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Form **990-EZ****Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

Please
use IRS
label or
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See
Specific
Instruc-
tions.**C** Name of organization

Utopia Foundation, Inc.

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

111 Cass Street

Room/suite

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

Traverse City, MI 49684-2601

D Employer identification number

52-2392335

E Telephone number

231-929-4500

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: ► www.utopiafound.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 ► \$ **86,232****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	86,195
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	37
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost of other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	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	Gross revenue (including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
6c	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		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	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	86,232	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	10,000
	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	55,410
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,969
	16	Other expenses (describe ► <u>Schedule attached</u>)	16	5,215
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	72,594	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	13,638
	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	94,537
	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	108,175

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	94,362	111,138
23 Land and buildings	0	0
24 Other assets (describe ► <u>Accounts and microloans receivable</u>)	175	2,037
25 Total assets	94,537	113,175
26 Total liabilities (describe ► <u>Accounts payable</u>)	0	5,000
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	94,537	108,175

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Expenses

Statement Attached

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

28	Provide assistance for livelihood/economic development and society activities through microlending and business development programs addressing the needs of low-income individuals in Northwest Michigan and developing nations. It is estimated that 210 people were benefited in 2009. (Grants \$ 9,000) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	69,363
29	Corporate Leadership and Sustainability Summit. A two day event to provide an opportunity for business and nonprofit leaders to learn of methods to enhance their ability to do good in the world community and achieve sustainability. This 200 program was suspended in 2009 due to inability to find a sponsor and director. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	1,510
30	To underwrite two months rent for Kids Link Orphanage in Chudleigh, LUSAKA, Zambia. The program benefited 15 orphans. (Grants \$ 1,000) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30a	1,040
31	Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) ▶	32	71,913

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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 ▶ 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Michigan		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Alan Olson Telephone no. ▶ 231-929-4500 Located at ▶ 111 Cass St., Traverse City, MI ZIP + 4 ▶ 49684-2601		
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)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

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."

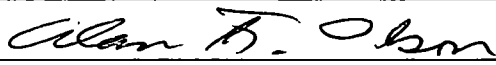
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

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		4-30-2010 Date	
	Alan F. Olson, Treasurer Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	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

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

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Employer identification number

Utopia Foundation, Inc

52 : 2392335

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 described in **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 33⅓ % 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 33⅓ % 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.
 - a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III—Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III—Other
 - 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?

	Yes	No
(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 supported organization?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	
 - h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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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.")			105,426	145,631	86,195	337,252
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			105,426	145,631	86,195	337,252
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)						310,952
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						26,299

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			105,426	145,631	86,195	337,252
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
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.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						337,252
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	15,878
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 checked="" 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	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33⅓% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33⅓% support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% 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"/>		

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

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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PAGE 1, LINE 10, gRANTS AND SIMILAR AMOUNTS PAID

Grants in excess of \$5,000:

**Class of activity – To provide resources and training to individuals through microloans to enable success and self
sufficiency.**

Grantee's Name & Address

Friendship Bridge, 405 Urban St. Ste. 140, Lakewood, CO 80228

Amount given - \$9,000 cash

Relationship of the grantee – the grantee is not related.

PAGE 1, LINE 16, oTHER EXPENSES

Michigan non-profit filing fee 20

Outside contractor expenses 2,004

Public relations 551

Web site design and maintenance 2,220

Bank and credit card fees 60

Conference and meetings 360

Total 5,215

PAGE 2, PART III

**The primary purpose of the Foundation is to receive and administer funds for helping people
express their good intentions through projects that have deep, sustainable, long-term impact
designed to help those most in need.**

PAGE 3 PART V, LINE 1 ACTIVITIES NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

**During the year the Foundation entered into a program which is designed to provide assistance for livelihood and
economic development and society activities through micro lending and business development programs
addressing the needs of low-income individuals in Northwest Michigan and developing nations. The individuals
and small businesses participating in the program will be expected to participate in educational activities which
will increase the chance of succeeding in their chosen activity.**

Name of the organization

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The activities in Michigan will be directly through the Foundation and the developing nation activities will be through association with 501 (c) (3) organizations in the United States that have activities in the foreign nations which fit the objectives outlined above.

PAGE 3, PART V, QUESTION 35

The amounts reported on line 2 as income represent accrued interest on microloans issued under the program providing assistance to low income persons.