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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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 JULY 1, 2009, and ending JUNE 30, 2010

B Check if applicable: <input 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 <u>THE HOPE CHEST</u>		D Employer identification number <u>36-39 82573</u>
		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <u>717 HILLGROVE AVENUE</u>		E Telephone number <u>708-482-0359</u>
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <u>LAGRANGE, IL 60525</u>		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: _____

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 **\$ 88025**

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

		1	2	3	4	5a	5b	5c	6a	6b	6c	7a	7b	7c	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received						4765																					
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts																											
	3	Membership dues and assessments																											
	4	Investment income							32																				
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory																											
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses																											
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)																											
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Form 990-G. If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>)																											
	a	Gross revenue (not including contributions reported on line 1)																											
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses																												
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)																												
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances								83208																				
b	Less: cost of goods sold								392																				
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)																												
8	Other revenue (describe <u>CELL PHONE REBATES</u>)														20														
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8															87633													
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)																											
	11	Benefits paid to or for members																											
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits															30788												
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors																											
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance															33723												
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping															54												
	16	Other expenses (describe <u>SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT</u>)															9518												
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16															74083													
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)															13550												
	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)																								24127			
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)																											
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20																									37677		

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	21817	34496
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe <u>SECURITY DEPOSIT DUE FROM LANDLORD PREPAID EXP.</u>)	294	5714
25	Total assets	24758	40210
26	Total liabilities (describe <u>SALES TAX AND PAYROLL TAXES DUE</u>)	631	2532
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	24127	37677

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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	33	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
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	36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?	37b	
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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	40b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T.	40e	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ ILLINOIS		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ DE ORRACK Telephone no. ▶ 708-482-0359 Located at ▶ 717 HILLGROVE, LAGRANGE, IL ZIP + 4 ▶ 60525		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

Name of the organization

THE HOPE CHEST

Employer identification number

3613982573

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 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 supported organization?

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows 11g(i), 11g(ii), 11g(iii)

(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).

Table with 7 main columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (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. Includes a Total row.

(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.")	2103	3909	11298	3665	4765	25740
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	59017	74878	65093	76265	83208	358461
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	61120	78787	76391	79930	87973	384201
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			7000			7000
c Add lines 7a and 7b			7000			7000
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						377201

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	61120	78787	76391	79930	87973	384201
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				270	32	302
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b				270	32	302
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on				21	20	41
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)	61120	78787	76391	80221	88025	384544

14 **First five years.** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	98 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	98 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	.08 %
18 investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	.01 %

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 ▶

Use this area to explain any other information. See instructions.

Area with horizontal dashed lines for providing additional information.

The Hope Chest
F.E.I.N. 36-3982573
Form 990-EZ 2009

Part I

Line 16 Other Expenses:

Advertising	\$200
Salvation Army pickup	599
Donation	100
Depreciation-Sec: 179	1974
Gifts	266
Insurance	2610
License and Fee	175
Miscellaneous	215
Move-out Expenses	633
Payroll Taxes	2746
Total to Line 16	\$9518

Part III

Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose

To raise money to be used in support of programs for women and children fleeing family violence.

Line 28 Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Through the operations of a thrift shop, The Hope Chest provides funding to the Constance Morris House, a domestic violence shelter, a branch of Pillars. The thrift shop also donates used clothing and household items to the shelter as needed.

Constance Morris House is an emergency residential shelter for women and children fleeing family violence. The shelter provides a clean, quiet, safe environment that allows a woman to think through her problems and assess possible solutions. The shelter can accommodate 25 women and children at any given time. The shelter also has a 24-hour crises line and offers non-residential services, such as counseling, support groups, education about family violence for children and court advocacy. There are no fees for Constance Morris House services.

Part V

Line 35

Income from line 7a is from the organization's exempt purpose of operating a thrift shop, so is not reported on Form 990-T.