Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at *www.irs.gov/form990*.

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A For the 2014 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2014, and ending , 20

B Check if applicable
- ☐ Address change
- ☐ Name change
- ☐ Initial return
- ☐ Final return/terminated
- ☐ Amended return
- ☐ Application pending

C Name of organization: Charities Challenge

Number and street (or P O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address): 1516 Sunny Way Ct — Room/suite:

City, or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: Anoka, MN 55303-1381

D Employer identification number: 41-2079868

E Telephone number: 612-245-9160

F Group Exemption Number ▶ 2702

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ▶

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

I Website: ▶ www.CharitiesChallenge.org

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – ☐ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) (2) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are $200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are $500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ $ 130,122

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)

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

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1	2,212
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		2	127,910
	3	Membership dues and assessments		3	—
	4	Investment income		4	—
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c	—
	6	Gaming and fundraising events			
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than $15,000)	6a		
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including $ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds $15,000)	6b		
	c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)		6d	—
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
	b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c	—
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)		8	—
	9	**Total revenue.** Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ▶		9	130,122
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)		10	900
	11	Benefits paid to or for members		11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits		12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping		15	
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)		16	144,863
	17	**Total expenses.** Add lines 10 through 16 ▶		17	145,763
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	(15,641)
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)		19	29,177
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		20	—
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ▶		21	13,536

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

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	29,177	22	13,536
23	Land and buildings	—	23	—
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	—	24	—
25	**Total assets**	29,177	25	13,536
26	**Total liabilities** (describe in Schedule O)	—	26	—
27	**Net assets or fund balances** (line 27 of column (B) **must** agree with line 21)	29,177	27	13,536

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

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? RxExercise-Exercise as Medicine

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

		Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)
28	20 annual run/walk events delivering + supporting RxExercise reducing disease risks, improving disease management for health-challenged people, serving @ 5,000 participants (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	28a 96,204
29	RxExercise programs, services, leadership, coaching, speaking, meetings, communications, education via public site, E-mails, social media, phone and in-person presentations. (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	29a 48,659
30	Shared revenue to Road Runners Club of America - non-profit 27022 (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	30a 900
31	Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants $) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ▶ ☐	31a
32	**Total program service expenses** (add lines 28a through 31a) . . . ▶	32 145,763

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

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Gary Westlund 1516 Sunny Way Ct Anoka, MN 55303	President 60 Hours	—	4,890	—
Don Soule 13851 Shannon Pkwy Rosemount, MN 55068	Board Member 5 Hours	—	—	—
Ken Wendling 547 81st Ave Spring Lk Park, MN 55432	Board Member 3 Hours	—	—	—
George Liss 2295 Helmo Ct N Oakdale, MN 55128	Board Member 3 Hours	—	—	—

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

			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33		X
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34		X
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of $1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a		X
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b		X
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c		X
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0			
b	Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?	37b		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee **or** were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b			
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:			
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b			
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶			
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		X
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶			
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶			
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ MN			
42a	The organization's books are in care of ▶ Gary Westlund Telephone no. ▶ 612-245-9160 Located at ▶ 1516 Sunny Way Dr Anoka, MN ZIP + 4 ▶ 55303-1381			
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)?	42b		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).			
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?	42c		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶			
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041**—Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 0			
			Yes	No
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a		X
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b		X
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		X
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? *If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O*	44d		X
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a		X
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b		X

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

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

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

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

			Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		X
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		X
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		X
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

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

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

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

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

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receivin

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All
completed Schedule A

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accomp
true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all i

Sign Here

▶ Signature of officer

▶ Gary Westlund - Presiden
Type or print name and title

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Print/Type preparer's name | Preparer's signature

Firm's name ▶

Firm's address ▶

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? Se

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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Name of the organization Charities Challenge

Employer identification number 41-2079368

Part I **Reason for Public Charity Status** (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**

2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)

3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:

5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)

6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)

9 ☒ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33⅓% 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 33⅓% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)

10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**

11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.

a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

f Enter the number of supported organizations . . . . . ☐

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document? Yes	No	(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part III **Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)**
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")	5,151	2,016	4,651	2,581	2,212	16,611
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	120,647	166,687	164,353	145,073	127,910	724,670
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	—	—	—	—	—	—
6 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 5	125,798	168,703	169,004	147,654	130,122	741,281
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	—	—	—	—	—	—
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of $5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	—	—	—	—	—	—
c Add lines 7a and 7b	—	—	—	—	—	—
8 **Public support** (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						741,281

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	(b) 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	125,798	168,703	169,004	147,654	130,122	741,281
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 **Total support.** (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	125,798	168,703	169,004	147,654	130,122	741,281

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15	Public support percentage for 2014 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	100 %
16	Public support percentage from 2013 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17	Investment income percentage for **2014** (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0 %
18	Investment income percentage from **2013** Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0 %

19a **33⅓% support tests—2014.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓%, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ ☒

b **33⅓% support tests—2013.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓%, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓%, 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 VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

Pt. II - L27 - Checking + Savings Accounts

Pt III - L28+29 Expenses for producing 20 run/walk events + Rx Exercise Program
Events equipment + supplies
Government permits + police security
Liability insurance
Shirts for participants
Food for participants
Communications
Timing + Scoring races / Photography / Videography / Announcer
Web site + e-communications
Phones
Printing + office supplies
Meetings + development
Associations, Professional fees + services
Transportation + safe storage of equipment + supplies
Medical insurance for CC president

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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

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Name of the organization: Charities Challenge

Employer identification number: 41-2079368

Pt I-L1 Donations received supporting CC's mission - R/Exercise (Exercise as Medicine)

Pt I-L2 Revenue from 20 annual run/walk events entry fees

Pt I-L10 Shared revenue to Road Runners Club of America - 501(c)(3) Group #2702

Pt I-L16 + Pt III-L28 + L29 - See Pt IV Supplemental Information

Pt IV - See Pt IV Supplemental Information