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Form **990-EZ**

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

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

◆ 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.

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____ **and ending** _____

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <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 TRI-VALLEY CHARITIES	D Employer identification number 23-2272094
		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P.O. BOX 751	E Telephone number 570-682-3271
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 VALLEY VIEW PA 17983-0751	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).**

I Website: ◆ **N/A**

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — 501(c) (**3**) ◆ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ◆ _____

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. ◆ \$ **55,084**

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

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received																								34,856		
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																										
	3	Membership dues and assessments																										
	4	Investment income																								1,968		
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																										
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																										
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																										
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>																										
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)																								18,260		
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses																								2,899			
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)																								15,361			
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances																											
b	Less: cost of goods sold																											
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																											
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)																											
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8																								52,185			
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) STMT 1 STMT 2																								31,392			
11	Benefits paid to or for members																											
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits																											
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																								650			
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance																											
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping																								1,461			
16	Other expenses (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 3)																								100			
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 OGDEN, UT																								33,603			
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)																								18,582			
19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)																								124,700			
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)																											
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																								143,282			

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	143,400	164,019
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		
25	Total assets	143,400	164,019
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 4)	18,700	20,737
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	124,700	143,282

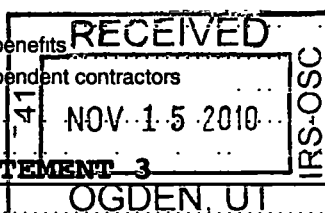
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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		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		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attached a conformed copy of the changes		X
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?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
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		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instr. ◆ 37a		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
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?		X
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		X
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		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ◆ PA		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ◆ LOIS A BENNICK Telephone no. ◆ 570-682-3271 101 E. MAPLE ST. Located at ◆ HEGINS, PA ZIP + 4 ◆ 17938		
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)?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ◆ _____		
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ◆ _____		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here ◆ <input type="checkbox"/> 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		X
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		X

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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		

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: *Lois A. Bennick* Date: 11-9-10
 Type or print name and title: Lois A. Bennick

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: *Doris J. Kalunowski* Date: 11/05/10 Check if self-employed:
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed): SPECHT & CO. Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr): P00142595
 address, and ZIP + 4: 126 NORTH GOODSRING ROAD EIN: 23-3055035
HEGINS, PA 17938 Phone no: 570-682-9721

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ♦	(a) 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.")	22,714	27,739	26,623	26,118	34,856	138,050
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	22,714	27,739	26,623	26,118	34,856	138,050
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)						131
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						137,919

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	22,714	27,739	26,623	26,118	34,856	138,050
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,569	3,317	7,062	4,083	1,968	17,999
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	20,252	17,136	20,321	21,481	18,260	97,450
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						253,499
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	97,450
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	54.41%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	52.58%
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3 % support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ◆	(a) 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 section 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. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME DETAIL

SPRING FLING GROSS INCOME \$ **97,450**

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	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		SPRING FLING (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	18,260			18,260
	2 Less: Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	18,260			18,260
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	2,899			2,899
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				2,899
11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				15,361	

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 Noncash 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 line 1, column d, and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities:

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?

b If "No," Explain:

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

b If "Yes," Explain:

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

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?

	Yes	No
9a		
10a		
11		
12		

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

a The organization's facility

b An outside facility

13a		%
13b		%

14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ♦ **LOIS A BENNICK**

101 E. MAPLE ST.

Address ♦ **HEGINS**

PA 17938

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

15a

X

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 of the third party:

Name ♦

Address ♦

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ♦

Gaming manager compensation ♦ \$

Description of services provided ♦

Director/officer Employee 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

X

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 ♦ \$

Federal Statements

Statement 1 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - Grants and Similar Amounts Paid to Individuals

Relationship to Organization	Date of Gift	Class of Activity Description of Property	Cash Contribution	Noncash Contribution	Book Value	Book Value Explanation	FMV Explanation
			10,655				
TOTAL			10,655				

Statement 2 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - Grants and Similar Amounts Paid to Organizations

Name and Address	Date of Gift	Description of Property	Class of Activity Cash Contribution	Noncash Contribution	Book Value	Book Value Explanation	FMV Explanation
			8,200				
TOTAL			8,200				

TRI-VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Statement 3 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

Description	Amount
EXPENSES	\$
REGISTRATION FEE	100
TOTAL	\$ 100

Statement 4 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Total Liabilities

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	\$ 18,700	\$ 20,737
	18,700	20,737

Federal Statements**Statement 5 - Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments****Description**

PROGRAM SERVICE ACTIVITIES - OTHER GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS	
1. TRI-VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$8,200
2. SCHUYLKILL COUNTY AMERICAN RED CROSS	1,900
3. CEREBRAL PALSY OF SCHUYLKILL COUNTY	1,900
4. SCHUYLKILL CNTY SOCIETY OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN	1,900
5. TRI-VALLEY DAY CARE	1,900
6. TRI-VALLEY VOLUNTEER HOME CARE	1,900
7. BOY SCOUTS	2,236
8. GIRL SCOUTS	800
TOTAL	\$20,736