

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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2024

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A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2024 , and ending , 20	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Colorado Juvenile Defender Center DBA: Transformative Justice Proj of Colo 130 West 5th Ave. Denver, CO 80204
D Employer identification number 27-2021425	E Telephone number (303) 435-7232
G Gross receipts \$ 693,146.	
F Name and address of principal officer: Barbara Garza Same As C Above	
H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. See instructions.	
I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	
J Website: CJDC.org	
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other	
L Year of formation:	M State of legal domicile: CO

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:ENSURING EXCELLENCE IN JUVENILE DEFENSE		
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)..... 3 16		
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)..... 4 0		
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2024 (Part V, line 2a)..... 5 1		
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)..... 6 0		
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12..... 7a 0.		
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11..... 7b 0.			
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h).....	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g).....	145,954.	636,684.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d).....	29,945.	56,451.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e).....	2.	11.
	12 Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12).....	175,901.	693,146.
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3).....	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4).....			
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10).....		16,000.	30,439.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e).....		117,303.	
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)..... 2,836.			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e).....		30,830.	394,781.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25).....		164,133.	425,220.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12.....		11,768.	267,926.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16).....	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26).....	137,182.	411,285.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20.....	0.	6,177.
		137,182.	405,108.

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 Taylor Schafbuch Type or print name and title	Date Treasurer				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Preparer's name Barbara B. Ilyes CPA	Preparer's signature Barbara B. Ilyes CPA	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00290990	
	Firm's name GoFigure Group Inc	Firm's EIN 56-2325885		Phone no. 303-403-0603		
	Firm's address 12650 W 64th Ave Unit E Ste 401 Arvada, CO 80004					
	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions..... ☒ Yes ☐ No					

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
ENSURING EXCELLENCE IN JUVENILE DEFENSE

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 \$ 262,583. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 693,144.)
THE ORGANIZATION WORKS TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS AND IMPROVE THE TREATMENT
OF CHILDREN IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH ADVOCACY,
RESEARCH, AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT, AND ENSURING EXCELLENCE IN JUVENILE DEFENSE.

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 262,583.

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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 the 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	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) Erin Pier Executive Dir.	20 0	X					80,631.	0.	0.
(2) Barbs Garza Executive Dir.	15 0	X					58,584.	0.	0.
(3) Katy Saehler Secretary	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(4) Tierra Brown Vice Chair	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(5) Elie Zwiebel Exec Director	15 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(6) Jessica Meza Board Member	0.5 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(7) Nicole Duncan Chair	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(8) Kathleen Murphy Board Member	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(9) Michael Reed Board Member	0 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(10) Jonathan McMillan Board Member	0 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(11) Aaron Massey Board Member	0 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(12) Victoria Keller Board Member	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(13) Taylor Schafbuch Treasurer	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.
(14) Lindsey Sandoval Board Member	0.5 0	X					0.	0.	0.

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Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck 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	584,703.			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above ...	1f	51,981.			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f.	1g				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		636,684.			
	Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
2a		Fundraising		53,486.	53,486.		
b		Misc Income		2,965.	2,965.		
c		CLE Training					
d		Services					
e		Board Contribution Bylaw					
f		All other program service revenue ...					
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		56,451.			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		11.	11.		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5	Royalties					
	6a	Gross rents	6a	(i) Real	(ii) Personal		
	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	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other		
	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				
	b	Less: direct expenses	8b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	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			Business Code				
	11a	-----					
	b	-----					
	c	-----					
	d	All other revenue					
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12	Total revenue. See instructions			693,146.	56,462.	0.	0.

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.

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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.	27,271.	0.	27,271.	0.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages.				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits.	1,088.		1,088.	
10 Payroll taxes.	2,080.		2,080.	
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management.				
b Legal.	80,250.		80,250.	
c Accounting.	2,421.		2,421.	
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.)	217,286.	215,761.	1,525.	
12 Advertising and promotion.	4,815.	4,815.		
13 Office expenses.	12,510.		12,510.	
14 Information technology.				
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.				
17 Travel.	403.	403.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.				
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.				
23 Insurance.	2,701.		2,701.	
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>Community Cares</u>	41,137.	41,137.		
b <u>Rent / Lease</u>	13,183.		13,183.	
c <u>Taxes & Licenses</u>	5,485.		5,485.	
d <u>Staff Development</u>	5,100.		5,100.	
e All other expenses.	9,490.	467.	6,187.	2,836.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	425,220.	262,583.	159,801.	2,836.
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 ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X. ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing	137,182.	1	111,277.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	300,008.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	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		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	11 Investments — publicly traded securities		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	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	137,182.	16	411,285.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	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		23	
	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	6,177.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0.	26	6,177.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33. ☒			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	137,182.	27	405,108.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here 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	137,182.	32	405,108.
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	137,182.	33	411,285.