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Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.*

OMB No 1545-1150

2009

Open to Public Inspection

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

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

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

C Name of organization
MIDWEST FURNITURE CLUB

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
2007 ROYAL RIDGE DRIVE

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
NORTHBROOK, IL 60062

D Employer identification number
26-1878903

E Telephone number
(312) 810-4772

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: ▶ N/A

J Tax-Exempt status (check only one)— ☑ 501(c) (6) ◀(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 ▶ $ 177,109

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	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	164,764
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	12,345
	4	Investment income		4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0	
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		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	0	
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0	
	c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)		6c	0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
	b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	0	
	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	177,109
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)		10	5,000
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	7,850
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶)		16	152,581
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17	165,431
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	11,678
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19	42,289
	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	53,967

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	42,289	22	49,254
23	Land and buildings		23	
24	Other assets (describe ▶)		24	4,713
25	**Total assets**	42,289	25	53,967
26	**Total liabilities** (describe ▶)		26	
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	42,289	27	53,967

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
THE MIDWEST FURNITUERE CLUB WAS FORMED TO DEVELOP AND PROVIDE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO ASSIST ITS MEMBERS TO COMPETE SUCCESSFULLY IN THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INCLUDE NETWORKING FORUMS, AN ANNUAL FURNITURE SHOW, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, INDUSTRY INFORMATION SERVICES, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, MARKETING MANAGEMENT AMD OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SUPPLIER AND RETAILER RELATIONS

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 THE ORGANIZATION HOLDS VARIOUS SOCIAL EVENTS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE GOODWILL AND FOSTER BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ORGANIZATION (Grants $ 18,566) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**28a**		
29 THE ORGANIZATION OPERATES A TRADE SHOW ANNUALLY THE EXPENSES PAID BY THE ORGANIZATION ARE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOW THE SHOW IS HELD ANNUALLY TO ALLOW ITS MEMBERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIEW THE NEWEST PRODUCTS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FURNITURE INDUSTRY AND TO NETWORK WITH THE VARIOUS EXHIBITORS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO COMPETE FAVORABLY IN THE INDUSTRY (Grants $ 123,936) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**29a**		
30 (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**30a**		
31 Other program services (attach schedule) . . . . . (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	**31a**		
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . . . ▶	**32**	142,502	

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV)

(a) Name and address	**(b)** Title and average hours per week devoted to position	**(c)** Compensation **(If not paid, enter -0-.)**	**(d)** Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	**(e)** Expense account and other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

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		No
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		No
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but **not** reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining 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		No
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		No
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		No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee **or** were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b			
39	*Section 501(c)(7) organizations.* Enter			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a 0			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b 0			
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		No

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ _____

42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ ROBERT CREMER Telephone no ▶ (312) 810-4772

Located at ▶ 2007 ROYAL RIDGE DRIVE NORTHBROOK, IL ZIP + 4 ▶ 60062

			Yes	No
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?	42c		No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ _____			

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43

			Yes	No
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? *If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.*	44		No
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? *If "Yes", Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.*	45		No

Part VI **Section 501(c)(3) organizations 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		
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		
48	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? *If "Yes," complete Schedule E*		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		
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				

50(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		

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

Please Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge

****** — Signature of officer — 2010-08-13 — Date

ROBERT CREMER Treasurer — Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-empolyed ▶ ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See instructions)
Alan Shapiro			

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Shapiro Olefsky & Co CPAs, 425 Huehl Ste 12A, Northbrook, IL 60062

EIN ▶

Phone no ▶ (847) 564-4111

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 26-1878903
Name: MIDWEST FURNITURE CLUB

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

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
MIKE ZIERK 1 S 638 VERDUN ROAD WINFIELD,IL 60190	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
TED WEISBACH PO BOX 5345 BUFFALO GROVE,IL 60089	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
JUDY WALSH 2800 N 73RD COURT APT 1B ELMWOOD PARK,IL 60707	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
ARTHUR SERCK 336 BRASSWOOD DRIVE NORTHBROOK,IL 60062	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
ANGUS SEARS 2407 N TEDY ROUND LAKE BEACH,IL 60073	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
SHERWIN RICE 175 LAKE BOULEVARD APT 359 BUFFALO GROVE,IL 60089	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
VINCENT MORREALE 336 WELLINGTON AVE 1103 CHICAGO,IL 60657	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
MICHAEL MORE 560 THORNMEADOW RDAD RIVERWOODS,IL 60015	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
MIKE MACKEY 120 PUEBLO COURT FRANKFORT,IL 60423	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
BOB JONES 1640 PEBBLE CREEK MORRIS,IL 60450	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
HANK HOLSTE 25329 EDWARD LANE BARRINGTON,IL 60010	BOARD MEMEBER 1 00	0		
JAY HOGG 1503 LAUREL COURT SLEEPY HOLLOW,IL 60118	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
JERRY DIVINCEN 24323 TURNBERRRY COURT NAPERVILLE,IL 60564	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
DAVID CRIBBS 4507 THORNBURY DRIVE E VALPARAISO,IN 46383	BOARD MEMEBER 1 00	0		
BRAD COFOID 2847 N 73RD COURT ELMWOOD PARK,IL 60707	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
DOUG BERRY 1440 N KINGSBURY STSUITE 225 CHICAGO,IL 60622	BOARD MEMBER 1 00	0		
ROBERT CREMER 2007 ROYAL RIDGE DRIVE NORTHBROOK,IL 60062	Treasurer 10 00	0		
MITCH SIMON 1719 BEACHVIEW COURT CROWN POINT,IN 46307	Secretary 2 00	0		
GEOFF WEED 1810 W SCHOOL STREET CHICAGO,IL 60657	President 2 00	0		
JIM COOKE 775 BONNIE BRAE COURT BOLINGBROOK,IL 60440	Chairman 2 00	0		

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TY 2009 Grants and Similar Amounts Paid Schedule

Name: MIDWEST FURNITURE CLUB
EIN: 26-1878903
Software ID: 09000047
Software Version: 2009v1.3

Item No.	1
Class of Activity	ON GOING PROGRAMS
Donee's Name	ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL SCHOOL
Donee's Address	3730 N OAKLEY AVENUE C HICAGO, IL 60618
Amount (FMV)	3,500
Purpose of Payment to Affiliate	
Relationship	NONE
Description	
Book Value	
How BV Determined	
How FMV Determined	
Date of Gift	

Item No.	2
Class of Activity	ON GOING PROGRAMS
Donee's Name	MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ASSOCIATION
Donee's Address	3300 E SUNRISE DRIVE TUCSON, AZ 85718
Amount (FMV)	1,500
Purpose of Payment to Affiliate	
Relationship	NONE
Description	
Book Value	
How BV Determined	
How FMV Determined	
Date of Gift	

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TY 2009 Other Assets Schedule

Name: MIDWEST FURNITURE CLUB
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Description	Beginning of Year Amount	End of Year Amount
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges		4,713

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TY 2009 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: MIDWEST FURNITURE CLUB
EIN: 26-1878903
Software ID: 09000047
Software Version: 2009v1.3

Description	Amount
WEBSITE FEES	1,781
Travel	500
Office Expenses	5,117
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION DUES	567
MEMBERSHIP PARTY EXPENSES	18,566
MEETINGS & CONFERENCES	2,101
FURNITURE SHOW EXPENSES	123,936
FEES & PERMITS	13