

American Council of the Blind

*RETURN OF ORGANIZATION
EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX FORM*

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012

PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

STATEMENT THAT THIS IS A TAX RETURN NOT A FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The accompanying federal income tax return does **NOT** constitute a financial statement. We have not audited, reviewed or compiled the accompanying income tax return and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on it.

An income tax return is not intended to constitute financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, it does not necessarily include all financial information or disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. If the omitted financial information or disclosures were included with the tax return, they might influence the users' conclusions about the taxpayer's financial position, results of operations and cash flows. Accordingly, this income tax return is not designed to be used in lieu of financial statements.

RECORD RETENTION

Our policy is to dispose of our copies of tax returns and workpapers, and other tax information that is more than eight years old.

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Also, we suggest that you maintain, indefinitely, copies of income tax returns, records supporting your tax basis in your personal, investment, and business assets, and documentation pertaining to gifts that you make. Your copies of the returns are enclosed for your files. We suggest that you retain these copies indefinitely.

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND
 Doing Business As

D Employer identification number
58-0914436

E Telephone number
612-332-3242

F Name and address of principal officer: **MELANIE BRUNSON**
SAME AS C ABOVE

G Gross receipts \$ **1,642,824.**

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ **WWW.ACB.ORG**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: **1961** **M State of legal domicile:** **DC**

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE ORGANIZATION STRIVES TO IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF ALL BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE.			
	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	16	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	16	
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	7	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	400	
	7 a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.	
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 1,662,603.	Current Year 643,124.	
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	92,513.	100,149.	
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	275,248.	195,140.	
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11a)	89,474.	91,339.	
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,119,838.	1,029,752.	
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	31,025.	29,863.
		14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
		15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	410,287.	415,674.
		16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	45,735.	32,242.
		b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 173,905.		
		17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	998,533.	1,002,795.
		18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,485,580.	1,480,574.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	634,258.	-450,822.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 3,834,727.	End of Year 3,702,806.	
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,154,843.	1,313,437.	
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,679,884.	2,389,369.	

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: *[Signature]* Date: **10/15/2012**

Sign Here ▶ **LANE WATERS, CONTROLLER**
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **SARAH VOGT, CPA** Preparer's signature: *[Signature]* Date: **10/15/13** Check if self-employed: PTIN: **P00978242**

Firm's name: **EIDE BAILLY LLP** Firm's EIN: **45-0250958**

Firm's address: **800 NICOLLET MALL, STE. 1300 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402-7033** Phone no: **612-253-6500**

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: ORGANIZATION OF BLIND PEOPLE; ELEVATING THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LEVELS OF BLIND PEOPLE; IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES; COOPERATING WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH BLIND

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [] Yes [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [] Yes [X] No

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 310,368. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS - THE ORGANIZATION PRESENTS A WIDE ARRAY OF MEDIA AND OTHER MATERIALS, SUCH AS THE PUBLICATION OF A MONTHLY MAGAZINE, "THE BRAILLE FORUM" IN BRAILLE. IN ADDITION, DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN LARGER PRINT AND CASSETTE AND DISKETTE. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO DOES PREPARATION OF BROCHURES, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS, NEWS MEDIA INTERVIEWS, ASSISTING AFFILIATES AND DISTRIBUTION OF A RADIO PROGRAM.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 144,984. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 8,000.) RESEARCH AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - PREPARING LEGAL ANALYSIS, MAKING STUDIES OF PROGRAM SERVICE OPERATIONS, ANALYZING CURRENT LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENTS, COMMENTING ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION, DRAFTING LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND ASSISTING AFFILIATES.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 124,978. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 207,399.) MEMBERSHIP SERVICES - ORGANIZING OF NEW AFFILIATES, PROMOTION OF MEMBERSHIP IN EXISTING AFFILIATES, ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH ANNUAL CONVENTION, SEMINARS AND MEETINGS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 608,227. including grants of \$ 29,863.) (Revenue \$ -115,250.)

4e Total program service expenses 1,188,557.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	X	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	X	
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	X	
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	X	
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Input box for Schedule O response

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No response. Includes questions 1a through 14b regarding Form 1096, Form W-2G, backup withholding, Form W-3, unrelated business gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, and 501(c)(7), (12), and (29) organizations.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
	16		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
	16		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	X	
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	X	
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	X	
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		X
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		X
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **LANE WATERS - 612-332-3242**
6300 SINGLE CREEK PARKWAY #195, BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55430

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
MITCH POMERANTZ PRESIDENT	20.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
KIM CHARLSON FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	10.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
BRENDA DILLON SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	10.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
MARLAINA LIEBERG SECRETARY	10.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
CARLA RUSCHIVAL TREASURER	10.00 1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
CHRISTOPHER GRAY IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	5.00 0.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
RAY CAMPBELL DIRECTOR	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
BERL COLLEY DIRECTOR	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
SARA CONRAD DIRECTOR	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MICHAEL GARRET DIRECTOR	5.00 5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
JOHN MCCANN DIRECTOR	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
JANET DICKELMAN DIRECTOR	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ALLAN PETERSON DIRECTOR	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
JEFF THOM DIRECTOR	5.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
GEORGE HOLLIDAY DIRECTOR	5.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DAN SPOONE DIRECTOR	5.00 1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MARSHA FARROW DIRECTOR (JAN-JUNE 2012)	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BILLIE JEAN KEITH DIRECTOR (JAN-JUNE 2012)	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DAVID TROTT DIRECTOR (JAN-JUNE 2012)	5.00 0.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MELANIE BRUNSON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00 0.00			X				85,751.	0.	15,414.
LANE WATERS CONTROLLER	20.00 20.00			X				44,737.	44,737.	9,583.
1b Sub-total								130,488.	44,737.	24,997.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								130,488.	44,737.	24,997.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
INTEGRAL RESOURCES 1972 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140	TELEMARKETING	131,066.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **1**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
		Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b	70,463.			
	c Fundraising events	1c	28,000.			
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	544,661.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		51,130.			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		643,124.			
	Program Service Revenue	2 a ANNUAL CONVENTION	Business Code 900099	207,399.	207,399.	
b MISCELLANEOUS INCOME		900099	31,445.	31,445.		
c ADVOCACY PROCEEDS		900099	8,000.	8,000.		
d EQUITY IN ACBES		900099	-146,695.	-146,695.		
e						
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			100,149.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		147,599.		147,599.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	650,936.			
		(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	603,395.			
		c Gain or (loss)	47,541.			
	d Net gain or (loss)		47,541.		47,541.	
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 28,000. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	101,016.			
		b Less: direct expenses	b	9,677.		
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			91,339.		91,339.	
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a						
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		1,029,752.	100,149.	0.	286,479.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	29,863.	29,863.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	153,723.	122,978.	20,545.	10,200.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	204,380.	178,008.		26,372.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	10,804.	9,210.	80.	1,514.
9 Other employee benefits	22,214.	19,642.		2,572.
10 Payroll taxes	24,553.	20,706.	1,007.	2,840.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	9,910.	8,357.	407.	1,146.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	32,242.			32,242.
f Investment management fees	23,442.		23,442.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	161,247.	138,665.	5,170.	17,412.
12 Advertising and promotion	11,899.	11,761.		138.
13 Office expenses	123,861.	118,338.	2,677.	2,846.
14 Information technology	74,106.	69,787.	2,156.	2,163.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	140,748.	118,695.	5,774.	16,279.
17 Travel	66,714.	60,069.	5,512.	1,133.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	71,986.	70,303.	1,683.	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	13,325.	12,053.	333.	939.
23 Insurance	8,332.	7,026.	342.	964.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a ACCOUNTING OFFICE	122,460.	55,107.	48,984.	18,369.
b OTHER PROFESSIONAL FUND	113,253.	113,253.		
c MEMBERSHIP AND DUES	14,904.	14,159.		745.
d _____				
e All other expenses _____	46,608.	10,577.		36,031.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,480,574.	1,188,557.	118,112.	173,905.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	68,560.	1	51,858.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2		
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	509.	3	1,549.	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	1,018,609.	4	1,059,122.	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use	8,174.	8	7,737.	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	6,218.	9	15,637.	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 159,644.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 107,856.			
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	37,924.	10c	51,788.	
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	2,631,271.	11	2,335,444.	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		12		
	14 Intangible assets		13		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	63,462.	14	179,671.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,834,727.	15	3,702,806.		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	163,863.	16	167,457.	
	18 Grants payable		17		
	19 Deferred revenue		18		
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		19		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		20		
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		21		
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		22		
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	990,980.	24	1,145,980.	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,154,843.	25	1,313,437.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	1,765,212.	26	1,359,586.	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	416,876.	27	504,887.	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	497,796.	28	524,896.	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31		
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	2,679,884.	32	2,389,369.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,834,727.	33	3,702,806.		

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,029,752.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,480,574.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-450,822.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,679,884.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	160,307.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,389,369.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

Form 990 (2012)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND	Employer identification number 58-0914436
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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

- The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)
- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
 - 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
 - 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
 - 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
 - 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
 - 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
 - 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
 - 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
 - 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
 - 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
 - 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Non-functionally integrated
 - e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
 - f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
 - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	
 - h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1359671.	838,928.	1697020.	1662603.	643,124.	6201346.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1359671.	838,928.	1697020.	1662603.	643,124.	6201346.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1995071.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						4206275.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1359671.	838,928.	1697020.	1662603.	643,124.	6201346.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	22,387.	19,302.	29,503.	126,542.	147,599.	345,333.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	104,140.					104,140.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						6650819.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	979,300.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	63.24 %
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	66.84 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b 33 1/3% support test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2012)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
<u>1</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>15,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>2</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>24,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>3</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>15,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>4</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>20,149.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>5</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>27,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<u>6</u>	_____ _____ _____	\$ <u>80,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ <u>12,975.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**

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▶ **See separate instructions.**

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No
- 4a Was a correction made? Yes No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? Yes No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.

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Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1 a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	8,878.													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	57,994.													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	66,872.													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	1,121,685.													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	1,188,557.													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	193,856.													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	48,464.													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0.													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	229,850.	225,912.	193,954.	193,856.	843,572.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,265,358.
c Total lobbying expenditures	62,210.	66,735.	66,196.	66,872.	262,013.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	57,463.	56,478.	48,489.	48,464.	210,894.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					316,341.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	13,708.	16,548.	10,198.	8,878.	49,332.

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? ..			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities?			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, line 2; and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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Employer identification number

58-0914436

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange programs
 - e Other _____

- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	788,295.	502,906.	457,616.	391,605.	529,449.
b Contributions	27,100.	289,093.	41,592.	1,135.	1,975.
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	99,111.	13,296.	25,698.	121,355.	-117,819.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	19,500.	17,000.	22,000.	22,000.	22,000.
f Administrative expenses				34,479.	
g End of year balance	895,006.	788,295.	502,906.	457,616.	391,605.

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b Permanent endowment 58.65 %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment 41.35 %

The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	3,400.			3,400.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		156,244.	107,856.	48,388.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				51,788.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) EQUITY IN ACBES	1,145,980.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	1,145,980.

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,161,865.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	160,307.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	-14,429.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	145,878.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,015,987.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	23,442.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	-9,677.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	13,765.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,029,752.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,452,380.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	9,677.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	9,677.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,442,703.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	23,442.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	14,429.
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	37,871.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,480,574.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART V, LINE 4: THE ORGANIZATION INVESTS ITS ENDOWMENT FUND IN THE

BALANCE PORTFOLIO OF DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF

GROWING THE ASSET BASE TO INCREASE INCOME FOR FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS OF

SCHOLARSHIPS.

PART X, LINE 2: THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ORGANIZED AS NONPROFIT

CORPORATIONS AND HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

(IRS) AS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER SECTION 501 (A) OF THE

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Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AS ORGANIZATIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 501(C)(3), QUALIFY FOR THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION. THE ORGANIZATIONS ARE ANNUALLY REQUIRED TO FILE A RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX (FORM 990) WITH THE IRS. IN ADDITION, THE ENTITIES ARE SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX ON NET INCOME THAT IS DERIVED FROM BUSINESS ACTIVITIES THAT ARE UNRELATED TO THEIR EXEMPT PURPOSES. EACH ENTITY HAS DETERMINED IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME TAX AND HAS NOT FILED AN EXEMPT ORGANIZATION BUSINESS INCOME TAX RETURN (FORM 990-T) WITH THE IRS.

THE ORGANIZATIONS BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FOR ANY TAX POSITIONS TAKEN AFFECTING ITS ANNUAL FILING REQUIREMENTS, AND AS SUCH, DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. THE ORGANIZATIONS WOULD RECOGNIZE FUTURE ACCRUED INTEREST AND PENALTIES RELATED TO UNRECOGNIZED TAX BENEFITS AND LIABILITIES IN INCOME TAX EXPENSE IF SUCH INTEREST AND PENALTIES ARE INCURRED.

PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES RECORDED AS INCOME ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -14,429.

PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES RECORDED AS EXPENSES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -9,677.

PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES RECORDED AS EXPENSES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 9,677.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

PART XII, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS:

PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES RECORDED AS INCOME ON

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

14,429.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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**Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization **AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND** Employer identification number **58-0914436**

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a Mail solicitations
 - b Internet and email solicitations
 - c Phone solicitations
 - d In-person solicitations
 - e Solicitation of non-government grants
 - f Solicitation of government grants
 - g Special fundraising events
- 2 a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
INTEGRAL RESOURCES - 1972 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, CAMBRIDGE,	TELEMARKETING	X		214,896.	131,066.	83,830.
VEHICLE DONATION CENTER - 626 SOUTH PRIMROSE AVE, MONROVIA,	VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM	X		21,450.	14,429.	7,021.
Total				236,346.	145,495.	90,851.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.
AL, AK, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VT, VA, WA, WI, WY

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		ACB AUCTION	CAVALINO LUNCH	3	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	62,449.	24,000.	42,567.	129,016.
	2 Less: Contributions	28,000.			28,000.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	34,449.	24,000.	42,567.	101,016.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes			6,605.	6,605.
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	1,512.		1,560.	3,072.
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				(9,677)
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				91,339.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		1 Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				(_____)	
8 Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7					

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

- 15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.
- c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

- Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

SCHEDULE G, PART I, LINE 2B, LIST OF TEN HIGHEST PAID FUNDRAISERS:

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: INTEGRAL RESOURCES

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 1972 MASSACHUSETTS AVE, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02140

(I) NAME OF FUNDRAISER: VEHICLE DONATION CENTER

(I) ADDRESS OF FUNDRAISER: 626 SOUTH PRIMROSE AVE, MONROVIA, CA 91016

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
▶ Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? **Yes** **No**
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ _____
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table ▶ _____

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Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
SCHOLARSHIPS	15	29,863.	0.		

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2: EACH SCHOLARSHIP HAS DIFFERENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS. THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REVIEWS ALL APPLICATIONS, CONDUCTS APPLICANT INTERVIEWS, AND MAKES FINAL SELECTIONS. THE RECORDS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE, INCLUDING APPLICATIONS AND MINUTES OF THEIR MEETINGS ARE KEPT IN OUR NATIONAL OFFICE. THE SELECTIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ARE PROVIDED TO THE MINNESOTA FINANCE OFFICE AND WE THEN MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION WITH THE RECIPIENT, REVIEW PROOF OF ENROLLMENT, AND ISSUE THE CHECKS TO THE RECIPIENT. THE MINNESOTA FINANCE OFFICE REQUIRES PROOF OF ENROLLMENT FROM THE INSTITUTION'S REGISTRARS OFFICE. AWARDS ARE PAID

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded				
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (<u>SILENT AUCTION</u>)	X	140	28,000.	AUCTION PRICE
26 Other ▶ (<u>BOARD TRAVEL</u>)	X	28	23,130.	ACTUAL COST
27 Other ▶ (_____)				
28 Other ▶ (_____)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29** **0**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?	X	
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE M, LINE 32B: A THIRD PARTY PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISER WAS USED
TO SOLICIT, PROCESS AND SELL VEHICLE DONATIONS.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

SERVICES; ENCOURAGING AND ASSISTING ALL BLIND PERSONS TO DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES AND CONDUCTING A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM TO PROMOTE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF BLINDNESS AND THE CAPABILITIES OF BLIND PEOPLE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

* PROGRAM CONSULTATION - CONSULTATION WITH AND ASSISTANCE TO AFFILIATES, MEMBERS AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS WITH RESPECT TO ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAMS AFFECTING THE BLIND AND/OR THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF BLIND PERSONS.

* LIAISON WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS - ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN COOPERATION WITH AGENCIES FOR THE BLIND AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FORMED TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS AND OTHER MINORITY GROUPS.

* SCHOLARSHIPS - ACB CONTINUES ITS PROGRAM OF OFFERING APPROXIMATELY 20 DIFFERENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED COLLEGE STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT ARE PURSUING A WIDE ARRAY OF ACADEMIC CURRICULUM.

* CONVENTION - ACB HAS HELD 50 CONSECUTIVE ANNUAL CONVENTIONS WHERE THE GOVERNANCE OF ACB OCCURS. MEMBERSHIP ELECTS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS, AND DECIDE ON CHANGES TO BYLAWS AND PROGRAM SERVICE AGENDAS.

* ADP PROJECT - ACB CONTINUES TO PRESS AHEAD ON IMPROVING AND

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INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF TELEVISION AND FILM PRODUCTIONS THAT ARE AUDIO DESCRIBED FOR THE BLIND AND LOW VISION COMMUNITY. ACB CONTINUES THE AUDIO DESCRIPTION INSTITUTE WHICH TRAINS AUDIO DESCRIBERS IN THE U.S. AND ABROAD.

* ACB RADIO- NOW FIVE DIFFERENT STATIONS STREAMING OVER THE INTERNET. ALL PROGRAMMING IS PRODUCED AND CONDUCTED BY BLIND INDIVIDUALS. PROGRAMMING CONSISTS OF ACB CAFE' (MUSIC PERFORMED BY BLIND MUSICIANS), ACB RADIO INTERACTIVE (MUSIC LISTS CREATED BY BLIND INDIVIDUALS), ACB RADIO MAIN STREAM (NEWS TALK FORMAT), ACB TREASURE TROVE (OLD TIME RADIO PROGRAMS), AND NOW ACB WORLD (INTERNATIONAL AND MULTILINGUAL FORMAT).

* LEGISLATIVE AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMS-

A. ASSIST INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED INFORMATION AND REFERRAL ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS.

B. QUIET CARS- ACB CONTINUES TO WORK WITH GOVERNMENT, INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER GROUPS TO ADDRESS THE SAFETY ISSUES INVOLVED WITH THE NEW HYBRID CARS COMING TO MARKET.

C. PEDESTRIAN SAFETY- ACB CONTINUES TO WORK WITH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY OVER ISSUES RELATING TO PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, PARTICULARLY AUDIBLE TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

D. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION- ACB CONTINUES TO WORK WITH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

E. EDUCATIONAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES- ACB IS ON THE FOREFRONT BOTH NATIONALLY AND AT THE STATE LEVEL, OF EFFORTS TO ENSURE PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE EDUCATIONAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES TO THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

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F. SOCIAL SECURITY- ACB IS WORKING TO GET THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE NOTICES AND OTHER INFORMATION TO BENEFICIARIES IN BRAILLE, LARGE PRINT, AND AUDIBLE FORMATS, SO THAT BENEFICIARIES CAN READ IT INDEPENDENTLY.

G. POINT-OF-SALE MACHINES- ACB IS WORKING WITH A NUMBER OF RETAILERS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THEIR CUSTOMERS WHO ARE BLIND TO USE THE POINT-OF-SALE MACHINES AT CHECKOUT COUNTERS WITHOUT HAVING TO REVEAL THEIR PRIVATE FINANCIAL INFORMATION TO ANOTHER PERSON.

H. VOTING RIGHTS-ACB WORKS CONTINUALLY ACROSS THE US TO PROMOTE ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEMS FOR THE BLIND.

I. AUDIO DESCRIPTION-ACB IS TAKING A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUDIO DESCRIPTION OF TELEVISION AND MOTION PICTURE PRODUCTIONS FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED.

J. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT- EMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR ISSUE FOR THE BLIND AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR THE BLIND REMAIN EXCESSIVELY HIGH.

K. TACTILE CURRENCY-ACB RECENTLY ACHIEVED LANDMARK JUDICIAL DECISION MANDATING TACTILE CURRENCY IN FUTURE VERSIONS OF US BILLS.

EXPENSES \$ 608,227. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 29,863. REVENUE \$ -115,250.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 1: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF ACB PRESIDENT, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, TWO BOARD MEMBERS, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. SCOPE IS LIMITED TO EMERGENCY MATTERS THAT REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION BEFORE A FULL MEETING OF THE BOARD CAN BE CONVENED. ACTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD AT NEXT BOARD MEETING.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2: THE CONTROLLER IS EMPLOYED BY

ACBES, A RELATED TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION. GEORGE HOLLIDAY, MICHAEL GARRET,

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CARLA RUSCHIVAL, JEFF THOM, AND DAVID TROTT OF THE ACB BOARD ARE ALSO BOARD MEMBERS OF ACBES. THEREFORE, A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN THESE INDIVIDUALS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6: MEMBERS OF ACB MAY BE MEMBERS OF STATE OR SPECIAL INTEREST AFFILIATES, OR THEY MAY BE MEMBERS AT LARGE, WITH NO STATE AFFILIATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A: THE MEMBERSHIP ELECTS 5 GOVERNING OFFICERS WHO ALSO SERVE AS DIRECTORS. THE MEMBERSHIP ELECTS 10 ADDITIONAL DIRECTORS. THE 16TH DIRECTOR IS THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 8B: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS THE ONLY COMMITTEE WITH THE AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNING BODY. THIS COMMITTEE DID NOT MEET IN 2012.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE ORGANIZATION'S FINANCE COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF THE PRESIDENT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TREASURER, AND CONTROLLER, CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE AUDIT AND 990 WITH THE AUDIT FIRM. THE TREASURER ALSO MAKES AN ABBREVIATED PRESENTATION TO THE FULL BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: ALL BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS ARE INCLUDED IN THE POLICY. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REVIEWS ALL STATEMENTS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. IF A BOARD MEMBER HAS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THEY MUST REFRAIN FROM VOTING ON THE MATTER.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: COMPENSATION FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CONTROLLER FOLLOW THE SAME BASIC APPROACH. FIRST, A RANGE IS

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ESTABLISHED BASED ON RESEARCH OF SIMILAR POSITIONS IN SIMILAR COMPANIES AND IN SIMILAR PARTS OF THE COUNTY. THIS INFORMATION MAY BE FOUND FROM REFERENCE MATERIALS OR FROM LOCAL CONTACTS. THE INITIAL COMPENSATION IS DETERMINED BASED ON EVALUATION OF THE APPLICANTS' QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE LEVEL. FROM THIS INFORMATION, A STARTING SALARY IS NEGOTIATED. SUBSEQUENT CHANGES IN COMPENSATION ARE BASED ON A REVIEW OF THE PERSON'S PERFORMANCE, AN EVALUATION OF THE FINANCIAL CAPABILITIES OF THE COMPANY, THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMY IN GENERAL, AND EVALUATION OF WHAT OTHER SIMILAR EMPLOYERS ARE DOING. ANY CHANGE IN THE COMPENSATION OF THESE POSITIONS IS USUALLY DETERMINED IN ADVANCE AS A PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS AND IS APPROVED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THIS PROCESS WAS LAST UNDERTAKEN IN 2012.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17, LIST OF STATES RECEIVING COPY OF FORM 990:
AL, AK, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY
OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, MN

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU CHARITY REVIEW WEBSITE AND THROUGH STATE CHARITY REPORTS. THE ORGANIZATION DOES NOT MAKE ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, BUT THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G:

OTHER FEES FOR SERVICES IS COMPRISED OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

CONVENTION EXPENSES - \$20,532

DIRECT MAIL PRINTING, MAILING, POSTAGE - \$47,156

AUDIO DESCRIPTION ASSOCIATES - \$74,216

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OTHER CONSULTING - \$19,239

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24B:

OTHER PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES SHOWN IN PART IX, LINE 24B,
COLUMN (B) REPRESENT EXPENSES PAID TO PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISERS THAT ARE
CONSIDERED TO BE EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES VERSUS FUNDRAISING EXPENSES. THE
AMOUNTS IN PART IX, LINE 11E AND 24D EQUAL TOTAL PROFESSIONAL
FUNDRAISER EXPENSES REPORTED ON SCHEDULE G, PART I.

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND ENTERPRISES AND SERVICES, INC - 41-1332199, 6300 SHINGLE CREEK PARKWAY SUITE 195, BROOKLYN CENTER, MN	THRIFT STORES	MINNESOTA	501(C)(3)	LINE 11A, I	AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND	X	

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportion- ate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	X	
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)		X
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)		X
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)		X
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)		X
f Dividends from related organization(s)		X
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)		X
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)		X
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)		X
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)		X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)		X
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	X	
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	X	
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	X	
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	X	
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses		X
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	X	
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND ENTERPRISES AND SERVICES, INC.	R	220,806.	ACTUAL PAYMENTS
(2) AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND ENTERPRISES AND SERVICES, INC.	P	144,300.	ACTUAL PAYMENTS
(3) AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND ENTERPRISES AND SERVICES, INC.	A	52,229.	ACTUAL PAYMENTS
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 37.)

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under section 512-514)	(e) Are all partners sec. 501(c)(3) orgs.?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropor- tionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part VII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).

PART II, IDENTIFICATION OF RELATED TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS:

NAME, ADDRESS, AND EIN OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND ENTERPRISES AND SERVICES, INC

EIN: 41-1332199

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