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Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2013 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2013, and ending 12-31-2013

B Check if applicable

- Address change
Name change
Initial return
Terminated
Amended return
Application pending

C Name of organization THE HOW PLACE INC
Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 2687 QUAIL CIRCLE NE
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MARIETTA, GA 300661420

D Employer identification number 30-0279691

E Telephone number (404) 771-4710

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify)

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

I Website: N/A

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

K Form of organization [X] Corporation [] Trust [] Association [] Other

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, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 97,264

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 [X]

Table with 21 rows and 2 columns. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21). Values range from 442 to 255,751.

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	200,935	22	195,751
23 Land and buildings	60,000	23	60,000
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)		24	
25 Total assets	260,935	25	255,751
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26	
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	260,935	27	255,751

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

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

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
 THE HOW PLACE, INC IS DEDICATED TO HELPING THE RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC, ADDICT, AND OTHERS SEEKING RECOVERY BY PROVIDING A FACILITY TO BE USED PRIMARILY FOR MEETINGS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS AND OTHER 12-STEP BASED SELF-HELP GROUPS AND TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AMONG ALCOHOLICS AND OTHERS SEEKING RECOVERY TO THAT END, THE HOW PLACE, INC ACTS AS THE HOLDING AND MANAGING AGENCY OF THE PROPERTY AND FACILITIES USED

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 THE PRIMARY PROGRAM SERVICE IS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS CONDUCTED IN THE 12-STEP PROGRAMS BY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND LIKE GROUPS IN THAT REGARD THERE WERE OVER 2,910 MEETINGS CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR. ACTUAL NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING MEETINGS CAN ONLY BE ESTIMATED DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE MEETINGS (BEING ANONYMOUS, NO RECORDS ARE KEPT BY THE GROUPS) OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT OVER 1,000 INDIVIDUALS ATTEND MEETINGS AT THE HOW PLACE, INC. THE PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES CONSIST PRIMARILY OF OCCUPANCY COSTS BUT ALSO INCLUDE SUPPLIES FOR MEETINGS AND LITERATURE. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	102,448
29 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	
30 (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	32	102,448

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
See Additional Data Table				

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

Form 990-EZ (2013) Part V Other Information. Questions 33-45b regarding significant activities, changes, income, political expenditures, loans, and controlled entities.

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

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?

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, (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

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

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 "

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

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

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 CHARLES MCCOY TREASURER Type or print name and title

2014-02-12 Date

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name DIANE H WELLS Preparer's signature Date 2014-02-12 Check if self-employed PTIN P00530851 Firm's name DIANE H WELLS CPA PC Firm's EIN Firm's address 25 PEPPERTREE COURT MARIETTA, GA 30068 Phone no (770) 579-0747

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 30-0279691
Name: THE HOW PLACE INC

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
DICK HALL PRESIDENT	4 00	0		
DON LACHANCE VICE PRESIDE	4 00	0		
CHARLIE BAINS SECRETARY	4 00	0		
CHARLES MCCOY TREASURER	8 00	0		
JOHN JOLLEY DIRECTOR	4 00	0		
BROOKE KELLEY DIRECTOR	4 00	0		
VINCENT MATTHEWS DIRECTOR	4 00	0		
JIM HIGGINS DIRECTOR	4 00	0		
SHERI TAYLOR DIRECTOR	4 00	0		
ED JOHNS DIRECTOR	4 00	0		
JOHN PINGREE DIRECTOR	4 00	0		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**
▶ **Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at**
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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?

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

(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)

(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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15 Public support percentage for 2012 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2013. 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—2012. 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—2013. 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—2012. 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) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	13,996	12,521	12,009	1,320	442	40,288
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	102,451	100,217	98,629	101,390	96,822	499,509
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	116,447	112,738	110,638	102,710	97,264	539,797
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)						539,797

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	116,447	112,738	110,638	102,710	97,264	539,797
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	123	149	681			953
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	123	149	681			953
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.)	116,570	112,887	111,319	102,710	97,264	540,750
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 2013 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.820 %
16 Public support percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99.820 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2013 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2012 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2013.** 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—2012.** 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.** 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

Return Reference

Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	EXPENSES BANK CHARGES 266 CORPORATE REGISTRATION 30 EVENT EXPENSES 2,209 FURNITURE 470 INSURANCE 2,219 MISCELLANEOUS 455 OFFICE SUPPLIES 370 PROFESSIONAL 919 SUPPLIES 15,048 MILEAGE 660 SPEAKERS 303 TOTAL 22,949
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	THE HOW PLACE, INC IS DEDICATED TO HELPING THE RECOVERING ALCOHOLIC, ADDICT, AND OTHERS SEEKING RECOVERY BY PROVIDING A FACILITY TO BE USED PRIMARILY FOR MEETINGS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS AND OTHER 12-STEP BASED SELF-HELP GROUPS AND TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AMONG ALCOHOLICS AND OTHERS SEEKING RECOVERY TO THAT END, THE HOW PLACE, INC ACTS AS THE HOLDING AND MANAGING AGENCY OF THE PROPERTY AND FACILITIES USED
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	THE PRIMARY PROGRAM SERVICE IS TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS CONDUCTED IN THE 12-STEP PROGRAMS BY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AND LIKE GROUPS IN THAT REGARD THERE WERE OVER 2,910 MEETINGS CONDUCTED DURING THE YEAR ACTUAL NUMBERS OF INDIVIDUALS ATTENDING MEETINGS CAN ONLY BE ESTIMATED DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE MEETINGS (BEING ANONYMOUS, NO RECORDS ARE KEPT BY THE GROUPS) OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT OVER 1,000 INDIVIDUALS ATTEND MEETINGS AT THE HOW PLACE, INC THE PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES CONSIST PRIMARILY OF OCCUPANCY COSTS BUT ALSO INCLUDE SUPPLIES FOR MEETINGS AND LITERATURE

TY 2013 Compensation Explanation

Name: THE HOW PLACE INC

EIN: 30-0279691

Person Name	Explanation
DICK HALL	
DON LACHANCE	
CHARLIE BAINS	
CHARLES MCCOY	
JOHN JOLLEY	
BROOKE KELLEY	
VINCENT MATTHEWS	
JIM HIGGINS	
SHERI TAYLOR	
ED JOHNS	
JOHN PINGREE	