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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation) Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04/01, 2008, and ending 03/31/2009

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: MESA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION & ARIZONA POSTMARK DATE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. D Employer identification number: 20-1595354. E Telephone number: (602) 381-1400. F Group Exemption Number.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: Cash [] Accrual [x] Other (specify) []

I Website: NONE

J Organization type (check only one): [x] 501(c)(3) [] 4947(a)(1) [] 527

H Check [x] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check [] if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000 A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 797,268.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

Table with 21 rows for revenue and expenses. Revenue total: 1,253. Expenses total: 10,491. Net assets at end of year: 751,400.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

Table with 7 rows for balance sheets. Total assets: 994,426. Total liabilities: 417. Net assets: 994,009.

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
35a	a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
35b	b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a NONE		
37b	b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	a Did the organization borrow from or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
38b	b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter.		
39a	a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
39b	b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ NONE, section 4912 ▶ NONE, section 4955 ▶ NONE		
40b	b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
40c	c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ NONE		
40d	d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ NONE		
40e	e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ ARIZONA		
42a	a The books are in care of ▶ PAUL VELASKI Telephone no. ▶ 602-381-1400 Located at ▶ 2201 E. CAMELBACK, STE 202, PHOENIX AZ ZIP + 4 ▶ 85016		
42b	b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		X
42c	c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶		X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I. Yes No
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II. 46 X
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E. 47 X
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 48 X
- 49b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? 49a X
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶		NONE		

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other independent contractors receiving over \$100,000 ▶		NONE

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: *Suzanne Reuss* Date: *11-16-09*
 Type or print name and title: *Suzanne Reuss Secretary*

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: *[Signature]* Date: *11/14/2009* Check if self-employed:
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: *CBIZ MHM, LLC 3101 N. CENTRAL AVE., STE 300 PHOENIX, AZ 85012* Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions):
 EIN: *34-1884125* Phone no: *602-264-6835*

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

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

Name of the organization **MESA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** Employer identification number
ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 20-1595354

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: (Please check only one organization)

- 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). (Attach Schedule H)
- 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). (see instructions)
- 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 - Other
- 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?
 - (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?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		X
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

11g(ii)		X
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 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

11g(iii)		X
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- h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

(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 US?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
SEE PART IV									
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.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1-3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc; 13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2008; 15 Public support percentage from 2007; 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008; 16b 33 1/3% support test - 2007; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2008; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2007; 18 Private foundation.

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total. Add lines 1-5; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6).

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2004, (b) 2005, (c) 2006, (d) 2007, (e) 2008, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 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

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Row 16: Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)). Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h.

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2008. 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 - 2007. 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.

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION

SCHEDULE A, PART I, LINE H

(I) NAME OF SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION: ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

(II) EIN: 86-0348306

(III) TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: 07

(IV) YES

(V) YES

(VI) YES

(VII) AMOUNT OF SUPPORT: 4,477

SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION

SCHEDULE A, PART I, LINE H

(I) NAME OF SUPPORTED ORGANIZATION: MESA UNITED WAY, INC

(II) EIN: 86-0198599

(III) TYPE OF ORGANIZATION: 07

(IV) YES

(V) YES

(VI) YES

(VII) AMOUNT OF SUPPORT: NONE

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ File a separate application for each return

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box **X**
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)
- Do not complete Part II unless** you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

Type or print <small>File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions</small>	Name of Exempt Organization	MESA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	Employer identification number	20-1595354
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions			
	2201 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 202			
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions			
PHOENIX, AZ 85016				

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- | | | |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

• The books are in the care of ▶ THE AZ COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Telephone No ▶ 602 381-1400 FAX No ▶ _____

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 11/16, 2009, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for

- ▶ calendar year _____ or
- ▶ tax year beginning 04/01, 2008, and ending 03/31, 2009

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	3a	\$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b	\$
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	3c	\$

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

FORM 990EZ, PART I - INVESTMENT INCOME
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DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

DIVIDEND INCOME

23,566.

TOTAL

23,566.
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FORM 990EZ, PART I - OTHER EXPENSES

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INVESTMENT MANAGER FEES	5,710.
BROKER DATA CONSOLIDATION FEES	304.
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	4,477.

TOTAL	10,491.
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FORM 990EZ, PART I - OTHER CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
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DECREASES IN FUND BALANCES

UNREALIZED LOSS

233,371.

TOTAL

233,371.
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FORM 990EZ, PART II - CASH, SAVINGS AND INVESTMENTS

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DESCRIPTION -----	BEGINNING OF YEAR -----	END OF YEAR -----
CASH	NONE	3,990.
SAVINGS	2,172.	NONE
INVESTMENTS - SECURITIES	992,254.	747,410.
TOTALS	994,426.	751,400.

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FORM 990EZ, PART II - TOTAL LIABILITIES
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DESCRIPTION -----	BEGINNING OF YEAR -----	END OF YEAR -----
BANK OVERDRAFT	417.	NONE
TOTALS	417.	NONE
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FORM 990EZ, PART III - ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE
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TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF, OR TO CARRY OUT THE PROCESS OF THE
ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, AN AZ NONPROFIT CORPORATION, SO LONG AS
ARIZONA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, INC. REMAINS A QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990EZ, PART IV - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT. AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
MIKE ELLIOT 2201 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 202 PHOENIX, AZ 85016	PRESIDENT 1.	NONE	NONE	NONE
SUZANNE REUSS 2201 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 202 PHOENIX, AZ 85016	SECRETARY 1.	NONE	NONE	NONE
BETH COONS 2201 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 202 PHOENIX, AZ 85016	DIRECTOR 1.	NONE	NONE	NONE
ELAINE MORRISON 2201 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 202 PHOENIX, AZ 85016	DIRECTOR 1.	NONE	NONE	NONE
JIM RIPLEY 2201 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 202 PHOENIX, AZ 85016	DIRECTOR 1.	NONE	NONE	NONE
WILFORD TAYLOR 2201 E. CAMELBACK ROAD, SUITE 202 PHOENIX, AZ 85016	DIRECTOR 1.	NONE	NONE	NONE

FORM 990EZ, PART IV - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES AND KEY EMPLOYEES

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVERAGE HOURS PER WEEK DEVOTED TO POSITION	COMPENSATION	CONTRIBUTIONS TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS	EXPENSE ACCT. AND OTHER ALLOWANCES
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GRAND TOTALS

-----	NONE	-----	NONE	-----
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