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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung
benefit trust or private foundation)
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-0047
2009
Open to Public
Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning **10/01/09**, and ending **09/30/10**

- B** Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☒ Initial return
☐ Termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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

C Name of organization
FIRST STEPS KENT
Doing Business As
Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
118 COMMERCE AVENUE SW, SUITE 300
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503-4106

D Employer identification number
27-0640886

E Telephone number
616-632-1011

G Gross receipts \$ **5,119,472**

F Name and address of principal officer
REBEKAH FENNEL
118 COMMERCE AVE SW, SUITE 300
GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status ☒ 501(c) (**3**) (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: **WWW.FIRSTSTEPSENT.ORG**

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

K Type of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation **2009** **M** State of legal domicile **MI**

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities SEE SCHEDULE O			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets			
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	17	
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	17	
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	0	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	120	
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a		
	7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
	Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
		9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		5,119,472
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)				
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)				
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)			5,119,472	
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)			179,586	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)				
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)			810,934	
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)				
16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 130,883				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)		986,819	
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		1,977,339	
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12		3,142,133	
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year	
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		3,496,049	
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20		353,916	
			0	
			3,142,133	

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.

Sign Here
Signature of officer: **REBEKAH S. FENNEL** Date: **9/16/11**
Type or print name and title: **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Paid Preparer's Use Only
Preparer's signature: **ANDREWS HOOPER PAVLIK PLC** Date: **9/16/11**
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **3333 DEPOSIT DR NE STE 310 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49546**
Check if self-employed: ☐
Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): **616-942-6440**

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

SEE SCHEDULE O

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 \$ **568,137** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE ACCESS PROGRAM IS A PEDIATRIC MEDICAL HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT THAT IS IMPROVING THE HEALTH OUTCOMES OF CHILDREN ON MEDICAID WHILE BETTER UTILIZING EXISTING RESOURCES AND DECREASING COSTS. CHAP WORKS AT THREE LEVELS: SYSTEM LEVEL (IMPROVING ACCESS TO A MEDICAL HOME AND COORDINATION OF SERVICES), HEALTHCARE PROVIDER LEVEL (STRENGTHENING QUALITY OF MEDICAL HOMES), AND CHILD/FAMILY LEVEL (PROVIDING DIRECT SERVICES). DIRECT SUPPORT SERVICES WERE PROVIDED TO 1,894 CHILDREN, WITH 1,400 NEW SPACES CREATED IN PRIVATE PEDIATRIC PRACTICES FOR CHILDREN WITH MEDICAID.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ **311,574** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
WELCOME HOME BABY IS AVAILABLE TO ALL FIRST-TIME PARENTS AND PARENTS 25 AND YOUNGER IN KENT COUNTY. IT CONSISTS OF AN INITIAL VISIT IN THE HOSPITAL AND A HOME VISIT FROM A MATERNAL CHILD NURSE. INCLUDED IN THE VISIT IS A MATERNAL CHILD ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED BY AN RN AND PARENT EDUCATION ABOUT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY RESOURCES TO MEET FAMILY NEEDS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF READING, TALKING, SINGING, AND PLAYING WITH THEIR CHILD FROM BIRTH. THE NURSE THEN HELPS THE PARENTS ACCESS COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT BEST MEET THEIR NEEDS. THE PROGRAM BEGAN OPERATING IN THE FIRST HOSPITAL IN JULY 2010. 107 FAMILIES WERE SERVED.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ **310,115** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
THE GREAT START COLLABORATIVE AND PARENT LIAISONS (GSC) IS A BODY COMPOSED OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STAKEHOLDERS - SERVICE PROVIDERS, BUSINESSES, FUNDERS, GOVERNMENT, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND PARENTS - THAT WORKS TO IDENTIFY EARLY CHILDHOOD SYSTEM INDICATORS AND GAPS IN SERVICES AS WELL AS TO CONVENE STAKEHOLDERS, RESEARCH BEST PRACTICES, AND RECOMMEND SYSTEMS CHANGES, PROGRAMS AND/OR SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS THE GAP OR PROBLEM. RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE TO THE FIRST STEPS KENT'S COMMISSION FOR ENDORSEMENT AND/OR ACTION. WE HAVE A CONTRACT WITH THE KENT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ADMINISTER FUNDS FROM THE EARLY CHILDHOOD INVESTMENT CORPORATION IN SUPPORT OF GSC OPERATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ **441,646** including grants of \$ **179,586**) (Revenue \$)4e Total program service expenses **1,631,472**

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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	X	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII. 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII Did the organization report an amount for other assets related in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 		
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		X
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 United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		X
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 United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21 X	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	X
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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	X
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 direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29 X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	34	X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35	X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37	X
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 X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1a	0
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	1b	0
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.	2a	0
2b	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).	2b	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.	3b	
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)?	4a	X
4b	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.	4b	
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c	
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?	6a	X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	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?	7a	X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.	7d	
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	
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?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.	10a	
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders.	11a	
11b	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	
12b	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 line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	17	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent	17	
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?		X
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?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
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		X

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

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b 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?	X	
11a Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990		
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
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?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization		X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (See instructions)		
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?		X
b 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

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **MI**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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

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

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► **SUSAN A STODDARD** **118 COMMERCE AVE SW, SUITE 300**
GRAND RAPIDS **MI 49506** **616-752-8638**

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
 - List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
 - List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
 - List all of the organization's **former** directors or trustees that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee

(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			
KATE PEW WOLTERS CO-CHAIRPERSON	2.40	X		X				0	0	0
DOUGLAS DEVOS CO-CHAIRPERSON	0.50	X		X				0	0	0
JEANNE ARNOLD DIRECTOR	0.35	X						0	0	0
SUSAN BROMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
LEW CHAMBERLIN SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
CECILE FEHSENFELD DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
LYNNE FERRELL DIRECTOR	1.50	X						0	0	0
BETTY BURTON GROCE DIRECTOR	0.35	X						0	0	0
STEVE HEACOCK DIRECTOR	0.35	X						0	0	0
ROBERT HERR TREASURER	0.50	X		X				0	0	0
SUE JANDERNOA DIRECTOR	0.35	X						0	0	0
KEVIN KONARSKA DIRECTOR	0.35	X						0	0	0
KATHY MUIR LAIDLAW DIRECTOR	0.35	X						0	0	0
DR. KHAN NEDD DIRECTOR	0.35	X						0	0	0
KAREN O'DONOVAN DIRECTOR	0.35	X						0	0	0
MILT ROHWER DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0
CARL VER BEEK DIRECTOR	0.50	X						0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(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			
REBEKAH FENNELL PRES/EXEC DIRECTOR	50.00			X				20,870	457	0
1b Total								20,870	457	

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 **0**

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4		X
5		X

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
SYSTEMS RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS COPO BOX 34880 ALEXANDRIA VA 22334-0880	EVALUATIONS	273,036
KENT REGIONAL 4C GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503	233 EAST FULTON ADMINISTRATIVE	158,671

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 **2**

**Contributions, gifts, grants
and other similar amounts**

Program Service Revenue

Other Revenue

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	179,586	179,586		
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	20,870	15,046	3,203	2,621
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	632,629	525,114	67,246	40,269
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	37,752	31,485	3,888	2,379
9 Other employee benefits	68,357	57,018	7,056	4,283
10 Payroll taxes	51,326	41,406	6,166	3,754
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	17,925	8,520	5,846	3,559
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	581,712	497,364	52,429	31,919
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	123,994	113,963	6,235	3,796
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	34,100	11,448	14,080	8,572
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	56,417	52,114	2,675	1,628
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	7,691	1,516	3,876	2,299
23 Insurance				
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 MISCELLANEOUS	82,781	25,220	35,741	21,820
b PATIENT EXPENSES	39,159	39,159		
c MEDICAL SUPPLIES	22,157	22,157		
d MINOR EQUIPMENT	20,883	10,356	6,543	3,984
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24	1,977,339	1,631,472	214,984	130,883
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) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	1	661,383
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	2,743,127
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4	
	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	9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	99,230
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	7,691
	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	15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	0 16	3,496,049	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	17	203,244
	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	23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	25	150,672
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	26	353,916
	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		27	1,941
28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	3,140,192
29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
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		0 33	3,142,133
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	0 34	3,496,049	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ 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?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes" to line 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

d 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

☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate 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?

b 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	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form **990** (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

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

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Name of the organization

FIRST STEPS KENT

Employer identification number

27-0640886

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 11a 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? ☐
- (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									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")					5,119,472	5,119,472
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					5,119,472	5,119,472
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)						3,658,046
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1,461,426

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					5,119,472	5,119,472
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					0	
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						5,119,472
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 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.")						
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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
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.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.**

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

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If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of organization

FIRST STEPS KENT

Employer identification number

27-0640886

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political expenditures ▶ \$

3 Volunteer hours

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$

3 Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which payments were made For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).**A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.**B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)			
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		261	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		261	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,631,211	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,631,472	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		231,574	
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		57,894	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0	
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount				231,574	231,574
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					347,361
c Total lobbying expenditures				261	261
d Grassroots nontaxable amount				57,894	57,894
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					86,841
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means?			
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, line 3 is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) non-deductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

SCHEDULE C, PART II-A, EXPLANATION OF FOUR YEAR AVERAGING

FIRST YEAR OF EXISTENCE.

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Financial Statements**▶ 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.

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

FIRST STEPS KENT**27-0640886****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.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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 section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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 acquisition, 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:

	Amount
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 organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g 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

- (i) unrelated organizations
 (ii) related organizations

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? ☐ Yes ☐ No

	Yes	No
3a(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3a(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		99,230	7,691	91,539
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				91,539

Schedule D (Form 990) 2009

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	5,119,472
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,977,339
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	3,142,133
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	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	3,142,133

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	5,119,472
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	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,119,472
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	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	5,119,472

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,977,339
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,977,339
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	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,977,339

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, line 2; 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.

PART X - LIABILITY UNDER FIN 48 FOOTNOTE

FIRST STEPS IS EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXES UNDER 501(C)(3) OF THE
INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. HOWEVER, INCOME FROM CERTAIN ACTIVITIES NOT
DIRECTLY RELATED TO FIRST STEPS' TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSE IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION
AS UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME. FIRST STEPS ACCOUNTS FOR TAX POSITIONS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD
CODIFICATION SECTION 740-10. INTEREST OR PENALTIES RELATED TO TAX

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

POSITIONS, IF ANY, WOULD BE RECORDED AS A COMPONENT OF GENERAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES IN THE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES. NO INTEREST OR
PENALTIES RELATED TO TAX POSITIONS HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE STATEMENT OF
ACTIVITIES.

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments, and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 21 or 22.

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Internal Revenue Service**

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- | | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? | | |
| 2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States | | |

Part II

Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Part IV and Schedule I-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed. ▶

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- | | | | | | | |
|----------|---|-------|---------|-------|-------|------------|
| 2 | Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations | | | | | ▲ 4 |
| 3 | Enter total number of other organizations | | | | | ▲ |

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Schedule I (Form 990) 2009

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Noncash Contributions

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

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (FURN. & EQUIP.)	X	1	60,836	NET BOOK VALUE
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

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

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Yes No

30a		X
31		X
32a		X
33		

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Schedule M (Form 990) 2009

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.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION OR MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES
TO CREATE A COORDINATED, INTEGRATED SYSTEM OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES THAT
SUPPORTS ALL FAMILIES IN KENT COUNTY SO EVERY YOUNG CHILD IN KENT COUNTY
WILL ENTER KINDERGARTEN READY TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL AND IN LIFE.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IS OBTAINING GRANTS AND DONATIONS TO
IMPLEMENT, INCREASE, STRENGTHEN AND COORDINATE EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES IN
KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 2

SINCE THIS IS ITS FIRST YEAR OF EXISTENCE, ALL SERVICES ARE NEW:
CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE ACCESS PROGRAM (CHAP), WELCOME HOME BABY, GREAT START
COLLABORATIVE AND PARENT LIAISONS, EARLY LEARNING COMMUNITIES, AND FAMILY
SUPPORT SERVICES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - ALL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

EARLY LEARNING IS AN IN-HOME COACHING PROGRAM PROVIDED TO UNLICENSED CHILD
CARE PROVIDERS TO IMPROVE THE CAREGIVER-CHILD RELATIONSHIP AND THE LITERACY
ENVIRONMENT. COACHES ALSO MODEL TEACHING AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT
IMPROVE CHILD LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND LITERACY OUTCOMES, BOTH IN HOME AND
IN PLAY & LEARN GROUPS.

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES IS A CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
SERVICES WHICH, IN SMALL PART, SUPPORTS THE INTAKE AND REFERRAL FUNCTIONS
OF FIRST STEPS. THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE AWARD SUPPORTS SUBCONTRACTS TO

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THREE AGENCIES - ARBOR CIRCLE, CATHOLIC CHARITIES, AND THE CHILD AND FAMILY RESOURCE COUNCIL - IN DELIVERING HOME VISITING SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TO DHS CLIENTS WITH CERTAIN RISK FACTORS. THE HEALTHY FAMILIES AMERICA HOME VISITING MODEL USED IS EVIDENCE-BASED FOR OUTCOMES RELATED TO CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11A - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990 THE TREASURER REVIEWS THE FORM 990 IN DETAIL. IT IS THEN SENT TO THE COMMISSION (BOARD) BEFORE IT IS FILED WITH THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF IMMEDIATELY DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST THAT ARISE. FIRST STEPS IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A FORM, ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF THE POLICY, TO BE SIGNED BY EACH DIRECTOR/TRUSTEE/STAFF TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE PERSON HAS: A. RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST POLICY; B. READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY; C. AGREED TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY, AND; D. UNDERSTANDS THAT THE ORGANIZATION IS CHARITABLE AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION IT MUST ENGAGE PRIMARILY IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ACCOMPLISH ONE OR MORE OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSES.

EMPLOYEES AND COMMISSION MEMBERS ARE COVERED UNDER THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND COMMISSION CO-CHAIR ARE IDENTIFIED IN THE POLICY BY NAME WITH CONTACT INFORMATION IN CASE SOMEONE WANTS TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE REVIEWED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHO MAY CONSULT THE EMPLOYEE'S MANAGER (OR ANOTHER MANAGER) IN THE PROCESS. RESTRICTIONS ARE IMPOSED ON PERSONS

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WITH A CONFLICT. FOR EXAMPLE, AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS RELATED TO A VENDOR CANNOT REQUEST A BID, MAKE THE DECISION TO GO WITH THE VENDOR, OR BE INVOLVED IN ANY WAY WITH PAYMENT TO THE VENDOR. COMMISSION MEMBERS MUST ABSTAIN FROM VOTING ON ANY ITEM WITH WHICH THEY HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (COMMISSION) DETERMINES THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. NONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ARE EMPLOYEES OF FIRST STEPS KENT. COMPARABLE DATA FROM OTHER SIMILARLY SIZED AND SITUATED LOCAL OR REGIONAL NONPROFITS IS GATHERED AND ANALYZED. THIS INFORMATION, ALONG WITH THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, IS USED TO DETERMINE THE PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION. THERE ARE NO OTHER OFFICERS OR KEY EMPLOYEES IN OUR ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION
OUR GOVERNING DOCUMENTS (ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS) AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND UPON REQUEST. OUR CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS ALSO AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 2C - CHANGE IN FINANCIAL REVIEW PROCESS
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS THIS RESPONSIBILITY.

SCHEDULE O - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 13 - WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY:
BEFORE THE FILING OF THE 2009 FORM 990, THE ORGANIZATION ADOPTED A WRITTEN WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY.

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ALL LINES LEFT BLANK ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO THE ORGANIZATION.

**Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No. 1545-1709

► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒ **X**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension-check this box and complete

Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of exempt organization FIRST STEPS KENT	Employer identification number 27-0640886
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions. 118 COMMERCE AVE SW	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

- The books are in the care of ► **SUSAN A. STODDARD**
Telephone No. ► **616-459-6281** FAX No. ►
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **05/16/11**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
► ☐ calendar year _____ or
► ☒ tax year beginning **10/01/09**, and ending **09/30/10**.

2 If this tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason ☒ Initial return ☐ Final return
☐ Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.
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