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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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 03-01-2009 and ending 02-28-2010

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

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

C Name of organization: COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION OF ERIE COUNTY INC. Doing Business As. Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address): 70 HARVARD PLACE. Room/suite. City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: BUFFALO, NY 14209

D Employer identification number: 16-0911473. E Telephone number: (716) 881-5150. G Gross receipts \$ 28,624,616

F Name and address of principal officer: L NATHAN HARE, 70 HARVARD PLACE, BUFFALO, NY 14209

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? [] Yes [x] No. H(b) Are all affiliates included? [] Yes [] No. H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: [x] 501(c) (3) (Insert no) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

J Website: WWW CAOEC ORG

K Form of organization: [x] Corporation [] Trust [] Association [] Other. L Year of formation: 1965. M State of legal domicile: NY

Part I Summary

Table with 4 main sections: Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances. Includes rows for mission statement, member counts, revenue breakdown, and asset/liability totals.

Part II Signature Block

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: L NATHAN HARE CEO/PRES. Date: 2011-01-17.

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature: STEVEN G AUSTIN. Date. Check if self-employed. Preparer's identifying number. Firm's name: SZYMKOWIAK & ASSOCIATES CPAs PC. Address: 333 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE SUITE A-2, WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221. Phone no: (716) 626-2626.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) [x] Yes [] No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WHEREBY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITITES BUILD FULL FAMILY EQUITY AND FULFILL THEIR LIFE NEEDS FREE FROM POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 21,181,806 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0)

CAO HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START CONTRIBUTES TO THE WELL BEING AND SUCCESS OF 897 PRESCHOOLERS AND 205 INFANT, TODDLERS AND PREGNANT TEENS IN 18 LOCATIONS WE OFFER FULL DAY, PART DAY, AND EXTENDED SESSIONS THE CAO CONTRACTS WITH 2 DELEGATE AGENCIES THAT SERVES 1,086 PRESCHOOLERS IN 16 LOCATIONS OVER 200 OF THE CHILDREN SERVED HAVE DISABILITIES WE HAVE OVER 33 EDUCATION AGREEMENTS AND OVER 70 COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE EXEMPLARY COMPREHENSIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES TO OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN COOPERATIVE, COLLABORATIVE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENTS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 3,345,780 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT-THE CAO IS A COMMUNITY BASED, CITIZEN DRIVEN ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES ESSENTIAL HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMS TO LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS ACROSS ERIE COUNTY, NY WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN SITE MANAGEMENT, CRISIS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, YOUTH AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT, FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTIONS, EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING, REPORTING TO FUNDING SOURCES AND CREATING AND MAINTAINING VITAL PARTNERSHIPS WITHIN THE COMMUNITY ON AVERAGE WE SERVE 35,000 INDIVIDUALS AND 10,000 FAMILIES AT OVER 10 SITES ANNUALLY

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,567,149 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 1,747,797)

THE CAO/DRUG ABUSE, RESEARCH AND TREATMENT PROGRAM (DART) CURRENTLY SERVES 330 CONSUMERS IN OUR OUTPATIENT OPIATE TREATMENT PROGRAM THE CLIENTS ATTEND OUR CLINIC DAILY AT WHICH TIME THEY RECEIVE MEDICATION, METHADONE THAT ASSISTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR RECOVERY FROM OPIATE DEPENDENCE CLIENTS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO ATTEND WEEKLY INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS WITH THEIR ASSIGNED COUNSELOR AS WELL AS GROUP THERAPY WHOSE GOALS ARE TO IDENTIFY THE ANTECEDENTS TO ADDICTION AND DEVELOP AND MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR RECOVERY PLANS DURING THIS PERIOD THE DART PROGRAM CONDUCTED 107,198 DISPENSING AND 12,751 CLINICAL EPISODES OF CARE APPROX 65% OF OUR CLIENTS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED ABSTINENCE FROM DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE AND REPORTED IMPROVEMENT IN OTHER PSYCHOSOCIAL ASPECTS OF CARE




4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O) **See also Additional Data for Description**
 (Expenses \$ 483,692 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 442,512)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 26,578,427

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i>	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i>		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>		No
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i>		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i>		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i>		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.</i>		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i>		No
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.</i>	Yes	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i>		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
	• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i>	Yes	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year?	Yes	No
	<i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i>		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i>		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II.</i>		No
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U S ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III.</i>		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i>		No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i>	Yes	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i>		No
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M </i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M </i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I </i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	34		No
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35		No
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, <i>Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns</i> . Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 42		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b 0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 577		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	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)?		No
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <input type="checkbox"/> _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	Yes	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	Yes	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
	7d		
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body (19); 1b Enter the number of voting members that are independent (19); 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? (No); 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No).

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? (No); 10b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?; 11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? (Yes); 11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990; 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 (Yes); 12b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? (Yes); 12c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done (Yes); 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? (Yes); 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? (Yes); 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official (Yes); 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization (Yes); 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? (No); 16b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed (NY); 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply: Own website, Another's website, Upon request (checked); 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table; 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization (MARGARET M KRATHAUS, 70 HARVARD PLACE, BUFFALO, NY 14209, (716) 881-5150).

1b Total	361,478	0	0
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **▶** 3

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		No
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
FIRST STUDENT 24179 NETWORK PLACE CHICAGO, IL 60673	BUS TRANSPORTATION	388,684
CARRIER COACH 271 BUFFALO STREET GOWANDA, NY 14070	BUS TRANSPORTATION	297,464
BUFFALO BUS LINE 32 N PRINCE DRIVE DEPEW, NY 14043	BUS TRANSPORTATION	110,560

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **▶** 3

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns 1a					
	b	Membership dues 1b					
	c	Fundraising events 1c					
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e	25,553,276				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f	782,017				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ 706,439					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶	26,335,293				
Program Service Revenue	2a	MEDICAID	900,099	1,747,797	1,747,797		
	b	PROGRAM INCOME	900,099	87,033	87,033		
	c	CLIENT FEES	900,099	76,275	76,275		
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue		129,714	129,714		
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶	2,040,819				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶		1,384		1,384	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	149,490			
			(ii) Personal				
			Less rental expenses				
			Rental income or (loss)	149,490			
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶		149,490	149,490		
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
			Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
			Gain or (loss)				
d	Net gain or (loss) ▶						
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a						
		Less direct expenses b	97,630				
		Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶	45,480	52,150		52,150	
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a						
		Less direct expenses b					
		Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a						
		Less cost of goods sold b					
		Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶		28,579,136	2,190,309	0	53,534	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U S See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U S See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U S See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	9,135,361	8,205,775	929,586	
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	2,045,291	1,815,275	230,016	
10	Payroll taxes	985,889	875,015	110,874	
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal	80,872	33,040	47,832	
c	Accounting	31,000	31,000		
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other				
12	Advertising and promotion	130,890	127,242	3,648	
13	Office expenses				
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	1,270,027	1,269,727	300	
17	Travel	129,999	124,773	5,226	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest	25,398	25,398		
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	194,017	178,129	15,888	
23	Insurance	224,993	224,993		
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a	Contract Delegate Agenc	9,238,867	9,238,867		
b	SUPPLIES	1,281,971	1,268,567	13,404	
c	BUS TRANSPORTATION	757,906	757,906		
d	MAINTENANCE	576,645	560,592	16,053	
e	CONSULTANTS	399,051	378,445	20,606	
f	All other expenses	1,511,751	1,463,683	48,068	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	28,019,928	26,578,427	1,441,501	0
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	342,552	1	476,817
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	1,359,243	4	1,544,285
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,804	9	2,935
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	3,126,418		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	1,707,711	1,186,126	10c 1,418,707
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	572,125	15	333,769
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,461,850	16	3,776,513	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,307,473	17	1,541,284
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	680,000	23	440,000
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,987,473	26	1,981,284
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	1,170,098	27	1,279,617
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	304,279	28	515,612
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	1,474,377	33	1,795,229
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,461,850	34	3,776,513	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . .		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	Yes	
2c	If "Yes," to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	Yes	
2d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separated basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	Yes	
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . .	Yes	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

2009

Open to Public Inspection

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION OF ERIE COUNTY INC

Employer identification number
16-0911473

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 **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 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10 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?
 - (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 the supported organization?
 - (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
 - (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support?
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.")	24,462,702	25,022,219	24,944,887	24,865,291	28,083,090	127,378,189
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	24,462,702	25,022,219	24,944,887	24,865,291	28,083,090	127,378,189
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						127,378,189

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	24,462,702	179,472	24,944,887	24,865,291	28,083,090	127,378,189
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	179,159	179,472	187,331	368,444	150,874	1,065,280
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	800,398	106,000	287,246	319,157	390,652	1,903,453
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						130,346,922
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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public Support Percentage for 2009 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	97.720 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	97.670 %

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

b 33 1/3% support test—2008. If the organization did not check the 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

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

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

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

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
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						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
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						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						

14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 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	
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3% and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

Explanation

Schedule A, Part IV, Supplemental Information OTHER INCOME PART II, LINE 10 DESCRIPTION SPECIAL EVENTS 2005 \$18,903
2006 \$39,412 2007 \$75,703 2008 \$92,974 2009 \$97,630 DESCRIPTION OTHER 2005 \$781,495 2006 \$66,588 2007 \$83,417
2008 \$174,951 2009 \$293,022 DESCRIPTION WRAP AROUND 2005 \$0 2006 \$0 2007 \$128,126 2008 \$51,232 2009 \$0

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2009

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION OF ERIE COUNTY INC

Employer identification number 16-0911473

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), Aggregate value at end of year.

- 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically important land area, Preservation of a certified historic structure.

2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06.

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting and enforcing conservation easements during the year
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?
9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1; (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items: a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1; b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- a Public exhibition, b Scholarly research, c Preservation for future generations, d Loan or exchange programs, e Other

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows: 1c Beginning balance, 1d Additions during the year, 1e Distributions during the year, 1f Ending balance

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current Year, (b) Prior Year, (c) Two Years Back, (d) Three Years Back, (e) Four Years Back. Rows: 1a Beginning of year balance, 1b Contributions, 1c Investment earnings or losses, 1d Grants or scholarships, 1e Other expenditures for facilities and programs, 1f Administrative expenses, 1g End of year balance

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %, b Permanent endowment %, c Term endowment %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

Table with 3 columns: Description, Yes, No. Rows: 3a(i) unrelated organizations, 3a(ii) related organizations, 3b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Table with 5 columns: Description of investment, (a) Cost or other basis (Investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Accumulated depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows: 1a Land, 1b Buildings, 1c Leasehold improvements, 1d Equipment, 1e Other, Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
EXCESS OF PENSION PLAN ASSETS OVER PROJECTED BENEFIT OBLIGATION	333,769
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	333,769

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1 (a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount
Federal Income Taxes	
See Additional Data Table	
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	

2. Fin 48 Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	28,579,136
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	28,019,928
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	559,208
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	-238,356
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	-238,356
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	320,852

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	34,419,036
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	5,794,420
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	45,480
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	5,839,900
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	28,579,136
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	28,579,136

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	34,098,184
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	5,794,420
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	283,836
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	6,078,256
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	28,019,928
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	28,019,928

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b Also complete this part to provide any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		PART X, LINE 2-FIN 48 FOOTNOTE ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES-THE ORGNIZATION ADOPTED AN ACCOUNTING POLICY DURING THE YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2010 FOR ACCOUNTING FOR UNCERTAINTY IN INCOME TAXES THE ORGANIZATION'S MANAGEMENT EVALUATES ITS TAX POSITIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS MORE LIKELY THAN NOT THAT A TAX POSITION WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION, INCLUDING RESOLUTION OF ANY RELATED APPEALS OR LITIGATION, BASED ON TECHNICAL MERITS OF THE TAX POSITION MANAGEMENT HAS CONCLUDED THAT, AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2010, THERE ARE NO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN THAT WOULD REQUIRE DISCLOSURE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
		THE AMOUNT ON PART XI, LINE 8 REPRESENTS THE DEFERRED PENSION COSTS THAT ARE BEING EXPENSED IN THE CURRENT YEAR AS THIS EXPENSE IS NONOPERATING AND NONCURRENT IT HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED WITH CURRENT YEAR EXPENSES
		PART XII, LINE 2D, REPRESENTS THE SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSE OF \$45,480
		PART XIII, LINE 2D, REPRESENTS THE DEFERRED PENSION COSTS OF \$238,356 AND THE SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSE OF \$45,480

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19,
or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION OF ERIE COUNTY INC

Employer identification number
16-0911473

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** Mail solicitations
- b** Internet and e-mail solicitations
- c** Phone solicitations
- d** In-person solicitations
- e** Solicitation of non-government grants
- f** Solicitation of government grants
- g** Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising activities? **Yes** **No**

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total ▶						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part III Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		<u>ANNUAL DINNER</u> (event type)	<u>VARIOUS</u> (event type)	(total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	22,351	75,279		97,630
	2 Less Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	22,351	75,279		97,630
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Non-cash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	10,361			10,361
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	3,964	31,155		35,119
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				45,480
11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column d, and line 10. ▶				52,150	

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming
					(Add col (a) through col (c))
Direct Expenses	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No		
7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶					
8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column d, and line 7 ▶					

		Yes	No
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____			
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a		
b If "No," Explain _____			
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a		
b If "Yes," Explain _____			
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11		
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12		

		Yes	No
13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in			
a The organization's facility	13a		
b An outside facility	13b		
14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records			
Name ▶ _____			
Address ▶ _____			
15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?		15a	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____			
c If "Yes," enter name and address			
Name ▶ _____			
Address ▶ _____			
16 Gaming manager information			
Name ▶ _____			
Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____			
Description of services provided ▶ _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Director/officer <input type="checkbox"/> Employee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent contractor			
17 Mandatory distributions			
a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?		17a	
b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____			

SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

NonCash Contributions

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30. Attach to Form 990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION OF ERIE COUNTY INC

Employer identification number

16-0911473

Part I Types of Property

Table with 4 columns: (a) Check if applicable, (b) Number of Contributions, (c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g, (d) Method of determining revenues. Rows include Art, Books, Clothing, Cars, Boats, Intellectual property, Securities, Real estate, etc.

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 30a, 31, 32a, 33 regarding contribution policies and reporting requirements.

Part II

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Method for Determining Number of Contributors	Part I, Column (b)	THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990

2009

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**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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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11		A COPY OF FORM 990 WAS MAILED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BEFORE THE RETURN WAS FILED

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c		EACH BOARD MEETING IS BEGUN WITH THE QUESTION, "DOES ANY BOARD MEMBER HAVE A NEW CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT NEEDS TO BE DISCLOSED?" ANY RESPONSES ARE DOCUMENTED IN THE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15		A WAGE COMPARABILITY SURVEY IS CONDUCTED EVERY THREE YEARS THE LOCAL BUSINESS NEWSPAPER ALSO PREPARES AN ANNUAL NOT FOR PROFIT EDITION THAT CAN BE USED FOR COMPARISON

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19		THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
		THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS AN FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT BOTH SELECTS THE AUDITORS AND REVIEWS ALL DOCUMENTS BEFORE THEY ARE BROUGHT TO THE FULL BOARD

Form **4562**

**Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)**

OMB No 1545-0172

2009

Attachment
Sequence No **67**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION OF ERIE COUNTY INC	Business or activity to which this form relates Form 990 Page 10	Identifying number 16-0911473
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Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179
Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1 Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2 Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3 Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4 Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5 Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6 (a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6		
7 Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8 Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7		8
9 Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8		9
10 Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562		10
11 Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)		11
12 Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11		12
13 Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

14 Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15 Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16 Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

Section A

17 MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	194,017
18 If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life				S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs	S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs	MM	S/L

Non-Res Prop Type 1 count 0 Non-Res Prop Type 2 count 0 Non-Res Prop Totals count 0

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

22 Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21 Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	194,017
23 For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

21 Listed property

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete **only** 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No **24b** If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

Table with 9 columns: (a) Type of property, (b) Date placed in service, (c) Business/investment use percentage, (d) Cost or other basis, (e) Basis for depreciation, (f) Recovery period, (g) Method/Convention, (h) Depreciation/deduction, (i) Elected section 179 cost. Includes rows 25-29 for depreciation calculations.

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

Table for Section B with columns (a) through (f) for Vehicle 1 through Vehicle 6. Rows 30-36 cover total miles driven and personal use availability.

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

Table for Section C with columns Yes/No. Rows 37-41 cover policy statements and requirements for vehicle use.

Part VI Amortization

Table for Section C with columns (a) Description of costs, (b) Date amortization begins, (c) Amortizable amount, (d) Code section, (e) Amortization period or percentage, (f) Amortization for this year. Includes rows 42-44 for amortization calculations.

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 16-0911473

Name: COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION OF ERIE COUNTY
INC

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services

(Code) (Expenses \$	483,692	including grants of \$) (Revenue \$	442,512)
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Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JOHN CALVIN DAVIS PRESIDENT	4 00	X		X				0	0	0
MICHAEL JOHNSON VICE PRESIDENT	4 00	X		X				0	0	0
MARTHA M MORRIS SECRETARY	4 00	X		X				0	0	0
JENNIFER SHANK TREASURER	4 00	X		X				0	0	0
SENNIE REED SGT AT ARMS	4 00	X		X				0	0	0
MARY L ANDERSON DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
FRANK CERNY DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
DORIS CUMMINGS-FORD DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
NICOLE DRYE DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
JENINE DUNN DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
MARK GIGLIO DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
MAGGIE F HANNAH DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
ADA HOPSON-CLEMONS DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
ADDIE JACKSON DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
STEPHEN M KIERNAN DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
ORLANDO PEREZ DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
JEFFREY SANTIAGO DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
DAWN SCOTT-IVERSON DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
DEMONE SMITH DIRECTOR	2 00	X						0	0	0
L NATHAN HARE PRESIDENT/CEO	40 00					X		121,727	0	0
PHYLLIS MCBRIDE EARLY CHILDHOOD ADMINIST	40 00					X		103,721	0	0
SREEKRISHNA CHERUVU MEDICAL DIRECTOR	40 00					X		136,030	0	0

Form 990, Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses - 24a - 24e Other Expenses

<i>Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
Contract Delegate Agenc	9,238,867	9,238,867		
SUPPLIES	1,281,971	1,268,567	13,404	
BUS TRANSPORTATION	757,906	757,906		
MAINTENANCE	576,645	560,592	16,053	
CONSULTANTS	399,051	378,445	20,606	