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InspectionForm **990-EZ****Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations 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 \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning**

, 2009, and ending

, 20

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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Instructions**C Name of organization**

Sister Connection

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

Room/suite

17470 W. Madison St

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

Goodyear, AZ 85338-6029

D Employer identification number

20-5680815

E Telephone number

623-882-1393

**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: ▶ sisterconnection.org**J Tax-exempt status** (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

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

K Check ▶ ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A
Form 990-EZ or Form 990 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 \$500,000 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	349422
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	105
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ▶ ☐		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c	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		
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8		
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8 ▶	9	349527	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	279494
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	5760
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	3911
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1082
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Attached)	16	62246
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	352493
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-2966
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (B); must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	84549
	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	81583

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 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	84549	22 81583
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		24
25 Total assets	84549	25 81583
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	84549	27 81583

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Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28	Sponsorship of widows and orphans to provide basic sustenance level of living. As of 12/31/09, a total of 357 widows and / households were sponsored.		
	(Grants \$ 126,155) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☒	28a	126155
29	Provide housing and critical needs (generally medical) for widows.		
	(Grants \$ 57,343) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☒	29a	57343
30	Constructed a facility to provide a gathering place for widows for training in micro-enterprise endeavors, nutritional skills, and trauma recovery seminars.		
	(Grants \$ 55,920) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☒	30a	55920
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$ 40,076) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☒	31a	40076
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	279494

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	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? 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 why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to 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 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets 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		
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 outstanding at the end 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 ► ; section 4912 ► ; section 4955 ►		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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	40b	✓
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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. ► Washington		
42a The organization's books are in care of ► Daniel A Kurtz Telephone no. ► 517-787-9265 Located at ► 3551 Timber Lane Drive, Jackson, MI 49203 ZIP + 4 ► 49203-3627		
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: ► Burundi 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: ► Burundi		
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 and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46–49b 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 | 46 | ☒ |
| 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | 47 | ☒ |
| 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | 48 | ☒ |
| 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? | 49a | ☒ |
| b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? | 49b | ☒ |
- 50** Complete this table for the organization's 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."

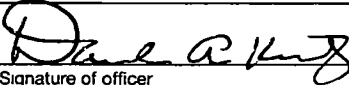
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

- 51** Complete this table for the organization's 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		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . ▶

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		Date 8/9/10	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Daniel A Kurtz - Treasurer Type or print name and title			
	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

Sister Connection

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Grants, Program Expenses and Other Expenses

Grants & Other Assistance - Program Expenses

Sponsorships	126,155	
Housing & critical needs for widows	57,343	
Facility for training, education	55,920	
Training, trauma recovery seminars	33,147	
Scholarships	6,000	Other programs 40,076
Animals for widows	929	

Total	<u>279,494</u>
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Wages for National Director	5,760
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Other Expenses

General office expenses	6,050
Travel	30,034
Conferences, meetings	750
Burundi national office expense	23,170
Wire transfer & donor credit card fees	<u>2,242</u>
	62,246

Postage, advertising & promotion	1,082
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Management fees	3,911
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352,493