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Organization Name	Advocacy Without Borders
EIN	86-1882557
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Tax Year	2025

Return of Private Foundation

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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For the calendar year 2025, or tax year beginning January 01, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025

Name of foundation: Advocacy Without Borders. A Employer identification number: 86-1882557. B Telephone number: (281) 436-7332. C If exemption application is pending, check here. D 1. Foreign organizations, check here. E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here. F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Revenue and expenses per books, (b) Net investment income, (c) Adjusted net income, (d) Disbursements for charitable purposes. Rows include Revenue (1-12) and Operating and Administrative Expenses (13-26), leading to Total expenses and disbursements of 52,700.

Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only. (See instructions.)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	0		
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	0		
	3 Accounts receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0		
	4 Pledges receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0		
	5 Grants receivable	0		
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule)			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0		
	10a Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
12 Investments—mortgage loans	0			
13 Investments—other (attach schedule)				
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis				
accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)				
15 Other assets (describe)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)		0	0	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0		
	18 Grants payable	0		
	19 Deferred revenue	0		
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons	0		
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30. <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions			
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions			
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 26 through 30. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0		
	27 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0		
	28 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	0		
29 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		0		
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	0	0		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances			
1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	0
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 29	6	0

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.				(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }			2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). See instructions. If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8. }			3	

Part V Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), or 4948—see instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter:(attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			1	0
b All other domestic foundations enter 1.39% (0.0139) of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% (0.04) of Part I, line 12, col. (b)				
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)			2	
3 Add lines 1 and 2			3	0
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)			4	
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-			5	0
6 Credits/Payments:				
a 2025 estimated tax payments and 2024 overpayment credited to 2025	6a			
b Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b			
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c			
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d			
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.			7	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached			8	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed			9	0
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid			10	0
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2026 estimated tax Refunded			11	0
For Refunded amount, also complete and attach Form 8050. See instructions.				

Part VI-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b , attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. \$ <u>0</u> (2) On foundation managers. \$ <u>0</u>		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ <u>0</u>		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by <i>General Instruction T</i> .	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XIV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. TX		
8b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? If "No," attach explanation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2025 or the tax year beginning in 2025? See the instructions for Part XIII. If "Yes," complete Part XIII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address https://advocacywithoutborders.org/public-inspection/	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14 The books are in care of Advocacy Without Borders Telephone no. (281) 436-7332 Located at 7616 BRANFORD PL, STE 220, SUGAR LAND, TX ZIP+4 77479		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		<input type="checkbox"/>
16 At any time during calendar year 2025, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
d Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2025?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2025, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XII, lines 6d and 6e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2025?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "Yes," list the years 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2025 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Form 4720, Schedule C, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2025.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2025?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VI-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:		Yes	No
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	5a(1)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	5a(2)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	5a(3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d) (4)(A)? See instructions.	5a(4)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	5a(5)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions.	5b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			
d If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).	5d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	6a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.	6b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	7a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	7b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Is the foundation 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?	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account other allowances
Morenike Giwa Onaiwu In c/o Advocacy Without Borders, 7616 Branford Pl Suite 220, Sugar Land, TX 77479	President 40	0	0	0
Eddie Dale Givens In c/o Advocacy Without Borders, 7616 Branford Pl Suite 220, Sugar Land, TX 77479	Vice President & Secretary 2	0	0	0
Erica Ruger In c/o Advocacy Without Borders, 7616 Branford Pl Suite 220, Sugar Land, TX 77479	Director 1	0	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000				

Part VII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)*

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. See instructions. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		

Part VIII-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 See Statement	13,770
2 See Statement	13,770
3 See Statement	13,770
4 See Statement	11,390

Part VIII-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions. 3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	

Part IX **Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	0
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	0
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	0
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1.5% (0.015) of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	0
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	0
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% (0.05) of line 5	6	0

Part X **Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part IX, line 6	1	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2025 from Part V, line 5	2a	
2b	Income tax for 2025. (This does not include the tax from Part V)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XII, line 1	7	

Part XI **Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	52,700
b	Program-related investments—total from Part VIII-B	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part XII, line 4	4	52,700

Part XII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2024	(c) 2024	(d) 2025
1 Distributable amount for 2025 from Part X, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2025:				
a Enter amount for 2024 only				
b Total for prior years: 20 ____, 20 ____, 20 ____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2025:				
a From 2020				
b From 2021				
c From 2022				
d From 2023				
e From 2024				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2025 from Part XI, line 4: \$ _____				
a Applied to 2024, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)				
d Applied to 2025 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2025 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2024. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2025. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2026				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2020 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2026. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2021				
b Excess from 2022				
c Excess from 2023				
d Excess from 2024				
e Excess from 2025				

Part XIII Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VI-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2025, enter the date of the ruling 05/15/2024

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year				(e) Total
	(a) 2025	(b) 2024	(c) 2023	(d) 2022	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part IX for each year listed	0	0	0	0	0
b 85% (0.85) of line 2a	0	0	0	0	0
c Qualifying distributions from Part XI, line 4, for each year listed	52,700	63,334	89,091	88,385	293,510
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	0	0	0	0	0
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	52,700	63,334	89,091	88,385	293,510
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Value of all assets	0	0	0	0	0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)	0	0	0	0	0
b "Endowment" alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part IX, line 6, for each year listed	0	0	0	132	132
c "Support" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)	0	62,099	0	0	62,099
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)	52,700	62,099	89,091	0	203,890
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization	0	5,100	0	0	5,100
(4) Gross investment income	0	0	0	0	0

Part XIV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

- a** List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)
- b** List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.

- a** The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
- b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:
- c** Any submission deadlines:
- d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

Part XIV Supplementary Information *(continued)*

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
See Statements				
Total			3a	11,390

b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			3b	

Form 990PF Statements

2025

Name of the Organization
 Advocacy Without Borders

Employer identification number
 86-1882557

Statement name: **Other Professional Fees - Part I Line 16c**

Explanation: Intuit Quickbooks accounting software
Expenses per books: \$75
Net Investment Income: \$0
Adjusted Net Income: \$75
Disbursements for Charity Purpose: \$75

Explanation: INSAR annual membership fee
Expenses per books: \$220
Net Investment Income: \$0
Adjusted Net Income: \$220
Disbursements for Charity Purpose: \$220

Explanation: Sigma Xi Full Membership annual fee for continuing members
Expenses per books: \$135
Net Investment Income: \$0
Adjusted Net Income: \$135
Disbursements for Charity Purpose: \$135

Explanation: Otter transcription and note taking annual licensure
Expenses per books: \$229
Net Investment Income: \$0
Adjusted Net Income: \$229
Disbursements for Charity Purpose: \$229

Explanation: Zoom Pro annual plan
Expenses per books: \$157
Net Investment Income: \$0
Adjusted Net Income: \$157
Disbursements for Charity Purpose: \$157

Explanation: Adobe Creative Cloud annual plan
Expenses per books: \$599
Net Investment Income: \$0
Adjusted Net Income: \$599
Disbursements for Charity Purpose: \$599

Statement name: **Other Expenses - Part I Line 23**

Explanation: Tax 990 fees annual filing fees
Expenses per books: \$170
Net Investment Income: \$0
Adjusted Net Income: \$170
Disbursements for Charity Purpose: \$170

Explanation:	Banking fees
Expenses per books:	\$192
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$192
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$192

Explanation:	Google Workspace fees
Expenses per books:	\$150
Net Investment Income:	\$0
Adjusted Net Income:	\$150
Disbursements for Charity Purpose:	\$150

Statement name: **Part VIII-A Direct Charitable Activities**

Explanation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-Engaged Research; Community Partnerships; Collaborative Projects: Ongoing participation in advisory boards, community advisory boards, executive committees, and expert panels supporting research initiatives focused on autism, disability, health equity, and early childhood intervention; ongoing collaboration with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, advocacy networks, and community groups through joint planning, co-hosted events, and shared initiatives. (For more details, please review enclosed 2025 annual report)
Amount:	\$13,770

Explanation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability, Autism, Neurodiversity, and Intersectionality Initiatives: Active involvement in autism and disability-focused networks, including recurring meetings, strategic planning sessions, and advisory roles addressing access, healthcare, and inclusion; sustained engagement in various roles leading various justice-focused projects addressing the intersection of multiply marginalized identities (race, socioeconomic status, gender, disability, etc.) and related health disparities. (For more details, please review enclosed 2025 annual report)
Amount:	\$13,770

Explanation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge Production and Dissemination including Public Education and Media Dialogue: Active involvement in scholarly as well as community-centered knowledge creation and translation, including manuscript development, editorial teams, peer review, and various dissemination activities for a range of audiences (laypersons, clinicians, and investigators); participation in podcast recordings, interviews, webinars, and journalistic engagements to contribute to public conversations on autism, disability, and related topics; development and delivery of keynotes, presentations, workshops, panels, training, and lectures at conferences, institutes, summits, universities, and community events. (For more details, please review enclosed 2025 annual report)
Amount:	\$13,770

Explanation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mutual Aid and Material Support: Provision of microgrants as well as funds paid on behalf of struggling community members for short-term housing for homeless individuals and families; utilities assistance, meals/groceries, medication, diapers, clothing, school supplies, and transportation for disabled and indigent Americans, particularly those located in southern states. (For more details, see list for details on individual grantees as well as the selected organizations serving eligible populations)
Amount:	\$11,390

Name of the Organization
Advocacy Without Borders

EIN
86-1882557

Grants and Contributions Paid during the year - Part XIV Line 3a - Payments to organizations

S. No.	Name	Address	Foundation status	Expense per book	Disbursements for charitable purposes
1	Help Empathize Accept and Love (HEAL) Family	263 Oak Lane, Ruffin, NC 27326	NC	\$500	\$500
Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): Support for education and awareness activities promoting substance use recovery led by disabled veteran and volunteers.					
2	Fort Bend Junior Service League	PO Box 17387, Sugar Land, TX 77496	PC	\$300	\$300
Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): To support the organization's ongoing volunteer services, leadership, and philanthropy.					
3	Babe Nation	7449 Washington Street, Forest Park, IL 60130	NC	\$500	\$500
Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): Support for provision of groceries for struggling families to prevent hunger due to loss of Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.					
4	Kind Theory	730 F Ave, Ste 220, Plano, TX 75074	PC	\$1,000	\$1,000
Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): Bridging Safe and Supportive Communities Program: a comprehensive initiative designed to equip neurodivergent individuals with the tools and techniques needed to navigate interactions with law enforcement, helping to prevent escalation. Additionally, Moreover, provision of targeted education to law enforcement on understanding neurodivergent communication styles, behaviors, sensory needs and traits, and effective de-escalation strategies.					

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Grants and Contributions Paid during the year - Part XIV Line 3a - Specific assistance to individuals

S. No.	Name	Address	Foundation status	Expense per book	Disbursements for charitable purposes
1	2025 Indigent person EJ	General Delivery,Atlanta,GA 30303	I	\$900	\$900

Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Provision of short-term transitional lodging for homeless father (EJ) recently released from incarceration as a "stop gap" while he awaited placement in a housing program. Funds were paid directly by our organization on the individual's behalf.**

Relationship: **No Relationship**

2	2025 Indigent person BW	2156 Buchanan Highway,Dallas,GA 30157	I	\$995	\$995
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Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Provision of emergency short-term lodging and household items for homeless single mother (BW) and her children ages 4, 6, 8, and 9 years old. Funds were paid directly by our organization on the family's behalf.**

Relationship: **No Relationship**

3	2025 Indigent person DC	General Delivery,Columbus,OH 43216	I	\$995	\$995
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Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Provision of emergency short-term lodging and household items for homeless disabled single father (DC) and minor children. Funds were paid directly by our organization on the family's behalf.**

Relationship: **No Relationship**

4	2025 Indigent person NR	General Delivery,Houston,TX 77002	I	\$950	\$950
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Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Rental and food assistance for homeless disabled single mother and child (NR). Funds were paid directly by our organization on behalf of the family.**

Relationship: **No Relationship**

5	2025 Indigent person TT	General Delivery,Decatur,GA 30030	I	\$995	\$995
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Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Provision of funds for disabled single mother (TT) and children.**

Relationship: **No Relationship**

6	2025 Indigent person NK	General Delivery,Lake Charles,LA 70601	I	\$755	\$755
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Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Provision of funds to disabled unemployed father (NK). Funds were provided directly from our organization on the family's behalf.**

Relationship: **No Relationship**

7	Houston HELP	PO Box 1819,Houston,TX 77002	PC	\$3,500	\$3,500
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Purpose of grant or contribution (Class of Activity): **Support for provision of groceries for low income families to prevent hunger due to loss of Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Subsequent provision of additional assistance (clothing, transportation, school supplies, etc.).**

Relationship: **No Relationship**

Tax Exempt Entity Declaration and Signature for E-file

For calendar year 2025, or tax year beginning January 01, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025

2025

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 990-T, 1120-POL, 4720, 8868, 5227, 5330, and 8038-CP Go to www.irs.gov/Form8453TE for the latest information.

Open to Public Inspection

Name of filer **Advocacy Without Borders** EIN or SSN **86-1882557**

Part I Type of Return and Return Information

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-TE and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. Form 8038-CP and Form 5330 filers may enter dollars and cents. For all other forms, enter whole dollars only. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a or 10a below, and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, or 10b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). If you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not complete** more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	
2a Form 990-EZ check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a Form 1120-POL check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a Form 990-PF check here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part V, line 5)	4b	0
5a Form 8868 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, line 3c)	5b	
6a Form 990-T check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 990-T, Part III, line 4)	6b	
7a Form 4720 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 4720, Part III, line 1)	7b	
8a Form 5227 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b FMV of assets at end of tax year (Form 5227, Item D)	8b	
9a Form 5330 check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax due (Form 5330, Part II, line 19)	9b	
10a Form 8038-CP check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	b Amount of credit payment requested (Form 8038-CP, Part III, line 22)	10b	

Part II Declaration of Officer or Person Subject to Tax

11a I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.

b If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/ 990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above named entity or I am the person subject to tax with respect to (name of entity) **Advocacy Without Borders** (EIN **86-1882557**), and that I have examined a copy of the 2025 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund.

Sign Here Morenike Giwa Onaiwu 05/22/2026 President
Signature of officer or person subject to tax Date Title, if applicable

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above return and that the entries on Form 8453-TE are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The entity officer or person subject to tax will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS to the officer or person subject to tax, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature	Date	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if selfemployed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code				EIN Phone no.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if selfemployed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	Firm's name Firm's address				Firm's EIN Phone no.



Annual Report 2025

Activities, Engagements, and Impact Summary



Who We Are

Advocacy Without Borders is a grassroots 501c3 non-profit organization that promotes everyday advocacy via meaningful community leadership and engagement, collaborative partnerships, social justice, and education.

When Advocacy Without Borders was created, a concept that our founder had long envisioned came to life - the simple yet critical need for all people to discover their "inner advocate." Though small and "grassroots," Advocacy Without Borders seeks to put disability justice into practice, particularly collective access, leadership of the most impacted; intersectionality; inherent worth of all people; and cross-movement solidarity.

Our work is driven by the belief that ALL voices matter, and that everyone deserves an opportunity to strive for growth and change.

Mission and Vision

Our mission is a simple yet important one: To encourage ALL people to make a difference, regardless of their differences.

We seek to amplify perspectives of communities such as individuals from marginalized racial and gender groups, youth, survivors, people with disabilities, and historically minoritized and/or underrepresented identities.

Advocacy Without Borders envisions a world where everyone has the opportunity to strive for growth and change, regardless of their background or circumstances. We are dedicated to meaningful community engagement, social justice, education, and collaboration.

Our vision is rooted in principles of intersectionality, disability justice, neurodiversity, and radical inclusion, seeking to amplify the perspectives of marginalized communities and foster a world where all perspectives are valued.

Advocacy Without Borders' Programs: An Overview

- **Community-Engaged Research & Advisory Participation**

Ongoing participation in advisory boards, community advisory boards (CABs), executive committees, and expert panels supporting autism, disability, health equity, and early childhood intervention research initiatives.

- **Autism, Neurodiversity, and Disability Advocacy**

Active involvement in autism and disability-focused networks, including recurring meetings, strategic planning sessions, and advisory roles addressing access, healthcare, and inclusion.

- **Intersectionality Initiatives**

Sustained engagement in various committees, justice-focused projects, and intersectional initiatives addressing the intersection of multiply marginalized identities (race, socioeconomic status, gender, disability, etc.) and related health disparities.

- **Public Education, Training, and Speaking Engagements**

Development and delivery of keynotes, presentations, workshops, panels, training, and lectures at conferences, institutes, summits, universities, and community events.

- **Knowledge Production and Dissemination**

Active involvement in scholarly as well as community-centered knowledge creation and translation, including manuscript development, editorial teams, peer review, and various dissemination activities for a range of audiences (laypersons, clinicians, and investigators).

- **Community Partnerships and Collaborative Projects**

Continued collaboration with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, advocacy networks, and community groups through joint planning, co-hosted events, and shared initiatives.

- **Media, Communications, and Public Dialogue**

Participation in podcast recordings, interviews, webinars, and journalistic engagements to contribute to public conversations on autism, disability, and related topics.

- **Mutual Aid and Material Support**

Provision of microgrants as well as funds paid on behalf of struggling community members for short-term housing for homeless individuals and families; utilities assistance, meals/groceries, medication, diapers, clothing, school supplies, and transportation for disabled and indigent Americans, particularly those located in southern states.

Executive Summary of 2025 Annual Report

The report reflects a highly engaged year of leadership across research collaborations, executive and advisory roles, policy committees, invited speaking and media contributions with academic, nonprofit, and public-sector partners, scholarly and creative output, and mutual aid, material support, and referrals for disenfranchised and homeless families. Advocacy Without Borders' work spanned major research networks and projects alongside board and advisory service, conference presentations, and equity-focused community initiatives, demonstrating sustained national impact and cross-sector collaboration.

Although our organization is small, we work hard each day to make meaningful contributions that impact the communities we serve. We are immensely proud of our 2025 accomplishments, which include:

- 101 unique organizational collaborators
- Fifty-two research/scientific convenings and collaborations
- Forty-three distinct board and/or committee commitments
- Twenty presentations/panels/speaking engagements
- Twelve publications and/or media appearances
- Six student/youth mentorships
- Six individual families and four organizations serving families received mutual aid/material support in the form of microgrants to help them transition out of homelessness and/or overcome unexpected financial difficulty

Select examples from each of these categories are featured throughout the remaining pages of this annual report to provide greater insight into our work this year. Where applicable, hyperlinks are provided to augment the written description(s).

Additional documents (i.e., copies of some of the publications referenced) are available as supplemental appendices upon request. To obtain these items, please email admin@advocacywithoutborders.org. The documents will be sent as PDF attachments or as a Google Drive link.

2025 Research-Related Convenings & Scientific Collaborations: 52

2025 was another active year of community participatory research (new as well as continuing). Project activities including community engagement, collaborative work, investigator meetings, trial engagement initiatives, study design, and related tasks were conducted across multi-institution partnerships, a few of which are highlighted below.

- [Can You Hear Us Now? Engaging Adults with IDD in Health Research Rehabilitation Research and Training Center \(RRTC\)](#). **Role(s):** [Study Investigator](#) & [Research Expert Experience Panel \(REEP\)](#). (National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research [Ohio State University Nisonger Center])
 - “Can You Hear Us Now?” Engaging Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Health Research is a national center seeking to improve long-term health and quality of life for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), including groups who tend to be underrepresented in research, by developing accessible health measures, identifying mental health prevalence, and creating tailored psychotherapy interventions. The project emphasizes inclusive research practices and outputs, such as validated tools, treatment manuals, and educational resources.
- [Empower EI Project](#). **Role(s):** Co-Investigator; Community Co-Lead. (Northwestern University)
 - Empower EI: Comparing Early Intervention Approaches to Improve Communication in Toddlers with Developmental Delays is a research initiative funded by the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). The project evaluates early intervention strategies to strengthen communication outcomes for toddlers with developmental delays and to equip families with evidence-based information and resources. Study findings will inform caregivers, early intervention therapists, service coordinators, and policymakers, support more effective service delivery and contribute to improved long-term communication and health outcomes for children.
- [Advancing the Quality of Health Care Transition for Black Autistic Adolescent Girls Project](#). **Role:** Consultant. (National Health Care Transition Resource Center [Family Voices] via WITH Foundation funding)
 - The “Black Autistic Girls” project engaged Black women self-advocates and family advocates to develop and disseminate educational materials about barriers to diagnostic supports for Black girls and women with autism, as well as recommendations to address the unique needs of this intersectional population across the lifespan.
- [Adapting and Testing a Novel Method of Engagement in Research: Centering Autistic Perspectives in Behavioral Intervention Discussions Project](#). **Role:** Leadership Team. (Drexel University)
 - Centering Autistic Perspectives in Behavioral Intervention Discussions (CAPBID) is a Science of Engagement Award examining different community engagement approaches for bringing together autistic people, Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) providers, and other members of the autism community to advance a shared equitable dialogue around research priorities for ABA-related research. One approach will be based on existing transformative and restorative justice methods and frameworks co-developed with researchers and community members. CAPBID utilizes a community-driven participatory research framework incorporating autistic leadership in all aspects of the project.

2025 Board, Advisory, Executive and Committee Engagements: 43

In 2025, Advocacy Without Borders was active in executive leadership, advisory committee service, organizational strategy participation, international editorial work, and public health/policy roles. Several of these are highlighted below.

- [Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee \(IACC\)](#) is the Federal Advisory Committee advises the US Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters related to autism. IACC also coordinates all federal autism efforts within the US. Role: [Public Member](#)
- [Autism in Adulthood Journal](#) is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal advancing research, practice, and policy focused on the lives of autistic adults across the lifespan. Centering autistic perspectives, the journal publishes scholarships that inform inclusive approaches to health, employment, community living, and systems of change. **Role:** [Editorial Board Member](#)
- [Institute for Exceptional Care \(IEC\)](#) is a national nonprofit dedicated to improving healthcare for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) by partnering with individuals with lived experience, families, and healthcare professionals to transform how care is taught, delivered, and paid for. IEC's innovative programs, advocacy, and collaboration drive systems-level change, centering the community's priorities and needs for safer, higher-quality care. **Role:** [Board Member](#)
- [Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network \(AWN\)](#) is a national nonprofit that fosters community, support, and resources for autistic women, girls, nonbinary people, and others with marginalized gender identities. **Role:** [Board Member](#)
- [Foundations for Divergent Minds \(FDM\)](#) is a nonprofit rooted in the principles of disability justice, led by racially diverse, multiply neurodivergent autistic individuals. The organization advances equity, access, and fulfilled lives for neurodivergent people through inclusive, practical, and affirming programming, education, and resources for individuals, families, professionals, and communities worldwide. **Role:** [Board Member](#)
- [The Color of Autism Foundation](#) is a national nonprofit dedicated to expanding autism awareness, support, and services within Black communities and other communities of color. The Foundation works to address disparities in access to resources and ensure that autistic individuals and their families from diverse backgrounds are seen, supported, and empowered. **Role:** Board Member
- [Kind Theory](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting acceptance, understanding, and inclusivity for autistic people and other neurodivergent individuals through community-centered education, advocacy, and support. amplifying lived experience, fostering respectful dialogue, and advancing neurodiversity-affirming practices that build kind, equitable, and connected communities. **Role:** [Board Member](#)
- [All Neurotypes](#) is an organization dedicated to building inclusive and sensory friendly communities, celebrating neurodivergent communication, offering positive supports for neurodivergent individuals and other communities with shared goals, and promoting access to affirming healthcare resources. **Role:** [Board Member](#)

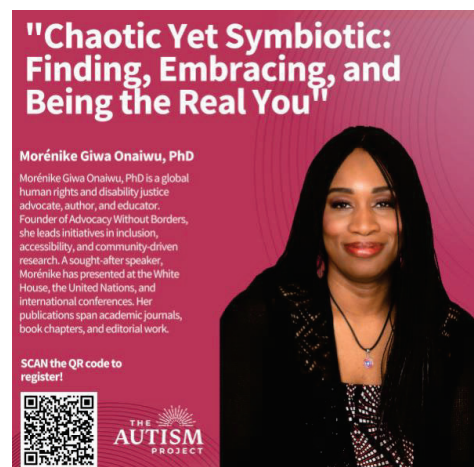
2025 Board, Advisory, Executive & Committee Engagements: 43 (continued from previous page)

- [Disability Philanthropy Forum](#) is a national initiative committed to transforming philanthropic practices so that disability is fully included as a priority across funding, policy, and grantmaking. By centering the voices and leadership of disabled people and advancing equity-driven values, the Forum works to increase investments in disability rights, inclusion, and community-defined priorities. **Role:** Advisory Board Member
- [National Center for Disability and Pregnancy Research](#): Housed within the [Lurie Institute for Disability Policy](#) at Brandeis University, this center conducts multidisciplinary research about reproduction, pregnancy, and disability, including reproductive health, sex education, prenatal health, childbirth, interactions with obstetricians, and support networks. **Role:** [Advisory Board Member](#)
- [Individuals with IDD Engaged, Aligned, and Leading: Outcomes That Matter \(IDDEAL\)](#) is a collaborative IEC and Augusta University project that seeks to develop consensus on what health and life outcomes are the highest priority for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD), identify corresponding quality measures, and determine how clinicians, payers, and regulators can support those outcomes in order to create a detailed plan that helps measure, improve, and ensure better healthcare for people with IDD. **Role:** Advisory Council Member
- [Carrie Buck Distinguished Fellowship](#): Funded by the Ford Foundation and housed within the [Lurie Institute for Disability Policy](#) at Brandeis University, this fellowship is intended for activists, scholars, and community organizers with disabilities whose work draws national attention to systemic ableism in reproductive health policy. **Role:** [Advisory Board Member](#)
- [National Research Center for Parents with Disabilities](#): Housed within the [Lurie Institute for Disability Policy](#) at Brandeis University, this multi-year collaborative research and advocacy project conducts research and provides training and technical assistance to improve the lives of parents with disabilities and their families. **Role:** [Advisory Board Member](#)
- [Coalition of Autism Scientists](#) is a collective of autism researchers committed to advancing rigorous, evidence-based science. The Coalition promotes research integrity, counters misinformation, and supports policies that strengthen autism research and benefit the autism community. **Role:** [Autism Researcher](#)
- [Autism Intervention Research Network on Physical Health \(AIR-P\)](#) is an interdisciplinary research network led by the University of California, Los Angeles that focuses on improving the physical health and overall well-being of autistic individuals across the lifespan. The AIR-P brings together scientists, clinicians, and community stakeholders to support intervention research that addresses gaps in healthcare, enhances life expectancy and quality of care, and promotes inclusive research practices that reflect the priorities of autistic individuals and their families. **Role:** [Member](#)

2025 Presentations, Panels, Webinars, and Speaking Engagements: 20

Numerous conference presentations, webinars, panels, lectures, trainings, and discussion events were completed in 2025. A few of these are highlighted below.

- Webinar, The Autism Project: "[Chaotic Yet Symbiotic: Finding, Embracing, and Being the Real You](#)" (A free live webinar exploring authenticity, inclusion, and identity within the neurodiversity and disability communities.) **Role:** Keynote Presenter.
 - [The Autism Project](#) is a Hub of Hope that has connected individuals on the autism spectrum, their families, and professionals to resources, education, and support since 1997, offering accessible training, social skills groups, summer camp, and family navigation services in Rhode Island and beyond.
- Webinar, [The Century Foundation: Why Connecting Disability Justice and Reproductive Justice Matters](#). **Role:** [Speaker](#)
 - [The Century Foundation](#) is a progressive, independent, nonpartisan public policy think tank that conducts evidence-based research and develops solutions to foster opportunities, reduce inequality, and promote security both domestically and internationally. It seeks to inform citizens, guide policymakers, and drive policy change across areas such as education, economic equity, health care, and democratic rights to improve people's lives and shape more equitable government action.
- Webinar, [The Kroussaw Foundation](#). **Role:** [Speaker](#)
 - [The Kroussaw Foundation](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering underserved individuals and communities by fostering personal growth, educational attainment, and holistic development. Through programs organized around the pillars of Discover, Educate, and Transform, the foundation offers initiatives in life skills, college and career readiness, health and wellness, and community empowerment that help participants realize their full potential and contribute positively to their communities. Over the years, The Kroussaw Foundation has worked with partner schools and community groups to expand access to supportive educational experiences and opportunities for self-discovery and growth.



2025 Mutual Aid and Material Support:

Six individual families and four organizations serving families received mutual aid/material support in the form of microgrants to help them transition out of homelessness and/or overcome unexpected financial difficulty.

- Provision of emergency short-term lodging and household items for homeless single mother and her children ages 4, 6, 8, and 9 years old
- Provision of emergency short-term lodging and household items for homeless disabled single father and minor children
- Rental and food assistance for homeless disabled single mother and minor child
- Provision of funds for disabled single mother and minor children.
- Provision of funds to disabled unemployed father and minor child
- Provision of short-term transitional lodging for homeless father recently released from incarceration as a "stop gap" while he awaited placement in a housing program
- Support for education and awareness activities promoting substance use recovery led by disabled veteran and volunteers
- Support for ongoing volunteer services, leadership, and philanthropy
- Provision of funds for groceries for struggling families to prevent hunger due to loss of Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits
- Provision of various forms of assistance to low income families (clothing, transportation, school supplies, etc.)



2025 Publications and Media Features: 12

Our knowledge-translation efforts continued to grow in 2025 with several collaborative publications, media interviews, podcast features, and other activities as highlighted below.

- *Obstetric Care and Pregnancy Health in Autistic Individuals and Those with Other Developmental Disabilities in an Integrated Health Care Setting in California* (peer reviewed article in *Autism in Adulthood Journal*, [DOI: 10.1089/aut.2024.0323](https://doi.org/10.1089/aut.2024.0323))
- *Research Impacting and Involving Autistic Adults Should Be Trauma Informed* (peer reviewed article in *Autism in Adulthood Journal*, [DOI:10.1089/aut.2023.0200](https://doi.org/10.1089/aut.2023.0200))
- *Guiding Principles and Research Priorities for Early Childhood Autism Therapy Research: Results of a Community-Engaged Project* (peer reviewed article in *Neurodiversity Journal*, [DOI: 10.1177/27546330251338419](https://doi.org/10.1177/27546330251338419))
- *Current Methods and Future Prospects in the Detection of Mental Distress in Individuals with Profound Intellectual and Multiple Disabilities* (peer reviewed article in *Journal of Developmental and Physical Issues*, [DOI: 10.1007/s10882-025-10036-6](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10882-025-10036-6))
- *Neurodiversity-Affirming Intersectional Approaches That Target Public Policy: Moving the Focus From Changing Individuals to Changing Systems of Power* (peer reviewed article in *Journal of Social Issues*, [DOI: 10.1111/JOSI.70042](https://doi.org/10.1111/JOSI.70042))
- *Inclusion Must Be Global, Decolonized, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, and Anti-Normative* (peer reviewed article in *Journal of Social Issues*, [DOI: 10.1111/JOSI.70045](https://doi.org/10.1111/JOSI.70045))
- [Neurodiversity Matters: Morénike Giwa Onaiwu on Antiracist Advocacy](#) (Podcast guest appearance, Qualitative Open Mic Podcast at King's College London: [Link to episode](#))
- [TIME: Autism feature](#): TIME: Autism is a special edition publication that examines autism through research, reporting, and personal stories. The issue explores diagnosis, treatment, and everyday experiences of autistic individuals and families, offering an accessible overview that helps broaden public understanding of autism.

2025 Memberships and Awards: 7

Our 2025 organizational memberships and professional recognitions reflect our credibility, leadership, and sustained commitment to advocacy, inclusion, and community impact.

Award (1)

- Community Autism Excellence Award, Autism Urban Connections Incorporated: In commemoration of a decade of service, AUC Inc., a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit that supports Black families raising children on the autism spectrum through education, advocacy, and community-centered support hosted the Community Autism Excellence Awards in 2025 to honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to AUC's mission and the broader autism community. Together with other members of the Black autism community, recognition was given through the Empowering Advocacy Award, which was named after our organization's founder.

Memberships (6)

- [Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Honor Society](#) is an international honor society for science and engineering. Among the world's oldest and largest scientific organizations, Sigma Xi has more than 125 years of distinguished service advancing science, research, and societal impact. Its membership includes scientists and engineers whose work spans a wide range of scientific and technological disciplines. Role: Full Member
- [International Society for Autism Research \(INSAR\)](#) is a nonprofit scientific organization dedicated to advancing autism research worldwide. INSAR is governed by an elected, volunteer Board of Directors and supported by committees that oversee and advance the Society's mission. Role: Member
- [International Network of Personal Meaning \(INPM\)](#) is a global community dedicated to promoting meaning, purpose, and well-being across diverse cultures and disciplines. Through education, research, conferences, and public engagement, INPM supports individuals, practitioners, and scholars in applying meaning-centered approaches to enhance personal resilience, mental health, and social connection. Role: Member
- [Black Empowerment in Autism Network \(BEAM\)](#) advances equity in autism research, policy, and practice by centering the voices, leadership, and lived experiences of Black autistic individuals and their families. Through community-engaged research, advocacy, and cross-sector collaboration, BEAM works to address systemic disparities and promote more inclusive, culturally responsive approaches to autism services and supports. Role: Member
- [The Society for the Improvement of Psychological Science \(SIPS\)](#): An organization committed to strengthening the quality and credibility of psychological research. Through community engagement, education, and advocacy, SIPS promotes transparent and trustworthy scientific practices that improve how psychology is conducted and applied. Role: Member
- [International Leadership Association \(ILA\) Global Network](#): Connects scholars, practitioners, and organizations from around the world who are engaged in leadership research, education, and practice. Through shared resources, convenings, and collaboration, the network supports inclusive leadership development and advances solutions to complex social and organizational challenges. Role: Member

2025 Student and Youth Mentoring: 6

Our organization continued to support direct student mentoring and academic partnerships in 2025. This includes the following student/fellowship engagements highlighted below.

- A.S. (Graduate student), New York University (New York, USA)
- O.A. (Undergraduate student), Lagos State University (Lagos, Nigeria)
- T.T. (Undergraduate student), University of Texas (Texas, USA)
- S.S. (Undergraduate student), University of Houston (Texas, USA)
- J.L. (High school student), public school (Georgia, USA)
- S.H. (High school student), public school (Texas, USA)

2025 Organizational Collaborators: 101

This year Advocacy Without Borders worked with a total of 101 unique organizations engaged across research, governance, academic, media, and community collaboration domains, including those newly initiated in 2025, ongoing long-term partnerships, and short-term and/or event-specific collaborations. A few of these are highlighted below.

Academic & Research Institutions



Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Health and Function
for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



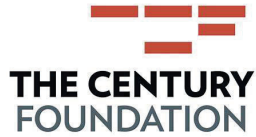
Federal & Government-Affiliated Entities



Nonprofit & Advocacy Organizations



Philanthropic & Policy Organizations



Research Networks & Collaboratives

