

Form **990**

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2016**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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**A** For the 2016 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

**B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
SERVING ORPHANS WORLDWIDE, INC  
Doing business as

**D** Employer identification number  
04-3614613

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
340 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. 200

**E** Telephone number  
866-580-5700

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
BRISTOL, TN 37620

**G** Gross receipts \$ 1,452,799.

**F** Name and address of principal officer: JOHN GREGORY  
105 CARISIL ROAD, BRISTOL, TN 37620

**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)  
**H(c)** Group exemption number

**I** Tax-exempt status:  501(c)(3)  501(c) ( ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**J** Website: WWW.SOWORLDWIDE.ORG

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Year of formation: 2001 **M** State of legal domicile: FL

**Part I Summary**

**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O

**2** Check this box  if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	16
<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	16
<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2016 (Part V, line 2a)	5	5
<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	25
<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	1,552.
<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.

	Prior Year	Current Year
<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,035,696.	1,313,149.
<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0.	0.
<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	185.	163.
<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	351,738.	-33,140.
<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,387,619.	1,280,172.
<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,071,998.	998,516.
<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	138,529.	217,795.
<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 32,859.		
<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	142,689.	229,496.
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,353,216.	1,445,807.
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	34,403.	-165,635.
<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 612,859.	End of Year 450,636.
<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	15,448.	18,860.
<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	597,411.	431,776.

**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.

Signature of officer: JOHN GREGORY, President  
 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type or print name and title: JOHN GREGORY, BRISTOL, VA 24203

Print/Type preparer's name: RICHARD L. LINNEN  
 Preparer's signature: RICHARD L. LINNEN  
 Date: 09/14/17  
 Check if self-employed:  PTIN: P01310498  
 Firm's name: BROWN, EDWARDS & COMPANY, L.L.P.  
 Firm's EIN: 54-0504608  
 Firm's address: 513 STATE STREET, BRISTOL, VA 24201  
 Phone no.: 276-669-6171

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