

Form **990**

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

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 \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

**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: **STARS US, Inc**  
 Doing Business As \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**PO Box 5507**  
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**Hilton Head Island SC 29938**

**D** Employer identification number: **20-4806188**

**E** Telephone number: **843-785-4101**

**G** Gross receipts: **158,045**

**F** Name and address of principal officer: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.stars-us.org/**

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

**L** Year of formation: **2007** **M** State of legal domicile: **SC**

**H(c)** Group exemption number ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

## Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>1. STARS goals aim to provide support and information to individuals and families living with and in distress from unexplained loss of consciousness, blackouts and syncope conditions.</b>			
	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)		
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)		
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)		
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)		
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)		
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)		Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		70,450	157,203
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)			842
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)			
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		70,450	158,045
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)			
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)			60,634
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		5,301	
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)		22,355	53,104	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)		22,355	113,738	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12		48,095	44,307	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)		Beginning of Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)		48,971	95,013
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20		876	2,611
		48,095	92,402	

## 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: **Linda Kadesch** Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type or print name and title: **Secretary/Treasurer**

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature: **Greg Bennett CPA** Date: **05/06/09** Check if self-employed:  Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): **P00294897**

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **Greg Bennett CPA, PA**  
**PO Box 22644**  
**Hilton Head, SC 29925** EIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no.: **843-689-2624**

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:
1. STARS goals aim to provide support and information to individuals and families living with and in distress from unexplained loss of consciousness, blackouts and syncope conditions.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? [ ] Yes [X] No
If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No
If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of\$ ) (Revenue \$ )
STARS aspires to raise public and professional awareness of unexplained loss of consciousness, blackouts, syncope conditions. STARS goals aim to provide support and information to individuals and families living with and in distress from unexplained loss of consciousness, blackouts and syncope conditions, to advance the education of the medical professional and the general public, and the resulting discrimination and stigmatic implications for families, and promote research and publication on the treatment and disease management of these conditions.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ including grants of\$ ) (Revenue \$ )
Children and youth with syncope are isolated due to peers and non-family adults' inherent lack of understanding of their condition. The education project 'Shine a Light on Education' is a very important program designed to reduce fears and stigma and advancing understanding and awareness.
The 'Shine a Light on Education' Project, a campaign to improve awareness amongst the general public, medical professional and primary care providers, and thusly enhancing support systems for affected families,

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

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ 83,753 including grants of\$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses \$ 83,753 (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	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5	<b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		X
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	X	
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		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
14b	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		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
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		X
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		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.		X
24b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	<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		X
25b	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		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X

**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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		<b>X</b>
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		<b>X</b>
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		<b>X</b>
<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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		<b>X</b>
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		<b>X</b>
<b>35</b>	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		<b>X</b>
<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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		<b>X</b>

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

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** (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>	<b>X</b>
<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>	<b>X</b>
<b>4</b>	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	<b>4</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	<b>5</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>6</b>	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	<b>6</b>	<b>X</b>
<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>	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	<b>7b</b>	<b>X</b>
<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>	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	<b>8b</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>9a</b>	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	<b>9a</b>	<b>X</b>
<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>	
<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>	<b>X</b>
<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>	<b>X</b>

**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>	<b>X</b>
<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>	
<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>	
<b>13</b>	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	<b>13</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>14</b>	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	<b>14</b>	<b>X</b>
<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>	<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)	<b>15b</b>	<b>X</b>
<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>	<b>X</b>
<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>	

**Section C. Disclosure**

<b>17</b>	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed <b>SC</b>
<b>18</b>	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 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. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request
<b>19</b>	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.
<b>20</b>	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: <b>Greg Bennett CPA, PA</b> <b>20 Palmetto Pkwy G</b> <b>Hilton Head Island</b> <b>SC 29926</b> <b>843-689-2624</b>

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... List the organization's five current highest compensated employees... List all of the organization's former officers, key employees... List all of the organization's former directors or trustees...

X Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and Title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position (Individual trustee or director, Institutional trustee, Officer, Key employee, Highest compensated employee, Former), (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position (check all that apply), (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation.

1b Total ... 2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 0

Table with 3 rows of questions (3, 4, 5) regarding compensation reporting, with Yes/No columns and 'X' marks in the No column.

Section B. Independent Contractors

Table for independent contractors with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization 0

**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants 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>2,951</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, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	<b>154,252</b>				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		<b>12,844</b>				
	<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f</b>		<b>157,203</b>				
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> .....		<b>Busn. Code</b>			
<b>b</b> .....							
<b>c</b> .....							
<b>d</b> .....							
<b>e</b> .....							
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue							
<b>g Total. Add lines 2a-2f</b>							
<b>Other Revenue</b>		<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		<b>842</b>	<b>842</b>		
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	<b>5</b> Royalties						
	<b>6a</b> Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.						
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)						
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)						
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.						
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)						
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)						
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). 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. 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 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							
Miscellaneous Revenue		<b>Busn. Code</b>					
<b>11a</b> .....							
<b>b</b> .....							
<b>c</b> .....							
<b>d</b> All other revenue							
<b>e Total. Add lines 11a-11d</b>							
<b>12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e</b>			<b>158,045</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</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).**

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	<b>55,000</b>	<b>35,600</b>	<b>17,400</b>	<b>2,000</b>
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	<b>1,132</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>41</b>
10 Payroll taxes	<b>4,502</b>	<b>2,985</b>	<b>1,349</b>	<b>168</b>
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	<b>6,170</b>	<b>4,450</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>250</b>
b Legal	<b>575</b>			<b>575</b>
c Accounting	<b>7,142</b>	<b>4,623</b>	<b>2,259</b>	<b>260</b>
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 7				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	<b>3,054</b>	<b>1,317</b>		<b>1,737</b>
12 Advertising and promotion	<b>24,431</b>	<b>24,229</b>		<b>202</b>
13 Office expenses	<b>7,736</b>	<b>6,126</b>	<b>1,587</b>	<b>23</b>
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,035</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>45</b>
17 Travel	<b>289</b>	<b>289</b>		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	<b>1,946</b>	<b>1,946</b>		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	<b>561</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>141</b>	
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
f All other expenses				
<b>25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f</b>	<b>113,738</b>	<b>83,753</b>	<b>24,684</b>	<b>5,301</b>
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	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest bearing	47,785	1	6,895
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	87,342
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	1,399		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	623		
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		15	
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	48,971	16	95,013	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	876	17	893
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	1,718
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	876	26	2,611
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.</b>				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	48,095	27	92,402
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.</b>				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	48,095	33	92,402	
34	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	48,971	34	95,013	

**Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting**

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		X
c	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?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		



**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>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>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>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						

**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>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12

**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** ▶

**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 33 1/3 % support test—2008.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <span style="float: right;">▶ <input type="checkbox"/></span>		
<b>b 33 1/3 % support test—2007.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <span style="float: right;">▶ <input type="checkbox"/></span>		
<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 <span style="float: right;">▶ <input type="checkbox"/></span>		
<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 <span style="float: right;">▶ <input type="checkbox"/></span>		
<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 <span style="float: right;">▶ <input type="checkbox"/></span>		

**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.")				70,450	157,117	227,567
<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					86	86
<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				70,450	157,203	227,653
<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.)				70,450	157,203	227,653

**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				70,450	157,203	227,653
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources					842	842
<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					842	842
<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.)				70,450	158,045	228,495
<b>14 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>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	99.6315 %
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	<b>16</b>	100.0000 %

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

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	0.3685 %
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	<b>18</b>	%

**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 O**  
**(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2008****Open to Public Inspection****STARS US, Inc**Employer identification number  
**20-4806188****Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - First Achievement**

2008 STARS responded to requests from over 2500 patients, caregivers/family members, medical professionals for support, guidance and educational materials. Distributed over 10,000 patient information booklets to medical professionals, patients, and family members. Website received over 1 million hits. Distributed over 6000 newsletters offering patients, caregivers, family members and medical professional's information on diagnosis, treatments, patient stories, related news articles.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Second Achievement**

encompasses; Developing resources for schools, youth organizations, employers, care facilities and other groups to help educate about unexplained loss of consciousness, blackouts, syncope, and other non-epileptic seizure conditions. Increasing information sharing and networking opportunities offered by an enhanced website. Establishing and developing a national volunteer outreach program. Continuing to offer a US-based 24 hour telephone helpline. Building a national database of service providers.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Achievements**

see above

Name of the organization

**STARS US, Inc**

Employer identification number

**20-4806188**

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 10 - Organization's Process Used to Review Form 990**  
**The 990 is sent via email to all voting Board Members for review. In order**  
**to maintain security, each member must have a pass code to review. Board**  
**members must sign off on 990 by email.**

Form **4562**  
Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service (99)

### Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No. 1545-0172  
**2008**  
Attachment  
Sequence No. **67**

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return **STARS US, Inc** Identifying number **20-4806188**

Business or activity to which this form relates  
**Indirect Depreciation**

#### Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

**Note:** If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount. See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

**Note:** Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

#### Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year (see instructions)	14	75
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	

#### Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.) (See instructions.)

##### Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	475
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		

##### Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

	(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a	3-year property						
b	5-year property						
c	7-year property		75	7.0	HY	200DB	11
d	10-year property						
e	15-year property						
f	20-year property						
g	25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h	Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i	Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	

##### Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a	Class life					S/L	
b	12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c	40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

#### Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	<b>Total.</b> Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instr.	22	561
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

**Federal Asset Report**

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Asset	Description	Date In Service	Cost	Bus %	Sec 179	Bonus	Basis for Depr	PerConv Meth	Prior	Current
<b>7-year GDS Property:</b>										
2	Chairs & filing cabinet	8/15/08	150			X	75	7 HY 200DB	0	86
			<u>150</u>				<u>75</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>86</u>
<b>Prior MACRS:</b>										
1	Computers	10/15/07	1,249				1,249	5 HY 200DB	62	475
			<u>1,249</u>				<u>1,249</u>		<u>62</u>	<u>475</u>
<b>Grand Totals</b>			1,399				1,324		62	561
<b>Less: Dispositions</b>			0				0		0	0
<b>Less: Start-up/Org Expense</b>			0				0		0	0
<b>Net Grand Totals</b>			<u>1,399</u>				<u>1,324</u>		<u>62</u>	<u>561</u>