies & science curriculum. The Center provides quality programs to libraries, preschools, schools, and many groups & organizations. The Center provides outreach programs for many area events such as the Boyne Falls Polish Festival. Raven Hill is a presenter listed in the Michigan Arts & Humanities Council Touring Directory. Raven Hill's off-site outreach programs are planned to be accessible to all.

#### **CHARTING IMPACT**

#### What is the organization aiming to accomplish?

Raven Hill Discovery Center's strategic goals include building the capacity to create & maintain exhibits, facilities and programs that support the Center's mission to provide a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history and the arts.

Specific goals include increasing continuity between the past, present and future; unparalleled programming; a campus full of exhibits and facilities that connect learning; community relations and marketing that encourage community participation; stable financial stewardship; and a board administration that believes in Raven Hill's mission and vision and works to make learning opportunities available for all ages.

#### What are the organization's key strategies for making this happen?

Strategies include increasing the number of stakeholders, especially members, growing stable revenue streams, increasing marketing, increasing staff, creating opportunities for board involvement, increasing and improving exhibits & facilities and increasing programming opportunities, all of which will lead to increased attendance and revenue.

#### What are the organization's capabilities for doing this?

Raven Hill Discovery Center is passionate about moving the organizational development & capacity building forward, in large part by looking backward and recording the 29 years of intriguing tales currently in the founder's memory. This Raven Hill "backstory" will allow the expansion of Raven Hill from a hands-on to a participatory center – encouraging visitors to discuss these backstories & add their own artifacts & stories to Raven Hill's collective memory, creating a community of participants, who become "owners" of Raven Hill through their donated artifacts & stories, thus creating a sense of ownership and a support structure that will keep Raven Hill alive into the future.

#### How will they know if they are making progress?

The Raven Hill Backstory will build sustainability. It will create a historical inventory of important & otherwise lost stories, transcribed and prepared for future visitors to read, hear, see and ultimately interact with, as they make and share their own connections. The end product will be participatory visitors with an "ownership" in Raven Hill, ensuring that the Center will endure into the future and continue to fulfill its mission to link science, history and the arts. Progress indicators include collecting written and audio stories of objects, facilities, exhibits and collections, as well as tracking visitor participation with those objects, facilities, exhibits & collections through increased interactions and attendance.

#### What have and haven't they accomplished so far?

Consider the Schoolhouse as a one example of what Raven Hill has done & still needs to accomplish in its quest to become more participatory. The schoolhouse is one of the most popular buildings (and exhibits) at Raven Hill and a natural conversation starter. Everyone loves to ring the school bell as they enter and leave. Families spend quality time together, as each child takes their turn playing teacher, writing on the chalkboards and using the old textbooks for reading and math. Every generation gravitates to the school desk reminiscent of their childhood and families exit the Schoolhouse with smiles on their faces. The Schoolhouse "treats" its visitors as participants. How much more character would the Schoolhouse have if its walls could talk and visitors could access its Backstory, either in print, as an audio story, or as the actual videotape of its move to Raven Hill. They would be immersed in the history of the building from the time the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) built it in the 1930's as the Wilson Town Hall, next door to Afton School on C-48, to its donation to Raven Hill after the new town hall building was finished. That journey of over a mile would start early one fall morning and take most of the day. The "little" building was loaded onto a truck and made its way down the highway, where utility crews held up the overhead wires, so the Schoolhouse could safely pass under. Then, it was maneuvered onto the narrow gravel road, over the creek and, with the help of a second truck stationed at the top of the steep hill, the Schoolhouse was

slowly driven and cabled to the top of the hill. Once at the top, the Schoolhouse made its way along the ridge and across the empty field to its current location at Raven Hill. Later, after an ice floe hit the floating dock system at Irish Boat Shop in Charlevoix, the salvaged wood became the covered entryway for the little schoolhouse. Betty Hoffmann of Charlevoix donated a school bell and an old-fashioned water pump, another social object, entices kids to pretend-pump water, just as children would have done years ago. Inside, the Schoolhouse backstory continues with tales of the old French Country school desk from 1895 that was built to seat four students on six-inch wide seats. The cast iron and wood school desks of the 1880's have the seat of one desk and the desktop of the seat behind-one design patented long ago by a Walloon Lake resident. The portrait of George Washington and some of the desks came from a one-room schoolhouse outside Albion, Michigan. The old slate boards on the wall, show what students used for their lessons and are a tribute to Vera Marie Shippy, the founder's grandmother, who taught in just such a one-room schoolhouse. The Schoolhouse has a personality of its own as an object. Its stories are being collected & shared with visitors, connecting to the visitors' own experiences & stories, thus expanding the "ownership" of Raven Hill to all who participate in the Center.

# Financials

FISCAL YEAR START: 07/01
FISCAL YEAR END: 06/30

#### **FINANCIALS QUICK VIEW**

Surpluses in last 5 years 5

Negative Net Assets in past 5 years **0** 

# **Financial Trends Analysis**

#### **Business Model Indicators**

#### Created in Partnership with



Profitability	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) before depreciation	\$72,192	\$95,878	\$21,790	\$101,842	\$62,988
As a % of expenses	48.0%	67.6%	12.3%	52.8%	35.2%
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) after depreciation	\$60,195	\$83,343	\$4,837	\$84,450	\$44,890
As a % of expenses	37.1%	54.0%	2.5%	40.1%	22.8%
Revenue Composition					
Total revenue (unrestricted & restricted)	\$256,679	\$205,135	\$185,300	\$356,633	\$214,950
Total revenue, % change over prior year	51.4%	-20.1%	-9.7%	92.5%	-39.7%
Program services revenue	12.7%	21.8%	24.3%	15.8%	20.2%
Membership dues	5.1%	10.7%	9.8%	3.4%	5.0%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Government grants	0.0%	12.6%	14.5%	6.0%	7.7%
All other grants and contributions	81.5%	54.2%	50.4%	74.1%	56.1%
Other revenue	0.6%	0.8%	1.0%	0.7%	11.0%
Expense Composition					
Total expenses before depreciation	\$150,287	\$141,863	\$177,604	\$192,991	\$178,977
Total expenses, % change over prior year	-7.0%	-5.6%	25.2%	8.7%	-7.3%
Personnel	40.8%	43.2%	56.5%	47.6%	35.2%
Professional Fees	2.7%	2.7%	1.9%	2.5%	3.8%
Occupancy	17.3%	19.9%	12.4%	15.9%	16.6%
Interest	9.7%	8.0%	6.5%	6.2%	13.6%
Pass-Through	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
All other expenses	29.5%	26.3%	22.7%	27.8%	30.8%

# **Financial Trends Analysis, continued**

## **Moving Toward Full Cost Coverage**

Full Cost Components (estimated)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Expenses (after depreciation)	\$162,284	\$154,398	\$194,557	\$210,383	\$197,075
One Month of Savings	\$12,524	\$11,822	\$14,800	\$16,083	\$14,915
Debt Principal Repayment	\$0	\$2,450	\$0	\$3,067	\$0
Fixed Asset Additions	\$46,896	\$90,470	\$0	\$80,503	\$84,455
Total Full Costs (estimated)	\$221,704	\$259,140	\$209,357	\$310,036	\$296,445

## **Capital Structure Indicators**

Liquidity					
Months of cash	2.9	0.7	0.0	6.5	3.2
Months of cash and investments	2.9	0.7	0.0	6.5	3.2
Months of estimated liquid unrestricted net assets	-12.5	-13.0	-9.8	-7.9	-9.7
Balance Sheet Composition					
Cash	\$36,077	\$8,092	\$100	\$104,539	\$47,320
Investments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Receivables	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Gross land, buildings, and equipment (LBE)	\$644,596	\$735,066	\$744,238	\$824,741	\$909,196
Accumulated depreciation (% of LBE)	22.4%	21.4%	23.4%	23.2%	23.0%
Liabilities (as % of assets)	45.5%	42.9%	42.9%	37.3%	36.0%
Unrestricted net assets	\$321,715	\$405,058	\$403,895	\$488,345	\$533,235
Temporarily restricted net assets	\$53,900	\$21,294	\$13,200	\$75,000	\$47,985
Permanently restricted net assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total net assets	\$375,615	\$426,352	\$417,095	\$563,345	\$581,220

## **Key Data Checks**

Material Data Errors	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	No	No	No	No	No

Note: This issue is relevant to a small number of organizations: The nonprofit subject(s) of this report may have affiliates. The Form 990 data may not include information about any or all potential affiliates. If an organization does have affiliates and these affiliates have substantial financial activity, the financial data in this report may not present a comprehensive picture of the nonprofit's financial condition. Please consult the 990s of any potentially related affiliates for additional information.

- Formulas for key metrics
- 'Key Revenue & Expense Data from Form 990'
- 'Key Balance Sheet Data from Form 990'

# Operations

Source: Self-Reported by Organization, May 2020

#### **CEO AND DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING**

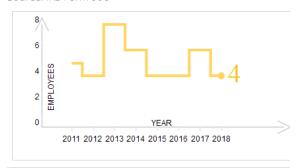
# Ms. Cheri Jean Leach

**GUIDESTAR PRO REPORT** 

Cheri Leach is co-founder, CEO and director of Programming at Raven Hill Discovery Center, where science, history and art connect. In 1991, she and her husband, Tim, founded Raven Hill Discovery Center. Cheri currently teaches art, history & science off-campus graduate classes for teachers through Central Michigan University, as well as professional development classes, adult and student art, history and science classes at Raven Hill and through the Center's Outreach programs. A teacher for over 50 years and an art, history and science workshop presenter since 1987, Cheri works as a mentor to both youngsters and teachers interested in science, history, art and their connections to all other aspects of our lives.

#### NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Source: IRS Form 990



#### **BOARD CHAIR**

#### Steve Roote

Green Horizons Metal Roofing

Term: 2016 - 2021

#### **BOARD MEMBERS**

#### Steve Roote

Green Horizons Metal Roofing

#### Holly Sasso

Retired from Michigan Department of Education

#### Andrea Seese

Grandvue Medical Facility

#### Debbie Bishop

Retired teacher

#### Cheryl Hofweber

Contract biologist

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Cheryll Leach	Executive Dir.	\$48,000	\$0	\$0
Steven Roote	Chairman	\$0	\$0	\$0
Caroline Keson	Secretary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Chet Gulczynski	Treasurer	\$0	\$0	\$0
Andrea Seese	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Georganna Monk	Historian	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nancy Hellman	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Trent Graham	Youth Liaison	\$0	\$0	\$0
Holly Sasso	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nancy Gilbert-Gulczynski	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Cheryll Leach	Executive Dir.	\$48,000	\$0	\$0
Savanah Cool	Chairman	\$0	\$0	\$0
Steven Roote	Vice Chair	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kyle Smith	Treasurer	\$0	\$0	\$0
Caroline Keson	Secretary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Georganna Monk	Historian	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nancy Hellman	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kyra Brazell	Youth Liaison	\$0	\$0	\$0
Matt McLeod	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
Cheryll Leach	Executive Dir.	\$48,000	\$0	\$0
Amy Gillard	Chairman	\$0	\$0	\$0
Jean VanDam	Treasurer	\$0	\$0	\$0
Nancy Hellman	Secretary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Georganna Monk	Historian	\$0	\$0	\$0
Katie Reed	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Melissa Hansen	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kyra Brazell	Youth Liaison	\$0	\$0	\$0
Savannah Cool	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Matt McLeod	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Steven Roote	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kyle Smith	Director	\$0	\$0	\$0

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
CHERYLL LEACH	EXECUTIVE DI	\$46,154	\$0	\$0
AMY GILLARD	CHAIR	\$0	\$0	\$0
JEAN VANDAM	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
SHERI MCWHIRTER	SECRETARY	\$0	\$0	\$0
NANCY HELLMAN	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
GEORGANNA MONK	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
KATIE REED	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUSAN BANYAI HOWARD	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
KIMBERLY FERNANDEZ	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
MELISSA HANSEN	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
KATELYN SKORNIA	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

Name	Title	Compensation	Other	Related
CHERYLL LEACH	EXECUTIVE DI	\$46,154	\$0	\$0
AMY GILLARD	CHAIR	\$0	\$0	\$0
JEAN VANDAM	TREASURER	\$0	\$0	\$0
SHERI MCWHIRTER	SECRETARY	\$0	\$0	\$0
NANCY HELLMAN	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
GEORGANNA MONK	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
KATIE REED	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
SUSAN BANYAI HOWARD	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
KIMBERLY FERNANDEZ	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
MELISSA HANSEN	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0
JILL SOLOMON	DIRECTOR	\$0	\$0	\$0

## **Paid Preparers**

FISCAL YEAR 2018

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
MASON KAMMERMANN & ROHRBACK PC	38-2763936	110 PARK AVENUE, CHARLEVOIX MI 49720 USA	231-547-4911

# **Paid Preparers**

FISCAL YEAR 2017

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
MASON KAMMERMANN & ROHRBACK PC		110 PARK AVENUE, CHARLEVOIX MI 49720 USA	231-547-4911

## **Paid Preparers**

Firm Name	Firm EIN	Firm Address	Firm Phone
MASON KAMMERMANN & ROHRBACK PC		110 PARK AVENUE, CHARLEVOIX MI 49720 USA	231-547-4911

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP PRACTICES**

GuideStar worked with BoardSource, the national leader in nonprofit board leadership and governance, to create this section, which enables organizations and donors to transparently share information about essential board leadership practices.

# BOARD ORIENTATION & EDUCATION Does the board conduct a formal orientation for new board members and require all board members to sign a written agreement regarding their roles, responsibilities, and expectations? CEO OVERSIGHT Has the board conducted a formal, written assessment of the chief executive within the past year? ETHICS & TRANSPARENCY Have the board and senior staff reviewed the conflict-of-interest policy and completed and signed disclosure statements in the past year? BOARD COMPOSITION

#### **BOARD PERFORMANCE**

in diversity of thought and leadership?

Has the board conducted a formal, written self-assessment of its performance within the past three years?

Does the board ensure an inclusive board member recruitment process that results

No

Yes

## **Organizational Demographics**

Who works and leads organizations that serve our diverse communities? This organization has voluntarily shared information to answer this important question and to support sector-wide learning. GuideStar partnered on this section with CHANGE Philanthropy and Equity in the Center.

adership
e organization's leader identifies as:
data
ce & Ethnicity
data
nder Identity
data
cual Orientation
data

No data.

Disability

# Appendix

Key Documents	
IRS Forms 990	
	Z 2016 990
	2014 990
IRS Forms 990T	Not Available
Audited Financial Statements	
Audited Financial Statements	
Audited Financial Statements	<ul><li>2019 Audited Financial Statement</li><li>2018 Audited Financial Statement</li></ul>
Audited Financial Statements	
Audited Financial Statements  Key Organization Documents	
	<ul> <li>2018 Audited Financial Statement</li> <li>2017 Audited Financial Statement</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>2018 Audited Financial Statement</li> <li>2017 Audited Financial Statement</li> <li>Letter of Determination</li> </ul>

# Charity Check Report

#### **RAVEN HILL DISCOVERY CENTER**

4737 Fuller Rd East Jordan, MI 49727 Foundation Status Code: PC \*

Public charity described in section 509(a)(1) or (2)

#### IRS Publication 78 Details

Organization Name Raven Hill Discovery Center

 EIN
 38-3032707

 Location
 East Jordan, MI

**Deductibility Status Description**A public charity (50% deductibility limitation).

Most Recent IRS Publication 78 May 2020

Verified with Most Recent Internal Revenue Bulletin June 01 2020



IRS BMF 509(a)(1)

IRS Pub 78

#### IRS Business Master File Details

Organization Name RAVEN HILL DISCOVERY CENTER

 EIN
 38-3032707

 Most Recent IRS BMF
 May 11 2020

IRS Subsection This organization is a 501(c)(3) Public Charity

Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status Section 509(a)(1) organization as referred to in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

Ruling Date 07/1992

This organization was not included in the Office of Foreign Assets Control Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list.

On September 8, 2011, the IRS issued regulations which eliminated the advance ruling process for a section 501(c)(3) organization. Learn more

\* The Foundation Status Code is the code that foundations are required to provide for each grantee annually on part XV of Form 990PF. Note that this code cannot be derived in some cases (e.g., supporting organizations for which 'type' can't be determined).

IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-33 allows grantors to rely on third-party resources, such as GuideStar Charity Check, to obtain required Business Master File (BMF) data concerning a potential grantee's public charity classification under section 509 (a) (1), (2) or (3).

#### **GuideStar Charity Check Data Sources**

- GuideStar acquires all IRS data directly from the Internal Revenue Service.
- IRS Publication 78 (Cumulative List of Organizations) lists organizations that have been recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions.
- The IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin (IRB) lists changes in charitable status since the last Publication 78 release. Between the release of IRS Publication 78 and the subsequent IRS Internal Revenue Bulletin, the IRB date will reflect the most recent release date of IRS Publication 78.
- The IRS Business Master File lists approximately 1.7 million nonprofits registered with the IRS as tax-exempt organizations.
- The IRS Automatic Revocation of Exemption List contains organizations that have had their federal tax-exempt status automatically revoked for failing to file an annual return or notice with the IRS for three consecutive years.
- The Foundation Status Code is a value derived by mapping the codes found on the 990PF filling instructions to the corresponding codes in the IRS BMF. Note that not all codes are able to be mapped due to insufficient data.
- The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals (SDN) list organizations that are owned or controlled by targeted individuals, groups, and entities, such as terrorists or narcotics traffickers. Their assets are blocked and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from dealing with them.

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