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Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder 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**

Check if applicable
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
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 Application pending

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Doing Business As

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

515 Busse Highway

Room/suite

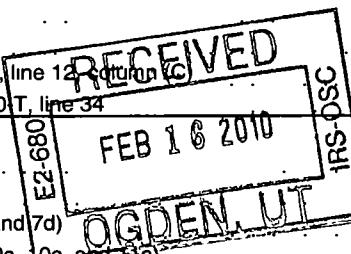
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Park Ridge**IL 60068****D Employer identification number****36-6008710****E Telephone number****847-292-0870****G Gross receipts \$ 5,965,402****H(a) Is this a group return for** **affiliates?****H(b) Are all affiliates included?** **Yes** **No**

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

H(c) Group exemption number ►**I Tax-exempt status 501(c) (3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527****J Website: ► www.avenuesonline.org****K Type of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ► L Year of formation 1953 M State of legal domicile IL****Part I Summary**1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:**Avenues' mission is to provide work and residential opportunities enabling those with disabilities to be as independent as possible.**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)4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12 (must equal Part VIII, line 12c)b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34

3	24
4	24
5	131
6	36
7a	
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) ► **331,996**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

Prior Year	Current Year
1,395,002	1,681,172
4,121,673	3,965,201
4,638	1,752
161,719	149,067
5,683,032	5,797,192
	132,255
3,732,118	3,763,041
1,684,544	1,450,813
5,416,662	5,346,109
266,370	451,083
Beginning of Year	End of Year
3,217,905	3,869,376
675,064	879,867
2,542,841	2,989,509

Net Assets or Fund Balances

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**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

*Robert Okazaki*Date *2-11-10*

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use OnlyPreparer's signature ► **Dirk T. Ahlbeck**Date **2/09/10**Check if self-employed ► Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) **P00237637**Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► **AHLBECK & COMPANY**EIN ► **36-2991500****1665 Elk Boulevard
Des Plaines, IL 60016-4776**Phone no ► **847-824-4000**

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

 Yes No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Avenues' mission is to provide work and residential opportunities enabling those with disabilities to be as independent as possible.

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 \$ **1,663,016** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **1,775,835**)
Palwaukee Development Training - Assists individuals with learning and improving everyday life and work skills. 148 served

4b (Code.) (Expenses \$ **1,349,860** including grants of \$ **93,632**) (Revenue \$ **1,088,492**)
Community Integrated Living Arrangements - Residences designated for mildly disabled adults. 25 served

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **695,507** including grants of \$ **37,186**) (Revenue \$ **641,959**)
Supported Living Arrangement - Residences designed for mildly disabled adults who can manage apartments without 24 hour surveillance. 34 served

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

(Expenses \$ **837,591** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **458,915**)4e Total program service expenses ► \$ **4,545,974** (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B))

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

- 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

	Yes	No
1	X	
2	X	
3		X
4		X
5		
6		X
7		X
8		X
9		X
10		X
11	X	
12	X	
13		X
14a		X
14b		X
15		X
16		X
17		X
18		X
19		X
20		X
21	X	
22		X
23		X
24a		X
24b		
24c		
24d		
25a		X
25b		X
26		X
27		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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
- b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV
- 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

29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M

31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I

32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II

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

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

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

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

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

	Yes	No
28a		X
28b		X
28c		X
29	X	
30		X
31		X
32		X
33		X
34	X	
35		X
36		X
37		X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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	6
1b	0

1c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?

1c	X
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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	131
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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)

3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?

b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O

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)?

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?

b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

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?

6a Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?

b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?

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?

b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?

c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?

d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.

7d	
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e Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

g For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?

h For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?

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?

9 **Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.**

a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?

b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?

10 **Section 501(c)(7) organizations.** Enter:

a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.

10a	
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b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities

10b	
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11 **Section 501(c)(12) organizations.** Enter:

a Gross income from members or shareholders

11a	
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b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)

11b	
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12a **Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.** Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?

b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year

12b	
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	Yes	No
1a	6	
1b	0	
1c	X	
2a	131	
2b	X	
3a		X
3b		
4a		X
5a		X
5b		X
5c		
6a		X
6b		
7a		X
7b		
7c		X
7d		
7e		X
7f		X
7g	X	
7h	X	
8		
9a		
9b		
10a		
10b		
11a		
11b		
12a		
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**

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 1a **24**
 b Enter the number of voting members that are independent 1b **24**

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 **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? 3 **X**

4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 4 **X**

5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? 5 **X**

6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? 6 **X**

7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? 7a **X**
 b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? 7b **X**

8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a **X**
 a The governing body? 8b **X**
 b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 9a **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? 9b **X**

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 **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 11 **X**

Section B. Policies

12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12a **X**
 b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12b **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 12c **X**

13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 13 **X**

14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14 **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: 15a **X**
 a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? 15b **X**
 b Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)

16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16a **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 **X**

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: ► **Leona Childs** **515 Busse Highway**
Park Ridge **IL 60068** **847-292-0870**

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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), 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.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated			
Ed Dernulc Director	1	X					0	0	0
Steve Goodman Director	1	X					0	0	0
Graham Hills Director	1	X					0	0	0
Margaret O'Herron Director	1	X					0	0	0
Gregory Simmons Director	1	X					0	0	0
Alan Bartel Director	1	X					0	0	0
Matthew Coyne Director	1	X					0	0	0
William Gorman Director	1	X					0	0	0
Michael Prindiville Director	1	X					0	0	0
Joseph Rygiel Director	1	X					0	0	0
Sheila Schultz Director	1	X					0	0	0
Fred Gillick Director	1	X					0	0	0
Patricia Grimes Director	1	X					0	0	0
Annette Roma Director	1	X					0	0	0
Fred Sasser Director	1	X					0	0	0
Sylvia Campone Director	1	X					0	0	0
Sara Ebner Director	1	X					0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)					(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
Michael Marcus Director	1	X					0	0	0
Richard Spatafora Director	1	X					0	0	0
Robert Okazaki Exec Dir	40		X				91,916	13,616	23,013
Leona M. Childs Fin Dir	40		X				68,556	0	13,432
Jacqueline Kimel Chairperson	1		X				0	0	0
Robert Healy Secretary	1		X				0	0	0
Eric Johnson Treasurer	1		X				0	0	0
Jerry Feldman Vice Chair	1		X				0	0	0
Richard Brayer Past Chair	1		X				0	0	0
1b Total							160,472	13,616	36,445

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

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

4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual

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

	Yes	No
3		X
4		X
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Juan A. Lopez DBA Team Labor South Elgin	622 Waters Edge Drive Contract Labor	238,493

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

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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	31,505			
1b Membership dues	1b				
1c Fundraising events	1c				
1d Related organizations	1d	1,255,952			
1e Government grants (contributions)	1e	73,500			
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	320,215			
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f		\$ 39,200			
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		► 1,681,172			
Program Service Revenue					
	Busn. Code				
2a Government Fees and Contracts	624100	2,976,312	2,976,312		
b Fees from Clients	624100	645,227	645,227		
c Job Contract Income	624100	310,719	310,719		
d Service Fees - HUD	624100	32,857	32,857		
e Habilitation Fees	624100	86	86		
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		► 3,965,201			
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		► 1,752			1,752
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		►			
5 Royalties		►			
	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
6a Gross Rents					
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			
b Less cost or other basis & sales exps					
c Gain or (loss)					
d Net gain or (loss)		►			
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
b Less: direct expenses	b				
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	314,265			
b Less: cost of goods sold	b	168,210			
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		► 146,055			146,055
Miscellaneous Revenue	Busn. Code				
11a Workshop Store Sales	812900	1,840			1,840
b Miscellaneous	900099	1,172			1,172
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		► 3,012			
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		► 5,797,192	3,965,201	0	150,819

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	130,818	130,818		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	1,437	1,437		
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	196,720	28,407	139,906	28,407
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	2,874,478	2,578,826	112,846	182,806
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	17,723	16,806	550	367
9 Other employee benefits	351,137	311,776	16,969	22,392
10 Payroll taxes	322,983	275,205	24,781	22,997
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	342,827	273,857	68,376	594
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	86,239	52,011	30,059	4,169
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	452,137	350,976	48,034	53,127
17 Travel	166,456	155,854	4,644	5,958
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	17,076	8,764	7,995	317
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	185,286	179,315		5,971
23 Insurance	32,749	27,879	3,465	1,405
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 Program Supplies	111,976	111,976		
b Repairs and Maintenance	29,774	28,804	618	352
c Dues and Subscriptions	15,341	6,566	6,054	2,721
d Miscellaneous	10,952	6,697	3,842	413
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	5,346,109	4,545,974	468,139	331,996
26 Joint Costs. Check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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	118,459	1	48,786
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	89,386	2	70,361
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	647,157	4	1,565,542
	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	254,336	8	135,463
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	47,013	9	45,248
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	3,887,318		
	b Less. accumulated depreciation Complete Part VI of Schedule D	1,998,543	10c	1,955,275
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	37,768	11	34,308
	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	25,243	15	14,393
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,217,905	16	3,869,376
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	342,988	17	339,493
	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	332,076	23	540,374
	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	675,064	26	879,867
	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	2,542,841	27	2,989,509
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 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	2,542,841	33	2,989,509
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,217,905	34	3,869,376

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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)
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.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number
36-6008710**Avenues to Independence****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?
 h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

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

(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									

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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.")	454,137	579,403	1,115,588	1,395,002	1,681,172	5,225,302
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	454,137	579,403	1,115,588	1,395,002	1,681,172	5,225,302
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						5,225,302

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	454,137	579,403	1,115,588	1,395,002	1,681,172	5,225,302
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	7,599	5,643	5,406	4,162	1,752	24,562
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.)	183,661	158,962	182,497	160,079	317,277	1,002,476
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						6,252,340
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	20,106,437
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						► <input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	83.5735 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	98.7305 %
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	► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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	► <input type="checkbox"/>	
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	► <input type="checkbox"/>	
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	► <input type="checkbox"/>	
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	► <input type="checkbox"/>	

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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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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)

Part II, Line 10 - Other Income Detail

Miscellaneous Income	\$	1,172
Special Events Income	\$	103,054
Thrift Shop Income	\$	891,605
Workshop Store Sales	\$	6,645

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**

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Name of the organization

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Avenues to Independence**36-6008710****Part I** **Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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

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

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or 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
2a	
2b	
2c	
2d	

a Total number of conservation easements
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

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 ► \$ _____
 (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 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:

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

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
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.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g					

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:

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		363,495		363,495
b Buildings		2,473,577	1,045,365	1,428,212
c Leasehold improvements		24,429	17,087	7,342
d Equipment		901,169	785,344	115,825
e Other		124,648	84,247	40,401
Total. Add lines 1a-1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))			►	1,955,275

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation- Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		

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

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

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

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements.

In Part A(V), 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.

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

1	5,797,192
2	5,346,109
3	451,083
4	-4,415
5	
6	
7	
8	
9	-4,415
10	446,668

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

1	5,803,777
2	
2a	-4,415
2b	11,000
2c	
2d	
2e	6,585
3	5,797,192
4	
4a	
4b	
4c	
5	5,797,192

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

1	5,357,109
2	
2a	11,000
2b	
2c	
2d	
2e	11,000
3	5,346,109
4	
4a	
4b	
4c	
5	5,346,109

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.

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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.

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

Part I, Line 2 - Procedures for Monitoring the Use of Grant Funds

The grant was awarded to a related party that is under common control. As such, the organization was able to properly monitor the use of the contribution.

Part IV – Additional Information

Part II, Line 1(h) - The purpose of the grant awarded to Friends of

disabilities.

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
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► To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes"
on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
► Attach to Form 990.

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Avenues to IndependenceEmployer identification number
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	(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	X	1	34,500	Fair market value
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution (historic structures)				
14 Qualified conservation contribution (other)				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (Equipment)	X	1	4,000	Fair market value
26 Other ► (Exercise Bike)	X	1	700	Fair market value
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

Avenues to Independence**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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36-6008710**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Achievements****Vocational****Clifton House****Department of Rehabilitation Services****Title XX****Form 990, Part VI, Line 2 - Related Party Information Among Officers****Robert Healy****Margaret O'Herron****Officer****Director****Married**

Form 990, Part VI, Line 10 - Organization's Process Used to Review Form 990
A copy of Form 990 is emailed to the Board of Directors before it is
filed. The Executive Director and Finance Director review 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.

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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 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.

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
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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.

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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities

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 Foundation	36-3754089	Support	IL	501c3	11a
515 Busse Highway Park Ridge	IL 60068				N/A
Builders of Skills, Inc.	36-2945539	Housing	IL	501c3	9
515 Busse Highway Park Ridge	IL 60068				N/A
Friends of Builders of Skills, Inc.	36-3663217	Housing	IL	501c3	9
515 Busse Highway Park Ridge	IL 60068				N/A
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Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership

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

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?

- 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)		

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.