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Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Short Form 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)

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. 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.

OMB No 1545-1150

**2012**

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**A** For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning **MAY 1, 2012** and ending **APR 30, 2013**

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

**C** Name of organization: **THE CHARITY STRIPE**

**D** Employer identification number: **26-0875042**

Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite **E** Telephone number  
**305 LEE ROAD A 847-715-9433**

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 **F** Group Exemption Number  
**NORTHBROOK, IL 60062**

**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: **THECHARITYSTRIPE.NET**

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

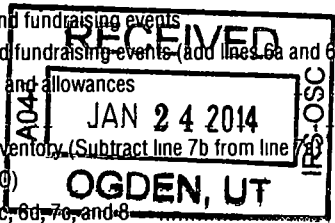
**K** Check  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the 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 **\$ 33,348.**

**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

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	33,348.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
6c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
6d	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		
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	<b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	<b>33,348.</b>	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	19,653.
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	2,690.
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	4,367.
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	540.
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	7,331.
	17	<b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	<b>34,581.</b>
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<1,233.>
	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	8,375.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	0.
	21	<b>Net assets or fund balances at end of year.</b> Combine lines 18 through 20	21	<b>7,142.</b>



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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 Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V [X]

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)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c 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
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 0.
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
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?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 0.; section 4912 0.; section 4955 0.
40b 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
40c 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 0.
40d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 0.
40e 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
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed IL
42a The organization's books are in care of ILEEN G. SALZSTEIN Telephone no. 847-715-9433
Located at 305 LEE RD., STE A, NORTHBROOK, IL ZIP + 4 60062
42b 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)?
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43 N/A
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
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)

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

Table with Yes/No columns. 46 Yes No X

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

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch. C, Part II

Table with Yes/No columns. 47 Yes No X

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

Table with Yes/No columns. 48 Yes No X

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

Table with Yes/No columns. 49a Yes No X

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

Table with Yes/No columns. 49b Yes No

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."

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee paid more than \$100,000, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. All entries are 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."

NONE

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. All entries are 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

X 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 [Signature] Date 1/15/14

MITCHELL L. SALZSTEIN, PRESIDENT

Table with 4 columns: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date, Check self-employed if PTIN. Includes name MARCY STEINDLER, firm name MANN. WEITZ & ASSOCIATES L.L.C., and address 111 DEER LAKE ROAD, SUITE 125 DEERFIELD, IL 60015.

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

X Yes No



**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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	79,668.	102,114.	81,660.	44,104.	33,348.	340,894.
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	79,668.	102,114.	81,660.	44,104.	33,348.	340,894.
<b>5</b> 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)						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						340,894.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	79,668.	102,114.	81,660.	44,104.	33,348.	340,894.
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						340,894.

**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**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
<b>15</b> 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

**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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

**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

SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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.  
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THE CHARITY STRIPE

Employer identification number

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FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10, GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS:

ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: ASSISTANCE TO FORGOTTEN HEROES

GRANTEE NAME: FORGOTTEN HEROES AN ILLINOIS NONPROFIT

CORPORATION

GRANTEE ADDRESS: 609 N. ASHBURY AVE BOLINGBROOK, IL 60440

GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE

AMOUNT GIVEN: 11,594.

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:	AMOUNT:
BANK CHARGES & CR CARD FEES	101.
WEBSITE FEES	6,662.
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION	103.
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	23.
PAYROLL TAXES	76.
TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT	366.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	7,331.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS:

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	0.	2,046.

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, OTHER LIABILITIES:

DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	1,389.	2,008.

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2012)

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FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - TO RAISE FUNDS FOR  
AMERICAN FAMILIES IN NEED WHO ARE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE  
TO MILITARY SERVICE, DEBILITATING ILLNESS, NATURAL DISASTER AND/OR  
OTHER PHILANTHROPIC CONDITIONS.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:  
HELD ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BASKETBALL EVENTS AT AREA HIGH  
SCHOOLS TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP MILITARY PERSONNEL AND  
THEIR FAMILIES IN NEED. HELP INCLUDED PAYING RENT FOR AN  
HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERAN TO AVOID EVICTION, DONATION TO CHILDREN'S  
MIRACLE NETWORK FOR A MILITARY-RELATED REQUEST, FUNDS TO ENABLE A MUSIC  
FESTIVAL FOR FORGOTTEN HEROES TO HONOR 3 FALLEN SOLDIERS, FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT FOR KIDS RANK TO ENABLE PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN OF ACTIVE DUTY  
SERVICEMAN AND SERVICEWOMEN AND FUNDS FOR 33RD BRIGADE ILLINOIS  
NATIONAL GUARD TO HELP SUBSIDIZE THE COSTS FOR THEIR FINANCIALLY NEEDY  
MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES UNABLE TO AFFORD SERVICES. APPROXIMATELY 20  
HIGH SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE FUNDRAISING EFFORT.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:  
THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,  
OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.  
THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,  
OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.