

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2005Open to Public
Inspection**A** For the 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2005** and ending **JUN 30, 2006****B** Check if applicable:

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

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

C Name of organization**CONEXION AMERICAS**

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

800 18TH AVE. SOUTH, SUITE A

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

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

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

D Employer identification number**65-1715618****E** Telephone number**615-320-5152****F** Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
☐ Other (specify) ▶**G** Website: **WWW.CONEXIONAMERICAS.ORG****J** Organization type (check only one) ☒ 501(c) (3) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K** Check here ☐ if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. Some states require a complete return.**H** and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations.**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates ▶ **N/A****H(c)** Are all affiliates included? **N/A** ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If "No," attach a list.)**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? ☐ Yes ☒ No**I** Group Exemption Number ▶ **N/A****L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12 ▶ **573,576.****M** Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a Direct public support	1a	44,767.		
	b Indirect public support	1b			
	c Government contributions (grants)	1c	291,172.		
	d Total (add lines 1a through 1c) (cash \$ 331,739. noncash \$ 4,200.)	1d		335,939.	
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2		166,946.	
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3			
	4 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4		10,204.	
	5 Dividends and interest from securities	5			
	6a Gross rents	6a			
	b Less: rental expenses	6b			
	c Net rental income or (loss) (subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c			
7 Other investment income (describe ▶)	7				
Revenue	8a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	21,416.	8a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		24,389.	8b	
	c Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)		<2,973.>	8c	
	d Net gain or (loss) (combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B))	STMT 2		8d	<2,973.>
	9 Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ 20,000. of contributions reported on line 1a)	9a	39,071.		
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b	18,649.		
	c Net income or (loss) from special events (subtract line 9b from line 9a)	SEE STATEMENT 3		9c	20,422.
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a			
	b Less: cost of goods sold	10b			
	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule) (subtract line 10b from line 10a)	10c			
	11 Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11			
12 Total revenue (add lines 1d, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11)	12		530,538.		
Expenses	13 Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13	365,409.		
	14 Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14	46,648.		
	15 Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15	52,705.		
	16 Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16			
	17 Total expenses (add lines 13 and 14, column (A))	17	464,762.		
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 12)	18	65,776.		
	Net Assets	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19	153,879.	
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)		SEE STATEMENT 4	<10,000.>		
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18, 19, and 20)		21	209,655.		

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Part II Statement of Functional Expenses

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

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
22	Grants and allocations (attach schedule) ... (cash \$ <u>0</u> • noncash \$ <u>0</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	22			
23	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)	23			
24	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)	24			
25	Compensation of officers, directors, etc. * *	25	165,000.	137,808.	17,870.
26	Other salaries and wages	26	96,909.	80,934.	10,500.
27	Pension plan contributions	27			
28	Other employee benefits	28	1,915.	1,609.	268.
29	Payroll taxes	29	22,291.	18,724.	3,121.
30	Professional fundraising fees	30			
31	Accounting fees	31			
32	Legal fees	32	8,595.	7,220.	1,375.
33	Supplies	33	45,854.	32,999.	828.
34	Telephone	34	7,441.	6,251.	1,116.
35	Postage and shipping	35			
36	Occupancy	36	24,000.	20,160.	3,840.
37	Equipment rental and maintenance	37			
38	Printing and publications	38			
39	Travel	39	1,688.	1,418.	270.
40	Conferences, conventions, and meetings ...	40			
41	Interest	41	6,872.	6,872.	
42	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	42	2,581.	2,168.	387.
43	Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a	_____	43a			
b	_____	43b			
c	_____	43c			
d	_____	43d			
e	_____	43e			
f	_____	43f			
g	SEE STATEMENT 5	43g	81,616.	49,246.	7,073.
44	Total functional expenses. Add lines 22 through 43. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	44	464,762.	365,409.	46,648.
					52,705.

Joint Costs. Check ☐ if you are following SOP 98-2.Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ N/A; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ N/A;(iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ N/A; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ N/A

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* * SEE STATEMENT 6

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions.)

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

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? ► SEE STATEMENT 7		Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)
All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)		
a	SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT	
(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>		365,409.
b		
(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
c		
(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
d		
(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
e	Other program services (attach schedule)	
(Grants and allocations \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
f	Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ►	365,409.

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Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions.)**Note:** Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	39,740.	45	54,032.
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments		46	
	47 a Accounts receivable 47a 51,564.			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 47b	6,300.	47c	51,564.
	48 a Pledges receivable 48a 142,661.			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 48b	100,479.	48c	142,661.
	49 Grants receivable		49	
	50 Receivables from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		50	
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable 51a			
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts 51b		51c	
	52 Inventories for sale or use		52	
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,600.	53	1,600.
	54 Investments - securities STMT 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV	24,389.	54	25,095.
	55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis 55a			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation 55b		55c	
56 Investments - other		56		
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis 57a 13,947.				
b Less: accumulated depreciation 57b 8,607.	4,416.	57c	5,340.	
58 Other assets (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 9)		58	375,737.	
59 Total assets (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58	176,924.	59	656,029.	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	23,045.	60	29,524.
	61 Grants payable		61	29,284.
	62 Deferred revenue		62	
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		63	
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities		64a	
	b Mortgages and other notes payable		64b	
	65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 10)		65	387,566.
	66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65)	23,045.	66	446,374.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	67 Unrestricted	40,900.	67	96,994.
	68 Temporarily restricted	112,979.	68	112,661.
	69 Permanently restricted		69	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		70	
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		71	
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		72	
	73 Total net assets or fund balances (add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72; column (A) must equal line 19; column (B) must equal line 21)	153,879.	73	209,655.
74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73	176,924.	74	656,029.	

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

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	a	541,287.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12:		
1	Net unrealized gains on investments	b1	
2	Donated services and use of facilities	b2	2,100.
3	Recoveries of prior year grants	b3	
4	Other (specify): SEE STATEMENT 11	b4	8,649.
	Add lines b1 through b4	b	10,749.
c	Subtract line b from line a	c	530,538.
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a:		
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1	
2	Other (specify):	d2	
	Add lines d1 and d2	d	0.
e	Total revenue (Part I, line 12). Add lines c and d	e	530,538.

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

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	a	485,511.
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17:		
1	Donated services and use of facilities	b1	2,100.
2	Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	b2	
3	Losses reported on Part I, line 20	b3	
4	Other (specify): DIRECT SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES	b4	18,649.
	Add lines b1 through b4	b	20,749.
c	Subtract line b from line a	c	464,762.
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a:		
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1	
2	Other (specify):	d2	
	Add lines d1 and d2	d	0.
e	Total expenses (Part I, line 17). Add lines c and d	e	464,762.

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated.) (See the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-.)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
JOSE GONZALEZ 800 18TH AVE. SOUTH, STE. A NASHVILLE, TN 37203	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00 66,000.	0.	0.
MARIA CLARA MEJIA 800 18TH AVE. SOUTH, STE. A NASHVILLE, TN 37203	SOCIAL & CIVIC DIRECTOR	40.00 66,000.	0.	0.
RENATA SOTO 800 18TH AVE. SOUTH, STE. A NASHVILLE, TN 37203	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	20.00 33,000.	0.	0.
SEE ATTACHED LIST OF NONCOMPENSATED BOARD OF DIRECTORS		0.00 0.	0.	0.

Part VI Other Information (continued)

		Yes	No
82 a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?	82a	X
b	If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)	82b	2,100.
83 a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	83a	X
b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions?	83b	X
84 a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	84a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	84b	N/A
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members?	85a	N/A
b	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	85b	N/A
	If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		
c	Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members	85c	N/A
d	Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures	85d	N/A
e	Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices	85e	N/A
f	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)	85f	N/A
g	Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?	85g	N/A
h	If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?	85h	N/A
86	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	N/A
b	Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities	86b	N/A
87	501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	N/A
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	87b	N/A
88	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX	88	X
89 a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0.; section 4912 ▶ 0.; section 4955 ▶ 0.		
b	501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction	89b	X
c	Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		0.
d	Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization		0.
90 a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ TN		
b	Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2005	90b	8
91 a	The books are in care of ▶ JOSE GONZALEZ Telephone no. ▶ 615-320-5152 Located at ▶ 800 18TH AVE SOUTH, STE A, NASHVILLE, TN ZIP + 4 ▶ 37203		
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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ N/A See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	91b	X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ N/A	91c	X
92	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	92	N/A

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

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclu- sion code	(D) Amount	
Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.					
93 Program service revenue:					
a FEE FOR SERVICES					166,946.
b					
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	10,204.	
96 Dividends and interest from securities					
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property					
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	<2,973.>	
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					20,422.
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue:					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		0.		7,231.	187,368.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					194,599.

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

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

Line No.	Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).
93A	INCOME FROM FEES FROM SERVICES ARE USED TO SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATIONS VARIOUS PROGRAMS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.	
	Signature of officer	Date 11/30/07
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Signature of preparer	Date 01/30/07
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preparer's SSN or PTIN
KRAFTCPAS PLLC 555 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD, SUITE 200 NASHVILLE, TN 37228-1310		EIN
523163 02-03-06		Phone no. (615) 242-7351

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k),
501(n), or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

Supplementary Information-(See separate instructions.)

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

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Name of the organization

CONEXION AMERICAS

Employer identification number

65 1715618

Part I

Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees

(See page 1 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

0

Part II-A

Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

0

Part II-B

Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services

(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services

0

Part III Statements About Activities (See page 2 of the instructions.)

Yes No

1	During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ <u>8,000.</u> (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.)	1	X	
Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.				
2	During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)			
a	Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a		X
b	Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b		X
c	Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c		X
d	Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	2d		X
e	Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e		X
3	a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments.)	3a		X
	b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	3b		X
	c During the year, did the organization receive a contribution of qualified real property interest under section 170(h)?	3c		X
4	a Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?	4a		X
	b Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?	4b		X

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 3 through 6 of the instructions.)

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only ONE applicable box.)

5	<input type="checkbox"/> A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
6	<input type="checkbox"/> A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
7	<input type="checkbox"/> A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
8	<input type="checkbox"/> A Federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
9	<input type="checkbox"/> A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state ▶
10	<input type="checkbox"/> An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
11a	<input type="checkbox"/> An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
11b	<input type="checkbox"/> A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
12	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its charitable, etc., functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Also complete the Support Schedule in Part IV-A.)
13	<input type="checkbox"/> An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and supports organizations described in: (1) lines 5 through 12 above; or (2) sections 501(c)(4), (5), or (6), if they meet the test of section 509(a)(2). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization: ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> Type 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Type 3

Provide the following information about the supported organizations. (See page 6 of the instructions.)

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

14 ☐ An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 6 of the instructions.)

Part IV-A Support Schedule (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) Use cash method of accounting.
Note: You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting.

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2003	(c) 2002	(d) 2001	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	269,778.	241,157.	60,662.	55,149.	626,746.
16 Membership fees received					
17 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose	148,598.	68,689.	39,535.	39,536.	296,358.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	228.	29.			257.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets					
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	418,604.	309,875.	100,197.	94,685.	923,361.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	270,006.	241,186.	60,662.	55,149.	627,003.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	4,186.	3,099.	1,002.	947.	

26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24	26a	N/A
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2001 through 2004 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts	26b	N/A
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)	26c	N/A
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____	26d	N/A
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)	26e	N/A
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))	26f	N/A %

27 Organizations described on line 12: a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: (2004) 0. (2003) 0. (2002) 0. (2001) 0.		
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals.) Do not file this list with your return. After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year: (2004) 0. (2003) 0. (2002) 0. (2001) 0.		
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 626,746. 16 _____ 17 296,358. 20 _____ 21 _____	27c	923,104.
d Add: Line 27a total 0. and line 27b total 0.	27d	0.
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)	27e	923,104.
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount on line 23, column (e)	27f	923,361.
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27g	99.9722%
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))	27h	.0278%

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2001 through 2004, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 7 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

	Yes	No
29 Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body?	29	
30 Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	30	
31 Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	31	
32 Does the organization maintain the following:		
a Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	32d	
33 Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b Admissions policies?	33b	
c Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e Educational policies?	33e	
f Use of facilities?	33f	
g Athletic programs?	33g	
h Other extracurricular activities? If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)	33h	
34 a Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.	34b	
35 Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation	35	

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2005

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 9 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check ☒ **a** ☐ If the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check ☐ **b** ☐ If you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.**Limits on Lobbying Expenditures**

(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for ALL electing organizations
	N/A	
36 Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	
37 Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	
38 Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	
39 Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	
40 Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	
41 Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table -		
If the amount on line 40 is - The lobbying nontaxable amount is -		
Not over \$500,000 20% of the amount on line 40		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	41	
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
Over \$17,000,000 \$1,000,000		
42 Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	
43 Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	
44 Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	

Caution: If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 11 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				N/A (e) Total
	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	
45 Lobbying nontaxable amount					0.
46 Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					0.
47 Total lobbying expenditures					0.
48 Grassroots nontaxable amount					0.
49 Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					0.
50 Grassroots lobbying expenditures					0.

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 11 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
a Volunteers		X	
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)	X		
c Media advertisements		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body	X		8,000.
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means		X	
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)			8,000.

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

SEE STATEMENT 12

FOOTNOTES

STATEMENT 1

EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE ARE RECORDED AT COST, WHEN PURCHASED, OR AT FAIR MARKET VALUE, WHEN GIFTED TO THE AGENCY. DEPRECIATION IS CALCULATED BY THE STRAIGHT-LINE METHOD TO ALLOCATE THE COST OF DEPRECIABLE ASSETS, AS SO DETERMINED, TO OPERATIONS OVER ESTIMATED USEFUL LIVES OF THREE TO SEVEN YEARS FOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT.

EQUIPMENT CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING AS OF JUNE 30, 2005:

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	6,073.
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	7,874.
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LESS: ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	<8,607.>
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TOTAL	5,340.
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FORM 990	GAIN (LOSS) FROM PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	STATEMENT	2
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DESCRIPTION	GROSS SALES PRICE	COST OR OTHER BASIS	EXPENSE OF SALE	NET GAIN OR (LOSS)
1043 SHS EDS CORP	21,416.	24,389.	0.	<2,973.>
TO FORM 990, PART I, LINE 8	21,416.	24,389.	0.	<2,973.>

FORM 990	SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES	STATEMENT	3
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DESCRIPTION OF EVENT	GROSS RECEIPTS	CONTRIBUT. INCLUDED	GROSS REVENUE	DIRECT EXPENSES	NET INCOME
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH PARTY	59,071.	20,000.	39,071.	18,649.	20,422.
TO FM 990, PART I, LINE 9	59,071.	20,000.	39,071.	18,649.	20,422.

FORM 990	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	4
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
CHANGES DUE TO FEDERAL HOME BANK LOAN GRANT	<10,000.>
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART I, LINE 20	<10,000.>

FORM 990	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT	5
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DESCRIPTION	(A) TOTAL	(B) PROGRAM SERVICES	(C) MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	(D) FUNDRAISING
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	8,860.	8,417.		443.
AUTO EXPENSE	2,486.	2,088.	373.	25.
CONTRACT LABOR	33,000.	3,300.	4,950.	24,750.
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	919.	781.	138.	
EDUCATION	4,012.	4,012.		
INSURANCE	4,498.	3,778.	675.	45.
LICENSES AND FEES	855.	718.	137.	

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MAINTENANCE AND				
REPAIRS	3,215.	2,701.	482.	32.
MEALS AND				
ENTERTAINMENT	1,195.	1,004.	191.	
MISCELLANEOUS				
EXPENSE	107.	90.	17.	
PROGRAM MATERIALS	1,594.	1,594.		
TRAINING	480.	403.	77.	
TRANSLATION EXPENSE	1,228.	1,228.		
UTILITIES	225.	190.	33.	2.
DOWN PAYMENT				
ASSISTANT GRANTS	4,286.	4,286.		
LOAN LOSS PROVISION	11,829.	11,829.		
MSS GRANT	2,827.	2,827.		
TOTAL TO FM 990, LN 43	81,616.	49,246.	7,073.	25,297.

FORM 990

OFFICER COMPENSATION ALLOCATION
PART II, LINE 25

STATEMENT 6

NAME OF OFFICER, ETC.	COMPENSATION	EMPLOYEE BEN. PLANS	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	TOTALS
JOSE GONZALEZ	66,000.			66,000.
A. PROGRAM SERVICES	55,123.			55,123.
B. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	7,148.			7,148.
C. FUNDRAISING	3,729.			3,729.

NAME OF OFFICER, ETC.	COMPENSATION	EMPLOYEE BEN. PLANS	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	TOTALS
MARIA CLARA MEJIA	66,000.			66,000.
A. PROGRAM SERVICES	55,123.			55,123.
B. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	7,148.			7,148.
C. FUNDRAISING	3,729.			3,729.

NAME OF OFFICER, ETC.	COMPENSATION	EMPLOYEE BEN. PLANS	EXPENSE ACCOUNTS	TOTALS
RENATA SOTO	33,000.			33,000.
A. PROGRAM SERVICES	27,562.			27,562.
B. MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	3,574.			3,574.
C. FUNDRAISING	1,864.			1,864.

TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES				137,808.
TOTAL MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL				17,870.
TOTAL FUNDRAISING				9,322.
TOTAL OFFICER, ETC., COMPENSATION INCLUDED ON PARTS V-A AND V-B				165,000.

FORM 990 STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION'S PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE STATEMENT 7
PART III

EXPLANATION

TO HELP HISPANIC FAMILIES REALIZE THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
ADVANCEMENT BY PROMOTING THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE
COMMUNITY.

FORM 990 NON-GOVERNMENT SECURITIES STATEMENT 8

SECURITY DESCRIPTION	COST/FMV	CORPORATE STOCKS	CORPORATE BONDS	OTHER PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	TOTAL NON-GOV'T SECURITIES
INVESTMENTS	FMV	25,095.			25,095.
TO FORM 990, LINE 54, COL B		25,095.			25,095.

FORM 990 OTHER ASSETS STATEMENT 9

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
NOTE RECEIVABLE - THE HOUSING FUND	375,737.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 58, COLUMN B	375,737.

FORM 990 OTHER LIABILITIES STATEMENT 10

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
NOTE PAYABLE - THE HOUSING FUND	387,566.
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV, LINE 65, COLUMN B	387,566.

FORM 990	OTHER REVENUE NOT INCLUDED ON FORM 990	STATEMENT	11
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
DIRECT SPECIAL EVENT EXPENSES	18,649.
OTHER CHANGES TO FUND BALANCES	<10,000.>
TOTAL TO FORM 990, PART IV-A	8,649.

SCHEDULE A	STATEMENT OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES - PART VI-B	STATEMENT	12
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CONEXION AMERICAS WAS ORGANIZED TO HELP HISPANIC FAMILIES REALIZE THEIR ASPIRATIONS FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT BY PROMOTING THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE COMMUNITY. IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THEIR PURPOSE, CONEXION PAID \$3,000 TO LOBBYIST TO CONSULT WITH ISSUES THAT WERE OF INTEREST TO CONEXION, PRIMARILY AT THE STATE LEVEL. CONEXION ALSO HAS THREE STAFF MEMEBERS THAT ENGAGED IN DIRECT LOBBYING ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR. THE STAFF MEMEBERS SPENT \$5,000 DURING THE YEAR CONTACTING AND VISITING LEGISLATORS IN ORDER TO INFLUENCE THEIR OPINIONS.

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒ **X**
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (not automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

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

Form 990-T corporations requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including Form 990-C filers) must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns. Partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 8736 to request an extension of time to file Form 1065, 1066, or 1041.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Form 8868 can be filed electronically if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for corporate Form 990-T filers). However, you cannot file it electronically if you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension, instead you must submit the fully completed signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization	Employer identification number
	CONEXION AMERICAS	65-1715618
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 700 18TH AVE. SOUTH, NO. STE A	
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. NASHVILLE, TN 37203	

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

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

- The books are in the care of ► **JOSE GONZALEZ**
Telephone No. ► **615-320-5152** FAX No. ► _____
- If the organization does **not** have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a **Group Return**, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the **whole** group, check this box ☐. If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

- I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a **Form 990-T corporation**) extension of time until **FEBRUARY 15, 2007** to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
► ☐ calendar year _____ or
► ☒ tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2005**, and ending **JUN 30, 2006**.
- If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period
- 3a** If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions \$ _____
- b** If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit \$ _____
- c Balance Due.** Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions \$ **N/A**

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

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions.

Form 8868 (Rev. 12-2004)



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Conexion Americas
Statement of Program Services
EIN: 65-1715618

Pertas Abiertas/ Open Doors Homeownership

The goal of this program is to help Latino families realize their dream of homeownership. The process of buying a house is a complex one, especially for first time homeowners. Thanks to this program, potential homeowners are taken *by the hand*, our staff walks with them through the home buying process. Successful participants, that attend homeownership classes and meet other program guidelines, are then connected with lenders that have partners with Conexión and developed and expertise in serving Latino customers. During the fiscal year 100 families fulfilled their dream of homeownership.

Linea de ayuda en Espanol/ Spanish Help Line

At the core of our services to the community, the Spanish help line is a telephone number that members of the Latino community can call to try to get help. He provide assistance by either by identifying resources in the community and referring families or by providing the help they need either by phone or by seeing people in our office. Whether it's help enrolling children in school, access to pro bono legal representation, helping people start a business or identifying health providers, the Spanish Help Line helps over 2,000 a year find answers and solutions to their problems.

Negocio Prospero- Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship

This program is a three month class that helps individuals who are interested in becoming business owners learn about the requirements and basic information about how to successfully run and operate a small business in the United States. Participants are able to learn from and interact with experts in various fields of business management: attorneys, accountants, other business owners, bankers, etc. The class graduates 20-25 individuals every time and the course is offered twice a year. Belmont University serves as a gracious host for the program.

Tax payer education and assistance

Understanding the tax system in the United States is a difficult proposition regardless of the national origin or native language of the taxpayer. This is even more true for recent immigrants that become overwhelmed by the tax system when they try to fulfill their filing and payment obligations. . Through this program, Conexión Americas provides educational opportunities to taxpayers whose first language is not English about their tax rights and responsibilities. Conexión conducts an average of 25 workshops throughout Middle Tennessee, and also provides assistance and information over the phone or via individual meetings in our office. The goal of the program is to bring accurate and pertinent information to program participants about tax obligations. Over 700 people benefited last year from this program.