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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2009 and ending 12-31-2009

<input type="checkbox"/> Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization Water First International		D Employer identification number 20-2601035 E Telephone number (206) 297-3024 G Gross receipts \$ 1,040,038	
		Doing Business As Water 1st			
		Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) PO Box 17974			Room/suite
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Seattle, WA 981271954			
		F Name and address of principal officer Marla Smith-Nilson PO Box 17974 Seattle, WA 981271954			
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) ► (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ►			
J Website: ► www.Water1st.org		K Form of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►			
		L Year of formation 2005		M State of legal domicile WA	

Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities Water 1st's mission is to unite people to end the global water and sanitation crisis		
2	Check this box ► if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	19
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	19
5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	4
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	150
7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 . . .	7a	0
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 . . .	7b	0

Revenue 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)	Prior Year	Current Year
	922,109	924,287
		0
	4,899	2,020
		-8,680
	927,008	917,627

Expenses 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) ► 128,994 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
	536,868	463,963
		0
	246,454	257,248
		0
	212,532	204,854
	995,854	926,065
	-68,846	-8,438

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	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	719,652	620,348
	563,483	472,617
	156,169	147,731

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 Marla Smith-Nilson Executive Director Type or print name and title	Date 2010-06-15		

Paid Preparer's Use Only Preparer's signature ► Susan Reilly Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► Watson & McDonell CPAs PLLC 600 University Street Suite 2828 Seattle, WA 981013301	Date 2010-06-11	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
			EIN ►
			Phone no ► (206) 624-2380

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

Water 1st's mission is to serve families in the poorest communities in the world as they implement community-managed projects that integrate water supply, sanitation, and health education

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 \$ 575,840 including grants of \$ 463,963) (Revenue \$)

Water First International provides grants to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) based in developing countries in order to support the implementation of projects that include provision of drinking water, hygiene education, and sanitary latrines. The Organization works with the NGOs in some of the poorest communities in the world to support sustainable, community-managed solutions to water supply and sanitation problems. During 2009, the Organization and the local NGOs completed 53 water systems in three countries, benefiting over 6,000 people. The Organization has completed a total of 275 water systems benefiting over 40,500 people since inception. In addition, the Organization initiated projects in Ethiopia and Honduras that will benefit nearly 5,000 people upon completion in 2010

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 191,433 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Water First International educates people about the water supply and sanitation crisis in developing countries and the need for sustainable solutions

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

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

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

4e Total program service expenses \$ 767,273

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 similar funds or 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, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V

11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.

- Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.
- Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.
- Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.
- Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.
- Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.
- Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.

12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII

12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? Yes No

If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional

12A Yes No

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 United States?

b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? 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 U.S.? 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 U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III

17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I

18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II

19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities 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

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4		No
5		
6		No
7		No
8		No
9		No
10		No
11	Yes	
12	Yes	
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15	Yes	
16		No
17		No
18	Yes	
19		No
20		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23		No
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 line 25	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)	28a		No
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29	Yes	
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33		No
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		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	35		No
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		No
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		No
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	38	Yes	
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O			

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable	1a	4
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	4
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	2b	Yes
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	4a	No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c	
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	No
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a	Yes
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g	
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h	
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	8	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9b	
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	10a	
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	11a	
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11b	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . .	1a	19	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . .	1b	19	
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	Yes	
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3		No
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		No
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5		No
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6		No
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a		No
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b		No
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following			
a The governing body?	8a	Yes	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes	
9 Is there any officer, director, 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	9		No

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		No
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b		
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11	Yes	
11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990			
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	Yes	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	Yes	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes	
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?			
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
If "Yes" to line a or b, 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		No
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ►WA

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request

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

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ►
The Organization
PO Box 17974
Seattle, WA 98127-1954
(206) 297-3024

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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. 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 all of the organization's **current** key employees See instructions for definition of "key employee "
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

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

1b Total	68,040	0	0
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **0**

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	No
4	For any individual listed 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	4	No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization 0		

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c	502,204			
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	422,083			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ►		924,287			
Program Service Revenue	Business Code					
			2a			
			b			
			c			
			d			
			e			
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ►						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ►		1,880		1,880	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ►					
	5 Royalties ►					
	6a Gross Rents	(I) Real	(II) Personal			
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss) ►					
	7a	(I) Securities	(II) Other			
25,425						
25,285						
140						
d Net gain or (loss) ►		140		140		
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 85,800 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
	a	502,204				
	b Less direct expenses	b	93,093			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ►			-7,293	-7,293	
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	2,646				
	b Less cost of goods sold	b	4,033			
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ►			-1,387	-1,387		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ►						
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ►		917,627	-1,387	0	-5,273	

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				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	463,963	463,963		
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	68,040	54,432	6,804	6,804
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	156,689	87,578	6,829	62,282
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	6,671	4,122	371	2,178
9 Other employee benefits	6,500	4,017	360	2,123
10 Payroll taxes	19,348	11,274	2,657	5,417
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	9,200		9,200	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	70,963	66,008		4,955
12 Advertising and promotion	11,487			11,487
13 Office expenses	25,863	12,838	887	12,138
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	21,662	16,328	943	4,391
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,864	648	708	508
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	1,657	1,047	101	509
23 Insurance	2,239		938	1,301
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 Project Monitoring Visi	45,018	45,018		
b Credit Card Discounts	11,106			11,106
c Uncollected Pledge	3,795			3,795
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	926,065	767,273	29,798	128,994
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <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	178,695	1	230,459
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	452,880	2	355,181
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	84,000	3	25,000
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	8,190
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10,219	10a	
	b Less accumulated depreciation	8,701	10b	2,069
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		10c	1,518
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		11	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		12	
	14 Intangible assets		13	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	2,008	14	0
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	719,652	15	620,348
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	38,203	16	14,526
	18 Grants payable	525,280	17	458,091
	19 Deferred revenue		18	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		19	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		20	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		21	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		22	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D		24	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	563,483	25	472,617
Net Assets or Fund Balances	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	72,169	27	122,731
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	84,000	28	25,000
	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	156,169	33	147,731
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	719,652	34	620,348

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash Accrual Other _____
 If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O

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 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?
 If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separated basis

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? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

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

2009

Open to Public
Inspection**SCHEDULE A**
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
Water First International

Employer identification number

20-2601035

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 (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)

1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **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)**.

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)**.

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 supported organization(s)

	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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	423,402	455,154	922,220	922,109	924,287	3,647,172
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 through 3	423,402	455,154	922,220	922,109	924,287	3,647,172
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)						568,078
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						3,079,094

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	423,402	7,524	922,220	922,109	924,287	3,647,172
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		7,524	5,678	8,675	2,020	23,897
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						3,671,069
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)					12	31,967
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						►

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	83 870 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	83 650 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		►
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions		►

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in 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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 through 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 \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
b 33 1/3% support tests—2008. 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.** 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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 20-2601035
Name: Water First International

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(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			
Linda Cheever Chair of Board of Direct	2 00	X		X			0	0	0
Steve Crane Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
John Crossman Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Sara DeRuyck Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Margie Duckstad Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Nancy Eiselt Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Kristi England Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Jon Hughes Vice Chair of Board of D	2 00	X		X			0	0	0
Kristin Lamson Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Diane Langstraat Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Jim Moore Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Anne-Marie Amies Oelschl Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Derek Pell Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Steve Romein Treasurer	2 00	X		X			0	0	0
Jim Stanton Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Matt Steele Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Christine Stickler Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Darryl Swenson Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Seshu Vaddey Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Daniel Won Director	2 00	X					0	0	0
Marla Smith-Nilson Executive Director	40 00			X			68,040	0	0

SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements**2009**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

**Open to Public
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Water First International

Employer identification number

20-2601035

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

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

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

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

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

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically importantly land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a 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	

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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ► \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a Public exhibition d Loan or exchange programs
 b Scholarly research e Other
 c Preservation for future generations

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 Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

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

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	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 the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ► %

b Permanent endowment ► %

c Term endowment ► %

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

(i) unrelated organizations
 (ii) related organizations

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

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

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) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land					
b Buildings					
c Leasehold improvements					
d Equipment		8,493	8,205	288	
e Other		1,726	496	1,230	
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)					1,518

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		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.)	►	

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B), line 1)

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

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)

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

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

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

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

2. Fin 48 Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	917,627
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	926,065
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-8,438
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	0
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	-8,438

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	921,660
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	4,033
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	4,033
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	917,627
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	917,627

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	930,098
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	4,033
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	4,033
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	926,065
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	926,065

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. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part XII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		Cost of goods sold 4033
Part XIII, Line 2d - Other Adjustments		Cost of goods sold 4033

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Statement of Activities Outside the United States

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

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Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States

3 Activities per Region (Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for region
Bangladesh			Grants to Recipients Located in Region	Water First International provides grants to a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Dhaka, Bangladesh in order to support the implementation of projects that include provision of convenient, safe water, hygiene education, and sanitary toilets. In the urban slums of Dhaka (the capital city) and Chittagong (the country's 2nd largest city) beneficiaries pay 100 percent of the capital costs of their projects through one or two-year loans. The loans are repaid to the local non-governmental organization, who is the recipient of Water First's grants. Repaid loan funds are revolved and used for additional water and sanitation projects and create a sustainable source of funds for Water First's Bangladesh partner. In 2009, Water First supported the construction of 99 projects benefitting 6,525 people.	165,687
India			Grants to Recipients Located in Region	Water First International provides grants to a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in India in order to support the implementation of projects that include provision of convenient, safe water, hygiene education, and sanitary toilets. In Water First's India program, which serves subsistence fishing communities in rural West Bengal, beneficiaries pay 40 percent of the capital costs of their water supply and sanitation projects through a four-year revolving loan fund. In 2009, Water First supported the implementation of two new projects benefitting 800 people.	14,298
Honduras			Grants to Recipients Located in Region	Water First International provides grants to a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Honduras in order to support the implementation of projects that include provision of convenient, safe water, hygiene education, sanitary toilets, and watershed protection. In Water First's Honduras program, beneficiaries contribute labor and local materials, which are valued at up to 25 percent of the total project cost. In 2009, Water First supported the continued construction of 3 new water systems serving 4 communities (construction on these systems started in 2008) and 1 additional water system that will serve 4 communities. All 7 water systems serving nearly 1,200 people are expected to be completed in 2010.	37,700
Ethiopia			Grants to Recipients Located in Region	Water First International provides grants to a non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Ethiopia in order to support the implementation of projects that include provision of convenient, safe water, hygiene education, and sanitary latrines. In 2009 Water First continued the support of the large Bishikiltu project which was completed in February 2010 and is now serving 4,000 people. Water First provided support for engineering studies for three water systems in the Dawo woreda to be constructed from 2010 - 2012. Water First also initiated funding for one of these three water systems, a project benefitting over 4,000 people in Kelecho Gerbi, that is expected to be completed in December 2010 or early 2011.	246,278
Totals	0	0			463,665

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ► _____

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part 1, line 2, and any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Procedure for Monitoring Grants Outside the U.S.		<p>Schedule F, Part I, Line 2 When Water 1st makes a grant to a recipient organization, these procedures are followed. A grant agreement is signed between Water 1st and each recipient organization describing the project for which the grant from Water 1st is being given in support of water, sanitation, and health projects in specific communities, or group of specific communities. The agreement will specify the purposes for which the grant is being made, requiring a final narrative and financial reporting during project implementation, requiring a final narrative and financial report, and acknowledging Water 1st's authority to withhold and/or recover grant funds in case such funds are, or appear to be, misused. Grant agreements are endorsed by financing by the members of the International Programs team (currently staff members Kirk Anderson, Marla Smith-Nilson, and Steve Deem and board member John Crossman) within the annual budget allowances approved by the Board of Directors. After projects have been endorsed by the International Programs team, The Executive Director has the authority to sign on behalf of Water 1st. The grant agreement will specify quarterly progress payments to the grantee. The Executive Director or anyone with check signing authority will transfer the quarterly progress payment to the partner organizations according to the schedule specified in the grant agreement. Water 1st staff will then notify our local partner organization of transfer and ask them to complete a wire transfer confirmation form or provide other confirmation that the funds were received. After funds have been transferred, our local partner organizations will be required to submit quarterly financial reports and will also be required to have an annual independent audit of their accounts. Water 1st is aware of the U.S. Executive Orders and U.S. law that prohibit transactions with, and the provision of resources and support to, individuals and organizations associated with terrorism. In selecting and monitoring our local partner organizations, we will work to ensure compliance with these Executive Orders and laws by monitoring the distributions we make to our local partner organizations and also cross-checking with the U.S. Department of State's Current List of Designated Foreign Terrorist Organizations. Water 1st also conducts site inspections and require access to all invoices, financial records and accounts for the projects we support through our local partner organizations. Water 1st reserves the right to have an audit conducted if any questions cannot be resolved during our site inspections.</p>
Method Used to Account for Expenditures		<p>Schedule F, Part I, Line 3 Water 1st has ongoing monitoring of each grant and each local partner organization. According to our grant agreements, each of our local partner organizations will be required to Submit quarterly financial reports as well as final financial report after expenditure of the entire grant to Water 1st describing in detail how the grant was spent, Submit quarterly narrative progress reports as well as a final report after expenditure of the entire grant to Water 1st describing the extent to which the goals and purposes of the project or program for which the grant was obtained were accomplished, Provide the most recent copy of an annual independent audit of the local partner organization's financial records, Provide, as part of their financial report to Water 1st, complete records of each receipt and expenditure made in connection with the grant, Use the entire grant only for the purposes stated in the agreement between Water 1st and the local partner organization, and Repay any portion of the grant not used for the purposes stated in the Grantee's grant proposal. Water 1st staff makes periodic visits, no less than annually, to our local partner organizations and the projects supported by Water 1st, to conduct our own inspection of the ongoing or completed water, sanitation and health projects funded by Water 1st. Water 1st has a written evaluation that we complete which involves interviews with the staff of the local partner organization, the water committees and individual households. Observations will also be made of the use and construction of the water and sanitation systems. As part of each visit, Water 1st meets with the staff of the local partner organization to share the evaluation results so that the local partner organization can further improve its efforts in the communities we support. These meetings cover such topics as health education, project operation and maintenance, finance, watershed protection, sanitation, and community organization. These meetings also allow the staff of Water 1st to provide some cross-fertilization of ideas and experience sharing between local partner organizations. While conducting oversight of the grants, if Water 1st determines that any portion of a grant has been used for a purpose other than stated in the agreement, Water 1st will take all reasonable and appropriate steps to recover such wrongfully diverted funds and, at the discretion of Water 1st staff, will immediately terminate the grant arrangement without any obligation to make further disbursements of the grant. If Water 1st determines that a local partner organization has otherwise violated the agreement (by, for example, failing to submit required reports), Water 1st will either, at the discretion of the staff, (a) withhold any future installments of the grant until Grantee corrects the violation, or (b) immediately terminate the arrangement without any obligation to make further disbursements of the grant.</p>

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ► See separate instructions.

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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

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

a	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations	e	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants
b	<input type="checkbox"/> Internet and e-mail solicitations	f	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants
c	<input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations	g	<input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events
d	<input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations		

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total						

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

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

		(a) Event #1 <u>Give Water Give Life Benefit</u> (event type)	(b) Event #2 <u>Carry 5 Seattle</u> (event type)	(c) Other Events <u>2</u> (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts . . .	468,242	39,584	80,178	588,004
	2 Less Charitable contributions . . .	412,242	35,584	54,378	502,204
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . .	56,000	4,000	25,800	85,800
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes . . .				
	5 Non-cash prizes . . .				
	6 Rent/facility costs . . .	2,119	605	5,513	8,237
	7 Food and beverages . . .	56,402		8,372	64,774
	8 Entertainment . . .	750	67	1,000	1,817
	9 Other direct expenses . .	13,020	1,729	3,516	18,265
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				93,093
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10.				-7,293

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses . . .				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column d, and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b If "No," Explain _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b If "Yes," Explain _____		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

	Yes	No
13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in	13a	13b
a The organization's facility
b An outside facility
14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records		
Name ►		
Address ►		
15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?	15a
b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____		
c If "Yes," enter name and address		
Name ►		
Address ►		
16 Gaming manager information		
Name ►		
Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____		
Description of services provided ►		
<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor
17 Mandatory distributions		
a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?	17a
b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

NonCash Contributions

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990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	1	25,285	Fair Market Value
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ►(_____)				
26 Other ►(_____)				
27 Other ►(_____)				
28 Other ►(_____)				
29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement			29	

	Yes	No
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?	30a	No
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?	31	Yes
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell non-cash contributions?	32a	No
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		

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.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
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**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990.**

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Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2		Family Relationship - Two of our board members are married
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		It is reviewed by the Executive Director and the treasurer (meeting in person) and by the finance committee of the board via email
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		All Water 1st employees and board members are covered under our conflict of interest policy. We must not only avoid actual conflicts of interest, but also avoid situations that may create any appearance that a conflict exists. Conflicts are determined at the board level and are reviewed by the board. Employees and board members have a duty to disclose any possible conflicts. After disclosure, the remaining Board shall decide by majority vote if a conflict of interest exists. These discussions and votes are recorded in written meeting minutes. We also have procedures if we find violations of our policy.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		The Executive Director is currently the only compensated officer in our organization. The Board governance committee undertakes an annual performance review, interviewing board and staff members for input. Compensation is partly based on this review. At the board's annual November meeting, the budget for the year is approved, including the compensation for the Executive Director. The Executive Director is not present for this discussion, nor does the Executive Director have a vote on this topic or any other board vote.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		Our audited financial statements are available on our website for download and upon request. All other documents, such as our governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and other documents of interest to our supporters are available upon request.