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## **Short Form 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)

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000

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Inspection at the end of the year may use this form. Internal Revenue Service ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements. For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 7/1 2012, and ending 6/30 20 C Name of organization B Check if applicable D Employer identification number Address change Shires Media Partnership, Inc. 37-1568268 Name change Number and street (or P O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite E Telephone number Initial return 407 Harwood Hill 802-442-6321 Terminated City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 F Group Exemption Amended return Number ▶ Application pending Bennington, Vermont 05201 Cash G Accounting Method: ✓ Accrual Other (specify) ▶ H Check ▶ ☐ if the organization is not I Website: ► www.wbtn.org required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF). If the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, 189340. Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I) Part I Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . .  $\square$ Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . . 79460. 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts 2 104143 3 3 0 4 4 0 5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . . 5b Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . 5c Gaming and fundraising events Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than 6a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ o of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . 6b 5718 c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . 6с -129 Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract 6d 5589 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . 7a 7b Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 14 8 8 5 9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 9 189211 10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) 10 0 11 Benefits paid to or for members . . . . . . . 11 0 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . 12 12 100715 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 13 295 14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . . 14 8623 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . 15 560 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . . . . 16 16 70009 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . 17 180202 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . . . 18 9009 Net Assets 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) 19 57369 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . 20 0 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 21

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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22	Cash, savings, and investments			-1031	22	5842
23	Land and buildings			28546		10984
24	Other assets (describe in Schedule O)			42860		63251
25	Total assets			70375		80077
26	Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O) .			13006		13699
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32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a	a through 31a)		•	32	<del></del>
	t IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and K				struc	
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	instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this	Part '		
00			Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33		1
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34		1
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a		
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b		<b>✓</b>
С	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c		<b>✓</b>
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36		1
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a			
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b		1
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were	_		
	any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	_	✓,
ь 39	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	4		
ээ a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9			
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	-		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under:	1		
	section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0			;
b	Section 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 engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b		1
C	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on			
	organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958			
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c			i
u	reimbursed by the organization			ļ
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ Vermont			<u></u> '
42a		802-44	2-632	1
_	Located at ► 407 Harwood Hill, Bennington, VT ZIP + 4 ►	052		
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)?	401	Yes	No
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:	42b	ļ	<del>                                     </del>
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank			
	and Financial Accounts.			
С	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.?	42c		<b>_√</b>
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here			▶ □
	and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year		1.0	<del></del>
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be		Yes	No
_	completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a		1
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	-	1
C	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c		1
d	If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schodulo O	_	ļ	
4-	explanation in Schedule O	44d	ļ <u>.</u>	1
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	<u> </u>	✓
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of			
	Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	<del> </del>	1
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Sign Signature of officer Here Robert Howe, President Type or print name and title Preparer's signature Date PTIN Print/Type preparer's name Check I if Paid self-employed **Preparer** Firm's name Firm's EIN ▶ Use Only Firm's address > Phone no May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ► ☐ Yes ☐ No Form 990-EZ (2012)

#### SCHEDULE A (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

# **Public Charity Status and Public Support**

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name	of the organization				-		E	mployer id	lentificatio	n number	
	Shires Media Partnership, Inc Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this p								68268		
Par			<del></del>						nstructio	ons.	
1 2	A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).										
5	An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)										
7	☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v). ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)										
	10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).										
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organization (described on lines 1- above or IRC section		(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	ed organization(s).  (iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?  (v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		nization Ín of your			(vii) Amount of monetary support			
				Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	<u> </u>	
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Part	(Complete only if you checked th	ne box on line	e 5, 7, or 8 of	Part I or if th	e organizatio	n failed to qu	
Sacti	Part III. If the organization fails to on A. Public Support	qualify unde	er the tests lis	sted below, p	lease comple	ete Part III.)	
	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	<b>(b)</b> 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	(a) 2000	(8) 2010	(0) 2011	(4) 2012	(e) 2010	(i) Total
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						
	on B. Total Support	(-) 0000	(1) 0040	T (-) 0044	1 ( 1) 0010	( ) 0040	1 40
Calen 7	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in) Amounts from line 4	(a) 2009	<b>(b)</b> 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 12 13	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. First five years. If the Form 990 is for the					12 ear as a section	on 501(c)(3)
	organization, check this box and stop he						1 7 2 7
Secti	on C. Computation of Public Suppor	t Percentag	je				
14 15 16a b	Public support percentage for 2013 (line 6 Public support percentage from 2012 Sch 331/3% support test—2013. If the organization qua stop here. The organization qua 331/3% support test—2012. If the organization qua	nedule A, Part zation did not lifies as a pub nization did no	II, line 14 . check the box licly supported of check a box	on line 13, and organization x on line 13 o			🕨 🔲
17a	check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization						
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b	10%-facts-and-circumstances test—20 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization of Explain in Part IV how the organization of supported organization	tion meets the leets the "fact	e "facts-and-c s-and-circums	rcumstances" stances" test.	test, check the	his box and st	top here.
18	Private foundation. If the organization di	d not check a	box on line 13	3, 16a, 16b, 17	a, or 17b, chec	k this box and	see

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

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	on A. Public Support	() 222	# N = 2 - T	/ \ 2211	( 1) 22 12 1	() 55:5	
	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	<b>(b)</b> 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	<b>(e)</b> 2013	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise	274024	141357	148299	85178		648858
	sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose				104162		104162
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5	274024	141357	148299	189340		753020
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons .	154801	21550	17200	63700		257251
b	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
C	Add lines 7a and 7b	154801	21550	17200	63700		257251
8	Public support (Subtract line 7c from						
	line 6.)						495769.
	on B. Total Support						
	dar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	<b>(b)</b> 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) 2013	(f) Total
9	Amounts from line 6	274024	141357	148299	189340	<del></del>	753020
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.						
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
С	Add lines 10a and 10b	0	0	0	0		0
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	830	196	4252	0		5278.
13	<b>Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	274854	141553	152551	189340		758298.
14	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization, check this box and stop he	ne organization		d, third, fourth	, or fifth tax ye		on 501(c)(3)
Secti	on C. Computation of Public Suppor						<u> </u>
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18	Investment income percentage from 2012				• • • •	18	%
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	line 18 is not more than 331/3%, check this	box and stop h	<b>ere.</b> The organi	zation qualifies	as a publicly s	upported orga	nızation 🕨 🗌
20	Private foundation. If the organization de	d not check a	box on line 14,	19a, or 19b, c	heck this box	and see instr	uctions ▶ □

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Part IV	Supplemental Info Part III, line 12. Als	<b>ormation.</b> Provide to so complete this part	the explanations rt for any addition	required by Pa onal information	rt II, line 10; Part II . (See instructions)	, line 17a or 17b;	and
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### SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

### Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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**Employer identification number** 

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization ► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.
► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Shires Media Partnership, Inc 37-1568268 Part I, line 8: misc. income \$5.00 Part I, line 16 : other expenses: insurance - \$7223, license - \$7453, interest - \$20, payroll exp - \$14845, depreciation - \$17562, dues - \$3334, equipment - \$7247, maint & repair - \$500, Red Sox fee - \$3300, misc - \$1073, office exp - \$2807, phone & internet - \$3488, software - \$1157 Part II, line 24: Accts receivable - \$18377, equipment - \$44874 Part II, line 26: Accts payable - \$8697, payroll liability - \$5115, line of credit - (\$113)