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Form **990-EZ**

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009

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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 **January 1**, 2009, and ending **December 31**, 20 **09**

B Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <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 The Shannon Foundation		D Employer identification number 84-1284718
		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1624 Market Street 302		E Telephone number 303-436-1224
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Denver, CO 80202		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.theshannonfoundation.com

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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 ▶ \$

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	42,352.00
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	80.23
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
		Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
		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"/>		
		a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b		
	c 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		
	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
	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	42,432.23	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	38,101.28
	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	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ _____)	16	
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ▶	17	38,101.28	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	4,330.95
	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	28,396.76
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	(1,089.00)
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶	21	31,638.71

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	28,396.76	22 31,638.71
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		24
25 Total assets.	28,396.76	25 31,638.71
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	-	26 -
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	28,396.76	27 31,638.71

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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		✓
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.		
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 Schedule N		✓
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?		✓
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?		✓
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 ▶ -0- ; section 4912 ▶ -0- ; section 4955 ▶ -0-		
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		✓
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-		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ -0-		
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. ▶ N/A		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Fritz L. Fisher Telephone no. ▶ 303-436-1224 Located at ▶ 1624 Market Street, Denver, Colorado ZIP + 4 ▶ 80202		
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)?	Yes	No
42b			✓
	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.?		✓
	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		✓
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		✓

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 ▶ -0-


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 . . . ▶ -0-

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.

Sign Here

▶  Date 4-17-10

▶ **Fritz L. Fisher, President**

▶ Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature ▶ _____ Date _____ Check if self-employed

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ _____ Preparer's identifying number (See instructions) _____

EIN ▶ _____ Phone no. ▶ _____

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.")						
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.")	18,450	29,640	45,355	51,105	42,352	186,902
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	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	18,450	29,640	45,355	51,105	42,352	186,902
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	4,450	5,290	8,010	7,075	9,102	33,927
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	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
c Add lines 7a and 7b	4,450	5,290	8,010	7,075	9,102	152,975
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	18,450	29,640	45,355	51,105	42,352	186,902
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	204	366	1,055	113	80	1,818
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
c Add lines 10a and 10b	204	366	1,055	113	80	1,818
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	18,654	30,006	46,410	51,218	42,432	188,720
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 ▶ <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	81.06 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	76.5 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.963 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.0098 %

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.

Area with horizontal dashed lines for supplemental information.

Schedule to Form 990-EZ (2009)
(Part I, Line 10 and Part III)

2009 Disbursements

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-6-09	Nicole Mwakamui	\$70.00
3-12-09	Nicole Mwakamui	\$140.00
4-14-09	Nicole Mwakamui	\$70.00
5-21-09	Nicole Mwakamui	\$70.00
7-9-09	Nicole Mwakamui	\$140.00
8-17-09	Nicole Mwakamui	\$70.00
10-1-09	Nicole Mwakamui	\$140.00
12-28-09	Nicole Mwakamui	\$70.00
1-8-09	Jose Otero	\$103.54
4-20-09	Jose Otero	\$103.54
5-12-09	Jose Otero	\$103.54
6-17-09	Jose Otero	\$103.54
7-30-09	Jose Otero	\$103.54
9-4-09	Jose Otero	\$103.41
1-13-09	John Tsilimos	\$189.00
1-13-09	Victor Arellano	\$135.00
3-11-09	Victor Arellano	\$240.00
1-13-09	Kelsie Jeffords	\$169.59
2-16-09	Kelsie Jeffords	\$130.41
1-16-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
2-16-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
3-19-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
4-16-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
6-17-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
7-10-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
8-17-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
9-22-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
10-22-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
11-16-09	Alexis Aguilar	\$450.00
1-19-09	Scott Knapp	\$195.00
2-18-09	Scott Knapp	\$195.00
5-1-09	Scott Knapp	\$185.00
6-3-09	Scott Knapp	\$185.00
7-30-09	Scott Knapp	\$235.00
9-22-09	Scott Knapp	\$235.00
10-22-09	Scott Knapp	\$235.00
1-23-09	Christopher Cody Reed	\$250.00

3-30-09	Christopher Cody Reed	\$500.00
4-15-09	Christopher Cody Reed	\$250.00
5-14-09	Christopher Cody Reed	\$250.00
1-29-09	Shannon Goodnight	\$90.00
4-24-09	Shannon Goodnight	\$90.00
7-7-09	Shannon Goodnight	\$70.00
8-25-09	Shannon Goodnight	\$74.96
9-28-09	Shannon Goodnight	\$90.00
11-13-09	Shannon Goodnight	\$90.00
12-28-09	Shannon Goodnight	\$90.00
2-4-09	Angela Rembert	\$145.00
4-14-09	Angela Rembert	\$145.00
6-25-09	Angela Rembert	\$145.00
8-24-09	Angela Rembert	\$185.00
10-22-09	Angela Rembert	\$185.00
2-4-09	Brooke Beverly	\$380.00
3-30-09	Brooke Beverly	\$380.00
5-19-09	Brooke Beverly	\$104.00
7-30-09	Brooke Beverly	\$470.00
9-2-09	Brooke Beverly	\$470.00
10-22-09	Brooke Beverly	\$470.00
2-18-09	Diego Zuniga	\$75.00
2-19-09	Earnest Alexander	\$92.92
3-31-09	Earnest Alexander	\$46.44
5-19-09	Earnest Alexander	\$46.44
6-23-09	Earnest Alexander	\$46.44
12-22-09	Earnest Alexander	\$45.00
2-19-09	Carson Lane	\$102.00
2-26-09	Rachel Cirelli	\$419.32
3-19-09	Rachel Cirelli	\$143.12
2-26-09	Samuel Dworning	\$560.00
4-1-09	Samuel Dworning	\$560.00
3-2-09	Leila Garcia	\$84.00
3-30-09	Leila Garcia	\$58.00
5-1-09	Leila Garcia	\$57.70
5-19-09	Leila Garcia	\$108.92
3-13-09	Luke Smith	\$1,246.74
[NOTE : This check for \$1,246.74 was refunded by Rite-Aid, so this amount has not been included in the total disbursements for 2009.]		
3-19-09	Hayley Edwards	\$183.09
3-19-09	Hayley Edwards	\$1,269.89
4-2-09	Jie Hong	\$1,110.00
7-20-09	Jie Hong	\$1,110.00
9-22-09	Jie Hong	\$370.00
4-20-09	Christian Reynoso	\$467.74
4-20-09	Kevin Gonzalez	\$235.00

4-21-09	Jaden Chambres	\$471.00
5-14-09	Jaden Chambres	\$471.00
6-17-09	Jaden Chambres	\$471.00
4-29-09	Nicholas Conlan	\$555.00
6-10-09	Nicholas Conlan	\$555.00
7-21-09	Nicholas Conlan	\$555.00
9-22-09	Nicholas Conlan	\$555.00
11-24-09	Nicholas Conlan	\$555.00
5-19-09	Amaya Jones	\$2,500.00
7-7-09	Shyla McCray	\$264.00
8-17-09	Shyla McCray	\$264.00
9-2-09	Shyla McCray	\$264.00
7-8-09	Caleb and Jacob Walle	\$705.00
9-22-09	Caleb and Jacob Walle	\$705.00
7-10-09	Noel Nunez-Flores	\$370.00
7-20-09	Leonardo D. Rodriguez	\$1,109.00
7-30-09	Michael Hardy	\$500.00
7-30-09	Anthea Xenakis	\$250.00
8-17-09	Giovanni Parra	\$370.00
10-22-09	Giovanni Parra	\$185.00
8-24-09	Ayotide Bello	\$1,600.00
8-28-09	Jose I. Gonzalez	\$63.50
9-24-09	Jose I. Gonzalez	\$22.75
10-22-09	Jose I. Gonzalez	\$22.75
11-19-09	Jose I. Gonzalez	\$31.75
8-19-09	Calea Conlee	\$2,096.91
9-28-09	Carlos Hernandez	\$195.00
10-22-09	Tyler Baker	\$470.00
11-2-09	Austin Hill	\$42.93
11-6-09	Jaqueline Martinez-Delgado	\$180.00
11-23-09	Francesca Lista	\$426.60
11-23-09	Maia and Sephora Miller	\$940.00

Total:		\$38,101.28
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Schedule to Form 990-EZ (2009)
(Part I, Line 20)

The amount in Part I, Line 20 is comprised of the difference (\$1,089.00) between the value of stock contributed to the foundation on August 13, 2009 (\$5,732) and the value of that stock on December 31, 2009 (\$4,643).

The net effect of these this item was to decrease the foundation's assets by \$1,089.00.

SCHEDULE TO FORM 990-EZ (2009) - PART III

*The
Shannon
Foundation*

Helping to fund necessary medical care for children in need

THIS COPY OF THE FOUNDATION'S
2009 ANNUAL LETTER TO
CONTRIBUTORS SHOWS GENERALLY
HOW FUNDS WERE SPENT IN 2009

November 9, 2009

Dear Family and Friends:

I would like to introduce you to Jaden, a one year-old boy who lives in Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. When only an infant, Jaden was diagnosed with bilateral retinoblastoma – cancerous tumors in both eyes. This condition not only causes blindness, but is also life-threatening. The treatment formulated by Jaden's doctors in an effort to save his eyes included administering a series of chemotherapy injections in both eyes. Neither of Jaden's parents are employed, and his only health insurance is through Pennsylvania Medicaid. Medicaid classifies the chemotherapy injections as experimental and would not pay for them. As you can imagine, Jaden's



parents were devastated when it appeared that their inability to pay for the expensive injections would mean that their son would not receive the necessary treatment. That's when the social workers at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia contacted The Shannon Foundation. Through funding by The Shannon Foundation, Jaden has received the chemotherapy injections and his parents are optimistic that he will enjoy normal eyesight. Please take a moment to read the enclosed letter from Jaden's mother -- there is no better way for me to convey to you how badly some kids need help in obtaining medical care, and how much of a difference your contributions can make.

The Shannon Foundation is a non-profit organization that I formed in September of 1994. It is named after my daughter, Shannon, who passed away as an infant in 1993. The purpose of the Foundation is to help pay for the medical care and related expenses of sick children from families in need.

The Shannon Foundation has received section 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service, so donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. One of the most important aspects of The Shannon Foundation is that, unlike most charities, 100% of the donations it receives (other

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than those that are specifically earmarked by the donors for the Foundation's endowment) are used for charitable disbursement; no portion of its revenues are used for administrative or any other purposes. For boys and girls like Jaden, your contributions to The Shannon Foundation can make a world of difference. You can learn more about the Foundation by visiting its website, at www.theshannonfoundation.com.

I am sending this letter to ask you to help us in our efforts to bring medical care to needy kids. Every week, I receive requests from social workers around the country, asking the Foundation to help out kids who aren't receiving necessary medical care because they can't afford to pay for it. Kids like Jaden. There are countless kids living right here in the United States who are not receiving the medical care that they need. If someone doesn't step up to help these kids, they simply won't receive that medical care.

For those of you who have contributed to The Shannon Foundation in the past, thank you so much. I hope that this letter lets you see that your contributions have been put to good use.

Recent Foundation Disbursements

Here are some of the other kids, in addition to Jaden, whom The Shannon Foundation has helped over the past year:

- Calca is an 11 year-old girl who lives in Bunker Hill, Illinois. She has had impaired hearing since she was a young child and she has worn hearing aids since she was three. She currently wears the highest power hearing aids available, but her hearing loss has progressed so far that they are not adequate to allow her to hear speech sounds well enough to understand spoken words clearly. This is negatively impacting her speech, language and communication skills, and therefore her academic development. The doctors have recommended cochlear implants, which have proved quite successful for similar patients. The family's medical insurance would not, however, cover the entire cost of the surgery, leaving a payment gap that the family could not bridge. Calca's mother and father, who both work full-time in low-paying jobs, explored every possible source of funding to pay the excess cost of the surgery. After the family was unable to find the needed funds from any other source, The Shannon Foundation agreed to pay the excess cost, allowing Calca to get the cochlear implants.
- Scott is a five year-old boy from Port Crane, New York who has intractable epilepsy. The Foundation has continued to pay for his expensive medication, Frisium, which is not covered by his family's insurance but without which his seizures are totally debilitating and damaging to his brain. As you can see from the enclosed letter from Scott's mom, this assistance has made a big difference to Scott and his family.
- Nicholas is a nine year-old boy who lives with his mother and two sisters in Otsville, Pennsylvania. He has cerebral palsy and several other severe physical problems. His

mother cannot work, because Nicholas requires constant care. The Foundation has been paying for Vigabatrin, which is the only medication that can control Nicholas' frequent seizures. The family qualifies for Medicaid coverage, but Medicaid will not pay for this medication because it has not yet been approved by the FDA.

- Victor is an 11 year-old boy in Boulder, Colorado who has been diagnosed with acute lymphoid leukemia. The Foundation has been paying the co-pays for his numerous oncology clinic visits for his chemotherapy infusions.
- Jie is a 12 year-old boy in Chicago, Illinois who has epilepsy, tuberous sclerosis and pervasive developmental disorder. His frequent seizures can only be controlled by Vigabatrin, but his family cannot afford the cost of this medication, so the Foundation has been paying the cost of Jie's medication.
- The Foundation has been paying the cost of medication for Shyla, a one year-old girl in Trenton, New Jersey who has epilepsy and tuberous sclerosis. Her mother is a single parent who is unable to work because of Shyla's complex medical needs. Shyla's frequent seizures can only be controlled by Vigabatrin, but her mother's health insurance will not cover this medication because it is not FDA-approved, and her mother cannot afford the cost.
- Leonardo is a nine year-old boy in Austin, Texas whose family is very poor. The Foundation paid for the extensive dental care that he needed, because his family could not afford it.
- Kelsie is a five year-old girl in Boulder, Colorado who has cystic fibrosis. The Foundation has been paying the co-pays for her medication. The family couldn't afford the co-pays; Kelsie's father just lost his job and her mother, who is legally blind, cannot work.
- Leila is a three year-old girl in Oak Park, Illinois who suffers from quadriplegia, seizure disorder and developmental delays. The Foundation has been paying the costs for some of her extensive medications.
- The Foundation has been paying the cost of medication for Caleb and Jacob, eight year-old twin boys in Spring Hill, Florida who have developmental delays, uncontrolled seizures, respiratory system disease and other physical problems. Their father is a single parent who also cares for their 10 year-old brother and five year-old sister. Their seizures can only be controlled by Clobazam, but the family's health insurance will not cover this medication, and the twins' father cannot afford the cost.
- The Foundation has been paying the monthly health insurance premiums for Jose, a six year-old boy in Denver, Colorado, who has spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy. His mother, who is a single parent of four children, works evenings at a restaurant.

and can't afford Jose's health insurance. Without this health insurance, Jose cannot receive the medical care that he needs.

- Alexis is a 13 year-old boy from Aurora, Colorado who has cystic fibrosis. The Foundation is helping his family with the cost of special formula that he needs.
- The Foundation has paid the expensive co-pays for medication for Christian, an 11 year-old boy in Long Branch, New Jersey. When Christian was diagnosed with primary ciliary dyskinesia, a serious respiratory disease, his family could not afford the co-pays, partly because Christian's younger brother also has serious medical issues that require extensive treatment.
- Hayley is a five year-old quadriplegic girl who lives with her grandparents in Tinley Park, Illinois. The Foundation paid the uninsured portion of the cost of the needed removal of Hayley's tonsils and adenoids, because her grandparents could not afford the required payment.
- The Foundation paid the cost of antibiotics for Carson, a two year-old boy who lives in Covington, Kentucky. The family could not afford the cost of the medication, which was needed to treat Carson's bacterial infection.
- The Foundation paid the cost of a dental consultation for Diego, a four year-old boy in New Egypt, New Jersey, who has been diagnosed with autism, sepsis, acute respiratory distress syndrome and severe combined immunodeficiency syndrome. Diego's family could not afford the cost of the consultation, which was necessary because Diego's medical issues make it necessary to perform his needed dental work under general anesthesia.
- John, who is a three year-old boy in Broadview Heights, Ohio, has cerebral palsy. The Foundation has paid for his needed physical therapy. The family's health insurance would not cover the physical therapy, and the family found it impossible to pay the costs after other funding sources had been exhausted.
- The Foundation paid for eyeglasses for Kevin, a two year-old boy from Chicago, Illinois. Kevin has had cognitive and physical developmental delays that have been exacerbated by significant vision problems. His mother, who recently lost her job, could not afford to pay for the glasses.
- The Foundation helped pay the expensive co-pays for Luke, an eight year-old boy in New London, Ohio who has cystic fibrosis with pancreatic insufficiency and asthma.
- Michael is a 17 year-old boy in Mifflin, Pennsylvania. He is a leukemia survivor who was able to overcome the disease, in part, as the result of total body radiation. That treatment, however, created a growth hormone deficiency that adversely affects linear growth, blood sugar regulation, muscle development, bone strength and overall well-

being. The Foundation helped pay for very expensive growth hormone injections to treat this deficiency.

- Angela is a 15 year-old girl who lives in Riverdale, Illinois. She has mixed generalized seizure disorder with convulsions, myoclonic jerks and staring spells. The Foundation has been paying the cost of Angela's expensive medication, Clobazam, because her single-parent mother cannot afford the cost.
- Amaya is a five year-old girl in Cleveland, Ohio. She has been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders -- a pervasive developmental disability significantly affecting verbal and non-verbal communication and social interactions. The Foundation purchased a portable communication device for Amaya, which has enhanced her ability to interact with others.
- The Foundation has been paying the cost of medication for Giovanni, a two year-old boy in Elgin, Illinois. Giovanni has infantile spasms and intractable epilepsy. His family, which is quite impoverished, could not afford the medication.
- Brooke is a five year-old girl in Vero Beach, Florida who has epilepsy and a seizure disorder. Her family has no health insurance and her father, who is recovering from a recent heart attack, is unable to work. The Foundation has been paying for her expensive anti-seizure medication.
- Ayotide is a 10 year-old girl in Berwyn Heights, Maryland who has been diagnosed with scoliosis. This condition has been progressing at an unusually fast rate, so she needs a specialized brace to correct her spine curvature in hopes of avoiding spine surgery. The family's health insurance does not cover any sort of bracing and the family cannot afford the cost, so the Foundation paid for Ayotide's brace.
- Shannon is a 17 year-old girl, living in Westminster, Colorado, who has a severe form of cystic fibrosis. The Foundation has been paying for a portion of the extensive medication that she needs.
- Samuel is a three year-old boy who lives in Broadview Heights, Ohio. He was born with multiple food allergies that prevent him from eating anything of substance. He only gets his nutrition from a very expensive formula called Neocate + 1. When the family's insurance company stopped paying for the formula, the family was unable to afford the cost. The Foundation covered the cost of the formula until, about six months ago, Samuel outgrew the need for it.
- Cody is a 14 year-old boy in Greeley, Colorado who has cystic fibrosis. His family could not afford the Pulmozyme medication that he needs on a daily basis to loosen the mucous in his lungs, so the Foundation has been paying for that medication.

- The Foundation has continued to pay for medications (highly active antiretroviral therapy) for Nicole, a five year-old girl in Denver, Colorado, who has been diagnosed with HIV. Her parents, both of whom have been diagnosed with HIV, cannot afford the expensive medications for Nicole.
- Noel is a two year-old boy in Largo, Florida who suffers from intractable seizures and developmental delay. The Foundation paid the cost for his expensive medication to control his seizures
- Rachel is a 10 year-old girl in Cleveland, Ohio who has a brain tumor. Rachel's father, a widower, cannot afford the steep co-pays for her extensive medication, so the Foundation has covered those co-pays.

How You Can Help

Over the past 15 years, The Shannon Foundation has provided assistance to children from 15 States throughout the country, as well as the District of Columbia. The Foundation's reach continues to expand -- this year, for the first time, we helped kids from New Jersey, Texas, Florida and Kentucky. The children that The Shannon Foundation tries to help are those from needy families who could not otherwise afford the medical care for which the Foundation pays. There are a lot of kids out there who need our help. Whatever money you can provide to the Foundation will find its way to a child who is in need of medical care that he or she would not otherwise receive.

With the current state of the economy, donations to The Shannon Foundation over the past year have been down significantly. But the economic problems have also meant that there are more families out there who cannot afford to pay for needed medical care for their kids. It is difficult to keep up with all of the requests that we receive for help. We need contributions now more than ever. Even if the bad economy has hit you hard, please consider making even a small donation. Your contribution will be used to help kids like those described in this letter, and can literally change a child's life.

Most of you who are reading this letter are parents. Try to imagine for a moment that your child is seriously ill and that you can't afford the medical care that your child needs. For most of us, this is our worst nightmare. But it is a nightmare that is all too real for the parents of the kids that you've read about in this letter. If we don't help these kids, no one else will.

Thanks very much for your support of The Shannon Foundation. Please help us to help more kids.

Very truly yours,


Fritz Fisher

May 2009

The Shannon Foundation
Denver, Colorado 80202

Re: Jaden Chambres - Retinoblastoma

To whom it may concern.

Pregnant with a baby boy! All we could do is wish that we have a beautiful healthy baby. August 22, 2008, there he was, 8 pounds - 2 ounces, ten fingers and toes. He's beautiful and healthy. Everything we could've asked for had just finally arrived and our family is now complete.

Four months pass and it's now January 14, 2009. On our way to visit a Pediatric Eye Surgeon for what we thought would turn out to be at the most "lazy-eye". When the specialist turned to us after examining our baby and asked us to sit, we automatically knew there was something more. Never in a million years would I have expected to be confronted with a parents worst fear. Those few words, "Your son has cancer and there's a chance he may lose his life. At the least he can lose both of his eyes." Jaden had been diagnosed with Bilateral Retinoblastoma. Not knowing anything about such a life threatening childhood cancer, I immediately scheduled a 2nd opinion for the following day at The Children's Hospital in Philadelphia. The diagnosis is definitely Bilateral Retinoblastoma. Jaden had multiple tumors in both of his eyes and could barely see. The tumors luckily did not yet reach his brain. If we did not catch this when we did my sweet happy dispositioned baby boy would not have made it to see his first birthday.

Jaden was able to get in immediately to Wills Eye Institute in Philadelphia on January 19 to see one of the greatest eye surgeons, Dr. Carol Shields. Following that appointment he began Chemotherapy treatments at The Children's Hospital on January 21 and 22nd, 2009. Our lives had just drastically changed. Our four month old son has cancer and the chances at keeping both his beautiful blue eyes and being able to experience one of life's most precious gifts of Sight may be taken away from him. The chance of him being able to see his own mommy and daddy are 50/50. 'Innoculation'...there wasn't a worse word a parent would want or expect to hear. The doctors told us he would need six months of chemotherapy, cryotherapy, possible thermotherapy, laser photocoagulation and plaque radiotherapy, and there were NO guarantees.

March 2009, two treatments are over with and our son is responding very well to the treatments. Two days before heading back down to The Children's Hospital, we get a phone call from the hospital informing us that the insurance company will not cover the cost of the Carboplatin injections (chemotherapy) in his eyes and we would need to come up with \$1,000.00 per eye per each visit which he will need 3 visits. The insurance will only cover this medication to be administered intravenously and this step is necessary for the plan the doctors chose for my son. Not knowing what to do I pretty much lost it. My son is responding great to the chemotherapy...the tumors have shrunk and he has a chance at keeping his eye sight. What will we do?? How will we get this money to pay for it ourselves? If he doesn't get it and god forbid he makes a turn for the worse, how could I live with myself for not providing him with better?? I was a complete disaster for two days. Hours before we were scheduled to leave to take the trip to the Children's Hospital is when I got the call from our social worker stating that she found a foundation that helps with this type of situation and that they will be more than happy to pay for the injections. I couldn't even begin to explain what that did for us and my son. Overwhelmed with gratitude to just say the least. I didn't realize just how many resources there were for situations like ours. I thought to myself these people don't even know us and now they're coming forward and helping us get through this horrific time. I can't express to you what your generosity meant to our family!

Please except our sincere thank you and another thank you from our precious baby boy for helping with giving him the gift of sight!! Today with only two treatments left to go Jaden is able to see and he is presently keeping BOTH of his eyes. His eyesight is clear and he can see...the tumors are dormant and besides having another four years of follow-up visits making sure he remains cancer free . we couldn't ask for anything more!!

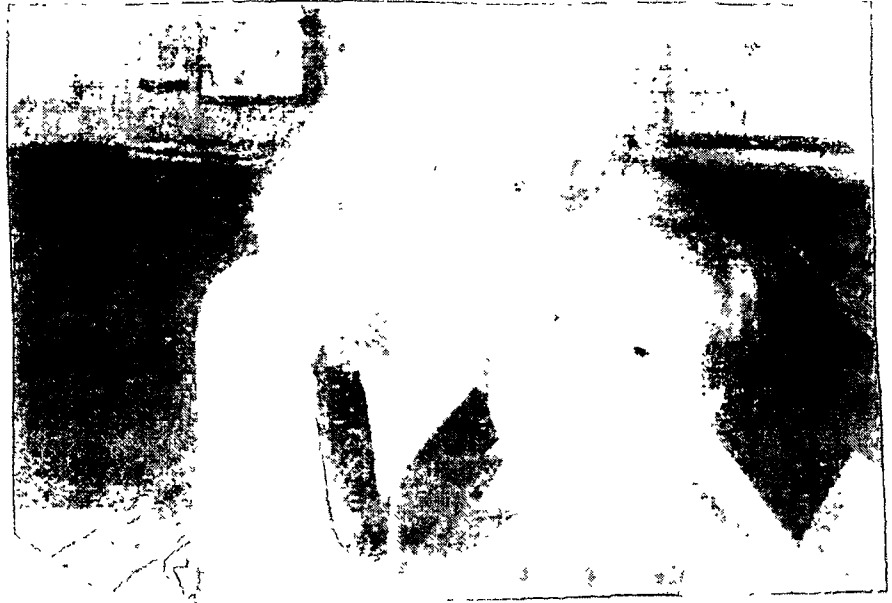
Thank you sincerely Shannon Foundation!!!!

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Mr. Fritz Fisher:

How would one start to say 'Thank you' for saving and extending my son's life?

My son, Scott Knapp, has Dravet Syndrome. A severe, intractable, and highly drug resistant seizure syndrome. The doctors have found one 'cocktail' of anti-convulsion medications to have better seizure control than others. The doctor's at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia recommended a drug that would not be covered under his medical insurance. I was able to pay out of pocket for some time on my own. Scott's seizures were under the best control that he has ever had.

My son and I only have my income to support the household. My income varies tremendously due to hospitalizations, testing, and multiple doctors' appointments. I could not keep up the extended cost of this medication. Mr. Tuttle, the social worker for the pediatric neurology at Children's Hospital referred me to the Shannon Foundation.

Shannon foundation has been able to help me with the cost of my son's medication. I have made many financial sacrifices for my son's health and for home modifications. I would not be able to come up with the cost of this medication without the Shannon Foundation's help!

Scott is still having seizures, about 40-50 a week, has chronic respiratory distress, and is non-verbal. Scott is aspirating on everything he eats and drinks.

The Shannon Foundation has extended not only my son's life, but as well as every other child's life by showing their compassion and unselfishness!

Scotty and I will blow out 16 candles this September 13 in remembrance of Shannon's sweet 16th birthday.

God bless you and all that you have helped!

Thank you,

Mary C. Knapp