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City of Sioux Falls
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224 W 9th St
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January 6, 2025

Dear members of the Sioux Falls City Council:

As the Dean of the College of Science at the University of Notre Dame, I am writing to express my full support for the proposal by the Museum of Biodiversity to acquire specimens from the Delbridge Museum of Natural History.

These specimens represent an invaluable contribution to the study and appreciation of biodiversity, serving as a bridge between education, research, and public outreach. At Notre Dame, we are committed to advancing knowledge in the life sciences, and incorporating these specimens into our collection would enhance our ability to educate students, engage the public, and support scientific research.

Acquiring and preserving these specimens aligns with the mission of the Museum of Biodiversity to foster an understanding of the natural world and inspire stewardship for future generations. We are confident that the specimens will be utilized and cared for in a way that honors their historical and scientific significance.

I respectfully urge the Sioux Falls City Council to approve this proposal, which will ensure the continued preservation and impactful use of these extraordinary specimens.

Thank you for considering this important matter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Santiago Schnell".

Santiago Schnell, D. Phil.
William K. Warren Foundation Dean
Professor of Biological Sciences
Professor of Applied and Computational Mathematics & Statistics

From: [Joanna Larson](#)
To: [Newman, Matthew](#)
Subject: Re: Brockhouse Collection Update and additional requested information
Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 11:31:08 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[ND 2022 FORM 990 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE.pdf](#)

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Hi Matt,

Attached are a letter of support from the dean of the College of Science and the most recent public copy of Notre Dame's 990. Below is information that I hope answers your other requests for information.

We would aim to remove the items from the Great Plains Zoo in late May - early June of 2025. The elephant will be installed immediately upon arrival. Other specimens will be on display in 1-2 years after receipt. The delay reflects that we will need to design new exhibits to integrate or focus on these new specimens. Also, most specimens need some degree of restoration, which will take time to be done correctly. We also anticipate that most will be moved to new bases for consistency with our existing mounts and with each other. This work will be done by the university's on-staff carpenters, who have experience doing this type of work for us.

In our current space, we will likely not have everything on display at one time, but will feature different specimens over time through rotating exhibits. Others that are not in exhibits will be available to view on special "behind the scenes" events, such as home football games, or weekly student-led tours during which the public is invited to tour the collection spaces of the museum. All exhibits and open houses are free to the public. Our ten-year plan is to construct a new museum of science building that will be free to the public, following the model of Notre Dame's Raclin Murphy Museum of Art that recently opened. The specimens from the Delbridge Collection will form the core of the natural history exhibits in this new space. Specimens will be exhibited in glass display cases to ensure their safety and that of visitors. Our goal is for audiences to be able to interact with the specimens in multiple ways, from a traditional observational perspective to more active learning activities through touch-screens or web-based interfaces accessed by scanning a QR code on a smartphone. The goal of these activities will be to deepen visitors' understanding of the natural world and connect them to current topics of research in biology.

Notre Dame is in an excellent position to ensure the long term care for these specimens given its large endowment and engaged donors who enthusiastically support such initiatives. All specimens will be stored in climate-controlled (temperature and humidity) spaces at all times with security systems and appropriate pest management.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that you think it would be helpful to include.

Best,
Joanna

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Form **990****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**2022****Open to Public Inspection**

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2022, and ending 06/30, 2023	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME DU LAC Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, 724 GRACE HALL City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code NOTRE DAME, IN 46556
	D Employer identification number 35-0868188
	E Telephone number (574) 631-7575
	G Gross receipts \$ 15,089,177,602
	F Name and address of principal officer: REV. JOHN I. JENKINS, C.S.C. SAME AS C ABOVE
H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See Instructions. H(c) Group exemption number 5067	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (Insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	
J Website: WWW.ND.EDU	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
L Year of formation: 1844 M State of legal domicile: IN	

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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	42
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	38
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)	5	18,082
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	1,911
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	21,324,641
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)	646,726,306	587,575,975
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,173,732,187	1,194,015,471
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,668,681,159	801,006,304
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	6,408,847	8,270,585
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	3,495,548,499	2,590,868,335
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	449,067,525	499,349,890
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	0	0
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	829,406,699	921,921,564
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	0	0
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	63,136,177	
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	604,824,609	625,444,772
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,883,298,833	2,046,716,226
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	1,612,249,666	544,152,109
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	24,599,540,506	24,762,525,400

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	Date			
	SHANNON CULLINAN, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT	5/10/2024			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	TRAVIS PATTON		5/11/2024		P00369623
	Firm's name PWC US TAX LLP	Firm's EIN	92-0460586		
	Firm's address 655 NEW YORK AVENUE, NW, SUITE 1100, WASHINGTON, DC 20001	Phone no.	(202) 414-1000		

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Cat. No. 11282Y

Form **990** (2022)

Brockhouse Collection at Delbridge Museum

Sioux Falls Parks and Recreation Great
Plains Zoo
224 W. Ninth St.
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

December 24, 2024

To Whom it may concern –

This letter is to confirm that Jeremy Gibbs brought the acquisition of the Brockhouse Collection to the Board of Directors during our monthly Board Meeting on September 17th, 2024, and it was unanimously agreed to apply for the full collection.

Moving this amount of taxidermy is a task we are familiar with. We have moved larger collections without issue. We currently own a box truck, and we have a partnership with a transport company that will be sufficient for all the taxidermy listed.

The estimated cost is mostly boarding, travel, and man hours. We believe the original budget for transport was a bit embellished. However, our estimated cost to transport is approximately \$10,000.00, but we have a budget of \$20,000.00 for the new prospects. Of course, this will be increased shall we be granted the full collection after all.

We also want to thank you very much for this opportunity. Although it saddens us that the collection will be broken apart and pieced out, and that we will not be granted everything, we are excited to be in consideration for the partial collection. We will cherish these pieces the same. We understand whole heartily that we can never compete with an Ivy League School, but we will never give up. One day such a collection as this one will be granted to our establishment.

At the risk of losing a little face, we would like to make a plea. Notre Dame is getting quite the collection. Withdrawal of one piece wouldn't make much difference for such an entity, but a significant piece could make a great impact for us. I would love to be the new owners of the walrus. It would mean so very much to us. It's the one singular thing I fell in love with on our visit, that stood apart from everything else for me and is the number one thing I think of on a regular basis.

Once approved in February we could collect them within a month, with most of the collection going on display right away.

Thank you again,
Jeremy Gibbs- CEO
Nicholas Morgan – CFO
Kimberly Gibbs - Treasurer

THE ODDITIES MUSEUM
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THE ODDITIES MUSEUM IS A 501(C)(3) NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, EIN #87-1131532.

Taxpayer Copy		TIN: 87-1131532	
Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax		OMB No. 1545-0047
	Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations) Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.		2023 Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2023, and ending 12-31-2023			
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization ODDITIES MUSEUM INC		D Employer identification number 87-1131532
	Doing business as		
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number (404) 849-3880
	3870 North Peachtree Rd		
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Chamblee, GA 30341		G Gross receipts \$ 275,307
F Name and address of principal officer: Kimberly Gibbs 4333 Dunwoody Park Apt 2112 Dunwoody, GA 30338		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. See instructions. H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: ▶			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 2021	M State of legal domicile: GA

Part I Summary			
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: An ongoing noble endeavor to preserve intriguing, historical artifacts. Enriching the community with an unparalleled educational path to a deeper consciousness through unique experiences.		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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	3
	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 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	4
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		100,000
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		86,294
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0	186,294
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)		43,594
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 0		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)		75,848	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	0	119,442	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	0	66,852	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year		End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	19,200	0
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	0	0
	23 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	19,200	0

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	2024-09-27 Date	
	Kimberly Gibbs Treasurer Type or print name and title		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date
	Firm's name ▶	Check <input type="checkbox"/> If self-employed Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no.	



The Institute for
Natural History Arts

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January 9, 2025

Re: Delbridge Museum Taxidermy Collection

Dear Mr. Newman,

We are very pleased to hear the Brockhouse Collection will be finding a new home and appreciate the opportunity to acquire the remaining pieces. After careful consideration and on behalf of our officers and board members, the Institute for Natural History Arts would like to accession into our permanent collection the following specimens.

133 02085540-000 Giant Eland

134 02085790-000 Hunters Hartebeest

These pieces will be on permanent display in our NJ facility where they will be used to educate students on the historic processes of taxidermy. They will immediately upon arrival undergo a conservation-based cleaning and stabilization.

The value in these pieces is their ability to illustrate the various problems that arise with taxidermy as it ages, and we look forward to highlighting their damage as a learning tool. They will be in constant care and undergo routine maintenance with our current collection to prevent further damage and degradation.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

George A. Dante, Jr
President and Founder

Form **990-N****Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for
Tax-Exempt Organization Not Required to File
Form 990 or 990-EZ****2023**

Electronic Filing Only – Do Not Mail

For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 1/01, 2023, ending 12/31, 2023

Check if applicable

☐ Termination**Organization name and address**INSTITUTE FOR NATURAL HISTORY ARTS INC
C/O GEORGE A DANTE JR
192 LACKAWANNA AVE STE 104
WOODLAND PARK, NJ 07424-2995**Employer identification number**

85-3093325

Telephone Number

973-890-1516

COPYOther names the
organization usesWebsite: > <https://www.naturalhistoryarts.org/>Check > ☒ if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000 (\$5,000 for a 509(a)(3) supporting organization)

Principal Officer Information	Name	GEORGE A DANTE JR
	Address	192 LACKAWANNA AVE STE 104 WOODLAND PARK, NJ 07424-2995

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