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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

Open to Public  
Inspection

► 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  
Address change  
Name change  
Initial return  
Terminated  
Amended return  
Application pending

C Name of organization

Illinois Stewardship Alliance

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

401 W. Jackson Parkway

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

Springfield, IL 62704

D Employer identification number

37-6160476

E Telephone number

217-528-1563

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: ► [ilstewards.org](http://ilstewards.org)J Tax-exempt status (check only one) —  501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527H Check ►  if the organization is not

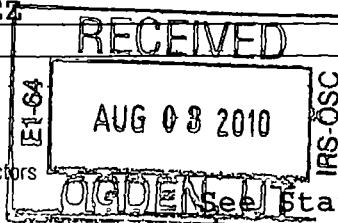
required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

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 ► \$ 175,807.

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

1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	119,863.
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	28,875.
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	4,506.
4	Investment income	4	1,061.
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>	6a	17,957.
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6b	1,722.
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6c	16,235.
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	7a	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7b	
b	Less: cost of goods sold	7c	
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	8	3,545.
8	Other revenue (describe ► <u>Other income-EZ</u> )	9	174,085.
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	RECEIVED	
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	61,952.
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,770.
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	10,985.
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	5,466.
16	Other expenses (describe ► <u>Other expenses-EZ</u> )	16	55,831.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	136,004.
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	38,081.
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	29,800.
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	67,881.

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	31,432.22	68,446.
23	23	
24	1,873.24	1,166.
25	33,305.25	69,612.
26	3,505.26	1,731.
27	29,800.27	67,881.

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

## Expenses

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? See Statement 4

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

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 Illinois Stewardship Alliance provides a sustainable agriculture program through research and education on agricultural policies and procedures.

(Grants \$  ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

1

134, 234.

29

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ►

30 [www.english-test.net/vocabulary/irregular\\_verbs/](http://www.english-test.net/vocabulary/irregular_verbs/)

(Grants \$  ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

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**31 Other program services (attach schedule)**

(Grants \$  ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

**32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)**

1000

134-234.

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

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

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity  
 34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes  
 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.

Yes	No
33	X
34	X

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?  
 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 Sch. N

35a	X
35b	N/A

37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ► 37a | 0.  
 b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?

36	X
37b	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?

38a	X
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b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved

38b | N/A

39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:

39a | N/A

39b | N/A

40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:

38b	N/A
39a	N/A

39b	N/A
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40a	0.
40b	X

40b	X
40c	0.

40c	0.
40d	X

40d	X
40e	X

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

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ► IL

42a The organization's books are in care of ► The Organization Telephone no. ► 217-528-1563  
 Located at ► 401 W. Jackson Parkway, Springfield, IL ZIP + 4 ► 62704

Yes	No
42b	X

42c	X
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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	X
42c	X

42c	X
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42c	X
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42c	X
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42c	X
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c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	X

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ►

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	X

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ►

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	X

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 | N/A

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	X

44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	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

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	X

42c	X
42c	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.

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

Yes	No
46	X
47	X
48	X
49a	X
49b	

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

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>NONE</b>	(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

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."

**NONE**

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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	7/29/10 Date

► <u>Lindsay Record Executive Director</u> Type or print name and title	
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Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	7-15-10	Check if self-employed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (See instr.)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed, address, and ZIP + 4) ► <u>Allen K. Murphy CPA</u> 1307 S. Seventh Street Springfield, IL 62703	EIN ►	Phone no.	(217) 544-2120	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

►  Yes  No

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**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.

**Name of the organization**

**Employer identification number**

37-6160476

## Illinois Stewardship Alliance

37-6160476

**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	<input type="checkbox"/>	A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
4	<input type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	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	<input type="checkbox"/>	An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

	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		
Total							

Total

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

**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")	298,734.	159,163.	168,316.	82,945.	124,369.	833,527.
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	298,734.	159,163.	168,316.	82,945.	124,369.	833,527.
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)						89,106.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						744,421.

**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	298,734.	159,163.	168,316.	82,945.	124,369.	833,527.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	567.	922.	860.	612.	1,061.	4,022.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)				5,835.	21,502.	27,337.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						864,886.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	33,665.
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	86.07	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	96.50	%
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						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (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>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> 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)						
<b>13 Total support</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						
<b>14 First five years.</b> 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**

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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

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Illinois Stewardship Alliance

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Form 990-EZ

Other Assets

Statement 1

Description	Beg. of Year	End of Year
Other assets-EZ	367.	1,031.
Other Depreciable Assets	1,506.	135.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 24	1,873.	1,166.

Form 990-EZ

Occupancy, Rent, Utilities and Maintenance

Statement 2

Description	Amount
Depreciation	1,371.
Other Expenses	9,614.
Total to Form 990-EZ, line 14	10,985.

FORM 990-EZ

Information Regarding Transfers  
Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

Statement 3

A) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . . [ ] Yes [X] No

B) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . [ ] Yes [X] No

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