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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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)

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2008 and ending 06-30-2009

B Check if applicable
- [x] Address change
- [ ] Name change
- [ ] Initial return
- [ ] Termination
- [ ] Amended return
- [ ] Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND INC

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) | Room/suite
2 PENN PLAZA No 1102

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
NEW YORK, NY 10121

D Employer identification number
13-5562161

E Telephone number
(212) 502-7600

G Gross receipts $ 42,788,029

F Name and address of Principal Officer
Carl augusto
2 PENN PLAZA No 1102
NEW YORK,NY 10121

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? [ ] Yes [x] 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 [x] 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) [ ] 4947(a)(1) or [ ] 527

J Web site: ▶ WWW AFB ORG

K Type of organization [x] Corporation [ ] trust [ ] association [ ] other ▶

L Year of Formation 1921

M State of legal domicile DE

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
AFB IS A NATIONAL NON-PROFIT THAT EXPANDS POSSIBILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH VISION LOSS

2 Check this box [ ] if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	25
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	25
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	113
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	100
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	42,599
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0

		Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	17,269,862	6,471,447
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	369,651	403,637
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	2,440,871	1,626,125
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	2,268,841	3,356,087
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	22,349,225	11,857,296
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	153,929	59,000
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	8,368,835	8,816,734
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	420,852	506,238
b	(Total fundraising expenses, Part IX, column (D), line 25 3,395,872)		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	6,904,988	7,954,649
18	Total expenses—add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, line 25, column (A))	15,848,604	17,336,621
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	6,500,621	-5,479,325

		Beginning of Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	56,302,717	43,819,891
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,339,309	2,109,309
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	53,963,408	41,710,582

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

Please Sign Here

****** | 2010-04-02
Signature of officer | Date

WALTER L DECKER EXECutive vP & assistant treas
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-empolyed	Preparer's PTIN (See Gen Inst)
James Heinze		[ ]	

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: JH Cohn LLP, 1212 6th Avenue, New York, NY 10036

EIN ▶

Phone no ▶ (212) 297-0400

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (See instructions) [x] Yes [ ] No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

See Additional Data Table

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 ☑ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting or make significant changes in how it conducts any program services? . . . . . ☐ Yes ☑ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 $ 4,550,705 including grants of $ 59,000) (Revenue $)

Information development, collection, and dissemination - AFB Press is the leading publisher in the field of blindness and visual impairment, with a catalog of innovative and diverse educational and research materials for professionals, service providers, and family members of people who are blind or visually impaired In 2009, AFB Press published Assistive Technology for Students Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired A Guide to Assessment, Everyday Activities to Promote Visual Efficiency A Handbook for Working with Young Children with Visual Impairments, two DVDs for seniors experiencing vision loss and their families, - The Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness (JVIB) began the new year with a completely new design for its online presence The redesign brought readers directly into the issue's table of contents, and also included more information on every page in the form of helpful links for JVIB readers, authors, and advertisers JVIB also introduced "Practice Perspectives," which will appear several times throughout the year to highlight professional practice and the concerns and techniques of practitioners throughout the field Edited by Dr Jane N Erin, one of the most respected voices in the field of visual impairment and blindness and editor emeriti of the journal, "Practice Perspectives" will also provide readers with the opportunity to exchange thoughts and suggestions with Dr Erin, contributing authors, and each other JVIB also now includes a new Comment-on-This-Article Feature on every page of the online journal so that subscribers can share their insights and thoughts with the international JVIB Online community - AFB is the home of the Helen Keller Archives, the largest collection of Keller's writings and photographs in the world The archives also house a rare collection of early historical books on blindness and the largest assemblage of print materials about the non-medical aspects of blindness and visual impairment in the world This collection includes 45,000 photographs, letters, documents, speeches, itineraries, scrapbook entries, blueprints, sound recordings, manuscripts, and more An accessible electronic finding aid that describes the archival materials is available and can be searched and browsed by researchers and the general public on AFB's web site - AFB's Information Center is a one-stop information and referral resource for vision loss that serves thousands of individuals each year via a toll-free phone number, email, and the Internet An array of materials and customizable packets of information on nearly all aspects of blindness and visual impairment are available - AFB CareerConnect presented its first set of major free online seminars for professionals working with children and adults with visual impairments in April 2009 This method of providing professional development received a tremendous response of over 1,000 people registering, with 50 of those registrants coming from various countries around the world The audio from both sessions is now available online and to download In response to positive feedback from the evaluations and requests from the field, AFB plans to make webinars a part of its offerings in the future - With 2 3 million Hispanic/Latino Americans (ages 18 and older) experiencing vision loss, there is a real, present need for more information to be available in Spanish To reach this growing population, AFB added translated content to its sites, including The Living with Vision Loss section on AFB's home page, AFB org, an "en espanol" section on AFB Senior Site, including the Diabetes and Vision Loss Guide, and the FamilyConnect toolkits - AFB's 2009 JLTLI was held March 5-7 in Washington, DC, this year's conference focused on leveraging the changes in Washington to improve health care, education, rehabilitation, and employment for individuals with vision loss One of the biggest pre-conference activities was a visit to Capitol Hill for over 60 JLTLI attendees, AFB trustees, and other VIPs to advocate both for telecommunications and video technology accessibility and health care devices and services meeting the unique needs of people with vision loss This substantial undertaking, arranged by the AFB Public Policy Center, has already begun to yield greater communication with key policymakers and their staff and will allow AFB to be more strategically placed to make progress on these and other issues - During the year, AFB partnered with NAPVI (National Association for Parents of Visually Impaired Children), by awarding them a $40,000 grant to help fund their work NAPVI provides workshops, message boards, and provides market outreach - This year AFB awarded 11 scholarships to totaling $19,000 These scholarships support one of AFB's most important goals expanding access to education for students with vision loss These scholarships include The Delta Gamma Foundation Florence Margaret Harvey Memorial Scholarship (1), The Ferdinand Torres AFB Scholarship (1), The Karen D Carsel Memorial Scholarship (1), The Paul and Ellen Ruckes Scholarship (1), The R L Gillette Scholarship (2), The Rudolph Dillman Memorial Scholarship (4),and The Gladys C Anderson Memorial Scholarship (1)

4b (Code) (Expenses $ 3,616,199 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

ISSUE IDENTIFICATION, ANALYSIS, AND PROBLEM SOLVING - Marriott International became the lead participant in the Accessibility Assurance Program (AAP), a new offering from AFB Consulting (AFBC) that enables any web site provider to express, fulfill, and demonstrate its commitment to web accessibility AFBC and Marriott International will issue a joint press release this spring to announce this news Additional information regarding the AAP is available on AFBCs new web site (http //www afbconsulting org), which was launched in March AFBC also issued a joint press release in March with HiSoftware, a leading provider of web site accessibility software tools, announcing a strategic alliance between the organizations to improve web site accessibility - AFB undertook several initiatives to improve our engagement with professionals who provide vision or related health care To encourage eye care professionals to refer their patients with low vision to agencies such as AFB, the Center on Vision Loss (CVL) hosted members of the Dallas County Optometric Society for a presentation on living with vision loss In addition, to meet the goal of getting our information to industries outside the vision field, the CVL hosted members of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and its Texas chapter to teach them about design features that are helpful to people with vision loss, and will provide helpful tips for ASID newsletters - AFB began working with two major companies to provide access to popular products and applications The first, Apple, has included its Voiceover technology in its new iPhone 3G S, along with an accessible touch interface that can be used by individuals with vision loss and low vision access features AFB TECH held extensive conversations with Apple regarding the effectiveness of these access features AFB TECH also worked with AOL on an application to provide access to online walking directions through its MapQuest service AOL and AFB introduced a preview of the new accessible walking directions service at the National Federation of the Blind and American Council of the Blind conventions during the first week in July 2009 - AFB's Professional Development department began the development of the new Training Resources on Low Vision Technology Project Also known as the Low Vision Tech Project (LVTP), this program is a two-year effort with a long range goal of providing resources that will assist professionals attempting to stay abreast of the rapidly changing field of low vision technology Outputs from the project will include a web resource that can be used by service providers to acquire the latest information on low vision technology and access a multi-leveled overview of the topic, and a curriculum that can be used by Certified Low Vision Therapists (CLVTs) to provide information specific to low vision technology in face-to-face training experiences - AFB launched a comprehensive web-based learning center for professionals working with seniors with age-related eye conditions, the eLearning Center for Aging and Visual Impairment Developed by AFB Senior Site and featuring 21 mini courses on topics related to aging and vision loss, the eLearning Center's goal is to give service providers the knowledge and skills needed to help older Americans with vision loss live active, independent lives AFB created the eLearning Center to fill an information gap on how to help seniors cope with age-related eye conditions growing public health concern Available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, the AFB Senior Site eLearning Center provides busy professionals a convenient way to expand their knowledge of aging and vision loss The curriculum was designed for professionals in the field of aging and vision loss, including rehabilitation specialists, social workers, occupational therapists, and more The courses were created by experts from around the country and cover everything from the health and psychological aspects of vision loss to the tools seniors need to take charge of their lives and continue their favorite hobbies and activities

4c (Code) (Expenses $ 2,748,360 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

Production, Sale, and Distribution of Audio Material - Talking Book Productions (TBP) recorded and duplicated over 300 titles for the U S Library of Congress (National Library Service for the Blind & Physically Handicapped)- TBP also produced recorded material for a number of other organizations, including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, NY City Transit Authority, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and Matilda Ziegler Magazine for the Blind - TBP also produced recorded material for several educational and commercial audio book publishers, including CTB McGraw Hill, BBC Audio and Harper Collins Audio

(Code) (Expenses $ 1,093,915 including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses $ including grants of $) (Revenue $)

4e Total program service expenses $ 12,009,179 *Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).*

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)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule A*	1	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	Yes	
3	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*	3		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II*	4	Yes	
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? *If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III*	5		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I*	6		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II*	7		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III*	8	Yes	
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV*	9		No
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent,or quasi-endowments? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V*	10	Yes	
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable*	11	Yes	
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? *If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII*	12		No
13	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*	13		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ?	14a		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than $10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U S ? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I*	14b		No
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II*	15		No
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III*	16		No
17	Did the organization report more than $15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I*	17	Yes	
18	Did the organization report more than $15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II*	18	Yes	
19	Did the organization report more than $15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III*	19		No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? *If "Yes," complete Schedule H*	20		No
21	Did the organization report more than $5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II*	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than $5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? *If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III*	22	Yes	
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J*	23	Yes	
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? *If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25*	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
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?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
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? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25a		No
b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I*	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II*	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III*	27		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(Continued)*

			Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee			
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	**28a**		No
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV*	**28b**		No
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV* .	**28c**		No
29	Did the organization receive more than $25,000 in non-cash contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	**29**		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? *If "Yes," complete Schedule M*	**30**		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I*	**31**		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? *If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II*	**32**		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I*	**33**		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1*	**34**	Yes	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	**35**		No
36	501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2*	**36**		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? *If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI*	**37**		No

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

				Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, *Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0-* if not applicable	1a	229		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a *Enter -0-* if not applicable	1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, *Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements* filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	113		
b	If at least one is reported in 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? **Note:** *If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return.*	2b		Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a		Yes	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*	3b		Yes	
4a	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)?	4a			No
b	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.*				
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a			No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			No
c	If "Yes," to 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, *Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?*	5c			
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a			No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
7	*Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).*				
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of $75 or more?	7a		Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		Yes	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h			
8	*Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.* Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9	*Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.*				
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
10	*Section 501(c)(7) organizations.* Enter				
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations Enter				
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b			
12a	*Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.* Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b			

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure *(Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)*

Section A. Governing Body and Management

				Yes	No
	For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.				
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a	25		
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	25		
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?		2		No
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?		3		No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		4		No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		5		No
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		6		No
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		7a		No
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		7b		No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following				
a	the governing body?		8a	Yes	
b	each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		8b	Yes	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		9a		No
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		9b		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990		10	Yes	
11	Is there any officer, director or 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		11		No

Section B. Policies

			Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? *If "No", go to line 13*	12a	Yes	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
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?	15a	Yes	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization?	15b	Yes	
	Describe the process in Schedule O			
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?	16a		No
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable Federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CT, DC, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, KS, KY, MA, MD, ME, MN, MT, MS, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, MI, NM

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection Indicate how you make these available Check all that apply

☑ own website ☑ another's website ☑ upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public See Additional Data Table

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed
* List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations) and key employees regardless of amount of compensation, and current key employees Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

* 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, or 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee

(A) Name and Title	**(B)** Average hours per week	**(C)** Position (check all that apply)						**(D)** Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099MISC)	**(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			

Part VII Continued

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply) Individual Trustee or Director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
1b Total ▶								1,781,541	0	349,216

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than $100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 17

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

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
ALANIZ LLC PO BOX 799 MT PLEASANT, IA 52641	DIRECT MARKETING	482,299
SHM AUDIO PRODUCTIONS 292 BROUGHTON AVE BLOOMFIELD, NJ 07003	AUDIO PRODUCTION	214,282
DVA Navion 2295 Parklake Drive SUITE 210 ATLANTA, GA 30345	FUNDRAISING CONSULTING	149,128

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than $100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶ 3

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total Revenue	(B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue	(C) Unrelated Business Revenue	(D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns 1a				
	b	Membership dues 1b				
	c	Fundraising events 1c 297,975				
	d	Related organizations 1d 781,559				
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e 44,801				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f 5,347,112				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f $				
	h	**Total (Add lines 1a-1f)**	6,471,447			
Program Service Revenue		Business Code				
	2a	fees for services	900,099	403,637	403,637	
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f	All other program service revenue				
	g	**Total. Add lines 2a-2f** ▶ $ 403,637				
	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts)	1,193,664			1,193,664
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds				
	5	Royalties	19,181			19,181
		(i) Real / (ii) Personal				
	6a	Gross Rents: 271,950 /				
	b	Less rental expenses: 345,509 /				
	c	Rental income or (loss): -73,559 /				
	d	Net rental income or (loss)	-73,559			-73,559
		(i) Securities / (ii) Other				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory: 30,336,346 /				
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses: 29,903,885 /				
	c	Gain or (loss): 432,461 /				
	d	Net gain or (loss)	432,461			432,461
Other Revenue	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ 30,000 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 *Attach Schedule G if total exceeds $15,000* a 297,975				
	b	Less direct expenses b 30,000				
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 *Complete Schedule G if total exceeds $15,000* a				
	b	Less direct expenses b				
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a 3,884,160				
	b	Less cost of goods sold b 651,339				
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	3,232,821	3,190,222	42,599	
		Miscellaneous Revenue / Business Code				
	11a	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS IN 900,099	141,866	141,866		
	b	REGISTRATION FEES INCO 900,099	26,110	26,110		
	c	ARCHIVE PERMISSION LIB 511,140	9,668	9,668		
	d	All other revenue				
	e	**Total. Add lines 11a-11d** $ 177,644				
	12	**Total Revenue.** Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e	11,857,296	3,771,503	42,599	1,571,747

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 U S See Part IV, line 21	40,000	40,000		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22	19,000	19,000		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,417,095	1,078,882	131,519	206,694
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	5,970,575	4,545,599		870,853
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	304,958	232,175	28,303	44,480
9 Other employee benefits	579,900	441,497	53,820	84,583
10 Payroll taxes	544,206	414,322	50,507	79,377
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	155,468	4,754	62,976	87,738
c Accounting	88,500		88,500	
d Lobbying	6,016	6,016		
e Professional fundraising *See Part IV, line 17*	506,238			506,238
f Investment management fees				
g Other	598,145	598,145		
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	1,621,908	451,267	88,043	1,082,598
14 Information technology	225,075	225,075		
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,293,697	908,462	328,039	57,196
17 Travel	618,128	433,271	112,399	72,458
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	829,633	632,457	181,368	15,808
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses—Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a READERS FEES	715,254	715,254		
b audio production servic	646,024	646,024		
c OTHER expenses	486,195	58,363	243,932	183,900
d OTHER SELLING EXPENSES	383,637	368,245	3,537	11,855
e PROJECT EXPENSES	286,969	190,371	4,504	92,094
f All other expenses				
25 **Total functional expenses.** Add lines 1 through 24f	17,336,621	12,009,179	1,931,570	3,395,872
26 **Joint Costs.** Check ☐ if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

			(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	154,715	1	456,152
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	6,470,725	2	650,790
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	6,790,604	3	5,367,684
	4	Accounts receivable, net	1,365,169	4	1,076,285
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties *Complete Part II of Schedule L*		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) *Complete Part II of Schedule L*		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	187,114	7	196,239
	8	Inventories for sale or use	427,209	8	441,796
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	235,369	9	246,916
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis — 10a: 9,674,114			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation *Complete Part VI of Schedule D* — 10b: 7,793,929	2,680,307	10c	1,880,185
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	34,808,594	11	29,797,803
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 *Complete Part VII of Schedule D*	2,749,549	12	3,262,392
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 *Complete Part VIII of Schedule D*		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11 *Complete Part IX of Schedule D*	433,362	15	443,649
	16	**Total assets.** *Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)*	56,302,717	16	43,819,891
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,910,410	17	1,553,689
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue	269,603	19	170,234
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow account liability *Complete Part IV of Schedule D*		21	
	22	Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons *Complete Part II of Schedule L*		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25	Other liabilities *Complete Part X of Schedule D*	159,296	25	385,386
	26	**Total liabilities.** *Add lines 17 through 25*	2,339,309	26	2,109,309
Net Assets or Fund Balances		**Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☑ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.**			
	27	Unrestricted net assets	32,073,656	27	21,372,451
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	18,487,456	28	16,775,364
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	3,402,296	29	3,562,767
		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	53,963,408	33	41,710,582
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	56,302,717	34	43,819,891

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

				Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ cash ☑ accrual ☐ other				
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?	2a			No
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b			No
c	If "Yes" to lines 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?	2c			
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?	3a			No
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?	3b			

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SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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.

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND INC

Employer identification number
13-5562161

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (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 331/3% 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 331/3% 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?

	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 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 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 U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.)

Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants ")	6,599,040	15,315,218	17,499,163	17,269,862	6,471,447	63,154,730
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 line 1-3	6,599,040	15,315,218	17,499,163	17,269,862	6,471,447	63,154,730
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						4,500,831
6 **Public Support** subtract line 5 from line 4						58,653,899

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	6,599,040	913,226	17,499,163	17,269,862	6,471,447	63,154,730
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	815,381	913,226	1,916,980	2,573,171	1,484,795	7,703,553
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)	598,513	491,507	443,464	664,240	177,644	2,375,368
11 **Total Support** (Add lines 7 through 10)						73,233,651

12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)	12	21,779,175

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** ☐

Computation of Public Support Percentage

14	Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	**80.090 %**
15	Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	

16a **33 1/3% Test - 2008.** 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 ☑

b **33 1/3% Test - 2007.** If the organization did not check the 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 ☐

17a **10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2008.** 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 ☐

b **10% Facts and Circumstances Test - 2007.** 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 ☐

18 **Private Foundation.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions ☐

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 1-5						
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 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or $5,000						
c Total of lines 7a and 7b						
8 **Public Support** (Substract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 30 June, 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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** ☐

Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15
16	Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment Income Percentage for **2008** (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18	Investment Income Percentage from **2007** Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18

19a **33 1/3% 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% 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 information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

Facts and Circumstances Test

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 13-5562161
Name: AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND INC

Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099MISC)	(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			
Cathy Burns , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Christopher Kit Migel , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Concetta F Conkling , vice chairperson	1 50	X		X				0	0	0
Elaine J Pommells , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Jacqueline Bird , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
James H McLaughlin , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
James R Fisher , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
JANE PARKER , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Jeff Thom Esq , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
John T Bourger , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Kathryn Brown , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Larry Kimbler , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Marjorie Kaiser Ed D , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Michael N Gilliam , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Parveen Jain PhD , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Pat Sueltz , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Pearl Van Zandt PhD , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Peter D Tonks , treasurer	1 50	X						0	0	0
Ray R Fidler , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Richard O'Brien , chairperson	2 00	X		X				0	0	0
Shafiq Khan , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Stuart Piltch , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Thomas Wlodkowski , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
Toria Emas , Secretary	1 00	X		X				0	0	0
William MacGowan , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
William Wiener PhD , TRUSTEE	1 00	X						0	0	0
CARL AUGUSTO , PRESIDENT/CEO	45 00			X				287,737	0	47,542
EVELYN MENDEZ , vp finance & asst treasu	45 00			X				141,214	0	23,560
SONYA SHIFLET , dir hr & asst secretary	45 00			X				110,984	0	22,048
WALTER I DECKER , exec vp & asst treasure	45 00			X				186,047	0	35,594

Form 990, Part VII - Section Aaa

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099MISC)	(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			
LORRAINE ZAMORA , VP- RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	45 00				X			160,250	0	32,524
MAUREEN MATHESON , VP - AFB PRESS & info sv	45 00				X			154,028	0	41,309
PAUL SCHROEDER , VP PROGRAMS & policy	45 00				X			169,213	0	24,960
CHRISTA EARL , DIR OF WEB OPERATIONS	45 00					X		113,132	0	22,156
JUDY SCOTT , DIR - NATL CNTR ON VISIO	45 00					X		104,945	0	26,994
KAREN WOLFFE , DIR - PROF DEVELOPMENT	45 00					X		106,649	0	27,164
KELLY PARISI , VP COMMUNICATIONS	45 00					X		142,706	0	23,634
LOUIS GUTIERREZ , DIR - TB PRODUCTIONS	45 00					X		104,636	0	21,731

Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND (AFB) IS A NATIONAL NONPROFIT THAT EXPANDS POSSIBILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH VISION LOSS. AFB'S PRIORITIES INCLUDE BROADENING ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY; ELEVATING THE QUALITY OF INFORMATION AND TOOLS FOR THE PROFESSIONALS WHO SERVE PEOPLE WITH VISION LOSS; AND PROMOTING INDEPENDENT AND HEALTHY LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH VISION LOSS BY PROVIDING THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH RELEVANT AND TIMELY RESOURCES. AFB'S WORK IN THESE AREAS IS SUPPORTED BY THE STRONG PRESENCE THE ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS IN WASHINGTON, DC, ENSURING THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF PEOPLE WITH VISION LOSS ARE REPRESENTED IN OUR NATION'S PUBLIC POLICIES. IN ADDITION TO ITS NEW YORK CITY HEADQUARTERS AND PUBLIC POLICY CENTER IN WASHINGTON, DC, AFB MAINTAINS OFFICES IN ATLANTA, DALLAS, HUNTINGTON, WV, AND SAN FRANCISCO. AFB IS ALSO PROUD TO HOUSE THE HELEN KELLER ARCHIVES AND HONOR THE OVER FORTY YEARS THAT HELEN KELLER WORKED TIRELESSLY WITH AFB TO EXPAND POSSIBILITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH VISION LOSS

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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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

To be completed by organizations described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ

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

- 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 990EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities)

- 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)

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations complete Part III

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND INC	13-5562161

Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations. (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	$ 0
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	$ 0
3	If the organization incurred in 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 To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3). (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

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 internal funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt funtion activities	$
3	Total of direct and indirect exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 and enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	$
4	Did the filing organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No

5 State the names, addresses and Employer Identification Number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made Enter the amount paid and indicate if the amount was paid from the filing organization's own internal funds or were political contributions received and 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 internal 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-

Part II-A **To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).** (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group

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
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	2,069	
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	46,319	
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	48,388	
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	17,633,741	
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	17,682,129	
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns—	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)	250,000	
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a Enter -0- if line g is more than line a	0	
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c Enter -0- if line f is more than line c	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?	☐ Yes ☐ 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 1a through 1f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)		(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total
2a	Lobbying non-taxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	942,430	1,000,000	3,942,430
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					5,913,645
c	Total lobbying expenditures	134,064	150,760	112,654	48,388	445,866
d	Grassroots non-taxable amount	250,000	250,000	235,608	250,000	985,608
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line d, column (e))					1,478,412
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures	5,500	3,457	3,570	2,069	14,596

Part II-B **To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).** (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

		(a) Yes	(a) No	(b) 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 c through i)?			
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 other means?			
i	Other activities If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j	Total 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 **To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).** (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

			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 carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3		

Part III-B **To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes."** (See the instructions for Schedule C for details.)

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1 $
2	Section 162(e) non-deductible 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 (line 2c total minus 3 and 4)	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, and Part II-B, line 1i Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

Part IV Supplemental Information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

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Employer identification number
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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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ 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 pleasure) ☐ Preservation of an historically importantly land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a–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 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	2d	

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable 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, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing 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 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, 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, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 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 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 XIV

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 Trust, 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 why in Part XIV 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 XIV

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	3,822,296				
b	Contributions	409,671				
c	Investment earnings or losses	-256,527				
d	Grants or scholarships					
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f	Administrative expenses					
g	End of year balance	3,975,440				

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 17 000 %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ 83 000 %
- c Term endowment ▶

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

		Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)		No
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)		No
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b		

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

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b)Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings		1,088,250	144,636	943,614
c Leasehold improvements		4,024,840	3,912,109	112,731
d Equipment		4,561,024	3,737,184	823,840
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a-1e *(Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)* ▶				1,880,185

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

(a) Description of security or cateory (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other INVESTMENTS IN REITS	425,700	F
Other LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS	2,836,692	F
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)* ▶	3,262,392	

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
Total. *(Column (b) should 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
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)* . . . . . ▶	

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

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
OBLIGATIONS UNDER CAPITAL LEASES	116,901
retiree benefit obligation	268,485
Total. *(Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)* ▶	385,386

In Part XIV, 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

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements			1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12				
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a			
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b			
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	
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			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	
5	Total Revenue Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)			5	

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements			1	
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	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d			
e	Add lines **2a** through **2d**			2e	
3	Subtract line **2e** from line **1**			3	
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			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b			
c	Add lines **4a** and **4b**			4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines **3** and **4c.** (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)			5	

Part XIV 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 XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 1a		Collection items, acquired through contributions from the estate of helen keller, consisting of memorabilia and personal writings, are not capitalized on the consolidated statement of financial position, based upon the conditions as stated in statement of financial accounting standards ("sfas") no 116, "accounting for contributions received and contributions made"
Part V, Line 4	Description of Intended Use of Endowment Funds	The intended use of the earnings from endowment funds is to carry out AFB's mission of "Expanding possibilities for people with vision loss" within the restrictions placed on AFB by the donor of each endowment The loss on the endowment funds of $256,527 was absorbed by unrestricted net assets

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SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Must be completed by organizations that answer "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, and by organizations that enter more than $15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.**

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Name of the organization
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Employer identification number
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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities Check all that apply

- **a** ☑ Mail solicitations
- **b** ☑ Email solicitations
- **c** ☑ Phone solicitations
- **d** ☑ In-person solicitations
- **e** ☑ Solicitation of non-government grants
- **f** ☑ Solicitation of government grants
- **g** ☑ Special fundraising events

2a 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 activities? ☑ **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 Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	**(ii)** Activity	**(iii)** Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? Yes	**(iii)** No	**(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
AB DATA INC	DIRECT MAIL		No	1,148,000	176,672	971,328
OVA NAVION INC	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN		No	423,000	168,000	255,000
PROJECTS PLUS INC	SPECIAL EVENT		No	327,975	64,476	263,499
Total			▶			

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

AK,AL,AR,AZ,CA,CT,DC,FL,GA,IA,ID,IL,IN,KS,KY,MA,MD,ME,MI,MN,MT,MS,NC,ND,NH,NJ,NM,NY,OH,OK,OR,PA,RI,SC,TN,UT,VA,WA,WI, WV

Part II **Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than $15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than $5,000.

		(a) Event #1 annual dinner (event type)	(b) Event #2 (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	327,975			327,975
	2 Less Charitable contributions	297,975			297,975
	3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	30,000			30,000
Direct Expenses	4 Cash Prizes				
	5 Non-cash Prizes				
	6 Rent/Facility costs	30,000			30,000
	7 Other direct expenses				
	8 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d) ▶				30,000
	9 Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d) ▶				0

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))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes ____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶				

			Yes	No
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?	9a		
b	If "No," Explain			
10a	Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a		
b	If "Yes," Explain			
11	Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11		
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?	12		

		Yes	No
13	Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a	The organization's facility **13a**		
b	An outside facility **13b**		
14	Provide 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? **15a**		
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		
	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? **17a**		
b	Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ $		

Additional Data

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Form 990 Schedule G - Licensed States

Licensed States

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Schedule I (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the U.S.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, lines 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" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 for any recipient that received more than $5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than $5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 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
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PARENTS OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDRENpo box 317 watertown, MA 02471	58-2581495	n/a	40,000				TO HELP FUND THEIR WORK OF PROVIDING WORKSHOPS, MESSAGE BOARDS, AND MARKET OUTREACH

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations . . . ▶ 0

3 Enter total number of other organizations . . . ▶ 1

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals in the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22. Use Schedule I-1 (Form 990) 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	11	19,000			

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

See Additional Data Table

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants in the U S	Part I, Line 2	Schedule I, Part I, Line 2 Periodic project status meetings are held and/or written reports are provided to monitor progress and outcomes

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Schedule J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

			Yes	No
1a	Check the appropiate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items ☐ First class or charter travel ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)			
b	If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	**1b**		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	**2**		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply ☑ Compensation committee ☐ Written employment contract ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☑ Compensation survey or study ☐ Form 990 of other organizations ☑ Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a			
a	Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?	**4a**		No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	**4b**		No
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	**4c**		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III			
	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-8.			
5	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of			
a	The organization?	**5a**		No
b	Any related organization?	**5b**		No
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III			
6	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of			
a	The organization?	**6a**		No
b	Any related organization?	**6b**		No
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III			
7	For persons listed in form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**7**		No
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accured pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	**8**		No

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use Schedule J-1 if additional space needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations described in the instructions on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other compensation				
CARL AUGUSTO	(i)	287,737			28,774	18,768	335,279	177,642
	(ii)							
EVELYN MENDEZ	(i)	141,214			7,061	16,499	164,774	78,562
	(ii)							
WALTER I DECKER	(i)	186,047			18,605	16,989	221,641	106,993
	(ii)							
LORRAINE ZAMORA	(i)	160,250			16,025	16,499	192,774	95,246
	(ii)							
MAUREEN MATHESON	(i)	154,028			15,403	25,906	195,337	96,156
	(ii)							
PAUL SCHROEDER	(i)	169,213			8,461	16,499	194,173	95,898
	(ii)							
KELLY PARISI	(i)	142,706			7,135	16,499	166,340	77,497
	(ii)							
	(i)							
	(ii)							
	(i)							
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	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8 Also complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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Form 990, Part III, line 4d	Other Program Services	Public Education & Advocacy - AFB was one of 80 sponsors of a nonpartisan forum held on the 18th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), spearheaded by the American Association of People with Disabilities, on national disability policy and issues important to Americans with disabilities, such as veterans care, Social Security programs, and legislation to reform the ADA The forum was moderated by news anchor and journalist Judy Woodruff and included Senator Tom Harkin as a representative for (then) Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain (via satellite link) - AFB initiated two successful efforts to advance our health reform agenda to meet the unique health-related needs of people with vision loss, attracting significant support across the vision field and affirming our role as the leading voice of public policy expertise in the vision loss community On May 18, AFB convened a nationwide teleseminar to explain the political "lay of the land" with respect to health care reform and the opportunities that currently exist to influence the policy process Over 150 prominent organizations and individuals both within and outside our field agreed to participate The tremendous response to the teleseminar laid a strong foundation for AFB's second initiative, an invitation to the entire national vision loss community to join in a formal "sign-on" letter to Capitol Hill calling on law makers to address three specific policy concerns in any health reform legislation accessibility of drug label information to people with vision loss, coverage of low vision devices and other assistive technologies that Medicare has heretofore refused to pay for, and support for the specialized professionals in our field who currently provide orientation and mobility, independent living, and services maximizing usable vision, especially to seniors Some 107 major international, national, and community-based organizations representing people with vision loss and those who serve them, the aging and volunteer communities, consulting pharmacists, and other networks and interests signed on to AFB's letter, which has been hand delivered to over 200 members of Congress with direct committee responsibility for health care reform - AFB conducted and analyzed input from the vision loss community concerning two critical issues 1) problems encountered when identifying and taking medications and 2) accessibility and usability of online learning tools at the post-secondary level In both instances, respondents described overwhelming barriers to access and use, recounting their difficulty in vivid and compelling anecdotal terms - To commemorate the 200th anniversary of Louis Braille's birthday, AFB created an online museum that includes pictures of Louis Braille, digitized books, articles, and more AFB's Bicentennial page also showcases one of the first books printed in braille that was embossed in Paris in 1837, and one of only three copies in the world AFB was also mentioned on a CBS Sunday Morning segment on Louis Braille - AFB's Public Policy Center facilitated an in-person, high-level discussion with leadership of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the federal agency responsible for management of America's national health care programs, to lay the groundwork for coverage for devices allowing people with vision loss to more reliably identify and properly take medications In addition, the meeting was intended to explore ways in which CMS might partner with stakeholders to more widely communicate the availability of an accessible blood glucose meter that Medicare will in fact pay for today - AFB presented the 2008 Helen Keller Achievement Awards, honoring corporate achievement in improving the lives of people with disabilities, including those with vision loss, and personal achievement by a blind or visually impaired individual IBM Corporation received the Accessibility Award, L'Occitane received the Corporate Responsibility Award, and Stephen Marriott received the Personal Achievement Award Expenses $ 1093915 including grants of $ 0 Revenue $ 0

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 10		A DRAFT of Form 990 is provided to the Audit Committee, and any other Board member that wishes to view it All suggested corrections/revisions are made to the form and a FINAL version is made available to aforementioned group All agree the form is ready to file, the CPA firm filing on behalf of AFB delivers a signature ready form for AFB's CEO, which is signed and filed

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORMS ARE COMPLETED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AS PART OF A PROCESS OVERSEEN BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		THE LEADERSHIP AND COMPENSATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUALLY REVIEWS THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT/CEO AND VICE PRESIDENTS COMPENSATION SURVEY DATA IS REVIEWED AS PART OF THE COMMITTE'S DELIBERATION AND DISCUSSION

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PUBLISHED ANNUAL REPORT AND THROUGH THE WEBSITE

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
form 990, part XI, question 2c		afb prepares consolidated financial statements Audit committee assumes the responsibility for oversight of the audit of AFB's consolidated financial statements and selection of an independent accountant

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SCHEDULE R (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities

(A) Name, address, and EIN 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

(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
AFB SPECIAL FUND 2 PENN PLAZA SUITE 1102 NEW YORK, NY10121 13-3532760	VISUAL SUPPORT	NY	11	501 (C)(3)	N/A

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

(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, investment, unrelated)	(F) Share of total income	(G) Share of end-of-year assets	(H) Disproprtionate allocations? Yes	(H) Disproprtionate allocations? No	(I) Code V—UBI amount on Box 20 of K-1	(J) General or managing partner? Yes	(J) General or managing partner? No

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust

(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

Part V Transactions with Related Organizations

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

		Yes	No
1	During the tax year, did the orgranization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?		
a	Receipt of **(i)** interest **(ii)** annuities **(iii)** royalties **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity	**1a**		**No**
b	Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)	**1b**		**No**
c	Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)	**1c**	**Yes**	
d	Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)	**1d**		**No**
e	Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)	**1e**		**No**
f	Sale of assets to other organization(s)	**1f**		**No**
g	Purchase of assets from other organization(s)	**1g**		**No**
h	Exchange of assets	**1h**		**No**
i	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)	**1i**		**No**
j	Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)	**1j**		**No**
k	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)	**1k**		**No**
l	Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)	**1l**		**No**
m	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets	**1m**		**No**
n	Sharing of paid employees	**1n**		**No**
o	Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses	**1o**		**No**
p	Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses	**1p**		**No**
q	Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)	**1q**		**No**
r	Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)	**1r**		**No**

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(s)	**(B)** Transaction type(a-r)	**(C)** Amount Involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

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) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(E) Share of end-of-year assets	(F) Disproprtionate allocations?		(G) Code V—UBI amount on Box 20 of K-1	(H) General or managing partner?	
			Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No