

UNDER EXTENSION UNTIL 3-15-05

Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax

OMB No 1545-0047

2003

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2003 calendar year, or tax year beginning Aug 1, 2003, and ending Jul 31, 2004

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

C Name of organization: The Rockford Institute. Address: 928 North Main Street, Rockford, IL 61103

D Employer Identification Number: 36-3062112. E Telephone number: (815) 964-5053. F Accounting method: Accrual

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

- H and I are not applicable to section 527 organizations. H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? No. H(b) If 'Yes,' enter number of affiliates. H(c) Are all affiliates included? No. H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? No.

G Web site: N/A

J Organization type (check only one): 501(c) 3

K Check here if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. Some states require a complete return.

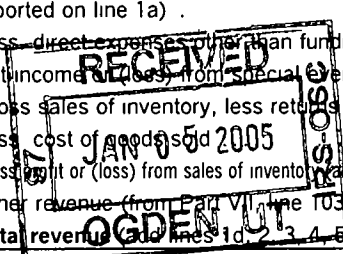
L Gross receipts Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12: 973,000

I Group Exemption Number. M Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See Instructions)

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns: Description, Amount, and Total. Includes items like Contributions, Program service revenue, Membership dues, Interest on savings, Dividends, Gross rents, Other investment income, Special events, and Total revenue.

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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses All organizations must complete column (A) Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others.

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (att sch) (cash \$ _____ non-cash \$ _____)	22			
23	Specific assistance to individuals (att sch)	23			
24	Benefits paid to or for members (att sch)	24			
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc	25	102,161.	93,988.	8,173.
26	Other salaries and wages	26	303,401.	279,129.	24,272.
27	Pension plan contributions	27			
28	Other employee benefits	28	52,542.	48,339.	4,203.
29	Payroll taxes	29			
30	Professional fundraising fees	30			
31	Accounting fees	31			
32	Legal fees	32			
33	Supplies	33			
34	Telephone	34	6,526.	1,477.	5,049.
35	Postage and shipping	35	30,582.	28,311.	2,271.
36	Occupancy	36	6,412.	0.	6,412.
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37	15,555.	14,311.	1,244.
38	Printing and publications	38	113,392.	75,242.	38,150.
39	Travel	39			
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	40	127,097.	127,097.	0.
41	Interest	41			
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc (attach schedule)	42	15,071.	13,865.	1,206.
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a	Advertising / promotion	43a	40,307.	21,798.	18,509.
b	Author/ artist fees	43b	63,742.	63,742.	0.
c	Professional fees	43c	8,925.	0.	8,925.
d	Subscriptions	43d	439.	439.	0.
e	See Other Expenses Stmt	43e	35,863.	10,459.	25,404.
44	Total functional expenses (add lines 22 - 43) Organizations completing columns (B) - (D), carry these totals to lines 13 - 15	44	922,015.	778,197.	143,818.

Joint Costs. Check if you are following SOP 98-2.

Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? Yes No
 If 'Yes,' enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ _____; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ _____; (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ _____; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ _____

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? To provide educational material to the public
 All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) & (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants & allocations to others.)

Program Service Expenses
 (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others)

a	Achievements include the publication of nationally acclaimed, "Chronicles", and the growing ability to provide a network of information thru lectures, radio interviews, and a web site to promote, define, and drive the debate on key social, political, educational and cultural issues confronting Rockford and the nation to motivate responsible, inform	(Grants and allocations \$ 0.)	778,197.
b		(Grants and allocations \$)	
c		(Grants and allocations \$)	
d		(Grants and allocations \$)	
e	Other program services	(Grants and allocations \$)	
f	Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services)		778,197.

Part IV Balance Sheets (See Instructions)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.				
ASSETS	45 Cash – non-interest-bearing	551,253.	45	620,802.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46	
	47a Accounts receivable	11,038.		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0.	14,734.	11,038.
	48a Pledges receivable	15,000.		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	0.	0.	15,000.
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		50	
	51a Other notes & loans receivable (attach sch)			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	11,693.	53	10,000.
	54 Investments – securities (attach schedule)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV	54	
	55a Investments – land, buildings, & equipment basis			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)			
56 Investments – other (attach schedule)	L-56 Stmt	161,316.	56	59,169.
57a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	344,536.			
b Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) L-57 Stmt	229,205.	91,510.	57c	115,331.
58 Other assets (describe _____)		58		
59 Total assets (add lines 45 through 58) (must equal line 74)		830,506.	59	831,340.
LIABILITIES	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	35,008.	60	38,106.
	61 Grants payable		61	
	62 Deferred revenue	167,813.	62	162,150.
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule)		63	
	64a Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule)		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe _____)		65	
66 Total liabilities (add lines 60 through 65)		202,821.	66	200,256.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted	318,252.	67	272,458.
	68 Temporarily restricted	118,913.	68	168,106.
	69 Permanently restricted	190,520.	69	190,520.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)		627,685.	73	631,084.
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (add lines 66 and 73)		830,506.	74	831,340.

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

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Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements with Revenue per Return (See instructions.)

Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements with Expenses per Return

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	a	925,618.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 12, Form 990:		
(1)	Net unrealized gains on investments \$ 856.		
(2)	Donated services and use of facilities \$ 204.		
(3)	Recoveries of prior year grants \$		
(4)	Other (specify):		
	----- \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4)	b	1,060.
c	Line a minus line b	c	924,558.
d	Amounts included on line 12, Form 990 but not on line a:		
(1)	Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$		
(2)	Other (specify):		
	----- \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2)	d	
e	Total revenue per line 12, Form 990 (line c plus line d)	e	924,558.

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	a	922,219.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on line 17, Form 990:		
(1)	Donated services and use of facilities \$ 204.		
(2)	Prior year adjustments reported on line 20, Form 990 \$		
(3)	Losses reported on line 20, Form 990 \$		
(4)	Other (specify):		
	----- \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) through (4)	b	204.
c	Line a minus line b	c	922,015.
d	Amounts included on line 17, Form 990 but not on line a:		
(1)	Investment expenses not included on line 6b, Form 990 \$		
(2)	Other (specify):		
	----- \$		
	Add amounts on lines (1) and (2)	d	
e	Total expenses per line 17, Form 990 (line c plus line d)	e	922,015.

Part V List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated; see 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 and deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Thomas Fleming 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	President 40	102,161.	0.	0.
David Hartman 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
Mary Kohler 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
Ruth Besemer 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
William A. Diehl 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
See List of Officers, Etc. Statement		0.	0.	0.

75 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee receive aggregate compensation of more than \$100,000 from your organization and all related organizations, of which more than \$10,000 was provided by the related organizations? Yes No
If 'Yes,' attach schedule - see instructions.

Part VI Other Information (See instructions)		Yes	No
76	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity		X
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
78a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
78b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach a statement		X
80a	Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization?		X
80b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the organization _____ and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt.		
81a	Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. See line 81 instructions	81a	0.
81b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	X	
82b	If 'Yes,' you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III)	82b	204.
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	X	
83b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	X	
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?		X
84b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
85a	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?		
85b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
85c	If 'Yes' was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year		
85d	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	
85e	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	
85f	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	
85g	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	
85h	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	
85h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	
86a	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	
86b	b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	
87a	501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	
87b	b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If 'Yes,' complete Part IX	88	X
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 <u>N/A</u> ; section 4912 <u>N/A</u> ; section 4955 <u>N/A</u>		
89b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(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 a statement explaining each transaction	89b	X
	c Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0.
	d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization		
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <u>Illinois</u>		
90b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2003 (See instructions.)	90b	12
91	The books are in care of <u>Dr. Thomas Fleming</u> Telephone number <u>(815) 964-5053</u> Located at <u>928 N. Main Street, Rockford IL</u> ZIP + 4 <u>61103</u>		
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <u>92</u>		

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclusion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a Subscriptions/publications					180,813.
b Conferences					20,879.
c International program					9,862.
d _____					
e _____					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees & contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					2,850.
95 Interest on savings & temporary cash invmnts					
96 Dividends & interest from securities			14	13,577.	
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from pers prop					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory					
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					144,526.
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue: a _____					
b Miscellaneous					188.
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))				13,577.	359,118.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					372,695.

Note: Line 105 plus line 1d, Part I, should equal the amount on line 12, Part I.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See instructions.)

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
93 a-c,	All funds are used to promote education of the public, including
94, 101	using the in-house publication, "The Chronicle", and other
& 103b	miscellaneous articles and publications.

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets	N/A
	%				
	%				
	%				
	%				

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See instructions.)

a Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

b Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note: If 'Yes' to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions)

Please Sign Here

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.

Signature of officer: Thomas J. Fleming Date: 12-17-04

Type or print name and title: Thomas J. Fleming, President

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: [Signature] Date: 12/15/04 Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed): M B K & K, LLC Preparer's SSN or PTIN (see General Instruction W): _____

address, and ZIP + 4: 8815 Weaver Rd. Suite 100 EIN: _____

Rockford IL 61114 Phone no: (815) 282-6565

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under
Section 501(c)(3)

OMB No 1545-0047

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Supplementary Information — (See separate instructions.)

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Internal Revenue Service

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

Name of the organization The Rockford Institute	Employer identification number 36-3062112
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Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See 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 and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
Chris Check ----- Rockford, IL	Executive Vice President 40	67,649.	0.	0.

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ▶	None			

Part II Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services
(See 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
None -----		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶	None	

Part III Statements About Activities (See 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.) 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		X
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.)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?		X
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	X	
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc? (If 'Yes,' attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)		X
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	X	
4 Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?		X

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See instructions.)

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.)
- 11 a 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.)
- 11 b 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 supports organizations described in (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). (See section 509(a)(3).)

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

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Line number from above

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4) (See 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) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	1,145,570.	558,338.	874,843.	473,407.	3,052,158.
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.	285,491.	207,510.	195,784.	237,071.	925,856.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	9,657.	9,558.	2,514.	9,957.	31,686.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18				0.	0.
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf		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.
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets. See L-22 Stmt	858.	77,118.	100,933.	80,764.	259,673.
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	1,441,576.	852,524.	1,174,074.	801,199.	4,269,373.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	1,156,085.	645,014.	978,290.	564,128.	3,343,517.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	14,416.	8,525.	11,741.	8,012.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:					
a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24					26a 66,870.
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 1999 through 2002 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts					26b 1,230,065.
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)					26c 3,343,517.
d Add. Amounts from column (e) for lines:	18 31,686.	19 0.			26d 1,521,424.
	22 259,673.	26b 1,230,065.			26e 1,822,093.
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)					26f 54.50 %
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					
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:					
(2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____					
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 11, 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:					
(2002) _____ (2001) _____ (2000) _____ (1999) _____					
c Add. Amounts from column (e) for lines:	15 _____	16 _____			27c _____
	17 _____	20 _____	21 _____		
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 _____
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27g %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					27h %

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 1999 through 2002, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, 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 instructions.)
 (To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

N/A

	Yes	No
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?		
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?		
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.) ----- ----- -----		
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?		
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:		
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?		
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.		
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		

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

N/A

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 –		
	Not over \$500,000		
	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000		
	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000		
	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000		
	Over \$17,000,000		
	The lobbying nontaxable amount is –		
	20% of the amount on line 40		
	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	41	
	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
	\$1,000,000		
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.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2003	(b) 2002	(c) 2001	(d) 2000	(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 instructions.)

N/A

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 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:

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include 51 a (i) Cash, a (ii) Other assets, b (i) Sales or exchanges of assets, b (ii) Purchases of assets, b (iii) Rental of facilities, b (iv) Reimbursement arrangements, b (v) Loans or loan guarantees, b (vi) Performance of services, and c Sharing of facilities.

- (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.

Table with 4 columns: (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 (X) No

b If 'Yes,' complete the following schedule:

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name of organization, (b) Type of organization, (c) Description of relationship.

Form 990, Page 1, Part I, Line 9

Special Events and Activities Statement

List of Three Largest Events and Type and Number of Others	Gross Receipts	Less Contributions	Gross Revenue	Less Direct Expenses	Net Income (Loss)
Special events	122,521.	0.	122,521.	1,260.	121,261.
Special book projects	25,000.	0.	25,000.	1,418.	23,582.
Product sales	28,955.	0.	28,955.	16,217.	12,738.
Foreign projects	16,492.	0.	16,492.	29,547.	-13,055.
Total	192,968.	0.	192,968.	48,442.	144,526.

Form 990, Page 2, Part II, Line 43

Other Expenses Stmt

Other expenses not covered above (itemize):	(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
Dues	3,001.	0.	3,001.	0.
Insurance	8,442.	0.	8,442.	0.
Utilities	4,782.	4,399.	383.	0.
Office expense	3,970.	3,652.	318.	0.
Bank service charge	8,354.	0.	8,354.	0.
Bad debt expense	420.	0.	420.	0.
Directors' expense	4,276.	0.	4,276.	0.
Miscellaneous	2,618.	2,408.	210.	0.
Total	35,863.	10,459.	25,404.	0.

Form 990, Page 3, Part IV, Line 56

Investments - Other Statement

Line 56 – Investments - Other:	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Money market funds	59,077.	59,169.
Certificate of deposit	102,239.	0.
Total	161,316.	59,169.

Form 990, Page 3, Part IV, Lines 57a & 57b

Land, Buildings and Equipment Statement

	(a) Cost/Other Basis	(b) Accumulated Depreciation	(c) Book Value
Land	14,629.	0.	14,629.
Building	202,472.	133,217.	69,255.
Equipment	109,878.	79,756.	30,122.
Furniture & fixtures	17,557.	16,232.	1,325.
Total	344,536.	229,205.	115,331.

Form 990, Page 4, Part V
List of Officers, Etc. Statement

(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 and deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Dr. George Garrett 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
James Hunter 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
James Lightner 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
Paul Oberbeck 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
Dean A. Olson, Jr. 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.
Thomas Pauken 928 N. Main Street Rockford, IL 61103	BOD 2	0.	0.	0.

Total 0. 0. 0.

Schedule A, Part IV-A, Line 22
Other Income

Description	(a) 2002	(b) 2001	(c) 2000	(d) 1999	(e) Total
Miscellaneous	858.	880.	2,631.	135.	4,504.
Special projects		76,238.	98,302.	80,629.	255,169.
Total	<u>858.</u>	<u>77,118.</u>	<u>100,933.</u>	<u>80,764.</u>	<u>259,673.</u>

Supporting Statement of:

Form 990 p 1/Line 20

Description	Amount
Unrealized gains on investments	856.
Total	<u>856.</u>

Supporting Statement of:

Sch. A, 990 p 3/Line 22-b

Description	Amount
Special Projects	76,238.
Miscellaneous	880.
Total	<u>77,118.</u>