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Form 990
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Form 990

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

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable

Address change

Name change

Initial return

Terminated

Amended return

Application pending

C Name of organization

UPSTATE FOREVER

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

507 PETTIGRU STREET

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

GREENVILLE, SC 29601

D Employer identification number

57-1070433

E Telephone number

(864) 250-0500

G Gross receipts \$ 1,562,795

F Name and address of principal officer

BRAD WYCHE
507 PETTIGRU STREET
GREENVILLE, SC 29601H(a) Is this a group return for
affiliates? Yes NoH(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ►

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

J Website: ► WWW UPSTATEFOREVER.ORG

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ►

L Year of formation 1998

M State of legal domicile SC

Part I Summary

1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities PROMOTES SENSIBLE GROWTH AND THE PROTECTION OF SPECIAL PLACES IN THE UPSTATE REGION OF SOUTH CAROLINA		
2	Check this box ► 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 individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	22
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	68
7a	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	
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,023,742	1,367,198
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	32,658	25,839
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	38,639	131,149
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,095,039	1,524,186
13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		0
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)	738,319	753,900
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 124,694		
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	352,761	574,162
18	Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,091,080	1,328,062
19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	3,959	196,124
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,476,185	2,507,810
22	Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	375,019	239,188
		2,101,166	2,268,622

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 BRAD WYCHE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	2012-05-25 Date		
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► FRANCIS H HORTON III CPA	Date 2012-07-09	Check if self- employed ►	Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► GREENE FINNEY & HORTON LLP 107 HILLCREST AVE SIMPSONVILLE, SC 296812003		EIN ►	Phone no ► (864) 962-1040

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

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III **1** Briefly describe the organization's mission

PROMOTES SENSIBLE GROWTH AND THE PROTECTION OF SPECIAL PLACES IN THE UPSTATE REGION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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 \$ 621,139 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 572,440)

CLEAR AIR AND WATER PROTECTING AND IMPROVING THE UPSTATE'S AIR AND WATER -MINIMIZING THE IMPACT OF POLLUTED RUNOFF FROM DEVELOPED AREAS -PROTECTING OUR SOURCES OF CLEAN WATER -ENSURING ADEQUATE STREAM FLOWS AND LAKE LEVELS -RESTORING DEGRADED STREAMS AND RIVERS - IMPROVING AIR QUALITY AND REDUCING RELIANCE ON FOSSIL FUELS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 213,531 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 89,684)

LAND TRUST PROTECTING THE UPSTATE'S IMPORTANT LANDS AND RESOURCES -PROTECTING OVER 16,000 ACRES OF IMPORTANT LANDS THROUGH VOLUNTARY LAND PRESERVATION AGREEMENTS -CONSERVING FARMS, FORESTS AND OTHER SPECIAL PLACES -NATIONALLY ACCREDITED BY THE LAND TRUST ACCREDITATION COMMISSION

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 205,977 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 119,374)

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PROMOTING ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND GROWTH IN THE UPSTATE -ADVOCATING FOR RESPONSIBLE LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING -SUPPORTING RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION -PROMOTING COMMUNITY DESIGN FOR ACTIVE LIVING AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION -ENCOURAGING GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES

(Code) (Expenses \$ 81,399 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 175,986)

EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UPSTATE FOREVER OUR GREATEST HITS - SIGNING 82 CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS THAT PROTECT OVER 16,000 ACRES OF IMPORTANT LANDS IN THE REGION, SUCH AS STUMPHOUSE MOUNTAIN IN OCONEE COUNTY, NINE TIMES IN PICKENS COUNTY, KEY TRACTS IN THE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE WILDERNESS AREA AND ALONG HIGHWAY 11, AND BEAUTIFUL FARMLANDS IN SPARTANBURG, LAURENS AND ABBEVILLE COUNTIES - BECOMING THE FIRST LAND TRUST ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO RECEIVE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND ONE OF ONLY FOUR IN THE SOUTHEAST - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL COURT'S CONSENT DECREE TO CLEAN UP THE PCB CONTAMINATION IN LAKE HARTWELL AND TWELVE MILE RIVER - STOPPING HARMFUL PROJECTS SUCH AS THE PROPOSED MEGA-LANDFILL IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY - INTRODUCING THE EARTHCRAFT GREEN BUILDING STANDARD TO SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH OUR "UPSTATE HOUSE" PROJECT - COMPLETING THE LEED PLATINUM-CERTIFIED RENOVATION OF OUR MAIN OFFICE IN GREENVILLE - RELEASING AN EYE-OPENING GROWTH PROJECTION STUDY FOR THE UPSTATE THAT SHOWS WHAT OUR REGION WILL LOOK LIKE IN 2030 IF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS AND POLICIES REMAIN UNCHANGED - MANAGING ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED STUDIES EVER UNDERTAKEN IN THE COUNTRY (THE SALUDA-REEDY WATERSHED CONSORTIUM) - PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN SECURING AND OPENING THE "SWAMP RABBIT" TRAIL THAT CONNECTS DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE TO FURMAN UNIVERSITY AND TRAVELERS REST - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR THE ENACTMENT OF HOSPITALITY TAXES IN GREENVILLE AND SPARTANBURG COUNTIES, WHICH ARE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR EXPANDING EXISTING PARKS AND GREENWAYS AND BUILDING NEW ONES - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF PHOSPHORUS DISCHARGED FROM WASTEWATER PLANTS INTO THE SALUDA RIVER - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR THE ENACTMENT OF PROGRESSIVE LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO TREE PROTECTION, RIPARIAN BUFFERS, CLUSTERED DEVELOPMENTS, BIG BOX STORES, AND PARKING LOTS - SPONSORING OVER 500 CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SPEECHES ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS, INCLUDING LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT, LAKE MANAGEMENT, TRAILS AND GREENWAYS, CARBON MARKETS, CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS, AND SCHOOL FACILITIES PLANNING

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 81,399 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 175,986)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 1,122,046

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

- 1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A.
- 2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, *Schedule of Contributors* (see instructions)?
- 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.
- 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.
- 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.
- 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.
- 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.
- 8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.
- 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.
- 10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.
- 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.
 - 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.
 - 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.
 - 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.
 - e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part 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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.
- 12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.
- b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.
- 13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E.
- 14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?
- 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.
- 15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.
- 16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H.
- b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? **Note.** All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements.

	Yes	No
1	Yes	
2	Yes	
3		No
4	Yes	
5		No
6		No
7	Yes	
8		No
9		No
10	Yes	
11a	Yes	
11b		No
11c		No
11d		No
11e		No
11f		No
12a	Yes	
12b		No
13		No
14a		No
14b		No
15		No
16		No
17		No
18	Yes	
19		No
20a		No
20b		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25	24a		No
a	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		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)	28a		No
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	Yes	
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 owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	29		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		No
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	31		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	32		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	33		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	34		No
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	35a		No
35a	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the filing organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35b		No
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		No
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	37		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	38		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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	1a	14
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	Yes
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, <i>Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements</i> filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a	22
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	Yes
<p>Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)</p>			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	No
b	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 or securities account)?	4a	No
b	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?	5a	No
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	No
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	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	No
b	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	Yes
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b	Yes
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	No
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d	
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	No
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	No
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g	No
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h	No
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	8	No
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?	9a	No
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9b	No
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	10a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	10b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	11a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	11b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter	12a	
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12b	
b	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	
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?		
<p>Note. All 501(c)(29) organizations must list in Schedule O each state in which they are licensed to issue qualified health plans, the amount of reserves required by each state, and the amount of reserves the organization allocated to each state</p>			
b	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the aggregate amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

- 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year **1a** 17
- b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent **1b** 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? **2** No
- 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? **3** No
- 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? **4** No
- 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? **5** No
- 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? **6** Yes
- 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? **7a** Yes
- b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? **7b** Yes
- 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following
- a The governing body? **8a** Yes
- b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? **8b** Yes
- 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O **9** No

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

- 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? **10a** Yes
- b 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? **10b** Yes
- 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? **11a** Yes
- b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review the Form 990
- 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 **12a** Yes
- b Were officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? **12b** No
- c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done **12c** Yes
- 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? **13** Yes
- 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? **14** Yes
- 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?
- a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official **15a** Yes
- b Other officers or key employees of the organization **15b** Yes
- 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? **16a** No
- b 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? **16b**

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **SC**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c) (3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you 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. See Additional Data Table
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization **BRADFORD WYCHE
507 PETTIGRU STREET
GREENVILLE, SC 29601
(864) 250-0500**

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

• List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. 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, or 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 neither the organization nor any related organizations compensated any current or former officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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
		Or Director	Indi- vidual trustee	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key Employee	Empl- oyer Highest compensated			
(1) THOMAS KESTER TREASURER		X						0	0	0
(2) KRIS YON BOARD		X						0	0	0
(3) JOE JAMES BOARD		X						0	0	0
(4) MARIANNA HABISREUTINGER SECRETARY		X						0	0	0
(5) PATRICK McMILLIAN BOARD		X						0	0	0
(6) ALLEN CREIGHTON BOARD		X						0	0	0
(7) DICK CARR VICE CHAIR		X						0	0	0
(8) MARK TAYLOR BOARD		X						0	0	0
(9) SUSAN RIORDAN BOARD		X						0	0	0
(10) JOE LESESNE BOARD		X						0	0	0
(11) E ERWIN MADDREY II BOARD		X						0	0	0
(12) LEON PATTERSON CHAIR		X						0	0	0
(13) PAUL AGNEW BOARD		X						0	0	0
(14) BRICE HIPP BOARD		X						0	0	0
(15) MARSHALL MEADORS III BOARD		X						0	0	0
(16) DIANE CULBERTSON BOARD		X						0	0	0
(17) DREW LANHAM BOARD		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 (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)					(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
		Or director Individual trustee	Institutional Trustee	Official	Key employee	Highest compensated employee			
(18) BRAD WYCHE EXEC DIRECT	40 00			X			66,955	0	0
1b Sub-Total									
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A									
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							66,955		

- 2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ►

	Yes	No
3		No
4		No
5		No

Section B. Independent Contractors

- 1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
KESTREL HORIZONS LLC 84 VILLA ROAD SUITE 300 GREENVILLE, SC 29615	CONSULTANTS	215,000
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ►		

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
1a Federated campaigns	1a				
b Membership dues	1b	139,832			
c Fundraising events	1c				
d Related organizations	1d				
e Government grants (contributions)	1e	446,719			
f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	780,647			
g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____					
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,367,198			
2a _____	Business Code				
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f					
3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		25,839			25,839
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
6a Gross rents	(I) Real				
b Less rental expenses	(II) Personal				
c Rental income or (loss)					
d Net rental income or (loss)					
7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(I) Securities				
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	(II) Other				
c Gain or (loss)					
d Net gain or (loss)					
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18					
a	98,545				
b Less direct expenses	b	38,609			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		59,936			
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19					
a					
b Less direct expenses	b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a 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				
11a OTHER		66,213			66,213
b CONSULTING FEES		5,000			5,000
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		71,213			
12 Total revenue. See Instructions		1,524,186			97,052

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	66,956	57,073	5,303	4,580
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	595,395	454,530	59,389	81,476
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	12,190	9,425	1,190	1,575
9 Other employee benefits	28,597	22,356	2,680	3,561
10 Payroll taxes	50,762	39,139	5,039	6,584
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	9,300		9,300	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	15,000	15,000		
17 Travel	24,464	22,881	584	999
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	14,463	11,678	2,375	410
20 Interest	1,538		1,538	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	22,792		22,792	
23 Insurance	10,382		10,382	
24 Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a CONSULTANTS	366,474	366,234	120	120
b PRINTING	27,891	20,921	1,891	5,079
c MISC EXPENSES	27,453	7,930	15,867	3,656
d POSTAGE SUPPLIES AND COPY	25,222	13,577	7,309	4,336
e				
f All other expenses	29,183	81,302	-64,437	12,318
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,328,062	1,122,046	81,322	124,694
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) 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	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2	611,964
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	4	163,289
	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	5,262
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	865,343
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b	88,409
		10c	776,934
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	11	908,848
	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	41,513
	16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	16	2,507,810
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	17	178,809
	18 Grants payable	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	19	60,379
	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 (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	26	239,188
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	876,958
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	28	662,617
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	29	729,047
	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	33	2,268,622
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	34	2,507,810

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	1,524,186
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,328,062
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	196,124
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,101,166
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	-28,668
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	2,268,622

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

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

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Inspection**SCHEDULE A**
(Form 990 or 990EZ)**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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Name of the organization
UPSTATE FOREVER

Employer identification number

57-1070433

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
- (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
- (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

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

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	881,351	2,228,706	1,208,395	1,023,742	1,367,198	6,709,392
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	881,351	2,228,706	1,208,395	1,023,742	1,367,198	6,709,392
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,709,392

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	881,351	2,228,706	1,208,395	1,023,742	1,367,198	6,709,392
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	95,822	62,119	25,010	32,658	25,839	241,448
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Explain in Part IV) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets	54,158	17,688	66,769	12,509	71,213	222,337
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						7,173,177
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (See instructions)				12		98,545

13 **First Five Years** If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** **Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	93 530 %
15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	91 470 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b 33 1/3% support test—2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts and circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization 		
18 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a or 17b, check this box and see instructions 		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12)						
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011. 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—2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	
20 Private Foundation If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a or 19b, check this box and see instructions	

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

SCHEDULE C

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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 V, 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-E
 - 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) or Form 990-EZ, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of the organization
UPSTATE FOREVER

Employer identification number

57-1070433

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 on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office 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 the filing organization made payments 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

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 (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- 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.)

1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)

30,000

b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)

30,000

c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)

60,000

d Other exempt purpose expenditures

1,298,062

e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)

1,358,062

f Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns

210,806

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)

52,702

h Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-

i Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -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?

Yes 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount	279,105	202,308	184,108	210,806	876,327
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,314,491
c Total lobbying expenditures	50,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	230,000
d Grassroots non-taxable amount	69,776	50,577	46,027	52,702	219,082
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					328,623
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	115,000

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?		No	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?		No	
c Media advertisements?		No	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		No	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		No	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		No	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?		No	
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		No	
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV		No	
j Total lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		No	
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?		No	

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?	1	No
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	No
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	No

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).	2a	
a Current year	2b	
b Carryover from last year	2c	
c Total	3	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	4	
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?	5	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)		

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 11. Also, complete this part for any additional information

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**Supplemental Financial Statements****2011****Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b
 ► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

Name of the organization
UPSTATE FOREVER**Employer identification number**
57-1070433**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? Yes No
- 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes 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)
- Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically importantly land area
- Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
- Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
2a	82
2b	16,225
2c	2
2d	

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year ► 2

- 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ► 2

- 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 ► 540

- 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
► \$ 14,760

- 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? 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 accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|---|
| a <input type="checkbox"/> Public exhibition | d <input type="checkbox"/> Loan or exchange programs |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarly research | e <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation for future generations | |

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	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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

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

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

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance	930,974	786,044	533,256	652,174	
b Contributions	87,650	87,190	119,140	61,050	
c Investment earnings or losses	-5,534	82,740	134,520	-179,968	
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	-15,000	-25,000	-872		
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	998,090	930,974	786,044	533,256	

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment

b Permanent endowment 73 000 %

c Term endowment 27 000 %

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

(i) unrelated organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(ii) related organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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

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

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

	Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		62,500			62,500
b Buildings		770,597	62,522		708,075
c Leasehold improvements					
d Equipment		32,246	25,887		6,359
e Other					
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)					776,934

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ►	

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

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

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC740)

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,524,186
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,328,062
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	196,124
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	28,668
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 - 8	9	28,668
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	224,792

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	1,552,854
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	28,668
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	28,668
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,524,186
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 should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	1,524,186

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,328,062
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	1,328,062
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 should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	1,328,062

Part XIV Supplemental Information

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

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

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

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

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

Name of the organization
UPSTATE FOREVER

Employer identification number

57-1070431

Part I **Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

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

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

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

Yes No

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

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

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
		<u>SPECIAL EVENT</u> (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts . . .	98,545			98,545
	2 Less Charitable contributions . . .				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) . . .	98,545			98,545
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes . . .				
	5 Non-cash prizes . . .				
	6 Rent/facility costs . . .				
	7 Food and beverages . . .				
	8 Entertainment . . .				
	9 Other direct expenses . . .	38,609			38,609
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				(38,609)
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 10 in column (d)				59,936

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," Explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," Explain _____

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

13a	
13b	

14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ►

Address ►

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address

Name ►

Address ►

16 Gaming manager information

Name ►

Gaming manager compensation ► \$ _____

Description of services provided ►

Director/officer

Employee

Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$ _____

Part IV Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule G (see instructions.)

Identifier

ReturnReference

Explanation

Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V lines 38a or 40b.
► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

UPSTATE FOREVER

Employer identification number

57-107043

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501 (c)(4) organizations only)

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization. \$

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No
(1) THE PALMETTO BANK	BOARD MEMBER	1,538	INTEREST PD TO BANK		No

Part V Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule L (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation

2011

Open to Public
Inspection**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 to provide any additional information.
► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Name of the organization
UPSTATE FOREVEREmployer identification number
57-1070433

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	FORM 990	CONSERVATIONS EASEMENTS DONATED TO THE ORGANIZATION ARE RECORDED AT A ZERO VALUE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990 CONSERVATION EASEMENTS THAT ARE PURCHASED ARE SHOWN AS AN EXPENSE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990 THE FUNDING SOURCE THAT ENABLES THE PURCHASE OF THESE EASEMENTS IS SHOWN AS A REVENUE IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND FORM 990
ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UPSTATE FOREVER OUR GREATEST HITS - SIGNING 82 CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS THAT PROTECT OVER 16,000 ACRES OF IMPORTANT LANDS IN THE REGION, SUCH AS STUMPHOUSE MOUNTAIN IN OCONEE COUNTY, NINE TIMES IN PICKENS COUNTY, KEY TRACTS IN THE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE WILDERNESS AREA AND ALONG HIGHWAY 11, AND BEAUTIFUL FARMLANDS IN SPARTANBURG, LAURENS AND ABBEVILLE COUNTIES - BECOMING THE FIRST LAND TRUST ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO RECEIVE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND ONE OF ONLY FOUR IN THE SOUTHEAST - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL COURT'S CONSENT DECREE TO CLEAN UP THE PCB CONTAMINATION IN LAKE HARTWELL AND TWELVE MILE RIVER - STOPPING HARMFUL PROJECTS SUCH AS THE PROPOSED MEGA-LANDFILL IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY - INTRODUCING THE EARTHCRAFT GREEN BUILDING STANDARD TO SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH OUR "UPSTATE HOUSE" PROJECT - COMPLETING THE LEED PLATINUM-CERTIFIED RENOVATION OF OUR MAIN OFFICE IN GREENVILLE - RELEASING AN EYE-OPENING GROWTH PROJECTION STUDY FOR THE UPSTATE THAT SHOWS WHAT OUR REGION WILL LOOK LIKE IN 2030 IF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS AND POLICIES REMAIN UNCHANGED - MANAGING ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED STUDIES EVER UNDERTAKEN IN THE COUNTRY (THE SALUDA-REEDY WATERSHED CONSORTIUM) - PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN SECURING AND OPENING THE "SWAMP RABBIT" TRAIL THAT CONNECTS DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE TO FURMAN UNIVERSITY AND TRAVELERS REST - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR THE ENACTMENT OF HOSPITALITY TAXES IN GREENVILLE AND SPARTANBURG COUNTIES, WHICH ARE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR EXPANDING EXISTING PARKS AND GREENWAYS AND BUILDING NEW ONES - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF PHOSPHORUS DISCHARGED FROM WASTEWATER PLANTS INTO THE SALUDA RIVER - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR THE ENACTMENT OF PROGRESSIVE LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO TREE PROTECTION, RIPARIAN BUFFERS, CLUSTERED DEVELOPMENTS, BIG BOX STORES, AND PARKING LOTS - SPONSORING OVER 500 CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SPEECHES ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS, INCLUDING LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT, LAKE MANAGEMENT, TRAILS AND GREENWAYS, CARBON MARKETS, CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS, AND SCHOOL FACILITIES PLANNING
CLASSES OF MEMBERS OR STOCKHOLDERS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 6	THE TAXPAYER'S ARTICLES AND BY-LAWS STATE THAT THEY ARE A MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION
ELECTION OF MEMBERS AND THEIR RIGHTS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7A	YES - APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF THE BOARD ARE ELECTED FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS BY THE MEMBERS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
DECISIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MEMBERS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 7B	YES, MEMBERS APPROVE CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS OR OTHER GOVERNING ISSUES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
ORGANIZATIONS PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	A DRAFT COPY OF THE RETURN WAS EMAILED TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO FILING THE BOARD WAS GIVEN ONE WEEK TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE FORM 990
ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REVIEWS ANNUALLY THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS BEFORE THE BOARD IS ELECTED
COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	ALL COMPENSATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE BUDGET TO THE BOARD
COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15B	ALL COMPENSATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE BUDGET TO THE BOARD
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE ORGANIZATION'S OFFICE

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

4d. Other program services

(Code	(Expenses \$	81,399	Including grants of \$) (Revenue \$	175,986)
EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY UPSTATE FOREVER OUR GREATEST HITS - SIGNING 82 CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS THAT PROTECT OVER 16,000 ACRES OF IMPORTANT LANDS IN THE REGION, SUCH AS STUMPHOUSE MOUNTAIN IN OCONEE COUNTY, NINE TIMES IN PICKENS COUNTY, KEY TRACTS IN THE MOUNTAIN BRIDGE WILDERNESS AREA AND ALONG HIGHWAY 11, AND BEAUTIFUL FARMLANDS IN SPARTANBURG, LAURENS AND ABBEVILLE COUNTIES - BECOMING THE FIRST LAND TRUST ORGANIZATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO RECEIVE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION AND ONE OF ONLY FOUR IN THE SOUTHEAST - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL COURT'S CONSENT DECREE TO CLEAN UP THE PCB CONTAMINATION IN LAKE HARTWELL AND TWELVE MILE RIVER - STOPPING HARMFUL PROJECTS SUCH AS THE PROPOSED MEGA-LANDFILL IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY - INTRODUCING THE EARTHCRAFT GREEN BUILDING STANDARD TO SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH OUR "UPSTATE HOUSE" PROJECT - COMPLETING THE LEED PLATINUM-CERTIFIED RENOVATION OF OUR MAIN OFFICE IN GREENVILLE - RELEASING AN EYE-OPENING GROWTH PROJECTION STUDY FOR THE UPSTATE THAT SHOWS WHAT OUR REGION WILL LOOK LIKE IN 2030 IF CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS AND POLICIES REMAIN UNCHANGED - MANAGING ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE WATERSHED STUDIES EVER UNDERTAKEN IN THE COUNTRY (THE SALUDA-REEDY WATERSHED CONSORTIUM) - PLAYING A KEY ROLE IN SECURING AND OPENING THE "SWAMP RABBIT" TRAIL THAT CONNECTS DOWNTOWN GREENVILLE TO FURMAN UNIVERSITY AND TRAVELERS REST - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR THE ENACTMENT OF HOSPITALITY TAXES IN GREENVILLE AND SPARTANBURG COUNTIES, WHICH ARE PROVIDING FUNDING FOR EXPANDING EXISTING PARKS AND GREENWAYS AND BUILDING NEW ONES - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR LIMITS ON THE AMOUNT OF PHOSPHORUS DISCHARGED FROM WASTEWATER PLANTS INTO THE SALUDA RIVER - SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATING FOR THE ENACTMENT OF PROGRESSIVE LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO TREE PROTECTION, RIPARIAN BUFFERS, CLUSTERED DEVELOPMENTS, BIG BOX STORES, AND PARKING LOTS - SPONSORING OVER 500 CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SPEECHES ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS, INCLUDING LOW-IMPACT DEVELOPMENT, LAKE MANAGEMENT, TRAILS AND GREENWAYS, CARBON MARKETS, CONSERVATION AGREEMENTS, AND SCHOOL FACILITIES PLANNING					