

**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)

**2008**  
Open to Public Inspection

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

**A** For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

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

**C** Name of organization  
**COMMITTEE OF SEVENTY**  
 Doing Business As \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**8 PENN CENTER, 1628 JFK BLVD**  
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**PHILADELPHIA PA 19103**

**D** Employer identification number  
**23-0487205**

**E** Telephone number  
**215-557-3600**

**F** Name and address of principal officer:  
**ZACHARY STALBERG**  
**8 PENN CENTER, 1628 JFK BLVD**  
**PHILADELPHIA PA 19103**

**G** Gross receipts \$ **1,379,480**

**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)

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

**J** Website: ▶ **WWW.SEVENTY.ORG**

**K** Type of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

**L** Year of formation: **2002** **M** State of legal domicile: **PA**

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>The Committee of Seventy fights for clean and effective government, fair elections and a better informed citizenry in Philadelphia and the region (continued on Schedule O)</b>		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> If the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	<b>58</b>
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	<b>58</b>
	<b>5</b> Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	<b>2000</b>
	<b>7a</b> Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	<b>7a</b>	
<b>b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<b>1,105,896</b>	<b>1,185,222</b>
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<b>144,250</b>	<b>193,287</b>
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<b>1,601</b>	<b>971</b>
	<b>12</b> Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>8,070</b>	<b>971</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<b>1,259,817</b>	<b>1,379,480</b>
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<b>678,927</b>	<b>638,117</b>
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<b>23,290</b>	
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>148,516</b>		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	<b>283,636</b>	<b>422,681</b>
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>985,853</b>	<b>1,060,798</b>	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<b>273,964</b>	<b>318,682</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<b>455,945</b>	<b>752,756</b>
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<b>109,617</b>	<b>89,748</b>
		<b>346,328</b>	<b>663,008</b>

**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: *Zach Stalberg*  
 Date: **3/1/2010**  
 Type or print name and title: **ZACH STALBERG, President & CEO**

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**  
 Preparer's signature: *Lah Miller*  
 Date: **1/25/10**  
 Check if self-employed:   
 Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): **P00765200**  
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **Milligan & Company, LLC**  
**105 N 22nd St Fl 2**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19103-1302**  
 EIN ▶ **23-3010968**  
 Phone no. ▶ **215-496-9100**

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The Committee of Seventy fights for clean and effective government, fair elections and a better informed citizenry in Philadelphia and the region (continued on Schedule O)

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 [X]

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No [X]

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 731,946 Including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

The Committee of Seventy (a non-partisan organization) educates the citizens in Philadelphia and the region by disseminating and publishing information via print, electronic media and seminars about safeguarding elections, ethics in government, and many other government reform issues to better the region. Seventy also monitors the local elections process by training and deploying hundreds of volunteers on election days in accordance with the organization's tax exempt purpose.

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 \$ 731,946 (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

**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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
12	Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 17? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.		X
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
25b	Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)**

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	<b>X</b>	
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		<b>X</b>
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		<b>X</b>
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		<b>X</b>
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		<b>X</b>
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		<b>X</b>

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	<b>1a</b> 8		
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	<b>1b</b> 0		
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>2a</b>	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		
	<b>2a</b> 6		
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</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)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the Instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
<b>6a</b>	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>7h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>8</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>9</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:</b>		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:</b>		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

**Part VII Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See Instructions.			
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a	58
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	58
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?		X
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?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	8a	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	9a	X
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	9b	
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	10	X
11	Is there any officer, director or 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	11	X

**Section B. Policies**

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	X
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? <b>Adopted in April 2009</b>	13	X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? <b>Adopted in April 2009</b>	14	X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	15a	X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see Instructions)	15b	X
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

**Section C. Disclosure**

17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed <b>▶ PA</b>		
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 make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request		
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.		
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: <b>▶ Committee of Seventy 8 Penn Center Plaza, Suite 1002 Philadelphia PA 19103</b>		







**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	1a Federated campaigns				
	b Membership dues				
	c Fundraising events				
	d Related organizations				
	e Government grants (contributions)				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1,185,222</b>			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$				
	<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f</b>	<b>1,185,222</b>			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	2a MORNING AFTER ELECTION				
	b				
	c				
	d				
	e				
	f All other program service revenue				
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	<b>193,287</b>			
	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		<b>971</b>	<b>971</b>	
4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
5 Royalties					
<b>Other Revenue</b>	6a Gross Rents				
	b Less: rental exps.				
	c Rental inc. or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory				
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.				
	c Gain or (loss)				
	d Net gain or (loss)				
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18				
	b Less: direct expenses				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19				
b Less: direct expenses					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances					
b Less: cost of goods sold					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>					
11a					
b					
c					
d All other revenue					
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
<b>12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e</b>		<b>1,379,480</b>	<b>971</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>193,287</b>

**Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses**

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.  
All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. 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)	416,663	287,497	70,833	58,333
7 Other salaries and wages	128,462	88,639	21,838	17,985
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	55,905	38,574	9,504	7,827
10 Payroll taxes	37,087	25,590	6,305	5,192
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	27,005	18,633	4,591	3,781
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	12,586	8,684	2,140	1,762
13 Office expenses	12,692	8,757	2,158	1,777
14 Information technology	14,697	10,141	2,498	2,058
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	68,932	47,563	11,718	9,651
17 Travel	1,912	1,319	325	268
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,720	2,567	632	521
20 Interest	2,909	2,007	495	407
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	12,709	8,769	2,160	1,780
23 Insurance	4,434	3,059	754	621
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Website	66,688	46,015	11,337	9,336
b Morning After Election	43,519	30,028	7,398	6,093
c Election Day	41,157	28,398	6,997	5,762
d Consulting	33,805	23,325	5,747	4,733
e Printing/Publications	24,577	16,958	4,178	3,441
f All other expenses	51,339	35,423	8,728	7,188
<b>25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f</b>	<b>1,060,798</b>	<b>731,946</b>	<b>180,336</b>	<b>148,516</b>
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> If following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	36,270	1	67,359
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	479
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	339,567	3	633,146
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	24,050	7	7,500
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	10,527	9	5,370
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	10a 76,999		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 46,847	36,781	10c 30,152
	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	8,750	15	8,750
16 <b>Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)</b>	455,945	16	752,756	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,203	17	45,883
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	82,414	25	43,865
	26 <b>Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25</b>	109,617	26	89,748
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	13,909	27	114,716
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	332,419	28	548,292
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	346,328	33	663,008	
34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	455,945	34	752,756	

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990:  Cash  Accrual  Other

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes" to lines 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?

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?

b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

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

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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: (Please check only one organization.)

- 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). (Attach Schedule H.)
- 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). (see instructions)
- 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—Other
- 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)		

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

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

**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.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	452,251	1,010,002	597,856	1,105,896	1,185,222	4,351,227
<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</b> Total. Add lines 1-3	452,251	1,010,002	597,856	1,105,896	1,185,222	4,351,227
<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)						1,889,000
<b>6</b> Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						2,462,227

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	452,251	1,010,002	597,856	1,105,896	1,185,222	4,351,227
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,273	1,451	3,300	1,601	971	8,596
<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.)	89	658	25	8,070		8,842
<b>11</b> Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						4,368,665
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	323,089
<b>13</b> 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**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	56.3611 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
<b>16a</b> 33 1/3 % support test—2008. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>b</b> 33 1/3 % support test—2007. 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"/>
<b>17a</b> 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. 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>b</b> 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007. 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"/>
<b>18</b> 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 II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**  
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6</b> Total. Add lines 1-5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8</b> Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13</b> Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
<b>14</b> 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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	<b>18</b>	%

- 19a** 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. 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—2007. 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 explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

**Part II, Line 10 - Other Income Detail**

\$ 8,842

**Schedule B**  
 (Form 990, 990-EZ,  
 or 990-PF)  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, and 990-PF.

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule. (Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.)

**General Rule**

For organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

**Special Rules**

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ..... ▶ \$ .....

**Caution.** Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they must answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990. These Instructions will be issued separately.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2008)



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**Part I** Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	William Penn Foundation Two Logan Square, 11th Floor 100 North 18th Street Philadelphia PA 19103	\$ 362,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	The Philadelphia Foundation 1234 Market Street; Suite 1800 Philadelphia PA 19107	\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	W.W. Keen Butcher c/o Committee of Seventy 1628 JFK Boulevard; Suite 1002 Philadelphia PA 19103	\$ 40,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Comm 200 South Broad Street; Suite 700 Philadelphia PA 19102	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5	Phoebe W. Haas Charitable Trust B 1717 Arch Street; 14th Floor Philadelphia PA 19103	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6	Independence Foundation Offices at the Bellevue 200 South Broad Street; Suite 1101 0 Philadelphia PA 19102	\$ 25,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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**Part I** Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	Independence Blue Cross 1901 Market Street Philadelphia PA 19103	\$ 27,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8	Pepper Hamilton LLP 3000 Two Logan Square 18th and Arch Street Philadelphia PA 19103	\$ 30,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	.....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	.....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	.....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	.....	\$ .....	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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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 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors... Yes/No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors... Yes/No.

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution... 2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes/No, 6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year \$, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes/No, 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: \$, \$, \$, \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items: a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X.

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

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

- a  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 XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?  Yes  No

**Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.**

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

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

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

**Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if 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 Investment earnings or 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 year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- b Permanent endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %
- c Term endowment  \_\_\_\_\_ %

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

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

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

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

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

Description of Investment	(a) Cost or other basis (Investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold Improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		76,999	46,847	30,152
Total. Add lines 1a-1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				30,152







**SCHEDULE J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Compensation Information**

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest  
Compensated Employees

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations  
that answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If line 1a is checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a:

- a Receive a severance payment or change of control payment?
- b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?

If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-8.

5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?

If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a The organization?
- b Any related organization?

If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regs. section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7	X	
8		X





**Part III** Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

**Part I, Line 7 - Non-Fixed Payments Provided**

Zack Stalberg's \$19,387 of other reportable compensation consists of

payments made to him in lieu of health insurance coverage.



**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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**Amended Return Explanation**

We are amending Schedule A, Part II, Line 5 of this return to properly reflect contributions from the William Penn Foundation, a private foundation, for the 2004 through 2008 years.

**Form 990 - Organization's Mission or Most Significant Activities**

by educating citizens, safeguarding elections and demanding the ethical conduct of its government officials.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 10 - Organization's Process Used to Review Form 990**

All Board Members receive a draft of the 990 for review prior to the July 15th Board meeting. A discussion on the 990 is led by the Treasurer answering all questions about the return. The final return is reviewed by the Audit Committee, Treasurer and CEO.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy**

In April 2006, the organization adopted a Code of Ethics that the Board Members are required to adhere to. For 2008, the Code of Ethics and Disclosure of Interest and Annual Compliance Statement were distributed in December 2007. All Board Members are required to complete these forms no later than January 31st of each year. Members are called until the forms are completed and returned. All Members are required to disclose additional conflicts as they occur. The Subcommittee on Ethics reviews such statements and informs the Executive Committee of any potential

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material conflicts.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

President/CEO:

In 2005, Board Leadership determined that an influential leader as President/CEO was critical for the Committee of Seventy to affect change in local and regional government, safeguard the election process, demand the ethical conduct of local government and educate citizens about good government. It was agreed that the new President/CEO be an individual of influence, well-respected among the regions' corporate and business community as well as by government officials. Beyond proven leadership and communication skills, the new President/CEO had to be capable of garnering media attention; a strategic thinker and knowledgeable about regional government and business communities. It was further agreed that an individual with all the required skills be suitably compensated. Fulfilling this mandate, Zack Stalberg (former Editor of the Daily News) was recruited and hired.

The Board Chairman requests an Executive Session of the Executive Committee where performance and achievement of goals is reviewed and discussed. In determining compensation the Committee considers leadership skills; knowledge of regional government, business and communities; ability to think strategically; and successfully implement program initiatives. It was determined that the President/CEO had successfully achieved his goals and exceeded expectations.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

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VP & Policy Director:

All employees of the Committee of Seventy are reviewed annually on their anniversary date. Successful achievement of stated goals is considered in determining compensation.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

In April 2009, a new Disclosure Statement, Document Retention, Gift and Whistleblower policies were adopted.

The Organization's governing documents are available to the public upon request.

Schedule O - Additional Information

Schedule L; Part IV:

As required by Committee of Seventy Code of Ethics, Meredith McCormick's assistance was disclosed to the Board with no objection to her being married to a board member. Meredith was utilized as a 1099 freelancer on an as-needed basis to assist with three specific projects: 1) Breakfast program, 2) Citizen's Guide Publication and 3) Annual Meeting. All three projects overlapped during a six month period. Her total 1099 earnings for 2008 was \$7,158.

**Depreciation and Amortization**  
 (Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

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Business or activity to which this form relates  
**Indirect Depreciation**

**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179**  
 Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	▶ 13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	12,709

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)**

**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	0
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Section B—Assets Placed In Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

**Section C—Assets Placed In Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

**Part IV Summary (See instructions.)**

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instr.	22	12,709
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Forms <b>990 / 990-PF</b>	<b>Other Notes and Loans Receivable</b>		<b>2008</b>
For calendar year 2008, or tax year beginning		, and ending	

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**Form 990, Part X, Line 7 - Additional Information**

Name of borrower	Relationship to disqualified person
(1) <b>EVENTS RECEIVABLE</b>	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Original amount borrowed	Date of loan	Maturity date	Repayment terms	Interest rate
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				
(7)				
(8)				
(9)				
(10)				

Security provided by borrower	Purpose of loan
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	

Consideration furnished by lender	Balance due at beginning of year	Balance due at end of year	Fair market value (990-PF only)
(1)	<b>24,050</b>	<b>7,500</b>	
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			
(7)			
(8)			
(9)			
(10)			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24,050</b>	<b>7,500</b>	