

Belize Youth Raising Inspiring & Supporting Empowerment

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BYRISE: Building Character, One Basket at a Time

aka: *BYRISE*

EIN 99-4589500

President Ira Nicholson

Location Nashville, TN, United States

IRS subsection 501(c)(3) Public Charity

Ruling year 2024

Organization type Public charities

✔ **Contribution tax deductible**
as of May 12, 2026

✔ **IRS BMF 501(c)(3) Public Charity**
as of April 14, 2026

 [Compliance report \(Charity Check\)](#)

Mission

Our Mission We use basketball to develop life skills and character traits that inspire youths in Belize to become responsible and accomplished individuals. **Our Vision** We foster basketball communities where team members thrive both on and off the court, embodying teamwork, responsibility, and excellence. **Our Current Focus** We're launching summer camps and afterschool programs in Belize, specifically the region of Punta Gorda, to support local youths in both education and sport.

IRS filing requirement

This organization is required to file an IRS Form 990-N.

Our focus

Subject area



Sports and recreation



Community and economic development



Education

NTEE codes

Physical Fitness/Community Recreational Facilities (N30)

Geographic area served

Punta Gorda (Toledo, Belize)

Population served

Economically disadvantaged people | Children and youth

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Donation payable

Legal name of organization: Belize Youth Raising Inspiring & Supporting Empowerment Foundation

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Program

What we aim to solve

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Total programs

1

After School and Saturday Reading Programs

The program provides a positive environment where participants can communicate their educational needs and receive assistance with their homework from our dedicated tutors. In addition to educational support, kids will have the opportunity to play basketball daily under the supervision of professional coaches, promoting physical activity and teamwork.

Subject area: Education Sports and recreation

Population served: Children and youth Economically disadvantaged people People living in rural areas

Geographic area served: Punta Gorda (Toledo, Belize)

Impact

Goals

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What is the organization **aiming to accomplish**?

Expand our programs to other regions of Be.lize

Results

How we listen

How is your organization using feedback from the people you serve?

- To make fundamental changes to our programs and/or operations
- To inform the development of new programs/projects
- To strengthen relationships with the people we serve
- To understand people's needs and how we can help them achieve their goals
- To identify bright spots and enhance positive service experiences
- To identify and remedy poor client service experiences

Which feedback practices does your organization routinely carry out?

- We collect feedback from the people we serve at least annually
- We take steps to get feedback from marginalized or under-represented people
- We aim to collect feedback from as many people we serve as possible
- We take steps to ensure people feel comfortable being honest with us
- We look for patterns in feedback based on demographics (e.g., race, age, gender, etc.)
- We look for patterns in feedback based on people's interactions with us (e.g., site, frequency of service, etc.)
- We engage the people who provide feedback in looking for ways we can improve in response
- We act on the feedback we receive
- We share the feedback we received with the people we serve
- We tell the people who gave us feedback how we acted on their feedback
- We ask the people who gave us feedback how well they think we responded

What challenges does your organization face in collecting feedback from the people you serve?

- We don't have any major challenges to collecting feedback

Board leadership practices

Board Orientation & Education

Does the board conduct a formal orientation for new board members and require all board members to sign a written agreement regarding their roles, responsibilities, and expectations?

Yes

CEO Oversight

Has the board conducted a formal, written assessment of the chief executive within the past year?

No

Ethics & Transparency

Have the board and senior staff reviewed the conflict-of-interest policy and completed and signed disclosure statements within the past year?

Yes

Board Composition

Does the board ensure an inclusive board member recruitment process that results in diversity of thought and leadership?

Yes

Board Performance

Has the board conducted a formal, written self-assessment of its performance within the past three years?

No

Note: Candid worked with BoardSource, the national leader in nonprofit board leadership and governance, to create this section.

UN Sustainable Development Goals

People

Leadership

President

Ira Nicholson

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Ira is currently VP of Insurance Operations at Alliance Bernstein. He is a graduate of St. John's College in Belize, where he was born and raised. He took SJC to the city championship and won. Ira was part of the Crystal Stadium Belize Basketball Team competing locally and represented Belize internationally on several occasions. After moving to the US, in 1993, he was recruited by Basketball Coach Al Jacoutot of the University of Mt. St. Vincent, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Graduating Cum Laude with a 3.5 GPA. Ira is the NCAA men's all time Block Shot Leader, was named MBWA player of the year, and has earned a position as one of the top five scorers in the University of Mt. St. Vincent's history with 1,170 points. In addition he holds the University of Mt. St. Vincent's record for most rebounds and most block shots. Ira was inducted in the University of Mt. St. Vincent Hall of Fame in 2016.

Board members

Ira Nicholson
Alliance Bernstein
Board chair: 2024 - 2034

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Compensation

Officers, directors, trustees, and key employees

There are no Officers, directors, trustees, and key employees recorded for this organization.

Highest paid employees

There are no highest paid employees recorded for this organization.

Contractors

There are no contractors recorded for this organization.

Fundraisers

There are no fundraisers recorded for this organization

Demographics

SOURCE: Self-reported; last updated 5/5/2026

Sexual orientation

	Board members	Senior staff	Staff
Total	6	0	0
Gay, lesbian, bisexual, or other sexual orientations in the LGBTQIA+ community	0	0	0
Heterosexual or straight	6	0	0

	Board members	Senior staff	Staff
People who prefer to identify with another sexual orientation	0	0	0
Decline to state	0	0	0
Unknown	0	0	0
