

## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

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 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1 2007, 2008, and ending June 30, 2008, 20

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change  
☐ Name change  
☐ Initial return  
☐ Termination  
☐ Amended return  
☐ Application pending

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

C Name of organization 826LA

Doing Business As

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

685 Venice Boulevard

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Venice, California 90291

D Employer identification number

38 3722092

E Telephone number

(310) 305-8418

G Gross receipts \$ 455,369.63

F Name and address of principal officer:

Joel Arquillos, 685 Venice Blvd Venice, CA 90291

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ NoH(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ http://www.826la.org

K Type of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation: 2005 M State of legal domicile: CA

## Part I Summary

|                             |         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                            |              |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Activities & Governance     | 1       | Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:<br>826LA provides free educational programs for students aged 6 to 18 who live in low income service areas.<br>826LA provides students and/or teachers with access to (i) one-on-one tutoring sessions, (ii) field trips to 826LA's facilities and (iii) specialized in-classroom projects in low income schools. |                                                                            |              |
|                             | 2       | Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                            |              |
|                             | 3       | Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3                                                                          | 11           |
|                             | 4       | Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 4                                                                          | 11           |
|                             | 5       | Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5                                                                          | 5            |
|                             | 6       | Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6                                                                          | 750          |
|                             | Revenue | 7a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C) | 7a           |
| 7b                          |         | Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 7b                                                                         | 29,749.51    |
| 8                           |         | Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Prior Year                                                                 | Current Year |
| 9                           |         | Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 219,813.33                                                                 | 372,027.64   |
| 10                          |         | Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 3,500.00                                                                   | 79,653.18    |
| Expenses                    | 11      | Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5,504.88                                                                   | 3,688.81     |
|                             | 12      | Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 275,754.03                                                                 | 3,688.81     |
|                             | 13      | Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 504,572.24                                                                 | 455,369.63   |
|                             | 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)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 128,310.21                                                                 | 254,295.80   |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 16a     | Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                            |              |
|                             | 17      | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                            |              |
|                             | 18      | Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 78,409.33                                                                  | 192,752.13   |
|                             | 19      | Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 206,719.54                                                                 | 447,047.93   |
|                             | 20      | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 297,852.70                                                                 | 8,321.70     |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 21      | Total assets (Part X, line 16)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Beginning of Year                                                          | End of Year  |
|                             | 22      | Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 356,312.50                                                                 | 359,634.20   |
|                             | 23      | Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 57,000.00                                                                  | 52,000.00    |

## 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

Type or print name and title

JOEL ARQUILLOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

Date

Check if self-employed ☐

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

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

EIN

Phone no.

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

- 1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:  
**826LA's mission is to provide free education programs to children aged 6 to 18 who live in low income areas.**  
**826LA is dedicated to assisting students in developing creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire students to write.**
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- 2** Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3** Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4** Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 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.

**4a** (Code: **NA\***) (Expenses \$ **106,003.73** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ **0**)  
**\* Not applicable per instructions for 2008 Form 990**

**One-on-One Tutoring Programs - See Statement 1**

**4b** (Code: **NA\***) (Expenses \$ **96,367.03** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ **0**)  
**\* Not applicable per instructions for 2008 Form 990**

**In-School Service Projects - See Statement 1**

**4c** (Code: **NA\***) (Expenses \$ **64,244.68** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ **0**)  
**\*Not applicable per instructions for 2008 Form 990**

**Student Work Shops - See Statement 1**

**4d** Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)  
 (Expenses \$ **54,607.98** including grants of \$ **0**) (Revenue \$ )

**4e** Total program service expenses ► \$ **321,223.42** (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Yes                                          | No                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .                                                                                                                                              | <b>1</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>2</b> Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>2</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>3</b> 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 . . . . .                                                                                           | <b>3</b> <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .                                                                                                                                             | <b>4</b> <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>5</b> <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 . . . . .                                                                   | <b>5</b> <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>6</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I . . . . .                                              | <b>6</b> <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>7</b> 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 . . . . .                                                                 | <b>7</b> <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>8</b> Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .                                                                                                                              | <b>8</b> <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>9</b> 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 . . . . .                            | <b>9</b> <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10</b> Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V . . . . .                                                                                                                                                               | <b>10</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>11</b> Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable . . . . .                                                                                                                      | <b>11</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>12</b> Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII . . . . .                                                             | <b>12</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>13</b> Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>13</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>14a</b> Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>14a</b> <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I . . . . .                                                                 | <b>14b</b> <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>15</b> 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 . . . . .                                                                 | <b>15</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>16</b> 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 . . . . .                                                                     | <b>16</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>17</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I . . . . .                                                                                                                                                        | <b>17</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>18</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II . . . . .                                                                                                                                                    | <b>18</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>19</b> Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>19</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>20</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>20</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>21</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II . . . . .                                                                                                                                                   | <b>21</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>22</b> Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III . . . . .                                                                                                                                                  | <b>22</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>23</b> Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>23</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>24a</b> Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b–24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25. . . . . | <b>24a</b> <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>24b</b> <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>c</b> Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .                                                                                                                                     | <b>24c</b> <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>d</b> Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>24d</b> <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>25a</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .                                                                         | <b>25a</b> <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b> Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .                                                                                                     | <b>25b</b> <input type="checkbox"/>          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>26</b> 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 . . . . .                                        | <b>26</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>27</b> Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III . . . . .                                                    | <b>27</b> <input type="checkbox"/>           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| <b>28</b> During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |    |
| <b>a</b> Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> |     | ✓  |
| <b>b</b> Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     | ✓  |
| <b>c</b> Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>                                                                                                                       |     | ✓  |
| <b>29</b> Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     | ✓  |
| <b>30</b> Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>                                                                                                                                                                 |     | ✓  |
| <b>31</b> Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     | ✓  |
| <b>32</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     | ✓  |
| <b>33</b> Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>                                                                                                                                                     |     | ✓  |
| <b>34</b> Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | ✓  |
| <b>35</b> Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     | ✓  |
| <b>36</b> <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>                                                                                                                                                          |     | ✓  |
| <b>37</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>                                                                                                            |     | ✓  |

**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 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1a</b>  | 0  |
| <b>b</b>   | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1b</b>  | 0  |
| <b>c</b>   | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? . . . . .                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c</b>  | ✓  |
| <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 . . . . .                                                                                                              | <b>2a</b>  | 16 |
| <b>b</b>   | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?<br><b>Note.</b> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> this return. (see instructions)                                               | <b>2b</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>3a</b>  | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>3a</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>b</b>   | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>3b</b>  | ✓  |
| <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)? . . . . .                                                 | <b>4a</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>b</b>   | If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶<br>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? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>5a</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>b</b>   | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>5b</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>c</b>   | If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? . . . . .                                                                                                                                       | <b>5c</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>6a</b>  | Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>6a</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>b</b>   | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? . . . . .                                                                                                                                              | <b>6b</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>7</b>   | <b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |    |
| <b>a</b>   | Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>7a</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>b</b>   | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>7b</b>  |    |
| <b>c</b>   | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                       | <b>7c</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>d</b>   | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>7d</b>  |    |
| <b>e</b>   | Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                          | <b>7e</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>f</b>   | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>7f</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>g</b>   | For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>7g</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>h</b>   | For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>7h</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? . . . . . | <b>8</b>   | ✓  |
| <b>9</b>   | <b>Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |            |    |
| <b>a</b>   | Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>9a</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>b</b>   | Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>9b</b>  | ✓  |
| <b>10</b>  | <b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |            |    |
| <b>a</b>   | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>10a</b> | NA |
| <b>b</b>   | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>10b</b> | NA |
| <b>11</b>  | <b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |            |    |
| <b>a</b>   | Gross income from members or shareholders . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>11a</b> | NA |
| <b>b</b>   | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) . . . . .                                                                                                                                                               | <b>11b</b> | NA |
| <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>12a</b> |    |
| <b>b</b>   | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>12b</b> | NA |

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

|                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes       | No                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| For each "Yes" response to lines 2–7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |           |                                     |
| <b>1a</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body . . . . .                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1a</b> | <b>11</b>                           |
| <b>b</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Enter the number of voting members that are independent . . . . .                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1b</b> | <b>11</b>                           |
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | 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? . . . . .                                               | <b>2</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>3</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | 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? . . . . . | <b>3</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? . . . . .                                                                                               | <b>4</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>5</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets? . . . . .                                                                                                             | <b>5</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>6</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Does the organization have members or stockholders? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>6</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>7a</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body? . . . . .                                                                                         | <b>7a</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons? . . . . .                                                                                                             | <b>7b</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:                                                                                             |           |                                     |
| <b>a</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | The governing body? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>8a</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? . . . . .                                                                                                                                               | <b>8b</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>9a</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                 | <b>9a</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</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? . . . . .  | <b>9b</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>10</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 . . . . .       | <b>10</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>11</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O . . . . .      | <b>11</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Section B. Policies**

|                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes        | No                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>12a</b>                                             | Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>12a</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b>                                               | Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                              | <b>12b</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>c</b>                                               | Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done . . . . .                                                                                                                                             | <b>12c</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>13</b>                                              | Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>13</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>14</b>                                              | Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>14</b>  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>15</b>                                              | 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:                                                                                     |            |                                     |
| <b>a</b>                                               | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>15a</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b>                                               | Other officers or key employees of the organization? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>15b</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |            |                                     |
| <b>16a</b>                                             | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . . . .                                                                                                                                          | <b>16a</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</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? . . . . . | <b>16b</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**Section C. Disclosure**

**17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **California**

**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: ► **Joel Arquillos, Executive Director, 826LA, 1714 West Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90026**

**Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors**
**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**

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

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, 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 officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

| (A)<br>Name and Title                     | (B)<br>Average hours per week | (C)<br>Position (check all that apply) |                       |         |              |                              |        | (D)<br>Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC) | (E)<br>Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F)<br>Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                           |                               | Individual trustee or director         | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former |                                                                      |                                                                           |                                                                                               |
| Sally Willcox<br>President                |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | \$ -                                                                 | \$ -                                                                      | \$ -                                                                                          |
| Jodie Evans<br>Vice President             |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| John Gilbertson<br>Treasurer              |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Melissa Matheson<br>Secretary             |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Miguel Arteta<br>Director                 |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Joshua Bearman<br>Director                |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Ninine Calegari<br>Director               |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Dave Eggers<br>Director                   |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Naomi Foner<br>Director                   |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Keith Knight<br>Director                  |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Sal Plascenza<br>Director                 |                               | ✓                                      |                       |         |              |                              |        | -                                                                    | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Mac Barnett<br>Executive Director         |                               |                                        |                       | ✓       |              | ✓                            |        | 60,386.32                                                            | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Amy Orringer<br>Co-Director (Former)      |                               |                                        |                       |         | ✓            |                              |        | 31,764.58                                                            | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Julius Panorigan<br>Director of Education |                               |                                        |                       |         | ✓            |                              |        | 29,008.17                                                            | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Bonnie Chau<br>Program Coordinator        |                               |                                        |                       |         | ✓            |                              |        | 17,180.59                                                            | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
| Danny Hom<br>Program Coordinator          |                               |                                        |                       |         | ✓            |                              |        | 11,637.56                                                            | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |
|                                           |                               |                                        |                       |         |              |                              |        |                                                                      | -                                                                         | -                                                                                             |

[illegible]

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ► **None**

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes | No |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 3 | Did the organization list any <b>former</b> officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . .                                        | 3   | ✓  |
| 4 | For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> . . . . . | 4   | ✓  |
| 5 | Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> . . . . .                                     | 5   | ✓  |

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

| (A)<br>Name and business address | (B)<br>Description of services | (C)<br>Compensation |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| None                             |                                |                     |
|                                  |                                |                     |
|                                  |                                |                     |
|                                  |                                |                     |
|                                  |                                |                     |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ► **None**

| <b>Part VIII Statement of Revenue</b>                                                                                                                     |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   | (A)<br>Total revenue | (B)<br>Related or<br>exempt<br>function<br>revenue | (C)<br>Unrelated<br>business<br>revenue | (D)<br>Revenue<br>excluded from tax<br>under sections<br>512, 513, or 514 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Contributions, gifts, grants<br/>and other similar amounts</b>                                                                                         | <b>1a</b> Federated campaigns . . . . .                                                    | <b>1a</b>                                                                                          |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>b</b> Membership dues . . . . .                                                         | <b>1b</b>                                                                                          |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>c</b> Fundraising events . . . . .                                                      | <b>1c</b>                                                                                          | <b>6499.43</b>    |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b> Related organizations . . . . .                                                   | <b>1d</b>                                                                                          |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>e</b> Government grants (contributions).                                                | <b>1e</b>                                                                                          |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants,<br>and similar amounts not included above | <b>1f</b>                                                                                          | <b>365,528.21</b> |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$                                 |                                                                                                    | <b>0</b>          |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .                                                  |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>Program Service Revenue</b>                                                                                                                            | <b>2a Fees for Conducting Programs</b>                                                     | <b>Business Code</b>                                                                               |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>b Educational Theme Store</b>                                                           |                                                                                                    | <b>4,750.00</b>   | <b>4,750.00</b>      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>c</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                                    | <b>74,903.18</b>  |                      | <b>74,903.18</b>                                   |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>d</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>e</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>f</b> All other program service revenue . . . . .                                       |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f . . . . .                                                  |                                                                                                    | <b>79,653.18</b>  |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Other Revenue</b>                                                                       | <b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and<br>other similar amounts) . . . . . |                   | <b>3,688.81</b>      | <b>3,688.81</b>                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . . . .                                                                                     |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>5</b> Royalties . . . . .                                                                                                                              |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                            | (i) Real                                                                                           | (ii) Personal     |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>6a</b> Gross Rents . . . . .                                                                                                                           |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>b</b> Less: rental expenses . . . . .                                                                                                                  |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>c</b> Rental income or (loss) . . . . .                                                                                                                |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss) . . . . .                                                                                                            |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of<br>assets other than inventory . . . . .                                                                             |                                                                                            | (i) Securities                                                                                     | (ii) Other        |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis<br>and sales expenses . . . . .                                                                                        |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>c</b> Gain or (loss) . . . . .                                                                                                                         |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .                                                                                                                     |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising<br>events (not including \$ . . . . .<br>of contributions reported on line 1c).<br>See Part IV, line 18 . . . . . |                                                                                            | <b>a</b>                                                                                           |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>b</b> Less: direct expenses . . . . .                                                                                                                  |                                                                                            | <b>b</b>                                                                                           |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .                                                                                           |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities.<br>See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .                                                                          |                                                                                            | <b>a</b>                                                                                           |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>b</b> Less: direct expenses. . . . .                                                                                                                   |                                                                                            | <b>b</b>                                                                                           |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .                                                                                            |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less<br>returns and allowances . . . . .                                                                             | <b>a</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .                                                                                                               | <b>b</b>                                                                                   |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .                                                                                           |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                                                            | <b>Business Code</b>                                                                               |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>11a</b> . . . . .                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>b</b> . . . . .                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>c</b> . . . . .                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .                                                                                                                      |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .                                                                                                               |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    |                   |                      |                                                    |                                         |                                                                           |
| <b>12 Total Revenue.</b> Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c,<br>9c, 10c, and 11e . . . . .                                                             |                                                                                            |                                                                                                    | <b>455,369.63</b> | <b>8,438.81</b>      | <b>74,903.18</b>                                   |                                         |                                                                           |

**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).**

| <b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>(A)<br/>Total expenses</b> | <b>(B)<br/>Program service expenses</b> | <b>(C)<br/>Management and general expenses</b> | <b>(D)<br/>Fundraising expenses</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21                                                                                                                                              |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                      |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 . . . . .                                                                                                         |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees . . . . .                                                                                                                                                         | <b>157,061.16</b>             | <b>116,036.21</b>                       | <b>28,564.34</b>                               | <b>12,460.60</b>                    |
| <b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) . . . . .                                                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>7</b> Other salaries and wages . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>13,053.62</b>              | <b>4,568.77</b>                         | <b>7,179.49</b>                                | <b>1,305.36</b>                     |
| <b>8</b> Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions) . . . . .                                                                                                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>9</b> Other employee benefits . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>14,819.49</b>              | <b>10,506.46</b>                        | <b>3,113.81</b>                                | <b>1,199.22</b>                     |
| <b>10</b> Payroll taxes . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>69,361.53</b>              | <b>49,174.72</b>                        | <b>14,573.97</b>                               | <b>5,612.85</b>                     |
| <b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>a</b> Management . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>3,000.00</b>               | <b>2,100.00</b>                         | <b>600.00</b>                                  | <b>300.00</b>                       |
| <b>b</b> Legal . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>c</b> Accounting . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>2,873.10</b>               |                                         | <b>2,873.10</b>                                |                                     |
| <b>d</b> Lobbying . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>f</b> Investment management fees . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>g</b> Other . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>7,212.90</b>               | <b>5,049.03</b>                         | <b>1,442.58</b>                                | <b>721.29</b>                       |
| <b>12</b> Advertising and promotion . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>35.00</b>                  |                                         |                                                | <b>35.00</b>                        |
| <b>13</b> Office expenses . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>18,627.15</b>              | <b>13,039.01</b>                        | <b>3,725.43</b>                                | <b>1,862.72</b>                     |
| <b>14</b> Information technology . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>11,644.90</b>              | <b>8,151.43</b>                         | <b>2,328.98</b>                                | <b>1,164.49</b>                     |
| <b>15</b> Royalties . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>16</b> Occupancy . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>93,639.04</b>              | <b>65,547.33</b>                        | <b>18,727.81</b>                               | <b>9,363.90</b>                     |
| <b>17</b> Travel . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials                                                                                                                                            |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5,398.43</b>               | <b>3,778.90</b>                         | <b>1,079.69</b>                                | <b>539.84</b>                       |
| <b>20</b> Interest . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>21</b> Payments to affiliates . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>7,874.10</b>               | <b>5,511.87</b>                         | <b>1,574.82</b>                                | <b>787.41</b>                       |
| <b>23</b> Insurance . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>24</b> 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.)                                                                     |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>a</b> <b>Education Programs: Publishing, Printing</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>31,741.78</b>              | <b>31,741.78</b>                        |                                                |                                     |
| <b>b</b> <b>Insurance</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>5,660.00</b>               | <b>3,962.00</b>                         | <b>1,132.00</b>                                | <b>566.00</b>                       |
| <b>c</b> <b>Finance Service Charges</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>3,690.22</b>               | <b>1,107.07</b>                         | <b>2,214.13</b>                                | <b>369.02</b>                       |
| <b>d</b> <b>Other</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>1,355.51</b>               | <b>948.86</b>                           | <b>271.10</b>                                  | <b>135.55</b>                       |
| <b>e</b> . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>f</b> All other expenses . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |
| <b>25</b> <b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 1 through 24f                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>447,047.93</b>             | <b>321,223.42</b>                       | <b>89,401.25</b>                               | <b>36,423.25</b>                    |
| <b>26</b> <b>Joint Costs.</b> Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation . . . . . |                               |                                         |                                                |                                     |

**Part X Balance Sheet**

|                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                          | (A)<br>Beginning of year |                   | (B)<br>End of year |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                                                        | <b>1</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .                                                                                                                                             | <b>65,950.21</b>         | <b>1</b>          | <b>37,375.85</b>   |
|                                                                                      | <b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .                                                                                                                                | <b>279,677.50</b>        | <b>2</b>          | <b>197,810.99</b>  |
|                                                                                      | <b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .                                                                                                                                    |                          | <b>3</b>          |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .                                                                                                                                              |                          | <b>4</b>          |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>5</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . .                            |                          | <b>5</b>          |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>6</b> 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 . . . . .      |                          | <b>6</b>          |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .                                                                                                                                       |                          | <b>7</b>          |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .                                                                                                                                           | <b>2,810.69</b>          | <b>8</b>          |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .                                                                                                                                 |                          | <b>9</b>          |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis . . . . .                                                                                                                          | <b>136,159.25</b>        |                   |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D . . . . .                                                                                                        | <b>11,711.89</b>         | <b>10c</b>        | <b>124,447.36</b>  |
|                                                                                      | <b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .                                                                                                                               |                          | <b>11</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .                                                                                                                   |                          | <b>12</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .                                                                                                                    |                          | <b>13</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .                                                                                                                                                    |                          | <b>14</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .                                                                                                                                   |                          | <b>15</b>         |                    |
| <b>16</b> <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) . . . . . | <b>356,312.50</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>16</b>                | <b>359,634.20</b> |                    |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                                                                   | <b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .                                                                                                                                | <b>57,000.00</b>         | <b>17</b>         | <b>52,000.00</b>   |
|                                                                                      | <b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .                                                                                                                                                       |                          | <b>18</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .                                                                                                                                                     |                          | <b>19</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .                                                                                                                                          |                          | <b>20</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>21</b> Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D . . . . .                                                                                                             |                          | <b>21</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>22</b> Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L . . . . . |                          | <b>22</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .                                                                                                       |                          | <b>23</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable . . . . .                                                                                                                                    |                          | <b>24</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>25</b> Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D . . . . .                                                                                                                     |                          | <b>25</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>26</b> <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .                                                                                                                    |                          | <b>26</b>         |                    |
| <b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>                                                   | <b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>                                             |                          |                   |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>27</b> Unrestricted net assets . . . . .                                                                                                                                              |                          | <b>27</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>28</b> Temporarily restricted net assets . . . . .                                                                                                                                    |                          | <b>28</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>29</b> Permanently restricted net assets . . . . .                                                                                                                                    |                          | <b>29</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>                                                           |                          |                   |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>30</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .                                                                                                                   |                          | <b>30</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>31</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund . . . . .                                                                                                     |                          | <b>31</b>         |                    |
|                                                                                      | <b>32</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .                                                                                                     | <b>299,312.50</b>        | <b>32</b>         | <b>307,634.20</b>  |
| <b>33</b> Total net assets or fund balances . . . . .                                |                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>33</b>                |                   |                    |
| <b>34</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances . . . . .                   | <b>299,312.50</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>34</b>                | <b>307,634.20</b> |                    |

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Yes | No                                  |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                                                            |     |                                     |
| <b>2a</b> | Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? . . . . .                                                                                                                           |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b>  | Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? . . . . .                                                                                                                                        |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>c</b>  | If "Yes" to lines 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? . . . . . |     |                                     |
| <b>3a</b> | 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? . . . . .                                                                  |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b</b>  | If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? . . . . .                                                                                                                                                      |     |                                     |

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.**

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
  - 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E.)
  - 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** (Attach Schedule H.)
  - 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
  - 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
  - 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
  - 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
  - 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33⅓ % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33⅓ % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
  - 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).** (see instructions)
  - 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.  
a ☐ Type I      b ☐ Type II      c ☐ Type III—Functionally integrated      d ☐ Type III—Other
  - e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
  - f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box \_\_\_\_\_ ☐
  - g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?  
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? \_\_\_\_\_
  - h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

[illegible]

**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) 2004         | (b) 2005          | (c) 2006          | (d) 2007          | (e) 2008 | (f) Total           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|---------------------|
| <b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") . . . . .                                                                                                  | <b>94,156.19</b> | <b>252,098.11</b> | <b>495,567.39</b> | <b>195,027.64</b> |          | <b>1,036,849.33</b> |
| <b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf . . . . .                                                                                                     |                  |                   |                   |                   |          |                     |
| <b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge . . . . .                                                                                             |                  |                   |                   |                   |          |                     |
| <b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1-3 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>94,156.19</b> | <b>252,098.11</b> | <b>495,567.39</b> | <b>195,027.64</b> |          | <b>1,036,849.33</b> |
| <b>5</b> 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) . . . . . |                  |                   |                   |                   |          | <b>300,000.00</b>   |
| <b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4.                                                                                                                                                                  |                  |                   |                   |                   |          | <b>736,849.33</b>   |

**Section B. Total Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►                                                                                                                                                            | (a) 2004         | (b) 2005          | (c) 2006          | (d) 2007          | (e) 2008  | (f) Total                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>7</b> Amounts from line 4 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>94,156.19</b> | <b>252,098.11</b> | <b>495,567.39</b> | <b>195,027.64</b> |           | <b>1,036,849.33</b>                 |
| <b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .                                                        |                  |                   | <b>5,504.83</b>   | <b>3,688.81</b>   |           | <b>9,193.64</b>                     |
| <b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .                                                                                    |                  |                   |                   | <b>29,749.51</b>  |           | <b>29,741.51</b>                    |
| <b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . . . .                                                                                      | <b>3,114.00</b>  | <b>6,176.64</b>   | <b>3,500.00</b>   | <b>4,750.00</b>   |           | <b>17,540.64</b>                    |
| <b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                |                  |                   |                   |                   |           | <b>1,093,333.12</b>                 |
| <b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .                                                                                                                      |                  |                   |                   |                   | <b>12</b> | -                                   |
| <b>13 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . . . . . |                  |                   |                   |                   |           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |           |                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>14</b> | %                        |
| <b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>15</b> | %                        |
| <b>16a 33⅓% support test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                                 |           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>b 33⅓% support test—2007.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization . . . . .                                                                                                                                                                              |           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>18 Private foundation.</b> 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) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (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 1-5 . . . . .                                                                                                                                                           |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <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 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000 . . . . . |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <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) 2004 | (b) 2005 | (c) 2006 | (d) 2007 | (e) 2008 | (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 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . . | <b>15</b> | % |
| <b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g . . . . .                    | <b>16</b> | % |

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

|                                                                                                                        |           |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---|
| <b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2008</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) . . . . . | <b>17</b> | % |
| <b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2007</b> Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h . . . . .                      | <b>18</b> | % |

**19a 33⅓% support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓%, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☐

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**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ► ☐

**Part II, Line 10: The income relates to(i) fees earned by 826LA for providing writing workshops to the Armand Hammer Museum and (ii) miscellaneous sales of student publications to the general public.**

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**Schedule of Contributors**

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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 organizations 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 Form 990-EZ, that met the 33⅓% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/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 Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
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**Caution.** Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I** Contributors (see instructions)

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| 1          | Susan Hale<br><br>Upright Citizens Brigade Theatre<br><br>5919 Franklin Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90029 | \$ 12,500.00                   | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 2          | Melissa Mathison<br><br>2401 Main Street<br><br>Santa Monica, CA 90405                                | \$ 25,000.00                   | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 3          | Max Palevsky<br><br>924 Westwood Boulevard<br><br>Los Angeles, CA 90024                               | \$ 10,000.00                   | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 4          | Apatow Family Foundation<br><br>2900 West Olympic Boulevard<br><br>Santa Monica Boulevard, CA 90404   | \$ 10,000.00                   | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 5          | The Annenberg Foundation<br><br>2000 Avenue of the Stars<br><br>Los Angeles, CA 90067                 | \$ 50,000.00                   | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
| 6          | Heinz Family Philanthropies<br><br>625 Liberty Avenue, Suite 3200<br><br>Pittsburgh, PA 15222         | \$ 25,000.00                   | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |

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| 7          | Distribution of Settlement Proceeds to 826LA (a non-party to the litigation)<br><br>c/o: Derek Howard, Esq. | \$ 177,000.00                  | Person <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/><br>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/><br>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/><br>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.) |
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**Part III, Line 4d - Other Program Services - See Statement 2**

**Other Supplemental Information - See Statement 3**

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**Statement 1**  
**Part III, Line 4a, 4b and 4c**  
**Largest Program Services**

**Line 4a** (Code: Not application (per instructions for Form 990) (Expenses \$106,003.73 including grants of \$0) (Revenue \$0)

**Tutoring Programs:** 826LA assigns free tutors to students to provide one-on-one educational help sessions for each students. 826LA believes that students achieve significant developments with concentrated help from a knowledgeable tutor-mentor. During 2008, 826LA arranged for almost 4,000 one-on-one tutoring sessions.

**Line 4b** (Code: Not application (per instructions for Form 990) (Expenses \$96,367.03 including grants of \$0) (Revenue \$0)

**In-School Projects:** 826LA uses the strength of its volunteer base and its close relationship to Los Angeles-area schools to coordinate with teachers and send volunteers into schools to work with students in their classrooms. 826LA provides the volunteer in-school services exclusively to schools located in low-income areas. During 2008, 826LA provided over 1,000 in-school sessions.

**Line 4c** (Code: Not application (per instructions for Form 990) (Expenses \$64,244.68 including grants of \$0) (Revenue \$0)

**Field Trips:** 826LA encourages teachers to bring classes to the 826LA facilities for field trips during the school day. The classes participate in specialty programs designed by 826LA to provide for an enjoyable learning experience. 826LA's most popular field trip is Storytelling & Bookmaking, which allows the entire class to work together with 826LA's tutors to create a specialized book for the class. During 2008, over 500 students participated in field trips involving a visit of their class to 826LA facilities in Venice and Echo Park.

For additional information on 826LA's program services, please refer to Statements 2 and 3.

**Statement 2**  
**Part III, Line 4d**  
**Schedule O**  
**Other Program Services**

826LA is a nonprofit organization with locations in Echo Park and Venice, California. We are dedicated to supporting students ages 6 to 18 with their creative and expository writing skills, and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Our services are structured around our understanding that great leaps in learning can happen with one-on-one attention, and that strong writing skills are fundamental to future success. With this in mind, we provide drop-in tutoring, after-school workshops, in-schools tutoring, help for English language learners, and assistance with student publications, all free of charge. All our programs are challenging and enjoyable, and ultimately strengthen each student's power to express ideas effectively, creatively, confidently, and in his or her individual voice.

During FY 2008, 826LA significantly expanded its ability to provide educational service to students in low-income areas by opening an additional 826LA location in Echo Park, on the eastside of Los Angeles. We provide project-based programming in many areas; from weekend workshops and classes to working in the classroom to help students produce their own anthologies, to our free after-school drop-in tutoring and writing program. Since opening our doors in 2005, we have expanded our organization from a very small organization with a staff of one to a financially stable nonprofit with a slightly larger staff of five full time equivalents and a network of over 750 volunteers.

When students come to our centers, they realize they aren't entering a typical classroom. Our writing labs are filled with bright colors, cozy sofas, huge tables and floor-to-ceiling bookshelves. Here, they work one-on-one with one of our volunteers in a comfortable, interesting environment to prepare for classes the next day, write a haiku, or just practice their reading skills.

Our programs include the following:

- **Field trips:** Up to four times a week, we welcome an entire public school classroom for a morning of high-energy learning. In our most popular field trip, "Storytelling & Bookmaking," students write, illustrate, and bind their own books within a two-hour period.
- **Workshops:** We offer free workshops designed to foster creativity and strengthen writing skills in a wide variety of areas, from the playful to the practical. All workshops are project based and taught by experienced, accomplished professionals.
- **Drop-in tutoring:** Four days a week, 826LA is packed with neighborhood students who come in after school for free one-on-one tutoring in all subject areas. Silent reading or read-aloud time is a standard part of every student's experience in this program.
- **In-schools programs:** We dispatch teams of volunteers into local high-need public schools to support teachers and provide one-on-one assistance to students as they tackle various writing projects.
- **Publishing:** Through 826's Young Authors' book program, students go through the entire process of book production and publication. Students learn to revise, writing up to ten drafts of an essay or story under the guidance of a professional editor, and make decisions about the final publication.
- **English Language Learner Summer Camp:** For five weeks during the summer, we offer an intensive camp where middle school students work one-on-one with volunteers to develop their reading, writing, and communication skills.

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At 826LA, we believe that the best way to assist Los Angeles area schools in overcoming resource shortages is by bringing the community into schools and by bringing students into our writing labs. With the support of over 750 highly education and trained volunteers, we are able to offer our free tutoring services to students at our centers and at schools throughout Los Angeles. Our volunteers include published authors, screenwriters, artists, and teachers—all of whom are eager to tutor, lead workshops, or help our staff and the teachers we support develop curriculum ideas. Since many of our volunteers are literary professionals and artists, our students gain the opportunity to take part in real-world writing experiences that might otherwise be unavailable to them.

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**Statement 3**  
**Schedule 0**  
**Other Supplemental Information**

**Relationship with 826 National:** 826LA is modeled after 826 Valencia, a tax-exempt writing lab and tutoring center located in San Francisco's Mission District. Effective as of March 1, 2005, the date on which 826LA commenced operations, 826LA entered into the 826 National Chapter Affiliation Agreement. 826 National provides certain supporting services to 826 Valencia, 826LA and the six other 826 chapters located throughout the country. Among other items, the Affiliation Agreement provides 826LA with a license to use the educational programs and other intellectual property of 826 National. Mr. Eggers and Ms. Calegari are members of the Board of Directors of each of 826 National and 826LA.

In order to facilitate cash flow operations during 826LA's start up phase, 826 LA received working capital advances from 826 National, an affiliated entity, in the amount of \$62,000. The balance owing as of June 20, 2008 is \$52,000. The loan bears no interest and is due and payable at the discretion of 826 National. During fiscal year 2008, 826LA paid 826 National \$8,000, including a repayment of \$5,000 on an interest free loan made by 826 National to facilitate 826LA's commencement of operations.

**Statement 3**  
**Schedule 0**  
**Other Supplemental Information (Continued)**

**Outreach Theme Center:** During 2008, 826LA expanded the new tutoring center in Echo Park to include a new street-front design and theme center that is intended to promote awareness regarding the free education programs that 826LA provides to students. The street front and entry room to the Echo Park tutoring facility is designed as a time travel center that inspires student creativity by offering a novel gateway to history and the future.

The time travel center plays a major role in attracting students and volunteers to the tutoring center. The center also serves as a starting point for stretching the possibilities of the imaginations of the students. The center is filled with unusual products from different periods of time, entertaining signage, and educational materials. The center functions as an interactive museum that includes surveillance videos of footage from the store during the Victorian era, a refrigerator that preserves dinosaur eggs, and a Pastport room where people can have their photos and documents prepared before they embark on a trip to a different era. The first thing students do before coming in for a field trip is have their picture taken in period costume before entering our writing lab. We even have a refrigerator that holds "Specialties" which are actually the books student create with us. The back of our "Specialties" refrigerator is literally a window to our writing lab in the back.

In October, 2007, the Los Angeles Times described the successful outreach programs conducted through the creativity centers and highlighted the launch of 826LA's time travel center during FY 2008:

"Typically, 826 centers include retail storefronts -- initially a zoning requirement for the San Francisco space -- which have become money-generating flights of fancy for the nonprofits. In San Francisco, students enter through a pirate supply store; in Brooklyn, a superhero store. Seattle offers space travel supply. Only 826LA, in Venice, doesn't have one; although it's near a school, it's not the kind of place a kid might stumble across.

But that's changing: Later this year, L.A. will become the first city to have two 826 centers when an additional branch opens at 1714 Sunset Blvd. Down the block from Payless Shoes, this tutoring center will be fronted by the Echo Park Time Travel Mart. It's exactly the kind of place a kid might walk into to finger a dinosaur egg, then wind up in a poetry workshop." Los Angeles Times, October 24, 2007, *Eggers' work in words rewarded; Bestselling author and founder of nationwide literacy centers receives the Heinz Award*, Carolyn Kellogg

In addition to facilitating outreach and recruitment, the center also provides 826LA with an important source of funding. During 2008, sales from the time travel center totaled \$74,903 in revenues, producing unrelated net business income of \$29,656.

For additional information regarding 826LA's time travel creative center, please see *Reading, writing, robots; A time-travelers' convenience store in Echo Park? You have to look a little closer, kids*, Los Angeles Time, December 31, 2007 (copy follows).

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At the grand opening of the Echo Park Time Travel Mart on Dec. 15, the Robot Emotions were going like hot cakes (happiness and schadenfreude were the top sellers). The mystery product Chubble, on the other hand, available in more than 50 different varieties, wasn't really moving. A worker dressed like a cowboy shrugged. "It's really hot in the future."

There were also bottles of optimism and socialism, dinosaur eggs, woolly mammoth chili, a bag of shade, a King Tut action figure and all manner of head wear, tri-corner hats as well as bonnets. Fortunately, it was a chilly night, because the slushie machine was on the blink. "Out of order. Come back yesterday," read the handwritten sign.

This convenience store for time travelers, whose motto is "Whenever you are, we're already then," is the whimsical retail component of the new Echo Park 826LA, a free literacy and writing center for kids that was started by author Dave Eggers in San Francisco and then spun off in New York; Chicago; Ann Arbor, Mich.; Seattle; and Boston. Located on a busy stretch of Sunset Boulevard and scheduled to open for drop-in tutoring Jan. 14, the space will be the second 826 in Los Angeles--making this the only city to have two fully functioning centers (the first is in a former police station in Venice).

According to 826LA co-director Mac Barnett, the organization has had its sights on Echo Park since it opened in Los Angeles in 2005, and the 2,800-square-foot former site of Fashion Five #2 is the fourth space they looked at on Sunset.

"There's such a community feel in this neighborhood," Barnett said. "And this is a real thoroughfare that everybody in the community walks by." The curious residents who have poked their heads in are excited. "I've had a lot of grandmothers say that they're gonna tell everybody," he added.

Easy accessibility is an important component for a center in any city, but especially in L.A., where public transportation is not all it could be. Whereas students in, say, San Francisco, can easily hop on the BART or Muni from all parts of the city, getting around is more complicated here, so a lot of potential users of 826 weren't being served by the Venice center. Echo Park and the surrounding Eastside area (including Silver Lake, Lincoln Heights and Boyle Heights) have 20,000 kids, far more than the Venice area.

The center is coming to Echo Park at a good time, when small businesses are seeing their rents doubled and tripled as new real estate agencies, shops and bistros pop up. Unlike those new, more upscale businesses, "826 is a space for everybody in the neighborhood," Barnett noted. "There are a lot of places in Echo Park that cater to only one subset of the community, so you'll have neighbors that never see each other. I think the beauty of what 826 does is it's a comfortable, beautifully designed place that really is open for the entire community."

The heart of 826's programming is drop-in tutoring, which is available to kids ages 6 to 18, Monday through Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.; on any given day, there are usually 10 to 12 volunteers available from a pool of roughly 500. Students bring their homework in and work one on one with a volunteer until it's finished.

"The first goal is to get the kid home with all their homework complete," Barnett said. "When they're done, they work on various projects. We really encourage the kids to go nuts and be ambitious. If the kid wants to make a movie, we say, 'Let's do it!'"

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"The model is really simple," he continued. "It's basically a volunteer and a student working together. Part of its elegance is that simplicity."

The idea was born of Eggers' conversations with his teacher friends in New York, who lamented that they didn't have more time to spend with students who were behind in their writing and reading skills (which, he was told, have suffered most as a result of the frequent standardized testing required by the No Child Left Behind Act).

"They said if they could clone themselves or double the workday, they could really give the students all the one-on-one attention they needed," Eggers recalled. He had flown in from San Francisco for the opening of the Time Travel Mart, an event that was also a benefit party for the new center. "I started thinking about all the writers, editors, freelancers, graduate students I knew who did have some flexible hours and could spare an hour here or two hours there, so it was just an idea to meld the two communities. It wasn't until we got back to San Francisco that we could find a space that was big enough."

As the story goes, the zoning of the first center at 826 Valencia Street in the Mission District required there to be some sort of retail space in the storefront. Instead of the predictable bookstore or art gallery, Eggers decided to open a pirate supply store; a superhero supply company in Brooklyn followed. He had some ideas for the new space -- a Viking emporium among them -- but "I've been overruled every time."

Although Eggers is on the board of 826 National and is an obvious inspiration for everyone involved (he also gave his \$250,000 Heinz philanthropy award, bestowed this fall, to the organization), each center is run autonomously, a product of its community. Contrary to what some people think, it's also run on a shoestring.

"I think because it has a name -- 826 -- and there are other cities, there's this perception that we have a vast amount of funding," Eggers said. "I really wish, but most of our funding comes in very small amounts -- from tickets to a concert at Largo or something at \$30 a pop to individual donations, \$100 here or there."

826LA has only five full-time employees: Barnett, his co-director, Amy Orringer, and three others. Like everybody else who works for the organization, R. Scott Mitchell, a professor at SCI-Arc and USC, volunteered his services to design both the retail space and the writing lab.

Whereas the decor of the Time Travel Mart has carefully sourced details, such as the same freezers and linoleum one would find in a 7-Eleven ("We made a lot of field trips," Mitchell said), the elegant writing lab with floor-to-ceiling bookshelves and a mezzanine where readings will take place was conceived as "a cross between Kubrick's '2001' and a Victorian parlor."

The renovation will probably not be completed until March, but as of Jan. 14 it will be functional. Said Mitchell, "There will be a floor, tables and chairs and, most of all, tutors."

Still to come in the convenience store is a "passport office" with various costumes and photo backdrops, and surveillance monitors replaying events that happened throughout time: cowboys holding up the store, gladiators shoplifting and a humorously sinister apocalyptic scene with video feedback and an uninhabited store.

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This accidental element helps pay the rent on the whole space, and it also acts as a "welcome mat" for the writing center.

"We're a writing lab that's fronted by a convenience store for time travelers," said Barnett with a smile. "It lets you know how classes might go in that writing lab."

If anything can convince kids that learning is fun, this place can. As Barnett sees it, "there are so many more ways than sitting there with a blank page and saying, 'OK, let's get this story going.' " The kids might draw a map or write a song or write a book review based solely on the book's cover.

Almost everything at 826LA is project-based. Mornings are usually devoted to class field trips on storytelling and bookmaking, from which the students take home a bound book, complete with their author photo on the back.

Workshops happen in the evenings and on weekends, and they run the gamut -- stand-up comedy as well as genre mash-ups, dada poetry and food reviews.

Spike Jonze, whose next film is the Eggers-scripted "Where the Wild Things Are," taught the first workshop at 826LA, on making a skateboarding video. That's about as prestigious as a free workshop gets, but big names don't have much effect on the kids.

"It doesn't matter to them that Spike Jonze is teaching the workshop," said Barnett, "but they can immediately sense that this guy knows how to make a skateboarding video."

The kids may not care, but the chic, buzzing crowd at the grand opening (including Lisa Eisner and Michael Cera) snapped to attention when Jonze and Eggers appeared on the stage.

Unfortunately, the free booze and the prospects for gazing at other beautiful people won out when most guests realized that the duo was actually going to discuss the work of 826.

"Please, I beg you," Eggers said as they restarted an informational video over the din. "The students of Los Angeles are really up against it." He urged anyone interested in volunteering to do so: "You'll realize how much you have to offer."

Then Jonze premiered a new skate video and local songstress Jenny Lewis did a dramatic spoken-word rendition of Cher's "If I Could Turn Back Time."

Contrary to what one might think the goal would be -- hey, why not have an 826 in every city? -- Eggers said that they couldn't open too many more centers without stretching themselves too thin. However, he heartily encourages more centers along the 826 model.

"We know it works, we know the students really respond to it, and we'd love other people to take the idea and adapt it however they want to their own neighborhoods," he said. "There should be one on every block, you know? It should be just as common as Starbucks."