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Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

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)

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY PROJECT C/O MATTHEW BESLER		D Employer identification number 27-3627386
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number 773-294-4747
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 455,000.
	208 S. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1670		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 CHICAGO, IL 60604		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
F Name and address of principal officer: MATTHEW BESLER 208 S. LASALLE STREET SUITE 1670, CHICAGO, IL		H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (4) ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: ▶ WWW.ILLINOISOPPORTUNITY.ORG			
K Form of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 2010 M State of legal domicile: IL	

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities. THE ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY PROJECT IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PARTICIPATES IN PUBLIC POLICY BY IDENTIFYING		
	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	5
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	4
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	0
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7 a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	25,000.	455,000.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2a)	4.	0.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)		0.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	25,004.	455,000.
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			0.
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)			0.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			0.
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 3,678.			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		24,904.	360,846.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	24,904.	360,846.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	100.	94,154.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 400.	End of Year 94,254.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	300.	0.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	100.	94,254.

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 <i>Matthew Besler</i>	Date 11/14/12
	Type or print name and title MATTHEW BESLER, PRESIDENT	
Paid Preparer	Print/Type preparer's name JORDAN WERBLOW	Preparer's signature <i>Jordan Werblow</i>
Use Only	Firm's name ▶ THE HECHTMAN GROUP LTD	Firm's EIN ▶ 36-3894414
	Firm's address ▶ 5250 OLD ORCHARD RD, STE 400 SKOKIE, IL 60077-4460	Phone no. (847) 256-3100

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission.

THE ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY PROJECT IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PARTICIPATES
IN PUBLIC POLICY BY IDENTIFYING POLICIES DRIVEN BY LIBERTY AND FREE
ENTERPRISE AND THEN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THOSE POLICY CHOICES
AND ADVOCATING FOR THOSE POLICY CHOICES

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured 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 \$ 339,167. including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC POLICY BY IDENTIFYING POLICIES DRIVEN BY
LIBERTY AND FREE ENTERPRISE AND THEN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THOSE
POLICY CHOICES AND ADVOCATING FOR THOSE POLICY CHOICES, INCLUDING
ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS USED TO EDUCATE INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS URGING THEM
TO TAKE ACTION BY CONTACTING THEIR LEGISLATOR

4b (Code _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4c (Code _____) (Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ _____ including grants of \$ _____) (Revenue \$ _____)

4e Total program service expenses **▶** 339,167.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>		X
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>		X
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f	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 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>		X
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		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, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b	<i>If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?</i>		

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	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
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		
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 (see instructions)		
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
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?	X	
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	X	
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?		X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:			
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.			
13a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
13b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

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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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
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 governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	X	
8b	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	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did 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?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).	X	
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
16b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take 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 **NONE**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made 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 made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **MATTHEW BESLER - 773-294-4747**
208 S LASALLE STREET SUITE 1670, CHICAGO, IL 60604

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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	455,000.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			455,000.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a _____	Business Code _____					
	b _____	_____					
	c _____	_____					
	d _____	_____					
	e _____	_____					
	f All other program service revenue	_____					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)						
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
		d Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
		b Less: direct expenses	b				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less: direct expenses		b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11 a _____	_____						

	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			455,000.	0.	0.	0.	

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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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

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 United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	3,678.			3,678.
b Legal	1,215.		1,215.	
c Accounting	3,235.		3,235.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	4,176.		4,176.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	1,057.	1,057.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	486.		486.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a CONSULTING	207,094.	203,705.	3,389.	
b ROBO CALLS	57,833.	57,833.		
c RESEARCH	45,030.	45,030.		
d OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY	31,542.	31,542.		
e All other expenses	5,500.		5,500.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	360,846.	339,167.	18,001.	3,678.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

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Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	400.	1	89,605.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2		
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	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)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		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			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c	
	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	4,649.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		400.	16	94,254.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17		
	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		300.	24	0.
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D			25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		300.	26	0.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27		
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28		
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0.	30	0.	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0.	31	0.	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	100.	32	94,254.	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	100.	33	94,254.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	400.	34	94,254.		

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	455,000.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	360,846.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	94,154.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	100.
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0.
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	94,254.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

- 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 separate basis, consolidated 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		
3a		X
3b		

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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2011

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ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY PROJECT
C/O MATTHEW BESLER

Employer identification number
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FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

POLICIES DRIVEN BY LIBERTY AND FREE ENTERPRISE AND THEN EDUCATING THE
PUBLIC ABOUT THOSE POLICY CHOICES AND ADVOCATING FOR THOSE POLICY
CHOICES

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D:

OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE IRS,
FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND GOVERNING BODY OF THE
ORGANIZATION FOR REVIEW.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE IRS,
FORM 990 IS PROVIDED TO THE BOARD FOR REVIEW.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: ALL ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN AN
AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY
FOR THE DURATION, AND INFORM THE ORGANIZATION OF ANY REPORTABLE CHANGES AS
SOON AS THEY OCCUR. IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION MONITORS ALL
TRANSACTIONS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS BY THE BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: COMPENSATION OF CEO IS DETERMINED
BY AN EXAMINATION OF COMPARABLE DATE FOR OTHER CEO'S IN THE INDUSTRY
COUNTRYWIDE AND IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA. THE INFORMATION FROM THAT RESEARCH
IS SHARED WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHO THEN APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR THE
CEO. NOTE THAT AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT IS NOT UTILIZED IN THE PROCESS.

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2011)

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Name of the organization ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY PROJECT
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FOR OTHER OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES, THE COMPENSATION PROCESS IS THE SAME WITH THE CEO HAVING FULL DISCRETION AS DELEGATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: ALL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, POLICIES, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C:

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE PROCESS SINCE THE PRIOR YEAR.

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
- 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	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions. ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY PROJECT	Employer identification number (EIN) or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 27-3627386
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 208 S. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1670	Social security number (SSN) <input type="checkbox"/>
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions CHICAGO, IL 60604	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 01

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	01	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

MATTHEW BESLER

- The books are in the care of ▶ **208 S LASALLE STREET SUITE 1670 - CHICAGO, IL 60604**
 Telephone No. ▶ **773-294-4747** 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 **AUGUST 15, 2012**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year **2011** or
 ▶ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

2 If the 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	\$	0.
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	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

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.
 LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions. Form 8868 (Rev. 1-2012)

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box **X**
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Part II	Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).	
Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions		
Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions	Employer identification number (EIN) or
File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY PROJECT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 27-3627386
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O. box, see instructions	Social security number (SSN)
	208 S. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1670	<input type="checkbox"/>
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions	
	CHICAGO, IL 60604	

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- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **NOVEMBER 15, 2012**
- 5 For calendar year **2011**, or other tax year beginning _____, and ending _____
- 6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return
 Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension
ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUIRED TO PREPARE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN

8a 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	8a	\$	0.
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 and any amount paid previously with Form 8868	8b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions.	8c	\$	0.

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature *Kimberly S. Fuchs* Title **ACCOUNTANT** Date 7/31/12

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Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions ILLINOIS OPPORTUNITY PROJECT	Employer identification number (EIN) or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 27-3627386
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Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature Title **ACCOUNTANT** Date