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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**Open to Public Inspection**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	<table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.</td> <td>C Name of organization Try Beta Foundation Inc C/O Cindy Wright</td> <td>D Employer identification number 75-3030386</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) 3302 Lonergan Dr</td> <td>E Telephone number 815-387-2418</td> </tr> <tr> <td>City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Rockford IL 61109</td> <td>F Group Exemption Number</td> </tr> </table>	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization Try Beta Foundation Inc C/O Cindy Wright	D Employer identification number 75-3030386	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) 3302 Lonergan Dr	E Telephone number 815-387-2418	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Rockford IL 61109	F Group Exemption Number
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• 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) (3) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

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 ▶ \$ 36,364

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	800
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	53
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less cost or 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"/>	6	
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	35,511
	6b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	13,545
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	21,966	
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	22,819	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	22,500
	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	280
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 2)	16	433
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	23,213
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-394
	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	374
	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	-20

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

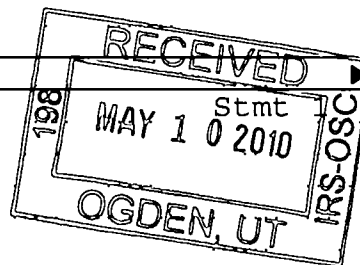
(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	374	22
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ▶)		24
25 Total assets	374	25 0
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ See Statement 3)	0	26 20
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	374	27 -20

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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?

Charitable giving

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, or other relevant information for each program title.

28 Provides grants to fifteen different charitable organizations located in the Rockford area.

(Grants \$ 22,500) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐

28a

22,500

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

29a

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(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

22,500

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
Roger Becknell	Rockford	Treasurer			
2592 Tanglewood Lane	IL 61114		0	0	0
Randy Krup	Rockford	Director			
1125 Raliroad Ave	IL 61104		0	0	0
Frank Reichert	Rockford	Director			
5944 Creekside Lane	IL 61114		0	0	0
Gary Askegaard	Rockford	President			
3500 Enterprise Drive	IL 61109		0	0	0
Al Bielke	Cherry Valley	Director			
5375 Rotary Road	IL 61016		0	0	0
El Dyre	Rockford	Director			
1571 Corona Road	IL 61108		0	0	0
Philip Eaton	Belvidere	Director			
1085 Brandywine Drive	IL 61008		0	0	0
Bill Geist	Belvidere	Vice Pres			
8075 Hickory Trail	IL 61008		0	0	0
Tom Herdklotz	Rockford	Director			
2003 Birchwood Drive	IL 61107		0	0	0
Bill Hoelting	Rockford	Director			
1301 Red Oak Lane	IL 61107		0	0	0
Ron Sjedín	Rockford	Director			
4651 Governors Drive	IL 61109		0	0	0
Scott Twigg	Rockton	Secretary			
14998 Zahm Road	IL 61072		0	0	0
Steve Elrick	Roscoe	Director			
11846 Waxwing Court	IL 61073		0	0	0
Dar Guler	Rockford	Director			
1129 Northcrest Drive	IL 61107		0	0	0

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		
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		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911		
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		
42a The organization's books are in care of		
Located at		
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 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year		
Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
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		X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
49b 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."

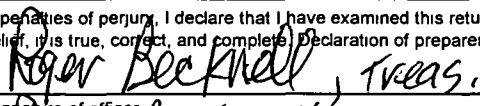
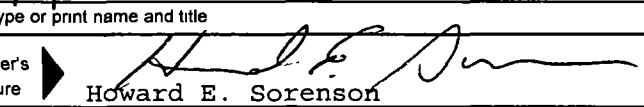
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

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 Date <u>5/4/10</u>		Type or print name and title Date <u>04/19/10</u>	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature 	Date <u>04/19/10</u>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.) <u>P00547810</u>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 <u>LINDSTROM, SORENSON & ASSOCIATES, LLP</u> <u>3815 N MULFORD RD</u> <u>ROCKFORD, IL 61114</u>			EIN <u>36-2788327</u>
				Phone no <u>815-282-1288</u>
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.")						
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						
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)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

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						
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						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
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	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
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 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.")	53,085	48	610		800	54,543
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	28,640	27,271	32,779	34,724	35,511	158,925
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	81,725	27,319	33,389	34,724	36,311	213,468
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	23,640	22,271	27,779	29,724	30,511	133,925
c Add lines 7a and 7b	23,640	22,271	27,779	29,724	30,511	133,925
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						79,543

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	81,725	27,319	33,389	34,724	36,311	213,468
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	97	153	259	96	53	658
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	97	153	259	96	53	658
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	
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.)	81,822	27,472	33,648	34,820	36,364	214,126

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	37.15%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	37.60%

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.

Federal Statements

Statement 1 - 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		Noncash Contribution	Book Value	Book Value Explanation	FMV Explanation
			Cash Contribution					
Rosecrance Foundation 3815 Harrison Ave Rockford, IL 61108			6,500					
Total			6,500					

Federal Statements

Statement 2 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses

Description	Amount
Expenses	\$
Printing	368
State Filing	25
Bank Fee	40
Total	\$ 433

Statement 3 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Total Liabilities

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Disb in Excess of Cash	\$	\$ 20
		20