

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

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 01-01-2008 and ending 12-31-2008

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

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization: STAIRSTEP FOUNDATION. Doing Business As. Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address): 1404 14TH AVE N. Room/suite. City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55411

D Employer identification number: 41-1709346. E Telephone number: (612) 521-3110. G Gross receipts \$ 2,186,845

F Name and address of Principal Officer. I Tax-exempt status: 501(c) (3) (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No. H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No. H(c) Group Exemption Number

J Web site: WWW STAIRSTEP ORG

K Type of organization: Corporation trust association other

L Year of Formation. M State of legal domicile

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1-7a Activities & Governance, 8-12 Revenue, 13-19 Expenses, 20-22 Net Assets or Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block

Please Sign Here: Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including attachments and all schedules, and believe it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer): Signature of officer: ALFRED BABINGTON-JOHNSON PRESIDENT & CEO

Paid Preparer's Use Only: Preparer's signature: JERRY LEE. Date: 2010-01-19. Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: LEE FINANCIAL GROUP, 15805 HOLDRIDGE RD E, WAYZATA, MN 553912145

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE ORGANIZATIONS PURPOSE IS TO REINFORCE COMMUNITY VALUES, ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY BUILDING, AND PROVIDE COMMUNITY VALUE AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMS

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

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

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 (4) organizations and 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 \$ 54,730 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT - THIS PROGRAM RECOGNIZES IDEAS AND FUNDS STRATEGIES THAT STRENGTHEN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY
THE PROGRAM MAINTAINS A SMALL BUSINESS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 184,546 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
COMMUNITY RECLAMATION PROJECT - THIS PROGRAM WORKS IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMUNITY CHURCHES TO BRING YOUNG MEN & WOMEN OUT OF GANGS
BY PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO GANG ACTIVITY SO THE YOUTH CAN BECOME AN EXAMPLE OF LIFE AFTER GANG ACTIVITY














4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 484,402 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
FAMILY HEALING & RESTORATION-A SERVICE AND REFERRAL NETWORK WITHIN COLLABORATING FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SERVING HENNEPIN COUNTY'S
AFRICAN AMERICAN POPULATION

(Code) (Expenses \$ 45,825 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
COMMUNITY INFORMATION - PUBLISHES AND/OR SHOWCASES ENGAGING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING MATERIALS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EXPOSURE, PROVOKE
CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION AND/OR FACILITATE DISCUSSION IN THE COMMUNITY AROUND ISSUES THAT IMPACT THE QUALITY OF OUR LIVES AND OUR FUTURE
DIRECTION

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 45,825 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 769,503 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  | Yes | |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?  | Yes | |
| 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 | | No |
| 4 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | | No |
| 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  | | No |
| 7 | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II  | | No |
| 8 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III  | | No |
| 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  | | No |
| 10 | Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V  | | No |
| 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  | Yes | |
| 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  | Yes | |
| 13 | Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E | | No |
| 14a | Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U S ? | | No |
| 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 | | No |
| 15 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II | | No |
| 16 | Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III | | No |
| 17 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I | | No |
| 18 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II | | No |
| 19 | Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III | | No |
| 20 | Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H | | No |
| 21 | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II | | No |
| 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 | | No |
| 23 | Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J | | No |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25 | | No |
| 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  | | No |
| 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  | | No |
| 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  | | No |
| 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  | | No |

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | Yes | |
| b | Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | No |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | | No |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | No |
| 32 | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> | | No |
| 33 | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations section 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i> | | No |
| 34 | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i> | | No |
| 35 | Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | No |
| 36 | 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | No |
| 37 | Did the organization conduct more than 5 percent of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> | | No |

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Part VI 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

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7 below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|---|-----|----|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body | | 9 |
| 1b | Enter the number of voting members that are independent | | 0 |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? | | No |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? | | No |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? | | No |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? | | No |
| 6 | Does the organization have members or stockholders? | | No |
| 7a | Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? | | No |
| 7b | Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? | | No |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following | | |
| 8a | the governing body? | Yes | |
| 8b | each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | Yes | |
| 9a | Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | | No |
| 9b | 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? | | |
| 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 | Yes | |
| 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 | | No |

Section B. Policies

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-----|----|
| 12a | Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No", go to line 13 | Yes | |
| 12b | Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? | Yes | |
| 12c | Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done | Yes | |
| 13 | Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | | No |
| 14 | Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? | Yes | |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision | | |
| 15a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? | | No |
| 15b | Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O | | No |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? | | No |
| 16b | If "Yes," 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? | | |

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MN
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 own website another's website 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. See Additional Data Table.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization.
 MARGO'S BOOKKEEPING & TAX SERVICES
 6620 WILLOW LANE NORTH
 BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55430
 (763) 561-3477

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

* List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations) and key employees regardless of amount of compensation, and current key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

* List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.

* List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

* List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee or key employee

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week | (C) Position (check all that apply) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|--|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--|---|---|
| | | Individual Trustee or Director | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| CELOIS STEELE , BOARD MEMBER | 2 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| CORA MCCORVEY , VICE CHAIR | 2 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| DR BEVERLY OLIVER HAWKINS , BOARD MEMBER | 2 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| DR JOHN TABORN , SECRETARY | 2 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| EZELL JONES , TREASURER | 2 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| GLENN BEECHAM , CHAIR | 2 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| MAHMOUD EL-KATI , BOARD MEMBER | 2 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| WILLIAM COLLINS , BOARD MEMBER | 2 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| ALFRED BABINGTON-JOHNSON , PRESIDENT | 40 | | | X | | | | 88,789 | 0 | |
| ALFRED BABINGTON-JOHNSON , PRESIDENT | | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| ALFRED BABINGTON-JOHNSON , PRESIDENT | | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| ALFRED BABINGTON-JOHNSON , PRESIDENT | | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | |
| ALFRED BABINGTON-JOHNSON , PRESIDENT | | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | |
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Part VII Continued

| (A) Name and Title | (B) Average hours per week | (C) Position (check all that apply) | | | | | | (D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099MISC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|---|---|---|
| | | Individual Trustee or Director | Institutional Trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1b Total | | | | | | | 88,789 | | | |

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization **▶**

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*
- 4** For any individual listed online 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual*
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? *If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person*

| | Yes | No |
|----------|-----|----|
| 3 | | No |
| 4 | | No |
| 5 | | No |

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
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| | | |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **▶**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

| | | | (A) Total Revenue | (B) Related or Exempt Function Revenue | (C) Unrelated Business Revenue | (D) Revenue Excluded from Tax under IRC 512, 513, or 514 | |
|--|---|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts | 1a | Federated campaigns . . . 1a _____ | | | | | |
| | b | Membership dues 1b _____ | | | | | |
| | c | Fundraising events 1c _____ | | | | | |
| | d | Related organizations 1d _____ | | | | | |
| | e | Government grants (contributions) 1e _____ 700,598 | | | | | |
| | f | All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f _____ 1,474,752 | | | | | |
| | g | Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ _____ | | | | | |
| | h | Total (Add lines 1a-1f) ▶ _____ 2,175,350 | | | | | |
| Program Service Revenue | 2a | _____ Business Code _____ | | | | | |
| | b | _____ | | | | | |
| | c | _____ | | | | | |
| | d | _____ | | | | | |
| | e | _____ | | | | | |
| | f | All other program service revenue _____ | | | | | |
| | g | Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶ \$ _____ | | | | | |
| Other Revenue | 3 | Investment income (including dividends, interest other similar amounts) ▶ | | | | | |
| | 4 | Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . ▶ | | | | | |
| | 5 | Royalties ▶ | | | | | |
| | 6a | Gross Rents | (i) Real | | | | |
| | | | (ii) Personal | | | | |
| | | | b Less rental expenses | | | | |
| | | | c Rental income or (loss) | | | | |
| | d | Net rental income or (loss) ▶ | | | | | |
| | 7a | Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | | | | |
| | | | (ii) Other | | | | |
| | | | b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses | | | | |
| | | | c Gain or (loss) | | | | |
| | d | Net gain or (loss) ▶ | | | | | |
| | 8a | Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 Attach Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a | | | | | |
| | | | b Less direct expenses b _____ | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶ | | | | | | | |
| 9a | Gross income from gaming activities See part IV, line 19 Complete Schedule G if total exceeds \$15,000 a | | | | | | |
| | | b Less direct expenses b _____ | | | | | |
| | | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶ | | | | | |
| 10a | Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a | | | | | | |
| | | b Less cost of goods sold b _____ | | | | | |
| | | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶ | | | | | |
| | Miscellaneous Revenue | Business Code | | | | | |
| 11a | RENTAL INCOME _____ | | 6,000 | 6,000 | | | |
| b | MISCELLANEOUS INCOME _____ | | 5,000 | 5,000 | | | |
| c | REIMBURSED EXPENSES _____ | | 495 | 495 | | | |
| d | All other revenue _____ | | | | | | |
| e | Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶ _____ \$ 11,495 | | | | | | |
| 12 | Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e ▶ | | 2,186,845 | 11,495 | | | |

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 | 88,790 | 79,911 | 8,879 | |
| 6 | Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 | Other salaries and wages | 449,714 | 429,935 | | |
| 8 | Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) | | | | |
| 9 | Other employee benefits | 31,294 | 29,629 | 1,665 | |
| 10 | Payroll taxes | 41,482 | 39,274 | 2,208 | |
| 11 | Fees for services (non-employees) | | | | |
| a | Management | | | | |
| b | Legal | | | | |
| c | Accounting | | | | |
| d | Lobbying | | | | |
| e | Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f | Investment management fees | | | | |
| g | Other | 52,555 | 50,066 | 2,489 | |
| 12 | Advertising and promotion | | | | |
| 13 | Office expenses | | | | |
| 14 | Information technology | | | | |
| 15 | Royalties | | | | |
| 16 | Occupancy | 8,413 | 7,337 | 1,076 | |
| 17 | Travel | 3,756 | 3,485 | 271 | |
| 18 | Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any Federal, state or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 | Conferences, conventions and meetings | 5,655 | 4,119 | 1,536 | |
| 20 | Interest | 18,985 | | 18,985 | |
| 21 | Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 | Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 5,346 | | 5,346 | |
| 23 | Insurance | | | | |
| 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 | HEALTH INITIATIVE | 79,211 | 79,211 | | |
| b | TELEPHONE | 14,768 | 13,291 | 1,477 | |
| c | MISCELLANEOUS | 11,516 | 5,032 | 6,484 | |
| d | INSURANCE | 7,464 | 6,717 | 747 | |
| e | COMMUNITY SUPPORT | 7,149 | 7,149 | | |
| f | All other expenses | 20,190 | 14,347 | 5,843 | |
| 25 | Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f | 846,288 | 769,503 | 76,785 | 0 |
| 26 | Joint Costs. Check <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) | | (B) |
|---|---|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| | | Beginning of year | | End of year |
| Assets | 1 Cash—non-interest-bearing | 17,980 | 1 | -7,400 |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 8 | 2 | |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | | 3 | |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | | 4 | |
| | 5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees or other related parties <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i> | | 5 | |
| | 6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i> | | 6 | |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 2,565 | 9 | 8,057 |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost basis | | | |
| | | 10a 272,023 | | |
| | b Less accumulated depreciation <i>Complete Part VI of Schedule D</i> | | | |
| | | 10b 186,822 | 88,557 | 10c 85,201 |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | |
| | 12 Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VII of Schedule D</i> | | 12 | |
| | 13 Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part VIII of Schedule D</i> | | 13 | |
| 14 Intangible assets | | 14 | | |
| 15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11 <i>Complete Part IX of Schedule D</i> | | 15 | | |
| 16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 109,110 | 16 | 85,858 | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 85,870 | 17 | 64,849 |
| | 18 Grants payable | | 18 | |
| | 19 Deferred revenue | 1,235,000 | 19 | |
| | 20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities | | 20 | |
| | 21 Escrow account liability <i>Complete Part IV of Schedule D</i> | | 21 | |
| | 22 Payable to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons <i>Complete Part II of Schedule L</i> | | 22 | |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | 231,377 | 23 | 217,191 |
| | 24 Unsecured notes and loans payable | | 24 | |
| | 25 Other liabilities <i>Complete Part X of Schedule D</i> | 170,056 | 25 | 76,618 |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 1,722,303 | 26 | 358,658 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 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 | -1,613,193 | 27 | -272,800 |
| | 28 Temporarily restricted net assets | | 28 | |
| | 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 Total net assets or fund balances | -1,613,193 | 33 | -272,800 | |
| 34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 109,110 | 34 | 85,858 | |

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|---|-----|----|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> accrual <input type="checkbox"/> other | | |
| 2a | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? | | No |
| 2b | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? | Yes | |
| 2c | 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? | | No |
| 3a | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133? | | No |
| 3b | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? | | |

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

Name of the organization
STAIRSTEP FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

41-1709346

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (to be completed by all organizations) (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 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 | |
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| Total | | | | | | | | | |

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in IRC 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.)

Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants") | 610,098 | 500,659 | 527,308 | 754,143 | 2,175,350 | 4,567,558 |
| 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 line 1-3 | 610,098 | 500,659 | 527,308 | 754,143 | 2,175,350 | 4,567,558 |
| 5 The portion of total contribution by each person (other than a government unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceed 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | |
| 6 Public Support subtract line 5 from line 4 | | | | | | 4,567,558 |

Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 610,098 | 966 | 527,308 | 754,143 | 2,175,350 | 4,567,558 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | 966 | 1 | 2 | | 969 |
| 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) | | 30,188 | 9,464 | 2,406 | 11,495 | 53,553 |
| 11 Total Support (Add lines 7 through 10) | | | | | | 4,622,080 |
| 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"/> |

Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 14 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f)) | 14 | 98.820 % |
| 15 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f | 15 | 98.645 % |
| 16a 33 1/3% 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 33 1/3% Test - 2007. If the organization did not check the 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 - 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 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"/> |
| 18 Private Foundation. If the organization did not check the 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 IRC 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 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 | | | | | | |
| 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 Total Add lines 1-5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000 | | | | | | |
| c Total of lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6) | | | | | | |

Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after 30 June, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) | | | | | | |
| 13 Total Support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11 and 12) | | | | | | |
| 14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | | | |

Computation of Public Support Percentage

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| 15 Public Support Percentage for 2008 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f)) | 15 | |
| 16 Public Support Percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g | 16 | |

Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|---|-----------|--|
| 17 Investment Income Percentage for 2008 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f)) | 17 | |
| 18 Investment Income Percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h | 18 | |

- 19a 33 1/3% 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% 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 information required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide and any other additional information. (see instructions)

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| Facts and Circumstances Test |
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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2008

Open to Public Inspection

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.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization STAIRSTEP FOUNDATION

Employer identification number 41-1709346

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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4 for total number, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, and aggregate value.

- 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit?

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

- 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 in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

- 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?
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 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?
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.

- 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
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

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 the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Description (1c-1f) and Amount

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 the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

Table with 6 columns: (a) Current Year, (b) Prior Year, (c) Two Years Back, (d) Three Years Back, (e) Four Years Back. Rows 1a-1g.

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

Table with 3 columns: Description (3a(i), 3a(ii), 3b), Yes, No

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.

Table with 5 columns: Description of investment, (a) Cost or other basis (investment), (b) Cost or other basis (other), (c) Depreciation, (d) Book value. Rows 1a-1e and Total.

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

| (a) Description of security or category (including name of security) | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value |
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| Financial derivatives and other financial products | | |
| Closely-held equity interests | | |
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| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12) ▶ | | |

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

| (a) Description of investment type | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value |
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| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13) ▶ | | |

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
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| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.) ▶ | |

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

| (a) Description of Liability | (b) Amount |
|--|------------|
| Federal Income Taxes | |
| DUE TO ZADACO | 43,128 |
| DUE TO STAIRSTEP INC | 23,490 |
| THORCONSTRUCTION LOAN | 10,000 |
| DUE TO BANNEKER, INC | |
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| Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25) ▶ | 76,618 |

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

| | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 1 | 2,186,845 |
| 2 | Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 846,288 |
| 3 | Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 1,340,557 |
| 4 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 4 | |
| 5 | Donated services and use of facilities | 5 | |
| 6 | Investment expenses | 6 | |
| 7 | Prior period adjustments | 7 | |
| 8 | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 8 | -164 |
| 9 | Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8 | 9 | -164 |
| 10 | Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9 | 10 | 1,340,393 |

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

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|----------|--|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | 1 | 2,186,845 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12 | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains on investments | 2a | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 2d | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 2,186,845 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1 | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | |
| 5 | Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12) | 5 | 2,186,845 |

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

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|----------|---|-----------|---------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | 1 | 846,452 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25 | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | |
| c | Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25 | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 2d | 164 |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | 164 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 846,288 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIV) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | |
| 5 | Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18) | 5 | 846,288 |

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part XIV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, Part XI, line 8, Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b

| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
|--|--|---|
| RECONCILIATION OF CHANGES - OTHER | SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XI, LINE 8 | BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE -164 |
| EXPENSE AMOUNTS INCLUDED IN FINANCIALS - OTHER | SCHEDULE D, PAGE 4, PART XIII, LINE 2D | BOOK / TAX DEPRECIATION DIFFERENCE 164 |
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Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Transactions with Interested Persons

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Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V lines 38b or 40b.

Name of the organization STAIRSTEP FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

41-1709346

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501 (c)(4) organizations only).

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b

Table with 4 columns: (a) Name of disqualified person, (b) Description of transaction, (c) Corrected? (Yes/No), and an unlabeled column.

- 2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958.
3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization.

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a

Table with 7 main columns: (a) Name of interested person and purpose, (b) Loan to or from the organization?, (c) Original principal amount, (d) Balance due, (e) In default?, (f) Approved by board or committee?, (g) Written agreement?.

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of grant or type of assistance.

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name of interested person, (b) Relationship between interested person and the organization, (c) Amount of transaction, (d) Description of transaction, (e) Sharing of organization's revenues? (Yes/No).

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

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Name of the organization
STAIRSTEP FOUNDATION

Employer identification number
41-1709346

| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| ALL OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS DESCRIPTION | FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D | COMMUNITY INFORMATION - PUBLISHES AND/OR SHOWCASES ENGAGING AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING MATERIALS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EXPOSURE, PROVOKE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION AND/OR FACILITATE DISCUSSION IN THE COMMUNITY AROUND ISSUES THAT IMPACT THE QUALITY OF OUR LIVES AND OUR FUTURE DIRECTION |

| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
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| ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990 | FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 10 | SENT PDF |

| Identifier | Return Reference | Explanation |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY | FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C | YES |

Form 4562

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2008

Attachment Sequence No 67

See separate instructions. Attach to your tax return.

Table with 3 columns: Name(s) shown on return, Business or activity to which this form relates, Identifying number.

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.

Table with 5 rows for Section 179 election details, including maximum amount, total cost, and dollar limitation.

Table with 13 rows for listed property details, including description, cost, and elected cost.

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)

Table with 4 rows for special depreciation allowance and other depreciation details.

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

Section A

Table with 2 rows for MACRS deductions for assets placed in service before 2008.

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

Table with 7 columns: Classification, Month/year placed, Basis, Recovery period, Convention, Method, Depreciation deduction.

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

Table with 3 rows for alternative depreciation system details.

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

Table with 3 rows for summary totals, including listed property and total depreciation.

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement.)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A-Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

Table with 9 columns: (a) Type of property, (b) Date placed in service, (c) Business/investment use percentage, (d) Cost or other basis, (e) Basis for depreciation, (f) Recovery period, (g) Method/Convention, (h) Depreciation/deduction, (i) Elected section 179 cost. Includes rows 25-29.

Section B-Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

Table with 6 main columns: (a) Vehicle 1, (b) Vehicle 2, (c) Vehicle 3, (d) Vehicle 4, (e) Vehicle 5, (f) Vehicle 6. Rows 30-36.

Section C-Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions).

Table with 2 columns: Yes, No. Rows 37-41.

Part VI Amortization

Table with 6 columns: (a) Description of costs, (b) Date amortization begins, (c) Amortizable amount, (d) Code section, (e) Amortization period or percentage, (f) Amortization for this year. Rows 42-44.