



See a Social Security Number? Say Something!
Report Privacy Problems to <https://public.resource.org/privacy>
Or call the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490



Form

990Department 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 **7/01/08**, and ending **6/30/09****B** Check if applicable☐ 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**Avenues to Independence Foundation**

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

515 Busse Highway

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Park Ridge**IL 60068****F** Name and address of principal officer.**Robert Okazaki****515 Busse Highway****Park Ridge****IL 60068****D** Employer identification number**36-3754089****E** Telephone number**847-292-0870****G** Gross receipts \$ **1,062,265****H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates included?☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (**3**) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: **www.avenuestoindependence.org****K** Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ☐**L** Year of formation **1991****M** State of legal domicile **IL****Part I Summary****1** Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:**To advance the mission of, and to support the programs and services of Avenues to Independence and other causes.****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****4** Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)**4****5** Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)**5****6** Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)**20****7a** Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)**7a****b** Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34**7b****0****8** Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)**9** Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)**10** Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)**11** Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)**12** Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)**13** Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)**14** Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)**15** Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)**16a** Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)**b** Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)**17** Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)**18** Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)**19** Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12**20** Total assets (Part X, line 16)**21** Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)**22** Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20

Prior Year

Current Year

613,507**591,676****211,934****198,309****248,591****80,635****3,534****23,758****1,077,566****894,378****899,839****1,256,677****52,676****52,798****437,521****438,860****1,390,036****1,748,335****-312,470****-853,957****7,174,397****5,691,337****2,069,484****2,048,411****5,104,913****3,642,926****Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer

Date

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

Dirk T. Ahlbeck

Date

1/26/10Check if self-employed ☐

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

P00237637

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

AHLBECK & COMPANY**1665 Elk Boulevard****Des Plaines, IL 60016-4776**

EIN

36-2991500

Phone

no 847-824-4000

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

DAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form **990** (2008)

2.16

9

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To advance the mission of, and to support the programs and services of Avenues to Independence and other causes.

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 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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 \$ **1,496,845** including grants of \$ **1,256,677**) (Revenue \$ **198,309**)

To provide support to Avenues to Independence and similar organizations for their various programs for individuals with developmental disabilities.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **\$ 1,496,845** (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	☒	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	☒	
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		☒
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		☒
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		
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		☒
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		☒
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		☒
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		☒
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		☒
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	☒	
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	☒	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		☒
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		☒
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		☒
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		☒
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		☒
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		☒
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	☒	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		☒
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		☒
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	☒	
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		☒
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		☒
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.		☒
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		☒
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		☒
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		☒
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		☒

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		X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
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		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
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	X	
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		X
36 Section 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		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X

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	7
1b	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	X
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	5
b	If at least one is reported on line 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. (see instructions)	2b	X
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
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	X
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	X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
c	If "Yes," to question 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	X
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 more than \$75?	7a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	X
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	X
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	X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	X
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	X
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 2–7b 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	4	
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	4	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
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?		
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	X	
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		X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)	X	
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," 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 **IL**

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.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **Robert Okazaki 515 Busse Highway Park Ridge IL 60068 847-292-0870**

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), 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, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

☐	Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.
--------------------------	--

[illegible]

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c	251,289			
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	340,387			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		44,340			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		591,676			
Program Service Revenue	2a Rental Income	Busn. Code				
		532000	198,309	198,309		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		198,309			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		80,864			80,864
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b Less: rental exps					
	c Rental inc. or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
		10,193				
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps		10,422			
	c Gain or (loss)		-229			
	d Net gain or (loss)		-229			-229
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 251,289 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	157,465			
	b Less: direct expenses	b	157,465			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a				
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Busn. Code				
11a Miscellaneous	900099	23,758			23,758	
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		23,758				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		894,378	198,309	0	104,393	

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	1,256,677	1,256,677		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
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	17,907		17,907	
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	31,113		31,113	
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	3,778		3,778	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	6,672		6,672	
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	45,526		45,526	
12 Advertising and promotion	2,161		2,161	
13 Office expenses	37,708		37,708	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	216,585	127,538	89,047	
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,145		1,145	
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	105,488	105,488		
23 Insurance	10,472		10,472	
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 Ready to Learn Production	7,142	7,142		
b Annuity Payments	3,706		3,706	
c Miscellaneous	2,255		2,255	
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,748,335	1,496,845	251,490	
26 Joint Costs. Check here ☐ 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	24,607	1	73,540
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,444,472	2	779,344
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	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		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	195	9	3,677
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	10a 3,666,141		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 522,247		
		3,201,441	10c	3,143,894
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	2,442,857	11	1,690,882
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	60,825	15		
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	7,174,397	16	5,691,337	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	49,759	17	63,219
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables 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	2,019,725	23	1,985,192
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,069,484	26	2,048,411
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	5,051,778	27	3,589,424
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	53,135	28	53,502
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	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	5,104,913	33	3,642,926
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	7,174,397	34	5,691,337

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 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?
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- 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?
- 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?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No 1545-0047

2008Open to Public
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceTo be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1)
nonexempt charitable trusts.

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number
36-3754089**Avenues to Independence Foundation****Part I Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) (see instructions)The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **one** organization.)

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

- (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? ☐
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? ☐
- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? ☐

	Yes	No
11g(i)		X
11g(ii)		X
11g(iii)		X

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the US?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Avenues to Independence	36-6008710	7	X		X		X		1,255,952
Total									1,255,952

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)**Section A. Public Support**

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 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1-3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. 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						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, 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.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. ► ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33 1/3 % support 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 % support test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ► ☐		
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 a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions. ► ☐		

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

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

Section A. Public Support

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 Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 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 June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. 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 % support tests—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

b 33 1/3 % support tests—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

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

Part IV

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

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.**

OMB No 1545-0047

2008**Open to Public Inspection**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

Avenues to Independence Foundation**36-3754089****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 important 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 section 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	▶ \$	<u> </u>
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$	<u> </u>

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	▶ \$	<u> </u>
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$	<u> </u>

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 organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

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

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part 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 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					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
 b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
 c Term endowment ▶ _____ %

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

- (i) unrelated organizations
 (ii) related organizations

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

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

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	43,000	485,334		528,334
b Buildings		3,075,131	468,084	2,607,047
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		62,676	54,163	8,513
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a–1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				3,143,894

(a) Description of security or category
(including name of security)

(b) Book value

(c) Method of valuation
Cost or end-of-year market value

Closely-held equity interests

Other

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)

(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.)

(a) Description

(b) Book value

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

(a) Description of liability

(b) Amount

Federal income taxes

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)

Schedule D (Form 990) 2008

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	894,378
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,748,335
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-853,957
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	-608,030
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	-608,030
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-1,461,987

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	286,348
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-608,030
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	-608,030
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	894,378
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	894,378

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,748,335
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	1,748,335
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	1,748,335

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 IV, 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.

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)This image shows a full page of white paper with horizontal dashed lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page, typical of notebook paper for children or students. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the page.

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.

Revenue		(a) Event #1 Love Affair	(b) Event #2 Golf Outing	(c) Other Events 6	(d) Total Events (Add col. (a) through col. (c))	
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)		
		1 Gross receipts	135,210	132,604	134,762	402,576
		2 Less: Charitable contributions	93,408	88,410	81,765	263,583
		3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	41,802	44,194	52,997	138,993
Direct Expenses		4 Cash prizes				
		5 Non-cash prizes	1,618	5,950	2,560	10,128
		6 Rent/facility costs	25,022	35,762	39,080	99,864
		7 Other direct expenses	15,162	2,482	11,357	29,001
		8 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 7 in column (d)				138,993
9 Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 8 in column (d)						

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			
	2	Cash prizes			
Direct Expenses	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)			

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?

b If "No," Explain:

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

b If "Yes," Explain:

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?

	Yes	No
9a		
10a		
11		
12		

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 ► \$

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)****NonCash Contributions**

OMB No 1545-0047

2008**Open To Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service► To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes"
on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.

Name of the organization

Avenues to Independence FoundationEmployer identification number
36-3754089**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	5	44,340	Fair market value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution (historic structures)				
14 Qualified conservation contribution (other)				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► ()				
26 Other ► ()				
27 Other ► ()				
28 Other ► ()				

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

29 0

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that
it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be
used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard
contributions?32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash
contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked,
describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a		X

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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.

OMB No 1545-0047

2008Open to Public
Inspection**Avenues to Independence Foundation**Employer identification number
36-3754089**Form 990, Part VI, Line 10 - Organization's Process Used to Review Form 990**

A copy of Form 990 will be provided to the Board of Directors before it is filed by email. The Executive Director reviews Form 990 before filing.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

The organization has a written conflict of interest policy that requires officers, directors, and key employees to annually disclose interests that could give rise to conflicts. No person may participate in the selection, award or administration of a contract or purchase in which the individual or an immediate family member of the individual has an interest. The Board of Directors regularly monitors and enforces compliance with this policy. No incidents have arisen that would lead to a violation of the policy.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

For the Executive Director, the Board of Directors reviews comparative salary data and votes on any increase. This process was last used in 2007 and there have been no increases since that time.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

For other officers or key employees of the organization, each employee is eligible for a written performance review upon completion of the initial three calendar months of employment. All employees with more than 12 months of employment will be eligible for a performance review as scheduled by their supervisor. A review may also be scheduled as necessary by the

Name of the organization

Avenues to Independence Foundation

Employer identification number

36-3754089

appropriate supervisory staff. Due to budgetary reasons, no increases have been provided since 2006.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

The organization makes its bylaws, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public upon request.

Form 990, Part VII - Related Organizations

The Executive Director, Robert Okazaki, devotes an average of 40 hours per week to related organizations. All other officers devote an average of 1 hour per week to related organizations.

Schedule O - Additional Information

Form 990, Part XI, Line 2b - The financial statements of the organization are audited as part of a consolidated financial statement, however, financial statements for just the organization are included as supplemental schedules.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

► Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
► See separate instructions.

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

Employer identification number
36-3754089**Avenues to Independence Foundation****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
Avenues to Independence 515 Busse Highway Park Ridge IL 60068 36-6008710	Dev Disab	IL	501c3	7	N/A
Builders of Skills, Inc. 515 Busse Highway Park Ridge IL 60068 36-2945539	Housing	IL	501c3	9	N/A
Friends of Builders of Skills, Inc. 515 Busse Highway Park Ridge IL 60068 36-3663217	Housing	IL	501c3	9	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) Dispro- portionate alloc ?		(I) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(J) General or managing partner?
							Yes	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.

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

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

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)			

Schedule R (Form 990) 2008

Part VI

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.

[illegible]