

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)

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 **2008**, and ending **2008**

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

C Name of organization **THE CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR SELF ESTEEM, INC**
 Doing Business As **THE ARK GROUP, INC**
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
2611 FM 1960 WEST H - 201
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
HOUSTON TX 77068

D Employer identification number
76 0369099

E Telephone number
(281) 537-1301

F Name and address of principal officer: **B. GLENN WILKERSON**
12702 SAN CLEMENTE HOUSTON TX 77066

G Gross receipts \$

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

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

J Website: ▶ **WWW.THEARKGROUP.ORG**

K Type of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: **1992** **M** State of legal domicile: **TX**

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: PROVIDE EDUCATION TO ADULTS TO ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE STRONGER PARENTING AND TEACHING NURTURING ENVIRONMENTS TO PROVIDE STRONGER OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS TO GRADUATE FROM SCHOOL AND BECOME CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.		
	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	10
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	6
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	300
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	468,541	93,976
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	58,930	21,577
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	2,242	840
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	0	0
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	170,588	149,324
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	0	0
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	175,198	102,639	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	345,786	251,963	
Not Assets or Fund Balances		Beginning of Year	End of Year
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	183,927	-135,570
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	316,271	149,079
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	3,151	279
		313,120	148,800

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 ▶ William R. Duffy Signature of officer 1/22/2008 Date

▶ William R. Duffy National Executive Director Type or print name and title

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:
PROVIDE EDUCATION TO ADULTS TO ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE STRONGER PARENTING AND TEACHING
NURTURING ENVIRONMENTS TO PROVIDE STRONGER OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIDS TO GRADUATE FROM
SCHOOL AND BECOME CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

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:) (Expenses \$ 210,303 including grants of \$ 93,976) (Revenue \$ 0)
PROVIDE EDUCATION PROGRAMS, TEACHERS, TEENS, CHILDREN AND OTHER CARING ADULTS WHICH PROVIDE
PORCESS AND INFORMATION REGARDING WAYS TO PROVIDE UNCONDITIONAL CARE TO CHILDREN.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ► \$ 210,303 (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1 ✓	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2 ✓	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	✓
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	✓
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	✓
6 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	6	✓
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	✓
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	✓
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	✓
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	✓
11 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	11 ✓	
12 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	12	✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	✓
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?	14a	✓
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	14b	✓
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II.	15	✓
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	16	✓
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I	17	✓
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	✓
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	✓
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20	✓
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	✓
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	✓
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23	✓
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.	24a	✓
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	✓
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c	✓
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	✓
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	✓
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	25b	✓
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26	✓
27 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	27	✓

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a	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>	28a	✓
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>	28b	✓
c	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>	28c	✓
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	✓
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	30	✓
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31	✓
32	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>	32	✓
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>	33	✓
34	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>	34	✓
35	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>	35	✓
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	36	✓
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>	37	✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Part VII 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

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.

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a 10	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b 10	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	✓
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	✓
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	✓
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	✓
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	✓
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	✓
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	✓
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	✓
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	✓
9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	9a	✓
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?	9b	✓
10 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	10	✓
11 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	11	✓

Section B. Policies

	Yes	No
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	✓
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	✓
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c	✓
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	✓
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	✓
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	15a	✓
b Other officers or key employees of the organization?	15b	✓
Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	✓
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► TEXAS
- 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: ► WILLIAM DUFFY, 2611 FM 1960 W, SUITE H 201, HOUSTON TX 77068 (281) 537-1301

Part VIII Statement of Revenue				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a	0				
	b	Membership dues	1b	0				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	11,500				
	d	Related organizations	1d	0				
	e	Government grants (contributions).	1e	0				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	82,476				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		0				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		93,976				
	Program Service Revenue	2a	EDUCATION & TRAINING	Business Code	10,026	10,026		
b		MANUAL DVD SALES		11,551	11,551			
c							
d							
e							
f		All other program service revenue						
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		21,577				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		840	840			
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0				
	5	Royalties		0				
	6a	Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	b	Less: rental expenses						
	c	Rental income or (loss)						
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		0				
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses						
	c	Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss)		0				
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
	b	Less: direct expenses	b					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		0					
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b	Less: direct expenses	b						
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0					
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
b	Less: cost of goods sold	b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		0					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a							
b							
c							
d	All other revenue							
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0					
12	Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e		116,393	22,417				

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).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	0	0		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	87,499	77,524	9,975	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7 Other salaries and wages	51,214	45,376	5,838	0
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0	0	0	0
9 Other employee benefits	0	0	0	0
10 Payroll taxes	10,611	9,970	641	0
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0	0	0	0
b Legal	0	0	0	0
c Accounting	2,927	0	2,927	0
d Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g Other	0	0	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	0	0	0	0
13 Office expenses	67,008	52,492	6,754	7,762
14 Information technology	1,230	0	1,230	0
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	2,572	2,572	0	0
17 Travel	3,548	3,548	0	0
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0	0	0	0
20 Interest	0	0	0	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23 Insurance	2,721	0	2,721	0
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a PAYROLL SERVICES CHARGES	1,806	0	1,806	0
b BANK AND CARD SERVICES	2,006	0	2,006	0
c ED PROM ACTIVITIES	4,034	4,034	0	0
d FACILITATOR FEES	14,787	14,787	0	0
e				
f All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	251,963	210,303	33,898	7,762
26 Joint Costs. 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) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	165,159	1	69,160
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	101,769	2	78,054
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4	Accounts receivable, net	48,293	4	815
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	0
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis			
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	1,050	10c	1,050
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14	Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	316,271	16	149,079	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,746	17	0
	18	Grants payable	0	18	0
	19	Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21	Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable	0	24	0
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	405	25	279
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	3,151	26	279
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	313,120	27	148,800
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	0	28	0
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	0
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	30	0
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	31	0
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	32	0
33	Total net assets or fund balances	313,120	33	148,800	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	316,271	34	149,079	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other
- 2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
- 2b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- 2c 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?
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- 3b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?

	Yes	No
2a	✓	
2b	✓	
2c	✓	
3a		
3b		✓ N/A

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
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	204,624	186,915	336,959	468,541	93,976	1,291,015
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1-3	204,624	186,915	336,959	468,541	93,976	1,291,015
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						1,291,015

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	204,624	186,915	336,959	468,541	93,976	1,291,015
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				2,242	840	3,082
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						1,294,097
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	285,120
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 33 1/3 % support test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (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
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (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

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

19a 33 1/3 % support tests--2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

b 33 1/3 % support tests--2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶

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

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

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2008

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

THE CHILDREN'S CENTER FOR SELF ESTEEM INC

76

0369099

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

General Rule

For 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 33 1/3 % 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.

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

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

Caution. 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)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
.....	SEE ATTACHED	\$ 80,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
.....	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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Part I Contributors (see instructions) *N/A*

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions) *N/A*

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
.....	\$/...../.....
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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations aggregating more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry.

For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ N/A

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
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The ARK Group, Inc.
Formerly The Children's Center for Self-Esteem
2008 – Contributions of \$5,000 or more
Schedule B. Part 1, No. 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Watson Family Foundation	\$5,000
David B. Hendricks II Foundation	\$5,000
The Rees-Jones Foundation	\$28,000
The Hogle Foundation	\$10,000
First Rate Investments Systems	\$12,000
The Simmons Foundation	\$10,000
The Charitable Gift Foundation	<u>\$10,000</u>
Total	\$80,000