

2015 Registered charity information return for THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

▼ Basic information sheet

Designation:	Charitable organization
Fiscal Period End:	2015-12-31
Registration Date:	1974-03-15
Business/ registration number:	119129369RR0001
Telephone number:	416-360-4200
Fax number:	416-360-0060
E-mail address:	n/a
Website address:	WWW.FFB.CA
Public contact name or position:	DIRECTOR, FINANCE & OPERATIONS
Names the charity is known by other than its registered name:	RIDE FOR SIGHT VISION QUEST, COMIC VISION, CYCLE FOR SIGHT

Program areas:

The three primary areas in which the charity is now carrying on programs to achieve its charitable purposes are listed below. The program areas are ranked according to the percentage of time and resources devoted to each program area.

Rank	Description	Field Code	% of Emphasis
1	Research (scientific, medical, environmental, etc)	C11	100%
2	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	n/a	n/a	n/a

▼ Section A: Identification

i To help you fill out this form, refer to Guide T4033, *Completing the Registered charity information return*. It can be found on our Webpages at www.cra.gc.ca/charities under "Charities-related forms and publications".

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Note: Even if a charity is inactive, an information return must be filed to maintain its registered status.

A1

Was the charity in a subordinate position to a parent organization? 1510 No

If yes, give the name and Business Number/registration number of the organization.

Name:	n/a
Business Number(if applicable):	n/a

A2

Has the charity wound-up, dissolved, or terminated operations? 1570 No

A3

Is your charity designated as a public foundation or private foundation? 1600 No

If yes, you must complete [Schedule 1, Foundations](#). Refer to the Form TF725, *Registered Charity Basic Information Sheet*, to confirm the designation. (Form TF725 is part of return.)

▼ Section B: Directors/trustees and like officials

B1

All charities must complete Form T1235, Directors/Trustees and Like Officials Worksheet. Only the public information section of the worksheet is available to the public. Charities subject to the Ontario *Corporations Act* must also complete Form RC232-WS, *Director/Officer Worksheet* and Ontario *Corporations Information Act Annual Return*.

▼ Section C: Programs and general information

C1

Was the charity active during the fiscal period?	1800	Yes
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If **no**, explain why in the "Ongoing programs" space below at C2.

C2

In the space below, describe all **ongoing** and **new** charitable programs the charity carried on this fiscal period to further its purpose(s) (as defined in its governing documents). "Programs" includes all of the charitable activities that the charity carries out on its own through employees or volunteers as well as through qualified donees and intermediaries. The charity may also use this space to describe the contributions of its volunteers in carrying out its activities, for example, number of volunteers and/or hours. **Do not** include the names of employees or volunteers. Grant-making charities should describe the types of organizations they support. **Do not** describe fundraising activities in this space. **Do not attach additional sheets of paper or annual reports.**

Ongoing programs:

FFB contributed \$1.65m to support vision research and patient registries across Canada. Another \$200k was spent in public education around vision loss and innovations in treatments.

New programs:

A Young Leader's summit was launched as a leadership program for visually impaired young adults.

i Registered charities may make gifts to qualified donees. Qualified donees are other registered Canadian charities, as well as certain other organizations described in the Income Tax Act.

C3

Did the charity make gifts or transfer funds to qualified donees or other organizations?	2000	Yes
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If yes, you must complete Form T1236, [Qualified Donees Worksheet/Amounts Provided to Other Organizations](#).

C4

Did the charity carry on, fund, or provide any resources through employees, volunteers, agents, joint ventures, contractors, or any other individuals, intermediaries, entities, or means (other than qualified donees) for any activity/program/project outside Canada?	2100	No
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If **yes**, you must complete [Schedule 2, Activities Outside Canada](#).

C5 Political Activities

i A registered charity may pursue political activities only if the activities are non-partisan, related to its charitable purposes, and limited in extent. A political activity is any activity that explicitly communicates to the public that a law, policy or decision of any level of government inside or outside Canada should be retained, opposed, or changed.

(a) Did the charity carry on any political activities during the fiscal period, including making gifts to qualified donees that were intended for political activities?	2400	Yes
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If **yes**, you must complete [Schedule 7, Political Activities](#).

(b) Total amount spent by the charity on these political activities.	5030	n/a
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(c) Of the amount at line 5030, the total amount of gifts made to qualified donees.	5031	n/a
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(d) Total amount received from outside Canada that was directed to be spent on political activities.	5032	n/a
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If you entered an amount on line 5032 you must complete [Schedule 7, Political Activities](#), Table 3.

C6

If the charity carried on fundraising activities or engaged third parties to carry on fundraising activities on its behalf, tick all fundraising methods that it used during the fiscal period.

Summary of fundraising methods used

Description of fundraising methods	Line number	Answer
Advertisements/print/radio/TV commercials	2500	Yes
Auctions	2510	Yes
Collection plate/boxes	2530	n/a
Door-to-door solicitation	2540	n/a
Draws/lotteries	2550	Yes
Fundraising dinners/galas/concerts	2560	Yes
Sales	2570	Yes

Internet	2575	Yes
Mail campaigns	2580	Yes
Planned-giving programs	2590	Yes
Targeted corporate donations/sponsorships	2600	Yes
Targeted contacts	2610	Yes
Telephone/TV solicitations	2620	Yes
Tournament/sporting events	2630	Yes
Cause-related marketing	2640	n/a
Other	2650	n/a

If you answered yes to line number 2650, specify below:

2660 n/a

C7

Did the charity pay external fundraisers? 2700 No

If **yes**, you must complete the following lines, and complete Schedule 4, *Confidential Data*, Table 1.

(a) Enter the gross revenue collected by the fundraisers on behalf of the charity. 5450 n/a

(b) Enter the amounts paid to and/or retained by the fundraisers. 5460 n/a

(c) Tick the method of payment to the fundraiser:

Summary of payment methods used

Description of payment methods	Line number	Answer
Commissions	2730	n/a
Bonuses	2740	n/a
Finder's fees	2750	n/a

Set fee for services	2760	n/a
Honoraria	2770	n/a
Other	2780	n/a

If you answered yes to line number 2780, specify below:

2790 n/a

(d) Did the fundraiser issue tax receipts on behalf of the charity?	2800	n/a
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C8

Did the charity compensate any of its directors/trustees or like officials or persons not at arm's length from the charity for services provided during the fiscal period (other than reimbursement for expenses)?	3200	No
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C9

Did the charity incur any expenses for compensation of employees during the fiscal period?	3400	Yes
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If yes, you must complete [Schedule 3, Compensation](#).

C10

Did the charity receive any donations or gifts of any kind valued at \$10,000 or more from any donor that was not resident in Canada and was not any of the following:	3900	No
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- a Canadian Citizen, nor
- employed in Canada, nor
- carrying on a business in Canada, nor
- a person having disposed of taxable Canadian property?

If yes, you must complete Schedule 4 - *Confidential Data*, Table 2, for each donation of \$10,000 or more.

C11

Did the charity receive any gifts in kind (non-cash gifts) for which it issued tax receipts?	4000	Yes
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If yes, you must complete [Schedule 5, Gifts in kind](#).

C12

Did the charity acquire a non-qualifying security?	5800	No
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C13

Did the charity allow any of its donors to use any of its property? (except for permissible uses)	5810	No
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C14

Did the charity issue any of its tax receipts for donations on behalf of another organization?	5820	No
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C15

Did the charity have direct partnership holdings at any time during the fiscal period?	5830	No
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▼ Section D: Financial Information

Complete Section D only if you **do not** have to complete Schedule 6, Detailed Financial Information.

i Complete Schedule 6 if **any** of the following applies to the charity:

- a) The charity's revenue exceeds \$100,000.
- b) The amount of all property (for example, investments, rental properties) not used in charitable activities is more than \$25,000.
- c) The charity has permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

Do not complete Section D if you must complete Schedule 6.

i Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "See attached financial statements". All relevant fields must be filled out.

See [Schedule 6, Detailed Financial Information](#).

► Schedules

Schedule 1: Foundations — THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

1	Did the foundation acquire control of a corporation?	100	No
2	Did the foundation incur any debts other than for current operating expenses, purchasing or selling investments, or in administering charitable activities?	110	No

For private foundations only:

3	Did the foundation hold any shares, rights to acquire shares, or debts owing to it that meet the definition of a non-qualified investment?	120	n/a
4	Did the foundation own more than 2% of any class of shares of a corporation?	130	n/a

Schedule 2: Activities outside Canada — THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

The charity has not indicated that it carried on, funded or provided resources/programs/projects for activities outside of Canada.

Schedule 3: Compensation — THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

- 1 (a) Enter the **number** of permanent, full-time, compensated positions in the fiscal period. This number should represent the number of positions the charity had including both managerial positions and others, and should not include independent contractors. **Do not** enter a dollar amount. 300 23

(b) For the **ten (10)** highest compensated, permanent, full-time positions enter the **number of positions** that are within each of the following annual compensation categories. **Do not** tick the boxes, use numbers.

Summary of highest compensated positions

Description of compensation categories	Line number	Number of positions
\$1 - \$39,999	305	n/a
\$40,000 - \$79,999	310	5
\$80,000 - \$119,999	315	3
\$120,000 - \$159,999	320	2

	\$160,000 - \$199,999	325	n/a
	\$200,000 - \$249,999	330	n/a
	\$250,000 - \$299,999	335	n/a
	\$300,000 - \$349,999	340	n/a
	\$350,000 and over	345	n/a
2	(a) Enter the number of part-time or part-year (for example, seasonal) employees the charity employed during the fiscal period	370	4
	(b) Total expenditure on compensation for part-time or part-year employees in the fiscal period	380	\$ 49,578
3	Total expenditure on all compensation in the fiscal period	390	\$ 1,398,746

Schedule 4 - Confidential Data (Information not available to the public)

Schedule 5: Gifts in kind — THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

- 1 Tick all types of gifts in kind (non-cash gifts) received for which a tax receipt was issued:

Summary of gifts-in-kind

Description of gifts-in-kind	Line number	Answer
Artwork/wine/jewellery	500	n/a
Building materials	505	n/a
Clothing/furniture/food	510	Yes
Vehicles	515	n/a
Cultural properties	520	n/a
Ecological properties	525	n/a
Life insurance policies	530	Yes
Medical equipment/supplies	535	n/a
Privately-held securities	540	n/a
Machinery/equipment/computers/software	545	n/a
Publicly traded securities/commodities/mutual funds	550	n/a
Books	555	n/a
Other	560	n/a

If you answered yes to line number 560, specify below:

565 n/a

- 2 Enter the total amount of tax-receipted gifts in kind 580 \$ 36,429

Schedule 6: Detailed financial information — THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

i Complete Schedule 6 if **any** of the following applies:

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- c) The charity has permission to accumulate funds during this fiscal period.

Do not complete Section D: *Financial Information*, if you must complete Schedule 6.

Was the financial information reported below prepared on an 4020
accrual or cash basis?

Accrual

Statement of financial position

i Show all amounts to the nearest single Canadian dollar. Do not enter "see attached financial statements". All relevant fields must be filled out.

▼ Assets

Summary of assets

Description of assets	Line number	Amount
Cash, bank accounts, and short-term investments	4100	\$ 990,742
Amounts receivable from non-arm's length persons	4110	n/a
Amounts receivable from all others	4120	\$ 114,649
Investments in non-arm's length persons	4130	n/a
Long-term investments	4140	\$ 1,977,349
Inventories	4150	\$ 25,010
Land and buildings in Canada	4155	n/a
Other capital assets in Canada	4160	\$ 150,724
Capital assets outside Canada	4165	n/a
Accumulated amortization of capital assets	4166	\$ -95,780
Other assets	4170	\$ 34,428
10 year gifts	4180	n/a
Total assets (add lines 4100 to 4170)	4200	\$ 3,196,852
Amount included in lines 4150, 4155, 4160, 4165 and 4170 not used in charitable activities	4250	n/a

▼ Liabilities

Summary of liabilities

Description of liabilities	Line number	Amount
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4300	\$ 279,971
Deferred revenue	4310	\$ 14,021
Amounts owing to non-arm's length persons	4320	n/a
Other liabilities	4330	\$ 25,000
Total liabilities (add lines 4300 to 4330)	4350	\$ 318,992

Statement of operations

▼ Revenue

Summary of revenue

Description of revenue	Line number	Amount
Total eligible amount of all gifts for which the charity issued tax receipts	4500	\$ 3,384,939
Total eligible amount of tax-receipted tuition fees	5610	n/a
Total amount of 10 year gifts received	4505	n/a
Total amount received from other registered charities	4510	\$ 331,132
Total other gifts received for which a tax receipt was not issued by the charity (excluding amounts at lines 4575 and 4630)	4530	\$ 639,246
Total revenue received from federal government	4540	n/a
Total revenue received from provincial/territorial governments	4550	n/a
Total revenue received from municipal/regional governments	4560	n/a

Total tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside of Canada (government and non-government)	4571	n/a
Total non tax-receipted revenue from all sources outside Canada (government and non-government)	4575	n/a
Total interest and investment income received or earned	4580	\$ 90,566
Gross proceeds from disposition of assets	4590	n/a
Net proceeds from disposition of assets (show a negative amount with brackets)	4600	n/a
Gross income received from rental of land and/or buildings	4610	n/a
Total non tax-receipted revenues received for memberships, dues and association fees	4620	n/a
Total non tax-receipted revenue from fundraising	4630	n/a
Total revenue from sale of goods and services (except to any level of government in Canada)	4640	\$ 271,718
Other revenue not already included in the amounts above	4650	\$ 13,862
Total revenue (add lines 4500, 4510 to 4560, 4575, 4580, and 4600 to 4650)	4700	\$ 4,731,464

Specify type(s) of revenue included in the amount reported at 4650

4655 n/a

▼ Expenditures

Summary of expenditures

Description of expenditures	Line number	Amount
Advertising and promotion	4800	\$ 69,609
Travel and vehicle expenses	4810	\$ 64,736
Interest and bank charges	4820	\$ 57,472
Licenses, memberships, and dues	4830	\$ 18,119
Office supplies and expenses	4840	\$ 76,958
Occupancy costs	4850	\$ 118,117
Professional and consulting fees	4860	\$ 472,582
Education and training for staff and volunteers	4870	\$ 4,606
Total expenditure on all compensation (enter the amount reported at line 390 in Schedule 3, if applicable)	4880	\$ 1,398,746
Fair market value of all donated goods used in charitable activities	4890	n/a
Purchased supplies and assets	4891	\$ 53,551

Amortization of capitalized assets	4900	\$ 30,707
Research grants and scholarships as part of charitable activities	4910	n/a
All other expenditures not included in the amounts above (excluding gifts to qualified donees)	4920	\$ 647,542
Total expenditures before gifts to qualified donees (add lines 4800 to 4920)	4950	\$ 3,012,745

Of the amounts at lines 4950 and 5031 (reported at C5 Political Activities (c)):

Total expenditures on charitable activities	5000	\$ 452,509
Total expenditures on management and administration	5010	\$ 698,461
Total expenditures on fundraising	5020	\$ 1,861,775
Total expenditures on political activities, inside or outside Canada, from question C5 (b)	5030	n/a
Total other expenditures included in line 4950	5040	n/a
Total amount of gifts made to all qualified donees	5050	\$ 1,648,634
Total expenditures (add lines 4950 and 5050)	5100	\$ 4,661,379

Specify type(s) of expenditures included in the amount reported at 4920

4930 Fundraising expenses

Other financial information

▼ Permission to accumulate property

Only registered charities that have written permission to accumulate should complete this section.

Enter the amount accumulated for the fiscal period, including income earned on accumulated funds	5500	n/a
Enter the amount disbursed for the fiscal period for the specified purpose	5510	n/a

▼ Permission to reduce disbursement quota

If the charity has received approval to make a reduction to its disbursement quota, enter the amount for the fiscal period.	5750	n/a
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▼ Property not used in charitable activities

Enter the value of property not used for charitable activities or administration during:

The 24 months before the beginning of the fiscal period	5900	n/a
The 24 months before the end of the fiscal period	5910	n/a

Schedule 7: Political activities — THE FOUNDATION FIGHTING BLINDNESS

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- 1 Describe the charity's political activities, including gifts to qualified donees intended for political activities, and explain how these relate to its charitable purposes.

Staff attended numerous political events to discuss legislative changes as it relates to patient care. No funds were spent on these discussions.

- 2 Identify the way the charity participated in or carried out political activities during the fiscal period.

Summary of resources used for political activities

Description of political activities	Line number	Staff	Volunteers	Financial	Property
Media releases and advertisements	700	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Conference, workshops, speeches, or lectures	701	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Publications (printed or electronic)	702	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rallies, demonstrations, or public meetings	703	✓	n/a	n/a	n/a
Petitions, boycotts (calls to action)	704	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Letter writing campaigns (printed or electronic)	705	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Internet (Website, social media (Twitter, YouTube))	706	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gifts to qualified donees for political activities	707	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	708	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

If line number 708 is checked, specify below:

n/a

Funding from outside of Canada for political activities

- 3 If the charity entered an amount on line 5032, complete the table for political activities. Enter the political activity that the funds were intended to support, the amount received from each country outside Canada, and the corresponding country code (using the codes provided in Schedule 2). For more information on how to complete this table, see Guide T4033.