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Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 20 12

B Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization The Shannon Foundation Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 1512 Larimer Street 730 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Denver, CO 80202	D Employer identification number 84-1284718 E Telephone number 303-436-1224 F Group Exemption Number ▶
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G Accounting Method Cash Accrual Other (specify) ▶ _____

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ▶ www.theshannonfoundation.com

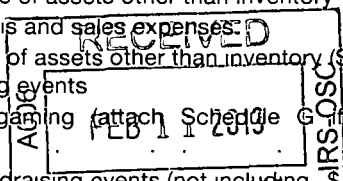
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ _____

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

	Description	Code	Amount
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	44,413.00
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4 Investment income	4	196.06
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 7) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	
c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	▶ 9	44,609.06	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	26,157.67
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	▶ 17	26,157.67	
Net Assets	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	18,451.39
	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	45,521.58
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	1,023.00
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	▶ 21	64,995.97



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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		✓
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		✓
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?		✓
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
35b			
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
35c			
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a <u> </u> -0-		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		✓
37b			
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		✓
38a			
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b <u> </u>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a <u> </u>		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b <u> </u>		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ <u> </u> -0- ; section 4912 ▶ <u> </u> -0- , section 4955 ▶ <u> </u> -0-		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
40b			
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ <u> </u> -0-		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ <u> </u> -0-		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		✓
40e			
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ <u> </u> N/A		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ <u> </u> Fritz L. Fisher Telephone no ▶ <u> </u> 303-436-1224 Located at ▶ <u> </u> 6 Mourning Dove Lane, Littleton, CO ZIP + 4 ▶ <u> </u> 80127-5756		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. ▶ <u> </u> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	Yes	No
42b			✓
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ <u> </u>		✓
42c			
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 <u> </u>		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
44a			
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		✓
44b			
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		✓
44c			
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
44d			
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		✓
45a			
45b	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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		✓
45b			

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46	✓

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

	Yes	No
47 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		✓
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		✓
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		✓
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?		
49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶ -0-

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶ -0-

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A ▶ Yes No

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
	Type or print name and title	2-6-13

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ Yes No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization The Shannon Foundation	Employer identification number 84-1284718
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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?

	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	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
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.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) **12**

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I 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.")	51,105	42,352	37,375	38,405	44,413	213,650
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	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	51,105	42,352	37,375	38,405	44,413	213,650
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	7,075	9,102	7,100	6,000	8,232	37,509
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	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
c Add lines 7a and 7b	7,075	9,102	7,100	6,000	8,232	37,509
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						176,141

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	51,105	42,352	37,375	38,405	44,413	213,650
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	113	80	167	184	196	740
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
c Add lines 10a and 10b	113	80	167	184	196	740
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	51,218	42,432	37,542	38,589	44,609	214,390
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	82.16 %
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	82.01 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.345 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.739 %

- 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 ▶

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

The Shannon Foundation

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Employer identification number

84-1284718

Part I, Line 10.

See enclosed schedule for disbursements made for the benefit of children donees in 2012.

Part I, Line 20

The amount in Part I, Line 20 is comprised of the difference (\$1,023 00) between the value of stock owned by the foundation as of

December 31, 2011 (\$4,849 00) and the value of that same stock on December 31, 2012 (\$5,87200). The net effect of this item was to

increase the foundation's assets by \$1,023.

Part III.

See enclosed copy of the foundation's annual letter to contributors, which shows how the foundation's funds were spent in 2012

Schedule to Form 990-EZ (2012)
(Part I, Line 10 and Part III)

2012 Disbursements

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1-2-12	Deajah Weathers	\$155.73
1-2-12	Alexis Aguilar	\$190.00
1-26-12	Alexis Aguilar	\$190.00
2-27-12	Alexis Aguilar	\$190.00
3-28-12	Alexis Aguilar	\$190.00
4-30-12	Alexis Aguilar	\$190.00
7-3-12	Alexis Aguilar	\$190.00
10-1-12	Alexis Aguilar	\$570.00
11-15-12	Alexis Aguilar	\$380.00
1-24-12	Tyler Baker	\$117.50
2-22-12	Tyler Baker	\$117.50
2-1-12	Aziah Jones	\$38.24
3-22-12	Nyah Bell	\$2,549.00
6-22-12	Cheyenne Horath	\$860.00
8-3-12	Cheyenne Horath	\$860.00
9-12-12	Cheyenne Horath	\$860.00
11-27-12	Cheyenne Horath	\$430.00
6-28-12	Tristen Marze	\$4,348.34
7-9-12	Cesar Barron	\$360.00
8-10-12	Emilio Gonzalez	\$1,680.00
8-14-12	Cody Bruning	\$78.50
8-21-12	Lillian Sellers	\$1,146.25
9-7-12	Kade and Kane Stockmeister	\$3,600.00
9-19-12	Paris Clarke	\$599.40
12-20-12	Paris Clarke	\$314.70
11-5-12	Isaih Rojas	\$1,699.72
12-10-12	Antonio Torres	\$750.00
12-20-12	Sabina Czauz	\$1,600.00
12-20-12	Haley Edwards	\$1,400.00
12-20-12	Cesar Malagon	<u>\$502.79</u>
		\$26,157.67

SCHEDULE TO FORM 990-EZ (2012) - PART III

*The
Shannon
Foundation*

THIS COPY OF FOUNDATION'S 2012 ANNUAL LETTER
TO CONTRIBUTORS SHOWS GENERALLY HOW FUNDS
WERE SPENT IN 2012.

Helping to fund necessary medical care for children in need

November 23, 2012

Dear Family and Friends:

I'd like to introduce you to Kade and Kane, twin boys living in Charlotte, North Carolina. They were born in December of last year, and have both been diagnosed with plagiocephaly, an asymmetrical formation of the head. If untreated, this condition can cause serious problems as the child develops. Both of the boys have severe cranial malformations. Fortunately, the condition can be corrected with cranial bands, which are worn for several months until the head has developed into a normal shape. Kade and Kane were prime candidates for cranial bands, but North Carolina Medicaid wouldn't pay the cost, which was quoted at \$2,500 per child, and the twins' parents are on a very limited income and could not afford the cost. The twins' mother, Krissy, later wrote to us, saying, "We were frozen with fear thinking about the ramifications and feeling very bad as a parent because we didn't have the finances to get this for our children at this critical age." Krissy and her husband were also at that time mourning the death of their oldest son, who was lost in a drowning accident when Krissy was pregnant with Kade and Kane. The Shannon Foundation paid for the cranial bands, which, as you can see, Kade and Kane now wear with great pride. As Krissy also wrote, "Thankfully we were directed to The Shannon Foundation and they very kindly heard our plea and granted the funding so our sons could get the medical care they needed. There are no words to express our gratitude and appreciation for what the board and donors to the foundation have done for our family. Healthy kids make healthy adults and these formative years are so important. To all those who gave and will give in the future, this financial aid has made a big difference in small lives! We thank you!"



The Shannon Foundation is a non-profit organization that I formed in September of 1994. It is named after my daughter, Shannon, who passed away as an infant in 1993. The purpose of the Foundation is to help pay for the medical care and related expenses of children from families in need.

Working through social workers from hospitals throughout the country to identify those in need, The Shannon Foundation has helped hundreds of kids by paying for medicine, medical tests and procedures, equipment (such as wheelchairs, ventilators and communication augmentation devices), hospital visits, surgery, medical co-pays, chemotherapy and physical therapy.

The Shannon Foundation has received section 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service, so donations to the Foundation are tax deductible. One of the most important aspects of The Shannon Foundation is that, unlike most charities, 100% of the donations it receives (other than those that are specifically earmarked by the donors for the Foundation's endowment) are used for charitable disbursement; no portion of its revenues are used for administrative or any other purposes. For boys and girls like Kade and Kane, your contributions to The Shannon Foundation can make a world of difference. You can learn more about the Foundation by visiting its website, at www.theshannonfoundation.com.

I am sending this letter to ask you to help us in our efforts to provide medical care and related equipment to needy kids. Every week, I receive requests from social workers around the country, asking the Foundation to help out kids who aren't receiving necessary medical care because their families can't afford to pay for it. There are countless kids living right here in the United States who are not receiving the medical care that they need. If someone doesn't step up to help these kids, they simply won't receive that medical care.

For those of you who have contributed to The Shannon Foundation in the past, thank you so much. I hope that this letter lets you see that your contributions have been put to good use.

Recent Foundation Disbursements

Here are some of the other children, in addition to Kade and Kane, whom The Shannon Foundation has helped over the past year:

- Tyler, a seven year-old boy in Lakeland, Florida, has cerebral palsy, epilepsy and dysphagia. The Foundation has been paying for his expensive seizure medication, as both parents are unemployed and cannot afford the cost. Tyler is covered by the Florida Medicaid health insurance program, but the program does not cover the medication that he needs.
- Deajah is a seven year-old girl who lives in Middleton, Ohio. When she was diagnosed with cancer in April of last year, part of her right leg had to be amputated. Ohio Medicaid paid for a walker that allowed her to get around. Deajah lives with her father, four sisters and her paternal and maternal grandmothers in a rented home. When the family moved recently, the walker was lost in the move. Ohio Medicaid would not pay for a second walker, and Deajah's family could not afford the cost, so the Foundation paid for a new walker.

- Shelby is a 14 year-old girl in Lakewood, Colorado who has rheumatoid arthritis. She also has recently developed Complex Regional Pain Syndrome in her face. Doctors have concluded that in order for Shelby to become more functional and to be in less pain, she requires at least two procedures of injections of bupivacaine and kenalog into her face. Her doctor stated that Shelby's condition is very serious and that if she does not receive these injections she can become permanently disabled. Shelby's mom works at a home health care agency but does not make a lot of money, and Shelby's dad is not involved with the family and does not assist the family financially. Shelby and her brother are both in the indigent care program through Children's Hospital Colorado, but that program requires the family to pay co-pays for appointment visits, procedures and medications. The co-pay for each injection procedure needed by Shelby is \$1,200, for a total of \$2,400 for the two procedures. Shelby's family could not afford to pay these amounts, so the Foundation has agreed to pick up the co-pays and also to pay the cost of expensive outpatient prescriptions.
- Tristen is a five year-old boy in Bastrop, Texas. Tristen has epilepsy, and his epileptic seizures caused him to grind his teeth to the bone. This eventually caused him severe pain, and he was in need of extensive dental surgery. Tristen's family could not afford the cost, so the Foundation paid for the needed dental surgery.
- Alexis is a 16 year-old boy from Aurora, Colorado who has cystic fibrosis. The Foundation is helping his family with the cost of special formula that he needs.
- Micah is a nine year-old boy in Longwood, Florida who has been diagnosed with intractable epilepsy from cortical dysplasia. When Micah had surgery at 19 months to remove a lesion in the right cortical area of his brain, he suffered a stroke that has reduced his physical abilities on the entire left side of his body. His doctors had been unable to control Micah's severe epilepsy through any of the FDA-approved medications, so they had to resort to an expensive drug that is not covered by insurance because it is not FDA-approved. Micah's family has had very limited income since his father lost his job due to the economy, and they could not afford the expensive medication, so the Foundation agreed to pay the cost of the medication.
- Paris is a 17 year-old boy who lives in Denver, Colorado. He has end stage renal disease and is currently on regular hemodialysis to sustain his life. The Foundation paid the quarterly premium for Medicare coverage for Paris in order to allow him to continue his hemodialysis treatments. His mother could not afford to pay the premiums.
- Cody is an eight year-old boy in Glenwood, Illinois. He has a complex medical history that includes intractable epilepsy, failure to thrive, cerebral palsy and blindness. The Foundation paid for monthly nutritional supplements for Cody, because his family could not afford the cost.

- Cesar is a 14 year-old boy who lives in Wiggins, Colorado. Cesar has muscular dystrophy and neuromuscular scoliosis. When Cesar underwent needed spinal surgery, the costs of the surgery and hospitalization were paid for through a charity program affiliated with Children's Hospital Colorado and through fundraising events held by Cesar's school. Once he was released from the hospital, the Foundation paid the cost of some limited homecare assistance to have a nurse and an occupational therapist assess his respiratory status, incision, wound care, nutrition and pain management, because Cesar's family could not afford the cost.
- Isaih is eight years old and lives in Laredo, Texas. When he was six months old he was diagnosed with a rare seizure disorder. Ever since his diagnosis he has been in and out of hospitals and seeing different pediatric neurologists. Doctors have had great difficulty finding the exact combination of medication to attack his seizure activity. Isaih recently began seeing a new doctor at the Dell Children's Medical Center. His new doctor has found a combination of medications that keep Isaih's seizures in check, but these medications are expensive and are not covered by the family's health insurance. The Foundation has stepped in to pay for Isaih's medication.
- Lilly, a nine year-old girl in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, has muscular dystrophy. Because of her diagnosis, Lilly is minimally ambulatory. She has a power wheelchair that was paid for through her family's insurance. She also needs a specialized stroller, though, to allow her to access places that cannot accommodate a power wheelchair and to accompany her family at certain outdoor activities. The insurance company would not pay for such a stroller and the family could not afford it, so the Foundation paid the cost.
- Emiliano is a six year-old boy who lives in Austin, Texas. He has been diagnosed with Dandy-Walker Syndrome, which is a congenital brain malformation. Among his symptoms from this condition is difficulty in walking. He needed new leg braces in order to continue with physical therapy, but the family could not afford them. His father supports the family by doing odd jobs, and the family has no health insurance. His mother cannot work, due to Emiliano's various therapy sessions and doctor appointments. The Foundation bought the leg braces for Emiliano.
- Cheyenne is an 11 year-old girl in Franklin, Kentucky. She has been diagnosed with epilepsy, and her condition requires treatment with an expensive drug called Opsolot, which is not FDA-approved. When Cheyenne was referred to the Foundation, she had been taking Opsolot for about seven months, and the frequency of her seizures had drastically decreased as a result. The family could no longer afford to pay for the drug, though, so the Foundation agreed to cover the cost.

- Aziah, a three year-old boy in Taylor, Texas, was diagnosed last year with diabetes. The Foundation paid the expensive co-pay amounts for medical bills, doctor visits, diabetic supplies and insulin for Aziah until he could qualify for governmental assistance. His mother applied for assistance through SSI and Medicaid, but could not afford these payments pending approval of her application.
- Michael is a two year-old boy in Chicago, Illinois who was born with massive hydrocephalous and severe craniofacial deformities. He was misdiagnosed at birth with another type of brain malformation and the doctors told Alysha, his then 18 year-old single mother, that Michael had limited brain function and would die in a short time. Alysha eventually took Michael home and took care of him, hoping that maybe the doctors were wrong. Michael has been in and out of the hospital most of his short life, but is now able to do a lot more than the doctors would have imagined. He has a shunt now to help with the hydrocephalous and had a g-tube placed to supplement his nutrition intake. He is receiving developmental therapies and interacts with his world in his own way. The Shannon Foundation purchased a specialized chair for use during his developmental therapies.
- Sabina is a five year-old girl in Brighton, Colorado. She was born a 28-week premie and has a number of physical issues, including congenital hypothyroidism, left torticollis, left dislocated hip and right calcaneovalgus ankle. She also has been seen by multiple specialists concerning lower motor neuron deficits, but does not yet have a diagnosis. Sabina needs leg braces for walking and balance, but the family cannot afford the cost. The Foundation has bought the braces for Sabina.
- Leo is 8 years old and lives in Austin, Texas. Leo was diagnosed with liver sarcoma in December of 2010. He underwent chemotherapy to treat the cancer and was declared cancer free last spring. Unfortunately, the chemotherapy resulted in extensive damage to Leo's teeth. The dentist agreed to give Leo a discounted rate, but the needed work would still cost thousands of dollars. Despite Leo's father working full time, the family is unable to afford private health insurance. With the help of their social worker, they were able to put Leo on a waitlist for a state funded insurance program - but with the waitlist so long, it is not likely Leo will receive this coverage for a few more years. It was important for Leo to have the dental work now, before his condition deteriorated even further. The Foundation agreed to pay for Leo's needed dental work, so by the time you read this letter he will already be showing off his new smile.
- Hayley is eight years old. She lives with her grandparents in Tinley Park, Illinois and is in the second grade. When she was four months old she suffered a spinal cord injury and at various times uses a wheelchair and a walker. She has been undergoing physical therapy and occupational therapy sessions for years, and she has regained nearly 100% use of both hands and is learning to walk with quad-tipped canes. Her biggest challenge is continuing to strengthen her core muscles so that someday she

will be able to walk without assistance. Hayley's grandparents became unemployed in August of last year and are still out of work. They eventually could no longer make the required COBRA payments, and without insurance they could no longer afford Hayley's therapy sessions. The Foundation is paying the cost of Hayley's therapy so that she can continue to make progress toward one day walking on her own.

How You Can Help

Over the past 18 years, The Shannon Foundation has provided assistance to hundreds of children throughout the country. The children that The Shannon Foundation helps are those from needy families who could not otherwise afford the medical care and related equipment for which the Foundation pays. There are a lot of kids out there who need our help. Whatever money you can provide to the Foundation will find its way to a child who is in need of medical care that he or she would not otherwise receive.

The current state of the economy has resulted in there being more families out there who cannot afford to pay for needed medical care for their kids. It is difficult to keep up with all of the requests that we receive for help. We need contributions now more than ever. Even if the bad economy has hit you hard, please consider making even a small donation. Your contribution will be used to help children like those described in this letter, and can literally change a child's life. If we don't help these kids, no one else will.

Thanks very much for your support of The Shannon Foundation. Please help us to help more kids.

Very truly yours,



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