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Form 990-EZ

Short Form

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)

- Sponsoring organizations and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

2008

Open to Public
InspectionDepartment of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning 09-01-2008, and ending 08-31-2009

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 CHARIS MINISTRIES INC	D Employer identification number 62-1751911
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) P O Box 40662	E Telephone number (615) 373-1261
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Nashville, TN 37204	F Group Exemption Number ►

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

G Accounting method Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ►

I Website: ►

J Organization type (check only one) — 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

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

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

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 87,432

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

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	87,432
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
3 Membership dues and assessments	3	0
4 Investment income	4	0
5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	0
6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ►		
a Gross revenue (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	0
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	0
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0
b Less cost of goods sold	7b	0
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0
8 Other revenue (describe ►)	8	0
9 Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8) ►	9	87,432
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	470
11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	34,575
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	0
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	9,900
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	946
16 Other expenses (describe ►)	16	40,694
17 Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16) ►	17	86,585
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	847
19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	4,148
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20) ►	21	4,995

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

(See the instructions for Part II)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	1,276	22
23 Land and buildings	0	23
24 Other assets (describe ►)	2,872	24
25 Total assets	4,148	25
26 Total liabilities (describe ►)	0	26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	4,148	27
		4,995

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III)			Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)	
<p>What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? To deliver food to households of people in need, creating an opportunity for engagement and informal conversation between church-sponsored volunteers and the families we serve</p> <p>Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title</p>				
28 Emergency Assistance Programs, General/Other We made 504 deliveries of food, representing growth of 22% over activity of the previous year. This was accomplished through the participation of volunteers representing over 80 families and eight Nashville churches, who delivered the food, visited the families and offered prayer and encouragement. Many more friends helped with collecting and sorting food into boxes for delivery. We serve households throughout Metropolitan Nashville. This is possible because of the contribution of services by volunteers and supporters in excess of \$25,000 beyond funds spent on program expense. (504 Food Delivery Visits) (Grants \$ 0)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	69,625	
29				
(Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	29a		
30				
(Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	30a		
31 Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$)	If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ► <input type="checkbox"/>	31a		
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)		32	69,625	
Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (See the instructions for Part IV)				
(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)			Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33		No	
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		No	
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T				
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		No	
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b			
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		No	
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ► 37a 0	37a	0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		No	
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38a		No	
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b			
39 <i>501(c)(7) organizations.</i> Enter	39a			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39b			
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities				
40a <i>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</i> Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ► 0 , section 4912 ► 0 , section 4955 ► 0	40b		No	
b <i>Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations.</i> Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.				
c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ► 0				
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ► 0				
e <i>All organizations.</i> At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	40e		No	
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ► TN				
42a The books are in care of ► Richard S Koonce Telephone no ► (615) 373-1261				
Located at ► P O Box 40662 Nashville, TN ZIP + 4 ► 37204				
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		No	
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.				
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?	42c		No	
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►				
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ► 43	43			
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	44		No	
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.	45		No	

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

	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47	No
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "yes," complete Schedule E	48	No
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	No
b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there are none, enter "None."

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

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

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

Please Sign Here	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		
	Signature of officer	2010-04-17	Date
	Richard Koonce Executive Director		
	Type or print name and title		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ►	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ►		EIN ►
			Phone no ►

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support****2008**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1)
nonexempt charitable trusts.****Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.****Open to Public
Inspection****Name of the organization**
CHARIS MINISTRIES INC**Employer identification number**

62-1751911

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (See Instructions)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is (Please check only one organization)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.

2 A school described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)

3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. (Attach Schedule H)

4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)

6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.

7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

8 A community trust described in **Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 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

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 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									

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

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	76,147	76,413	75,360	85,451	87,432	400,803
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Total. Add line 1-3	76,147	76,413	75,360	85,451	87,432	400,803
5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						214,097
6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4						186,706

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	76,147	0	75,360	85,451	87,432	400,803
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10)						400,803
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	0

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

**Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	46.583 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	74.14 %
16a 33 1/3% Test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total Add lines 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Total of lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						►

Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18
19a 33 1/3% Tests - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
b 33 1/3% Tests - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	►
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	►

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

Facts and Circumstances Test

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 62-1751911
Name: CHARIS MINISTRIES INC

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Joseph Z Flautt P O Box 40662 Nashville, TN 37204	Treasurer 0 00	0	0	0
Richard S Koonce P O Box 40662 Nashville, TN 37204	Chairman 50 00	25,118	9,457	0
Brock Baker P O Box 40662 Nashville, TN 37204	Vice-Chair 0 00	0	0	0
William N Scott P O Box 40662 Nashville, TN 37204	Secretary 0 00	0	0	0

TY 2008 Other Assets Schedule

Name: CHARIS MINISTRIES INC**EIN:** 62-1751911**Software ID:** 08000095**Software Version:** v1.00

Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
FOOD INVENTORY	2,872	4,821

TY 2008 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: CHARIS MINISTRIES INC**EIN:** 62-1751911**Software ID:** 08000095**Software Version:** v1.00

Description	Amount
TELEPHONE SERVICES	2,328
OFFICE AND ADMINISTRATION	986
INTERNET/INFORMATION TECHNOL	835
FOOD SUPPLIES	31,325
INVENTORY STORAGE & TRANSP	774
OTHER PROGRAM SUPPLIES	719
TRAVEL	3,619
DONOR AND VOLUNTEER CONTACTS	108