

Form **990**

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2009**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

Open to Public Inspection

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

**A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending**

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

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

**C** Name of organization  
**CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA, INC.**  
 Doing Business As  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**2610 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST 375**  
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**ST. PAUL, MN 55114**

**D** Employer identification number  
**41-0652474**

**E** Telephone number  
**651-224-7030**

**G** Gross receipts \$ **574,903.**

**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No  
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)  
**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶

**F** Name and address of principal officer: **RICH COWLES**  
**SAME AS C ABOVE**

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

**J** Website: ▶ **WWW.SMARTGIVERS.ORG**

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

**L** Year of formation: **1946** **M** State of legal domicile: **MN**

**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>OUR MISSION IS TO MOBILIZE INFORMED DONORS AND ACCOUNTABLE NONPROFITS FOR THE GREATER GOOD.</b>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	19
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	19
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	7
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	61
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 589,493.	Current Year 464,156.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	34,888.	100,429.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,020.	2,929.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	720.	34.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	626,121.	567,548.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	368,598.	371,582.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <b>46,382.</b>		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	181,757.	174,998.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	550,355.	546,580.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	75,766.	20,968.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 446,197.	End of Year 467,051.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	17,628.	17,514.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	428,569.	449,537.

**Part II Signature Block**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here** ▶ Signature of officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 ▶ **RICH COWLES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
 Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Date **06/08/10** Check if self-employed  Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ **HLB TAUTCHES REDPATH, LTD.**  
**4810 WHITE BEAR PARKWAY**  
**WHITE BEAR LAKE, MN 55110** EIN ▶ \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. ▶ **(651) 426-7000**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)  Yes  No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION OUR MISSION IS TO MOBILIZE INFORMED DONORS AND ACCOUNTABLE NONPROFITS FOR THE GREATER GOOD. WE DO THIS BY: --ENGAGING PEOPLE IN INFORMED CHARITABLE GIVING TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE GENEROSITY.

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

SEE SCHEDULE O FOR CONTINUATION(S)

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 192,872. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 12,500.)

DONOR SERVICES:

MORE USERS THAN EVER ARE USING THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES ON THE COUNCIL'S WEBSITE TO MAKE INFORMED GIVING DECISIONS. 71% OF MY SMART GIVERS REQUESTED A CHARITY REVIEW. PARTNERED WITH THE PIONEER PRESS IN ITS ANNUAL GIVING GUIDE, WHICH OFFERED RESOURCES AND TIPS ON SMART GIVING, DISTRIBUTED TO 630,000 HOUSEHOLDS. PARTNERED WITH GIVEMN, A GIVING PORTAL, TO PROVIDE CHARITY INFORMATION TO DONORS. EXPANDED REACH THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF THE COUNCIL'S SMART GIVING TOOLS AND RESOURCES. DISTRIBUTED MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTERS TO MORE THAN 1,700 SUBSCRIBERS. DISTRIBUTED 2 PRINT NEWSLETTERS TO 16,500 SUBSCRIBERS. HOSTED 298 SECTOR LEADERS AND DONORS AT OUR ANNUAL FORUM FEATURING PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER FOR EFFECTIVE PHILANTHROPY. 43

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 152,536. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

NONPROFIT SERVICES:

PROVIDED TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR ORGANIZATIONS TO MEET AND SUSTAIN ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS. WHERE STANDARDS WEREN'T FULLY MET, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WAS PROVIDED TO HELP ORGANIZATIONS MAKE STRUCTURAL, POLICY OR PROCEDURAL CHANGES. REVISED ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS IN 2009, THE RESULT OF A YEAR-LONG PROCESS LED BY THE BOARD'S PROGRAM COMMITTEE, WHICH INCLUDED A NUMBER OF DIVERSE SECTOR AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE PROCESS INCORPORATED VALUABLE FEEDBACK AND PARTICIPATION OF 400 INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING A BROAD AND DIVERSE SET OF STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL DONORS, INSTITUTIONAL GRANTMAKERS, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, ARTS AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND FINANCE, FUNDRAISING AND

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 52,888. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 88,179.)

ACCOUNTABILITY REVIEW:

79 NEW ORGANIZATIONS AND 117 RENEWING ORGANIZATIONS ENROLLED IN THE ACCOUNTABILITY WIZARD REVIEW PROCESS IN 2009, RESULTING IN 446 ORGANIZATIONS WITH CURRENT REVIEWS AT YEAR-END. REVIEWS ARE VALID FOR 3 YEARS.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses \$ 398,296.

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A .....	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? .....	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I .....		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II .....		X
5	<b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> 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 similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I .....		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II .....		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III .....		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV .....		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V .....		X
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable .....	X	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.		
	• Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.		
	• Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.	X	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional .....	Yes No X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E .....		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		X
14b	b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I .....		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II .....		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III .....		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I .....		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II .....		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III .....		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H .....		X

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

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties, (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

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

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable	0	
<b>1b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	0	
<b>1c</b>	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	7	
<b>2b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
<b>3b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
<b>4b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
<b>5b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
<b>5c</b>	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
<b>6b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>		
<b>7a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
<b>7b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
<b>7c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
<b>7d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
<b>7e</b>	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
<b>7g</b>	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
<b>7h</b>	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>		
<b>9a</b>	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
<b>9b</b>	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>10a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
<b>10b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:		
<b>11a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders		
<b>11b</b>	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
<b>12b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1a			19
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
1b			19
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	X	
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
8a		X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
8b		X	
9	Is there any officer, director, 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		X

**Section B. Policies** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10a			X
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10b			
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11		X	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12a		X	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12b		X	
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
12c		X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
13		X	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
14		X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15a		X	
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
15b		X	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		
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?		X
16a			X
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		
16b			

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **MN**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **RICH COWLES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - 651-224-7030**  
**2610 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST, NO. 375, ST PAUL, MN 55114**

**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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

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

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee."

• 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, and 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 current officer, director, or trustee.

(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			
HEIDI NEFF CHRISTIANSON BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
GLORIA CONTRERAS EDIN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
IRENE FERNANDO BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DIANE HANSEN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
ZAINAB HASSAN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
STEVE R. JOUL BOARD MEMBER, CHAIR	4.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
AUDREY KINTZI BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CINDY KLEVEN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
BARB KOCH BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
GLORIA LEWIS BOARD MEMBER, SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
KHANH NGUYEN BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
DANIEL RODRIGUEZ BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
AMY SANCHEZ BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
RICK SCOTT BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
CLAIRE TOPP BOARD MEMBER, VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
JAMES V. TOSCANO BOARD MEMBER	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
MICHAEL VINYON BOARD MEMBER, TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.



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Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a	82,390.				
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	381,766.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		6,078.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		464,156.				
Program Service Revenue	2 a CHARITY REVIEWS	Business Code 541610	88,179.	88,179.			
	b ANNUAL FORUM	611430	12,250.	12,250.			
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		100,429.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,406.			1,406.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
	b Less: rental expenses						
	c Rental income or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other	8,878.				
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		7,355.				
	c Gain or (loss)		1,523.				
	d Net gain or (loss)		1,523.			1,523.	
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events							
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a 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					
11 a MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	900099	34.	34.				
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		34.					
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		567,548.	100,463.	0.	2,929.		

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**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	100,171.	73,125.	18,030.	9,016.
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	222,098.	161,415.	42,427.	18,256.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	12,722.	9,611.	2,093.	1,018.
9 Other employee benefits	13,744.	7,456.	4,822.	1,466.
10 Payroll taxes	22,847.	16,759.	4,262.	1,826.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	1,970.		1,970.	
c Accounting	7,000.		7,000.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	20,688.	18,436.	2,194.	58.
12 Advertising and promotion	1,640.	1,640.		
13 Office expenses	44,081.	30,716.	3,657.	9,708.
14 Information technology	16,950.	16,372.	417.	161.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	37,175.	27,288.	6,539.	3,348.
17 Travel	3,945.	3,405.	320.	220.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	15,731.	13,842.	1,384.	505.
20 Interest	564.	415.	98.	51.
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	14,768.	12,704.	1,666.	398.
23 Insurance	3,162.	2,310.	551.	301.
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 <b>GRAPHIC DESIGN</b>	2,861.	2,802.	20.	39.
b <b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE</b>	2,288.	0.	2,277.	11.
c <b>STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b>	2,175.	0.	2,175.	0.
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
25 <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f	546,580.	398,296.	101,902.	46,382.
26 <b>Joint costs.</b> Check here <input checked="" 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	11,205.	10,785.	140.	280.

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**Part X** Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	239,156.	1	304,135.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments .....	55,969.	2	56,631.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	110,255.	3	69,871.
	4	Accounts receivable, net .....	50.	4	1,500.
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net .....		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use .....		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	12,761.	9	7,932.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	10a 137,043.		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation .....	10b 110,061.	10c	26,982.
	11	Investments - publicly traded securities .....		11	
	12	Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		12	
	13	Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		13	
	14	Intangible assets .....		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....		15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) .....	446,197.	16	467,051.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses .....	8,940.	17	11,945.
	18	Grants payable .....		18	
	19	Deferred revenue .....		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities .....		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D .....		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L .....		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties .....	8,281.	23	5,569.
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties .....		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D .....	407.	25	0.
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 .....	17,628.	26	17,514.
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 .....	140,919.	27	245,506.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets .....	287,650.	28	204,031.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets .....		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds .....		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund .....		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds .....		32	
33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> .....	428,569.	33	449,537.	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> .....	446,197.	34	467,051.	

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**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 _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? .....		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? .....	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 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? .....	X	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.		
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
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? .....		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits. ....		

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**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	470,817.	378,601.	560,470.	589,493.	464,156.	2463537.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	470,817.	378,601.	560,470.	589,493.	464,156.	2463537.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						327,958.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						2135579.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	470,817.	378,601.	560,470.	589,493.	464,156.	2463537.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,901.	7,373.	3,670.	1,020.	1,406.	16,370.
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.)	10,935.	6,744.	6,399.	720.	34.	24,832.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2504739.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	257,715.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	85.26 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	82.98 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. 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% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. 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 - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

**Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)** (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") .....						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose .....						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 .....						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf .....						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge .....						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5 .....						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .....						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b .....						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6 .....						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources .....						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 .....						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b .....						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on .....						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) .....						
<b>13 Total support</b> (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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 .....	<b>16</b>	%

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) .....	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 .....	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2008.** 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

**Schedule B**

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Schedule of Contributors**

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

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**2009**

Name of the organization

CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA,  
INC.

Employer identification number

41-0652474

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

**General Rule**

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

**Special Rules**

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

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

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

**Caution.** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2009)

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**Part I** Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ 17,291.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2		\$ 11,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3		\$ 10,100.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4		\$ 15,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5		\$ 17,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6		\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

Name of organization  
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Employer identification number  
**41-0652474**

**Part I Contributors** (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7		\$ 85,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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Name of organization <b>CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>41-0652474</b>
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**Part II** Noncash Property (see instructions)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	PROJECTOR _____ _____ _____	\$ 5,291.	09/28/09
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

**Schedule D**  
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Supplemental Financial Statements**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.  
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization **CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA, INC.** Employer identification number **41-0652474**

**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.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year .....		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year) .....		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year) .....		
4 Aggregate value at end of year .....		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**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).

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements .....	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements .....	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) .....	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06 .....	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax 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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? .....

Yes  No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? .....

Yes  No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

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

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

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, 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 Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:
- |                                 | Amount |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| c Beginning balance             | 1c     |
| d Additions during the year     | 1d     |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e     |
| f Ending balance                | 1f     |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?  Yes  No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - b Permanent endowment \_\_\_\_\_ %
  - c Term endowment \_\_\_\_\_ %
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- |   | Yes    | No |
|---|--------|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations   | 3a(i)  |    |
| (ii) related organizations  | 3a(ii) |    |
| b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b     |    |
- 4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		137,043.	110,061.	26,982.
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				26,982.



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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	567,548.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	546,580.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	20,968.
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	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	0.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	20,968.

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	599,598.
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	32,050.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	32,050.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	567,548.
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	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	567,548.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	578,630.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	32,050.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	32,050.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	546,580.
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	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	546,580.

**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 IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

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SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

--ENCOURAGING AND ASSISTING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY IN  
NONPROFITS.

--ENABLING THOUGHTFUL AND RESPONSIVE USE OF PHILANTHROPIC RESOURCES.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

INSTITUTIONAL FUNDERS INDICATED USE OF COUNCIL INFORMATION IN THEIR DUE  
DILIGENCE. CONDUCTED AN EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT  
IS NECESSARY TO BECOME USEFUL TO A BROADER AND MORE DIVERSE SEGMENT OF  
NONPROFITS & DONORS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GOVERNANCE EXPERTS. CONDUCTED SEVEN (7) INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS ON THE  
ACCOUNTABILITY WIZARD TO HELP NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS PREPARE FOR THEIR  
ACCOUNTABILITY WIZARD REVIEW.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 4: THE BYLAWS WERE AMENDED TO ADD TO  
THE FORM OF NOTICE FOR BOARD MEETINGS, REVISE THE DESCRIPTION OF THE BOARD  
CHAIR POSITION, AND ARTICULATE THAT THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS A STAFF  
OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE TREASURER AND CHAIR REVIEW A  
DRAFT OF FORM 990 AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OPERATIONS MANAGER ALSO  
READ THROUGH THE FORM. WE THEN PROVIDE OUR FEEDBACK TO OUR TAX PREPARER  
WHO PROVIDES US WITH A FINAL FILING COPY. WE CHECK THAT COPY TO MAKE SURE  
ANY CHANGES ARE MADE. THEN A COPY IS PROVIDED TO ALL VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

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AND THEY CAN COMMENT IF THEY LIKE. WE EXPLAIN WHAT BASIC QUESTIONS THE 990  
ANSWERS. PRIOR TO FILING, FORM 990 IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ALONG WITH RELATED FILINGS WITH THE MN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: KEY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS FILL  
OUT AN ANNUAL DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH CALENDAR  
YEAR. ADDITIONALLY, EACH BOARD MEETING AGENDA INCLUDES ITEM THAT CALLS FOR  
DISCLOSURE OF ANY CONFLICTS RELATED TO THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: IN KEEPING WITH ACTION BY MANY  
NONPROFITS, THE CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL BUDGETED FOR NO EXECUTIVE INCREASE  
IN 2009. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF AN EXCELLENT YEAR PROGRAMMATICALLY AND  
FINANCIALLY, THE BOARD AT ITS DECEMBER MEETING DETERMINED IN EXECUTIVE  
SESSION TO PROVIDE A ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENT TO EXECUTIVE PAY THAT DIDN'T ADD  
TO SALARY. IN MAKING THE DECISION TO PROVIDE A ONE-TIME SALARY ADJUSTMENT  
FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE BOARD CONSIDERED AND RELIED UPON DATA FROM  
A 2005 COMPARATIVE COMPENSATION STUDY COMPLETED BY AN INDEPENDENT  
CONSULTANT FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND UPON THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF  
NONPROFITS' 2008 NONPROFIT SALARY SURVEY FOR MINNESOTA NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATIONS OF SIMILAR BUDGET SIZE AS THE ORGANIZATION. THE 2008 SURVEY  
WAS THE MOST CURRENT SALARY SURVEY PRODUCED BY THE MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF  
NONPROFITS. ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN OR ADVISING THE DECISION ARE  
INDEPENDENT.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: BYLAWS AND ARTICLES OF  
INCORPORATION ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS

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AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON THE ORGANIZATION'S WEBSITE. ANNUAL AUDITED  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE POSTED TO THE WEBSITE FOR PUBLIC USE.

## Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

**Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

**Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time.** Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

*All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.*

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization <b>CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL OF MINNESOTA, INC.</b>	Employer identification number <b>41-0652474</b>
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>2610 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST, NO. 375</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>ST. PAUL, MN 55114</b>	

**Check type of return to be filed** (file a separate application for each return):

- |  |   |                                    |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF         | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

**THE ORGANIZATION**

- The books are in the care of ▶ **2610 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST, NO. 375 - ST PAUL, MN 55114**  
 Telephone No. ▶ **651-224-7030** FAX No. ▶ \_\_\_\_\_
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **AUGUST 15, 2010**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:  
 ▶  calendar year **2009** or  
 ▶  tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	
c <b>Balance Due.</b> Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	N/A

**Caution.** If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

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