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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
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)

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

OMB No 1545-1150

2008**Open to Public
Inspection**

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **October 1**, 2008, and ending **September 30**, 20 **09**

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☒ Initial return
☐ Termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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

C Name of organization
Connecticut Youth Leadership Project, Inc.
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
194 Skyview Drive
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Cromwell, CT 06416

D Employer identification number
14 1905684

E Telephone number
(860) 642-6108

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: ► **www.ctylp.org**

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

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. ► \$

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

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	134031
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0
	4	Investment income	4	811
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0
	5c	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 ☐		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
Expenses	6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	0
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	0
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	0
	8	Other revenue (describe ► 0)	8	0
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8.	9	134842
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	5,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	23603
Net Assets	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	0
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	3627
	16	Other expenses (describe ► Youth leadership training, KASA program expenses)	16	79179
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	111,409
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	23,433
	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	90,025
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	113,458

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.)

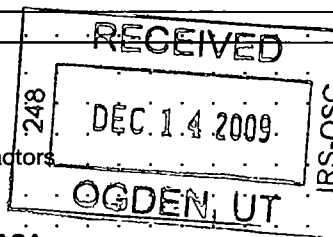
	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	69205	102958
23 Land and buildings	0	0
24 Other assets (describe ► grants receivable)	20820	10500
25 Total assets	90025	113458
26 Total liabilities (describe ►)	0	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	90025	113458

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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.)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Leadership development of youth w/disabilities			
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.			
28	Hold a yearly 4 day forum for approx 40 high school youth with disabilities to develop their leadership potential. It is a mix of classroom study and hands-on experiences designed to build self confidence, foster self advocacy and make effective decisions. Follow up support after forum. (Grants \$ 5000) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	57,100
29	Kids as Self Advocates (KASA) assists approx 45 youth w/disabilities to learn to be self advocates. Meets throughout the year on a monthly basis to address topics, provide a venue to educate the public on disability issues, assist others in the community understand disability special needs. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	40,104
30	 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	97,204

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
Karen Halliday, 202 Highwood Dr. South Glastonbury, CT 06073	Executive Director 10 hrs/wk	7,280	0	0
Kathleen Kabara, 194 Skyview Dr. Cromwell, CT 06416	President 2 hr/wk	0	0	0
Suzanne Liqueran, 449 Burritt Ave. Stratford, CT 06615	Secretary 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
John Bendoraitis, 370 Levita Rd. Lebanon, CT 06249	Treasurer 5 hrs/wk	0	0	0
John Gentile, 23 Rose Lane Danbury, CT 06811	Vice-President 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Patti Clay, 135 Forsyth Rd. Oakdale, CT 06370	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Carlos Colon, 71 Mountain Rd. Newington, CT 06111	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Barry Rita, 58 Castle Dr. Meriden, CT 06451	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Norma Sproul, 23 Jonathan Circle Windsor, CT 06095	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Armand Legault, 76 Vincent Dr. Newington, CT 06111	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Stan Kosloski, 7 Shadow Lane Cromwell, CT 06416	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Bruce C. Stovall, 6 Village lane Burlington, Ct. 06013	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Molly Cole, 190 White Rock Dr. Windsor, CT 06095	Project Director 2 hrs/wk	0	0	0
Heather Leigh Northrup, 47 Vine St. New Britain, CT 06052	Coordinator 10 hrs/wk	4,725	0	0
Heidi Forrest, 66 Westwood Knoll #206 Meriden, CT 06450	Director 1 hr/wk	1,200	0	0
David Kelly, 72 Arrowhead Drive Bristol, CT 06010	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
Bethaura Miller, 105 Northrop Road Woodbridge, CT 06525	Director 1 hr/wk	0	0	0
(see attachment for additional directors)				

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	✓
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	✓
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 section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	✓
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	✓
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
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	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
b Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶		
42a The books are in care of ▶ John Bendoraitis Telephone no. ▶ (860) 642-6108		
Located at ▶ 370 Levita Rd, Lebanon, CT ZIP + 4 ▶ 06249		
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	✓
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	✓
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		
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	✓
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	✓

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.

- | | Yes | 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 | | ☒ |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | | ☒ |
| 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | | ☒ |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | | ☒ |
| 49b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization? | | |
- 50** Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
--- NONE ---				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ►	0			

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
--- NONE ---		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . ►	0	

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: John Bendoraitis Date: 12/9/09

Type or print name and title: John Bendoraitis, Treasurer

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Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____ Check if self-employed: ☐ Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions): _____

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

Part III – 28 Schedule of Grants

Class of Activity	Grantee Name and Address	Amount Given	Relationship
Grant - scholarship	Ashley Glorioso 2 Buck Hill Rd. Old Saybrook, CT 06475	\$2,000	none
Grant - scholarship	Gabriel Filer 111 Pheasant Dr. Middletown, CT 06457	\$1,000	none
Grant - scholarship	Julia Katz 330 Mill Rd. Stamford, CT 06903	\$1,000	none
Grant - scholarship	Jack DeNatale 49 Senior Place Fairfield, CT 06825	\$1,000	none

Part IV- Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees....cont'd

(A) Name and Address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
John Esteves 16 McLaughlin Terrace Derby, CT 06418	Non-Voting Director 1 hr/wk	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Joel Klusek 204 Broadway Colchester, CT 06415	Non-Voting Director 1 hr/wk	\$700	- 0 -	- 0 -
Khampasong Khantivong 128 Naomi Drive East Hartford, CT 06118	Non-Voting Director 1 hr/wk	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Elizabeth Bull PO Box 1875 Groton, CT 06340	Non-Voting Director 1 hr/wk	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Christian Quandt 40 Ridgewood Drive West Suffield, CT 06093	Director 1 hr/wk	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -