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Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

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

OMB No 1545-0047
2012
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012, 2012, and ending 12-31-2012

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

C Name of organization: WAY TO GROW
 Doing Business As:
 Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: 125 WEST BROADWAY ROOM/SUITE 110
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55411

D Employer identification number: 71-0956749

E Telephone number: (612) 874-4743

G Gross receipts \$ 2,023,531

F Name and address of principal officer:

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ WWW.MPLSWAYTOGROW.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: **M** State of legal domicile:

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities HELP DIVERSE FAMILIES PREPARE CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS		
	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	16
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	16
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	43
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	25
	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		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,210,997	1,055,063
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	485	284
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-9,668	-16,102
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,371,703	1,928,080
	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)		1,275,164	1,525,196
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶253,376			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		567,271	545,354
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		1,842,435	2,070,550
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	529,268	-142,470	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	898,951	792,105
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	77,977	113,601
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	820,974	678,504	

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: ***** Date: 2013-05-13
 CAROLYN SMALLWOOD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Pnnt/Type preparer's name: ANTHONY J HINRICHS Preparer's signature: Date: 2013-07-09 Check if self-employed PTIN:
 Firm's name: HINRICHS & ASSOCIATES LTD Firm's EIN ▶:
 Firm's address: 1000 SHELARD PARKWAY SUITE 110 Phone no: (952) 542-8010
 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55426

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

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
HELP DIVERSE FAMILIES PREPARE CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

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

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

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 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 \$ 1,605,854 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
WAY TO GROW'S MISSION IS TO ENGAGE DIVERSE PARENTS AND FAMILIES TO NURTURE AND PREPARE THEIR CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL AND LIFE SUCCESS THROUGH COMMUNITY-DRIVEN FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND CONNECTIONS TO SERVICES THE GOALS ARE FOR CHILDREN TO BE BORN HEALTHY, STAY HEALTHY, AND DEVELOP TO THEIR MAXIMUM POTENTIAL FOR SCHOOL READINESS WAY TO GROW WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1989 BY MAYOR DON FRASER AND OTHER COMMUNITY LEADERS TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S READINESS FOR KINDERGARTEN AFTER FIFTEEN YEARS AS A PROGRAM OF THE MINNEAPOLIS YOUTH COORDINATING BOARD, WAY TO GROW ATTAINED INDEPENDENT STATUS AS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN 2004 WAY TO GROW'S CORE PHILOSOPHY IS THAT PARENTS HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NURTURING AND GUIDING THEIR CHILDREN WAY TO GROW HELPS PARENTS GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES TO FOSTER DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR CHILDREN BY HELPING PARENTS PREPARE THEIR CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL, WE ARE PREPARING THEM FOR LIFE PROGRAM SERVICES THE MISSION OF WAY TO GROW IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES, WE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WITHIN THE MOST ISOLATED FAMILIES ARE BORN HEALTHY, STAY HEALTHY AND ARE PREPARED FOR SCHOOL WAY TO GROW BEGAN IN 1989 AS A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORT TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO 5 BY NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING A CHILD'S FIRST TEACHERS - THEIR PARENTS IN 2010, WAY TO GROW LAUNCHED GREAT BY 8 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, A 5-YEAR INITIATIVE TO EXPAND OUR SUCCESSFUL AND STATISTICALLY PROVEN HOME VISITING MODEL TO INCLUDE CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN (AGE 6) THROUGH 3RD GRADE (AGE 8) NOW, WAY TO GROW EDUCATES OVER 2,200 FAMILIES ANNUALLY, WORKING WITH 34 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS IN MINNEAPOLIS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE GREAT BY 8 EXPANSION HAS NOT ONLY FACILITATED DRAMATIC GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF HOME VISITS FROM 5,300 (IN 2005) TO 10,435 IN 2012, BUT HAS GREATLY IMPROVED OUR IMPACT IN 2005, ONLY 38% OF OUR STUDENTS PASSED KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENTS, BY THE END OF 2012, HOWEVER, 80% OF WAY TO GROW CHILDREN WERE DEEMED READY FOR SCHOOL OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, 77% OF OUR STUDENTS MET OR EXCEEDED THE LITERACY BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT, AND 76% WERE READING AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL COMPARED TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS AS A WHOLE IN MINNEAPOLIS, STUDENTS IN WAY TO GROW'S PROGRAMMING ARE REVERSING NEGATIVE ACADEMIC TRENDS WAY TO GROW USES A PROVEN HOME VISITING MODEL, CENTER-BASED PROGRAMMING, STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AND EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULA AND ASSESSMENTS TO GIVE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN MINNEAPOLIS THE KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO STABILIZE THEIR HOMES AND ENGAGE WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S EARLY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS OUR RESEARCH-BASED GREAT BY 8 CURRICULUM IS IMPLEMENTED THROUGH YEAR-ROUND, MULTI-YEAR, LANGUAGE-TO-LANGUAGE HOME VISITING AND/OR CONNECTIONS WITH PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION TO MEET FAMILIES' BASIC NEEDS, TEACH PARENTS ABOUT CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS, AND PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION AND SUPPORT THROUGH GREAT BY 8, WAY TO GROW ENSURES AT-RISK CHILDREN IN MINNEAPOLIS ARE REGARDED AS READY FOR SCHOOL AND MEET KEY GRADE LEVEL BENCHMARKS IN CORE SUBJECTS - THEREBY CLOSING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAP THE SUCCESS OF GREAT BY 8 HINGES ON THE STRONG COLLABORATIONS WAY TO GROW HAS DEVELOPED WITH MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MPS), OUR PARTNERING CHARTER SCHOOLS (HARVEST PREP, BEST ACADEMY, MASTERY SCHOOLS AND MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE IN THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR) AND DOZENS OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOODS OF OUR OVERLAPPING TARGET POPULATION KEY PARTNERS INCLUDE MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MINNESOTA VISITING NURSE AGENCY, MACPHAIL CENTER FOR MUSIC, GOODWILL EASTER SEALS FATHER PROJECT, NORTHSIDE ACHIEVEMENT ZONE, BRIDGE TO BENEFITS, LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES, COOKING MATTERS MINNESOTA, THE CENTER FOR FAMILIES, EMERGE, AND HELP ME GROW THE SCOPE OF SCHOOL READINESS SERVICES INCLUDES HELPING PARENTS DEVELOP INDIVIDUALIZED GOALS TO FOSTER THEIR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING MONTHLY PLAY, LEARN & GROW PARENT-CHILD CLASSES COACHING PARENTS ON POSITIVE PARENT-CHILD INTERACTIONS AND HOW TO NURTURE EARLY LITERACY SKILLS, OFFERING FOUR PRENATAL EDUCATION CLASSES (SIX SESSIONS IN LENGTH) EACH QUARTER, TRACKING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR WELL-CHILD VISITS, INCLUDING IMMUNIZATIONS, CONNECTING FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR BASIC NEEDS WAY TO GROW'S SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL USES A CULTURALLY DIVERSE STAFF, WHO SPEAKS SEVEN LANGUAGES THE STAFF SPECIALIZES IN REACHING FAMILIES THAT MANY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES CONSIDER THE "HARDEST TO SERVE " FAMILIES BEAR THIS LABEL BECAUSE THEY ARE ISOLATED, NOT YET CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, AND HAVE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS IN TRUSTING MAINSTREAM PROVIDERS AND INSTITUTIONS WAY TO GROW GAINS THE CONFIDENCE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING TEEN PARENTS, IMMIGRANTS, SINGLE PARENTS, AND FAMILIES IN POVERTY

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 1,605,854

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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		No
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>		No
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, 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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
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 and XII is optional</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
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>		No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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>	21		No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		No
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, 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>	23		No
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>	24a		No
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		No
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or 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>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a	Yes	
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	Yes	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>	32		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34		No
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, 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>	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36		No
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b 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.		
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?		No
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).	Yes	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		No
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)?		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?		No
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		No
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 as charitable contributions?		No
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	Yes	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		No
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?		No
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		No
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		No
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		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?		No
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		No
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		No
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?		No
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		

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

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

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		No
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?	Yes	
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	Yes	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	Yes	
12c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	Yes	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	Yes	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	Yes	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	Yes	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	Yes	
	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?		No
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 MN
- 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 Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 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
 WAY TO GROW 125 WEST BROADWAY MINNEAPOLIS, MN (612) 874-4747

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 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 organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) RAYMOND HALL DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(2) CHRIS MALAEB DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(3) PAMELA ALEXANDER GOVERNANCE C	50	X					0	0	0	
(4) JUDY FARMER PAST CHAIR	50	X					0	0	0	
(5) MALCOM MCDONALD DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(6) ROBERT MARSH DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(7) LAURIE LAFONTAINE FINANCE CHAI	50	X					0	0	0	
(8) KAREN MULLERY DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(9) JAMES BOYLE VICE CHAIR	50	X					0	0	0	
(10) JULIA HALBERG DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(11) ROBIN SCHROEDER DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(12) MARIA CHRISTU CHAIR	50	X					0	0	0	
(13) CHRISTOPHER MONGEON DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(14) SUZANNE MCCARTY R&D CHAIR	50	X					0	0	0	
(15) MARJA ENGEL DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(16) ELIZABETH JOLLY DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	
(17) JULIE BAKER DIRECTOR	50	X					0	0	0	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns . . . 1a _____					
	b Membership dues 1b _____					
	c Fundraising events 1c _____ 112,113					
	d Related organizations 1d _____					
	e Government grants (contributions) 1e _____					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f _____ 942,950					
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____ 43,107					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶	1,055,063				
Program Service Revenue	2a PROGRAM SERVICE FEES _____ Business Code _____	888,835	888,835			
	b _____					
	c _____					
	d _____					
	e _____					
	f All other program service revenue _____					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶	888,835				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶	284	284			
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a 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) ▶					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 112,113 of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a _____ 79,349					
		b Less direct expenses b _____ 95,451				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶		-16,102			-16,102	
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 _____						
b _____						
c _____						
d All other revenue _____						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶						
12 Total revenue. See Instructions ▶	1,928,080	889,119		-16,102		

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)

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.	1,238,274	1,021,727	95,396	121,151
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9	Other employee benefits.	153,109	127,503	20,866	4,740
10	Payroll taxes.	133,813	109,888	11,895	12,030
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management.				
b	Legal.	963		963	
c	Accounting.	13,275		13,275	
d	Lobbying.				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f	Investment management fees.				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).				
12	Advertising and promotion.				
13	Office expenses.				
14	Information technology.				
15	Royalties.				
16	Occupancy.				
17	Travel.	24,766	22,420	1,473	873
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	19,137	326	16,033	2,778
20	Interest.				
21	Payments to affiliates.				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	32,217		32,217	
23	Insurance.	4,944	131	2,147	2,666
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	OTHER EXP- RENT & MAINTEN	167,046	152,079	2,468	12,499
b	OTHER EXP- OTHER PROF SER	104,492	27,724	2,450	74,318
c	OTHER EXP- PROGRAM SUPPLI	44,422	44,422		
d	OTHER EXPENSES- P/S	31,378	31,378		
e	All other expenses	102,714	68,256	12,137	22,321
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	2,070,550	1,605,854	211,320	253,376
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 <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	388,459	1	439,266
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	402,255	3	260,128
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other 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) 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	30,246	9	37,026
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 168,432		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 123,653	67,085	10c 44,779
	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	10,906	15	10,906
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	898,951	16	792,105	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	10,577	17	33,632
	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 Loans and other 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	67,400	25	79,969
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	77,977	26	113,601
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	285,124	27	371,263
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	535,850	28	307,241
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), 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	820,974	33	678,504	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	898,951	34	792,105	

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	1,928,080
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,070,550
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-142,470
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	820,974
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	678,504

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check 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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c 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	Yes	
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?		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		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

Open to Public Inspection

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

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
WAY TO GROW

Employer identification number
71-0956749

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

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

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

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

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

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	600,250	639,500	597,500	1,116,100	1,055,063	4,008,413
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	600,250	639,500	597,500	1,116,100	1,055,063	4,008,413
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						4,008,413

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	600,250	639,500	597,500	1,116,100	1,055,063	4,008,413
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	4,365	5,822	2,682	485	284	13,638
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						4,022,051
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	889,119

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 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	99.660 %
15 Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99.250 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2012. 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—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012. 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—2011. 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 Section 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2012.** 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—2011.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3% and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

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

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2012

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WAY TO GROW

Employer identification number 71-0956749

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Includes questions 1-6 regarding donor advised funds.

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements, including questions 1-9 and a table for 'Held at the End of the Year'.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets, including questions 1a-2b.

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

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

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

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

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 XIII 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 XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%

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

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

4 Describe in Part XIII 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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		168,432	123,653	44,779
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				44,779

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) must 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) must 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) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.)	

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

1 (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
Federal income taxes	
ACCRUED SALARIES	56,277
ACCRUED VACATION	23,692
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	79,969

2. Fin 48 (ASC 740) Footnote In Part XIII, 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 (ASC 740) Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	1,928,080
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	1,928,080
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	1,928,080

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	2,070,550
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 XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	2,070,550
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	2,070,550

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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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. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WAY TO GROW

Employer identification number

71-0956749

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 email 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... 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

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?, (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization. Includes a Total row at the bottom.

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 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>GALA</u> (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	191,462			191,462
	2 Less Contributions	112,113			112,113
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	79,349			79,349
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes	43,107			43,107
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages	22,000			22,000
	8 Entertainment	20,403			20,403
	9 Other direct expenses	9,941			9,941
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				
11 Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 ▶					-16,102

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))
		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 _____

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

a The organization's facility	13a	
b An outside facility	13b	

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

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? 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 of the third party

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 Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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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, line 38a or 40b. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WAY TO GROW

Employer identification number 71-0956749

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

Table with 4 main columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Relationship between disqualified person and organization, (c) Description of transaction, (d) Corrected? (Yes/No)

2 Enter the amount of tax incurred by 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-EZ, Part V, line 38a, or Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or if the organization reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 5, 6, or 22

Table with 9 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship with organization, (c) Purpose of loan, (d) Loan to or from the organization (To/From), (e) Original principal amount, (f) Balance due, (g) In default? (Yes/No), (h) Approved by board or committee? (Yes/No), (i) Written agreement? (Yes/No)

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

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

Table with 5 main columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of assistance, (d) Type of assistance, (e) Purpose of assistance

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) JAMES BOYLE	BOARD MEMBER	7,875	CONTRACT WORK		No

Part V Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE M (Form 990)

Noncash Contributions

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization WAY TO GROW

Employer identification number 71-0956749

Part I Types of Property

Table with 4 columns: (a) Check if applicable, (b) Number of contributions or items contributed, (c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g, (d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts. Rows include Art, Books, Clothing, Cars, Boats, Intellectual property, Securities, Real estate, etc.

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

29

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?
b If "Yes," describe in Part II
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows for 30a, 31, 32a, 33.

Part III **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2012)

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

2012

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

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Internal Revenue Service

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WAY TO GROW

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FIRST ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4A	ORGANIZATION IN 2004 WAY TO GROW'S CORE PHILOSOPHY IS THAT PARENTS HAVE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR NURTURING AND GUIDING THEIR CHILDREN WAY TO GROW HELPS PARENTS GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES TO FOSTER DEVELOPMENT IN THEIR CHILDREN BY HELPING PARENTS PREPARE THEIR CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL, WE ARE PREPARING THEM FOR LIFE PROGRAM SERVICES THE MISSION OF WAY TO GROW IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH PARENTS AND COMMUNITIES, WE ENSURE THAT CHILDREN WITHIN THE MOST ISOLATED FAMILIES ARE BORN HEALTHY, STAY HEALTHY AND ARE PREPARED FOR SCHOOL WAY TO GROW BEGAN IN 1989 AS A COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY EFFORT TO SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO 5 BY NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING A CHILD'S FIRST TEACHERS - THEIR PARENTS IN 2010, WAY TO GROW LAUNCHED GREAT BY 8 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, A 5-YEAR INITIATIVE TO EXPAND OUR SUCCESSFUL AND STATISTICALLY PROVEN HOME VISITING MODEL TO INCLUDE CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN (AGE 6) THROUGH 3RD GRADE (AGE 8) NOW, WAY TO GROW EDUCATES OVER 2,200 FAMILIES ANNUALLY, WORKING WITH 34 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS IN MINNEAPOLIS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE GREAT BY 8 EXPANSION HAS NOT ONLY FACILITATED DRAMATIC GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF HOME VISITS FROM 5,300 (IN 2005) TO 10,435 IN 2012, BUT HAS GREATLY IMPROVED OUR IMPACT IN 2005, ONLY 38% OF OUR STUDENTS PASSED KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENTS, BY THE END OF 2012, HOWEVER, 80% OF WAY TO GROW CHILDREN WERE DEEMED READY FOR SCHOOL OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, 77% OF OUR STUDENTS MET OR EXCEEDED THE LITERACY BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT, AND 76% WERE READING AT OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL COMPARED TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS AS A WHOLE IN MINNEAPOLIS, STUDENTS IN WAY TO GROW'S PROGRAMMING ARE REVERSING NEGATIVE ACADEMIC TRENDS WAY TO GROW USES A PROVEN HOME VISITING MODEL, CENTER-BASED PROGRAMMING, STRONG PARTNERSHIPS AND EVIDENCE-BASED CURRICULA AND ASSESSMENTS TO GIVE LOW-INCOME FAMILIES IN MINNEAPOLIS THE KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO STABILIZE THEIR HOMES AND ENGAGE WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S EARLY DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS OUR RESEARCH-BASED GREAT BY 8 CURRICULUM IS IMPLEMENTED THROUGH YEAR-ROUND, MULTI-YEAR, LANGUAGE-TO-LANGUAGE HOME VISITING AND/OR CONNECTIONS WITH PARENTS AND TEACHERS TO PROVIDE RESOURCES AND INFORMATION TO MEET FAMILIES' BASIC NEEDS, TEACH PARENTS ABOUT CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS, AND PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION AND SUPPORT THROUGH GREAT BY 8, WAY TO GROW ENSURES AT-RISK CHILDREN IN MINNEAPOLIS ARE REGARDED AS READY FOR SCHOOL AND MEET KEY GRADE LEVEL BENCHMARKS IN CORE SUBJECTS - THEREBY CLOSING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAP THE SUCCESS OF GREAT BY 8 HINGES ON THE STRONG COLLABORATIONS WAY TO GROW HAS DEVELOPED WITH MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MPS), OUR PARTNERING CHARTER SCHOOLS (HARVEST PREP, BEST ACADEMY, MASTERY SCHOOLS AND MINNESOTA SCHOOL OF SCIENCE IN THE 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR) AND DOZENS OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOODS OF OUR OVERLAPPING TARGET POPULATION KEY PARTNERS INCLUDE MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, MINNESOTA VISITING NURSE AGENCY, MACPHAIL CENTER FOR MUSIC, GOODWILL EASTER SEALS FATHER PROJECT, NORTHSIDE ACHIEVEMENT ZONE, BRIDGE TO BENEFITS, LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES, COOKING MATTERS MINNESOTA, THE CENTER FOR FAMILIES, EMERGE, AND HELP ME GROW THE SCOPE OF SCHOOL READINESS SERVICES INCLUDES HELPING PARENTS DEVELOP INDIVIDUALIZED GOALS TO FOSTER THEIR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDING MONTHLY PLAY, LEARN & GROW PARENT-CHILD CLASSES COACHING PARENTS ON POSITIVE PARENT-CHILD INTERACTIONS AND HOW TO NURTURE EARLY LITERACY SKILLS, OFFERING FOUR PRENATAL EDUCATION CLASSES (SIX SESSIONS IN LENGTH) EACH QUARTER, TRACKING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE FOR WELL-CHILD VISITS, INCLUDING IMMUNIZATIONS, CONNECTING FAMILIES TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR BASIC NEEDS WAY TO GROW'S SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL USES A CULTURALLY DIVERSE STAFF, WHO SPEAKS SEVEN LANGUAGES THE STAFF SPECIALIZES IN REACHING FAMILIES THAT MANY HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES CONSIDER THE "HARDEST TO SERVE" FAMILIES BEAR THIS LABEL BECAUSE THEY ARE ISOLATED, NOT YET CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUPPORTS, AND HAVE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS IN TRUSTING MAINSTREAM PROVIDERS AND INSTITUTIONS WAY TO GROW GAINS THE CONFIDENCE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING TEEN PARENTS, IMMIGRANTS, SINGLE PARENTS, AND FAMILIES IN POVERTY
ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	A COPY OF THIS RETURN IS REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THEN IT IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION AFTER THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS REVIEWED THE DOCUMENT, IT IS FILED
ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	WAY TO GROW MONITORS AND ENFORCES THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AS NEEDED
COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WAY TO GROW BOARD OF DIRECTORS USES A PROCESS FOR DETERMINING COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO THAT INCLUDED ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE INDEPENDENT AND WITHOUT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AS DEFINED IN REGULATION SECTION 53 4958-6(C)(1)(III), USE OF DATA AS TO COMPARABLE COMPENSATION FOR SIMILARLY QUALIFIED PERSONS IN FUNCTIONALLY COMPARABLE POSITIONS AT SIMILARLY SITUATED ORGANIZATIONS, CONTEMPORANEOUS DOCUMENTATION, SUBSTANTIATION AND RECORDKEEPING WITH RESPECT TO DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS REGARDING THE COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROCESS AND AN ASSESSMENT IS PERFORMED AT LEAST ANNUALLY FOR THE CEO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEWS AND APPROVES ALL COMPENSATION CHANGES OF THE CEO IN ADVANCE OF THE CHANGE
COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15B	ALL EMPLOYEES, KEY OR OTHERWISE ARE GIVEN A PERFORMANCE REVIEW ANNUALLY AND ANY SALARY ADJUSTMENTS ARE BASED ON A FORMULA WITHIN THE REVIEW FORMAT THE PERFORMANCE REVIEW IS GIVEN BY THEIR SUPERVISOR & APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE DIRECTOR'S RECEIVE REVIEWS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS RECEIVES HER REVIEW BY THE BOARD
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	ALL GOVERNING DOCUMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING FEDERAL FORM 990, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CAN BE REVIEWED BY CONTACTING WAY TO GROW AT 125 WEST BROADWAY, 110, MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55411