

2007

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Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

Sponsoring organizations, and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2007, and ending, 2007

B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending. C Name of organization: CELEBRATING HIS LIFE. D Employer identification number: 52-2051657. E Telephone number: (301) 791-3818. F Group Exemption Number.

Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: [X] Cash [] Accrual Other (specify)

I Website: J Organization type (check only one) [X] 501(c) (3) (insert no.) [] 4947(a)(1) or [] 527

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

K Check [] if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. \$

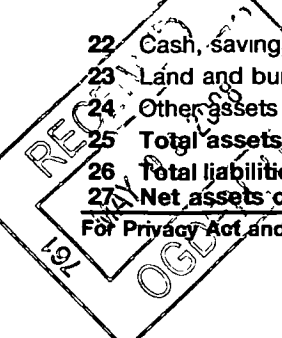
Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 55 of the instructions.)

Table with 21 rows for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets. Revenue total: 79,529.41. Expenses total: 78,434.21. Net Assets total: 6339.

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

Table with 7 rows for Balance Sheets. (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year. Total assets: 5247. Total liabilities: 5247. Net assets: 6339.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See page 60 of the instructions.)	Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.	
28 TRAVEL TO CHURCHES, mostly BY CAR - TEACHING - COUNCIL	SEE 10-17
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a
29 MAIL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER CROSS TEACHING - PART - ETC.	N
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a
30 PROVIDE COUNSEL TO MINISTERS	N
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a
31 Other program services (attach schedule)	
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a
32 Total program service expenses. Add lines 28a through 31a	32

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated. See page 61 of the instructions.)				
(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
HENRY THOMAS 13114 HYACINTH & HAZELWOOD, MD	35-45 PWS.	45,000 ⁰⁰	0	605
Sherry Thomas (Same)	15-20 V.P.	2,355 ⁰²	0	605
Mona Thomas 409 HEATH RIDGE DR HAGERSTOWN, MD 21752	5 SEC	0	0	

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirement in General Instruction V.)		Yes	No
33 Did the organization make a change in its activities or methods of conducting activities? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement of each change	33		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34		X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6, and 7 (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.			
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b		X
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement.	36		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. 37a			
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 unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38a		X
b If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the line 38 instructions and enter the amount involved	38b		
39 501(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		

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirement in General Instruction V.) (Continued)

40a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:
 section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0

b 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach an explanation . . .

c Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . ▶ 0

d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . ▶ 0

e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . .

	Yes	No
40b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
40e		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ MARYLAND

42a The books are in care of ▶ Henry Thomas Telephone no. ▶ (301) 791-3818
 Located at ▶ 1314 HYACINTH CT HABERSHAM MD 21722 ZIP + 4 ▶ 21742

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)? . . .
 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____
 See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain a financial account in a foreign country? . . .
 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year: ▶ _____

Please Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return and believe it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than the taxpayer) is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

▶ Henry A Thomas
 Signature of officer

▶ HENRY A. THOMAS
 Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶ _____

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ _____

Phone no. ▶ () _____

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k), 501(n),
or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2007

Name of the organization

CELEBRATING HIS LIFE

Employer identification number

52-2051657

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶

0

Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶

0

Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services ▶

0

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

Yes No

1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.)

1 Yes No

Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)

2a Yes No

a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?

2b Yes No

b Lending of money or other extension of credit?

2c Yes No

c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?

2d Yes No

d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?

2e Yes No

e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?

3a Did the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how the organization determines that recipients qualify to receive payments.)

3a Yes No

b Did the organization have a section 403(b) annuity plan for its employees?

3b Yes No

c Did the organization receive or hold an easement for conservation purposes, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement

3c Yes No

d Did the organization provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?

3d Yes No

4a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," complete lines 4b through 4g. If "No," complete lines 4f and 4g

4a Yes No

b Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?

4b Yes No

c Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?

4c Yes No

d Enter the total number of donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year ▶ 0

e Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year ▶ 0

f Enter the total number of separate funds or accounts owned at the end of the tax year (excluding donor advised funds included on line 4d) where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts ▶ 0

g Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all funds or accounts included on line 4f at the end of the tax year ▶ 0

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 4 through 8 of the instructions.)

I certify that the organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6 A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ►
- 10 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12 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 charitable, etc., 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). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13 An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and otherwise meets the requirements of section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization:
 Type I Type II Type III-Functionally Integrated Type III-Other

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 8 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Employer identification number (EIN)	(c) Type of organization (described in lines 5 through 12 above or IRC section)	(d) Is the supported organization listed in the supporting organization's governing documents?		(e) Amount of support
			Yes	No	
Total					

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 8 of the instructions.)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) **Use cash method of accounting.**

Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2005	(c) 2004	(d) 2003	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	74,529	55,326	58,221	51,541	239,617
16 Membership fees received	0	0	0	0	0
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	0	0	0	0	0
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, income from similar sources, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18.	0	0	0	0	0
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge	0	0	0	0	0
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets	0	0	0	0	0
23 Total of lines 15 through 22					239,617
24 Line 23 minus line 17					
25 Enter 1% of line 23					

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:	26a
a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2003 through 2006 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	26b
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)	26c
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____	26d
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	26e
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))	26f 0 %

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year:

(2006) 0 (2005) 0 (2004) 0 (2003) 0

b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year:

(2006) 0 (2005) 0 (2004) 0 (2003) 0

c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____	27c
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____	27d
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)	27e
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e)	27f 239,617
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27g 0 %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27h 0 %

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2003 through 2006, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the grant, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 9 of the instructions.)
(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?

	Yes	No
29		

30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?

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31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves?
If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)

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- 32** Does the organization maintain the following:
- a** Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?
 - b** Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?
 - c** Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?
 - d** Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?

32a		
32b		
32c		
32d		

If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)

33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:

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- a** Students' rights or privileges?
- b** Admissions policies?
- c** Employment of faculty or administrative staff?
- d** Scholarships or other financial assistance?
- e** Educational policies?
- f** Use of facilities?
- g** Athletic programs?
- h** Other extracurricular activities?

33a		
33b		
33c		
33d		
33e		
33f		
33g		
33h		

If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)

- 34a** Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?
- b** Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?
If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.

34a		
34b		

35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation

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Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 11 of the instructions.)
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a** if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b** if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for all electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	/
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	/
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table— If the amount on line 40 is— The lobbying nontaxable amount is— Not over \$500,000 20% of the amount on line 40 Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 . . . \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000 Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 . . \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000 Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 . \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000 Over \$17,000,000 \$1,000,000	41	
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36.	43	
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38.	44	
Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.			

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 13 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2007	(b) 2006	(c) 2005	(d) 2004	(e) Total
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount					
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					
47 Total lobbying expenditures					
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount					
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 14 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:

- a** Volunteers
- b** Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)
- c** Media advertisements
- d** Mailings to members, legislators, or the public
- e** Publications, or published or broadcast statements
- f** Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes
- g** Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body.
- h** Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means
- i** Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)

Yes	No	Amount

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

Part VII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations (See page 14 of the instructions.)

51. Did the reporting organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

a Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of:

- (i) Cash
- (ii) Other assets

b Other transactions:

- (i) Sales or exchanges of assets with a noncharitable exempt organization
- (ii) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
- (iii) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
- (iv) Reimbursement arrangements
- (v) Loans or loan guarantees
- (vi) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received:

	Yes	No
51a(i)		
a(ii)		
b(i)		
b(ii)		
b(iii)		
b(iv)		
b(v)		
b(vi)		
c		

(a) Line no.	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

52a Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule:

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship