

**Application for Recognition of Exemption**  
**Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code**

OMB No. 1545-0056

Note: If exempt status is approved, this application will be open for public inspection.

Read the instructions for each Part carefully.

A User Fee must be attached to this application.

If the required information and appropriate documents are not submitted along with Form 8718 (with payment of the appropriate user fee), the application may be returned to you.

Complete the Procedural Checklist on page 8 of the instructions.

**Part I Identification of Applicant**

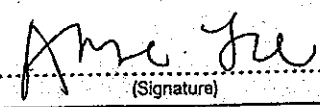
1a Full name of organization (as shown in organizing document) <b>FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT</b>		2 Employer identification number (EIN) (If none, see page 3 of the Specific Instructions.) <b>57 1095108</b>
1b c/o Name (if applicable)		3 Name and telephone number of person to be contacted if additional information is needed <b>Anne Lee</b> <b>Executive Director</b> <b>(843)723-3600</b>
1c Address (number and street) <b>1061 KING STREET</b>	Room/Suite	
1d City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP + 4. If you have a foreign address, see Specific Instructions for Part I, page 3. <b>CHARLESTON, SC 29403</b>		4 Month the annual accounting period ends <b>December 31, 2000</b>
1e Web site address <b>www.darkness2light.org</b>		5 Date incorporated or formed <b>February 9, 2000</b>
7 Did the organization previously apply for recognition of exemption under this Code section or under any other section of the Code? If "Yes," attach an explanation.		6 Check here if applying under section: a <input type="checkbox"/> 501(e) b <input type="checkbox"/> 501(f) c <input type="checkbox"/> 501(k) d <input type="checkbox"/> 501(n)
8 Is the organization required to file Form 990 (or Form 990-EZ)? If "No," attach an explanation (see page 3 of the Specific Instructions).		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 Has the organization filed Federal income tax returns or exempt organization information returns? If "Yes," state the form numbers, years filed, and Internal Revenue office where filed.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

10 Check the box for the type of organization. ATTACH A CONFORMED COPY OF THE CORRESPONDING ORGANIZING DOCUMENTS TO THE APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING. (See Specific Instructions for Part I, Line 10, on page 3.) See also Pub. 557 for examples of organizational documents.)

- a  Corporation—Attach a copy of the Articles of Incorporation (including amendments and restatements) showing approval by the appropriate state official; also include a copy of the bylaws.
- b  Trust— Attach a copy of the Trust Indenture or Agreement, including all appropriate signatures and dates.
- c  Association— Attach a copy of the Articles of Association, Constitution, or other creating document, with a declaration (see instructions) or other evidence the organization was formed by adoption of the document by more than one person; also include a copy of the bylaws.

If the organization is a corporation or an unincorporated association that has not yet adopted bylaws, check here

I declare under the penalties of perjury that I am authorized to sign this application on behalf of the above organization and that I have examined this application, including the accompanying schedules and attachments, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct, and complete.

Please Sign Here  **ANNE LEE** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
 (Signature) (Type or print name and title or authority of signer) (Date)

**Part II** Activities and Operational Information

- 1 Provide a detailed narrative description of all the activities of the organization—past, present, and planned. Do not merely refer to or repeat the language in the organizational document. List each activity separately in the order of importance based on the relative time and other resources devoted to the activity. Indicate the percentage of time for each activity. Each description should include, as a minimum, the following: (a) a detailed description of the activity including its purpose and how each activity furthers your exempt purpose; (b) when the activity was or will be initiated; and (c) where and by whom the activity will be conducted.

**SEE ATTACHMENTS A, A1, A2**

- 2 What are or will be the organization's sources of financial support? List in order of size.

**THE ORGANIZATIONS SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT WILL  
BE INDIVIDUAL DONORS, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS, CIVIC  
ORGANIZATIONS.**

- 3 Describe the organization's fundraising program, both actual and planned, and explain to what extent it has been put into effect. Include details of fundraising activities such as selective mailings, formation of fundraising committees, use of volunteers or professional fundraisers, etc. Attach representative copies of solicitations for financial support.

**SEE ATTACHMENT B**

**(ATTACHMENT A) - HISTORY OF FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT 1997-2000**

**PREMISE:**

- One in three girls will be sexually abused before the age of eighteen.
  - One in six boys will be sexually abused before the age of eighteen.
  - Less than one in ten of these children will report the abuse.
  - Many of these children will carry the emotional scars and guilt of the abuse into adulthood. A large percentage of adult survivors report problems with alcohol, drug abuse, compulsive behavior, dysfunctional relationships, and worst of all, a percentage will sexually abuse others.
- With statistics like these, how many more children in our nation, in our state, in our own community will be sexually abused if we don't do something to stop it?

If adults made children feel safe enough to report abuse, if the force of public opinion made it unacceptable to have sex with children and if laws against sex with children were enforced, and if services were readily available to help both child and adult survivors of abuse, the cycle would be broken.

**CONCEPTION:  
IN 1997**

A small group of individuals embarked on A Call to Action platform that would reach out to adult survivors of abuse. The first *From Darkness to Light* Conference, A Community Forum on Child Sexual Abuse Issues, was a community collaborative venture with Lowcountry Children's Center and The Center for Women. The first conference was held September 12, 1997. Nationally and internationally recognized speakers, Marilyn Van Derbur, one of the most outstanding women in America today and an adult survivor, along with Sandra Lynn Bloom, MD, a board certified psychiatrist and founder of "The Sanctuary" - a specialized inpatient hospital program for the treatment of adults traumatized as children, were the speakers.

**IN 1998**

Another *Call to Action* to broaden the focus of *From Darkness to Light* Conferences not only to provide multiple venues of support for survivors, but also to create community awareness at a heightened level and to initiate a position for Charleston County Public Schools to assist in crisis management and ongoing education. Again, this was a collaborative community effort with The Center for Women and Lowcountry Children's Center, but also two new community organizations, People Against Rape and the Charleston County Public Schools joined to make this effort successful. Dr. Chip Zullinger, Superintendent of Charleston County Public Schools at the time, agreed to work to ensure the support of the school system. (42% of all disclosures of abuse by children are made to teachers.) November 13, 1998, Marilyn Van Derbur and Donna Rice Hughes, Advocate for Children's safety on the internet, were the presenters for the second *From Darkness to Light* Conference.

**IN 1999**

A third *From Darkness to Light* conference was held and more momentum was gained from all county schools.

**JANUARY 2000**

The past three years of growth of the *From Darkness to Light* Conference generated a ground swell. In 2000, *From Darkness to Light* dedicated itself to taking the educational components in place and adding other prevention services to create a primary prevention program. The prevention program is dedicated to progressively and innovatively increasing public awareness regarding the incidence and impact of child sexual abuse, to ensuring the continuance and expansion of support venues for adult survivors and to

establish a Child Abuse School Liaison for Charleston County Public Schools. *From Darkness to Light* has the following three core objectives:

**Objective 1 - Prevention through public awareness of the problem**

- Establish media partnerships.
- Initiate a comprehensive media campaign: development and distribution of television PSA's and radio PSA's, magazines, newspapers, billboards. The television commercials/PSA's were created by Stewart Birbrower, international award winner.
- Initiate a research study administered by the National Crime Victim Center of The Medical University of South Carolina to determine the effectiveness of the media campaign.
- Create a web page, see attached. [www.darkness2light.org](http://www.darkness2light.org).
- Establish a Crisis Hotline @ 1-866-FOR-LIGHT.

**Objective 2 - Prevention through breaking the cycle with adult survivors**

- Create experiential workshops with nationally recognized professionals to conduct multi-day workshops. These workshops will specifically target adult survivors, child victims, and family members.
- Create a training tape & manual for operators of the crisis hotline.
- Collaborative effort with People Against Rape to establish new support groups.

**Objective 3 - Prevention through educational programs to prevent child abuse**

- Continue the annual *From Darkness to Light* conference.
- Continue support of Child Abuse School Liaison for Charleston County Public Schools.
- Create additional programs for other disciplines such as educators, medical, and clergy.

**(ATTACHMENT A1) CORE OBJECTIVES: ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2000 AND GOALS FOR 2001**

**PREVENTION: PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE - ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2000**

**Overall Organizational Time Percentage: 60%**

**Activity conducted by: Executive Director, Board & Volunteers**

- Created, produced, edited & distributed 4 TV PSA's.
- Created, produced, edited & distributed 3 Radio PSA's.
- Created and displayed billboards.
- Held Community Awareness Meetings during the development stage of the media campaign.
- Created a web page: [www.darkness2light.org](http://www.darkness2light.org).
- Initiated a research study in the effectiveness of the media campaign by the National Crime Victim Center of The Medical University of South Carolina.
- Hired associate intern on contract basis.
- Hired grant writer on contract basis.
- Formed a governing board.
- Raised \$200,000 in funds.
- Hired an Associate Director to act as Business Manager, plan and execute educational programs, & assist in grant writing & data base management.

**PREVENTION: PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE - GOALS 2001**

**Overall Organizational Time Percentage: 30%**

**Staff time percentages: Executive Director 50%, Associate Director 10%, and Intern 25%**

- Evaluate the effectiveness of the media campaign by carefully identifying areas of weakness and strength.
- Evaluate effectiveness in directing our community to resources that exist for victims, survivors, educators, clergy, physicians, and nurses.
- Establish collaborative efforts with Prevent Child Abuse South Carolina to export

program to Columbia, South Carolina by April 2001.

- Launch two additional pilot programs to other areas in the United States.
- Identify ongoing financial support to fund media programs.

\*\*The public has to be aware of the prevalence and consequences of abuse before the community can see real change and create a zero tolerance of child sexual abuse.

**PREVENTION: EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE - ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2000**

**Overall Organizational Time Percentage: 18%**

**Activity conducted by: Executive Director, Board & Volunteers**

- Held Annual *From Darkness to Light* Conference (Approximately 150 participants).
- Initiated on May 2000, Charleston's first Child Abuse School Liaison for Charleston County Public Schools.
- At the 2000 conference, 57 schools were represented out of a total of 80 schools in Charleston County.)

**PREVENTION: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE - GOALS 2001**

**Overall Organizational Time Percentage: 31%**

**Staff time percentages: Executive Director 25%, Associate Director 40%, and Intern 23%**

- Continue the aggressive focus on the need for educators to become knowledgeable and responsible for the issues surrounding child sexual abuse.
- Collaborate with Child Abuse School Liaison in the development of a training curriculum for delivery to Charleston County School District

- Develop collaborative efforts with the Child Sexual Abuse Liaison to measure the effectiveness of educational programs in Charleston County Schools targeted at teachers, guidance counselors, and principals.
- Develop training workshops in a collaborative effort with the Child Abuse School Liaison and develop an evaluation tool to determine effectiveness.
- Schedule, plan & execute the Annual *From Darkness to Light* Conference for 2001.
- Expand the 2001 Annual *From Darkness to Light* Conference Agenda to include breakout sessions with state and national presenters to address professional groups such as educators, clergy, nurses and physicians on issues surrounding child sexual abuse.
- Identify ongoing financial support to fund educational programs.
- Initiate two educational community discussions in coordination with the issues illuminated by the TV and Radio PSA's.

**PREVENTION: BREAKING THE CYCLE WITH ADULT SURVIVORS - ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2000**

**Overall Organizational Time Percentage: 10%**

**Activity conducted by: Executive Director and volunteers accomplished**

- Initiated web site [www.darkness2light.org](http://www.darkness2light.org).
- Initiated Crisis Hotline 1-866-FOR-LIGHT.
- Plan & schedule nationally revered teachers/professionals that can lead workshops for adult survivors. The workshops will provide a safe environment to address traumatic issues from childhood that keep them stuck in dysfunctional/unhealthy lifestyles.
- Sponsored new support groups in a collaborative effort with People Against Rape.

**(ATTACHMENT A1) CORE OBJECTIVES: ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2000 AND GOALS FOR 2001**

**PREVENTION: BREAKING THE CYCLE WITH ADULT SURVIVORS - GOALS 2001**

- Overall Organizational Time Percentage: 19%**
- Staff Time Percentages: Executive Director 10%, Associate Director 20%, Intern 25%**
- Evaluate effectiveness of Crisis Hotline.
  - Evaluate number of hits on Web Site.
  - Launch two multi-day conferences for adult survivors.
  - Initiate at least two one-day conferences for survivors with the first one scheduled January 2001.
  - Initiate breakout sessions for Adult Survivors at the 2001 *From Darkness to Light* Conference that deals with healing and hope.
  - Continue to update community resources on the website for adult survivors to seek professional assistance.
  - Identify ongoing financial support to fund workshops.

**FUNDRAISING - ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2000**

- Overall Organizational Time Percentage: 6%**
- Activity conducted by: Executive Director**
- Seed money was raised to support the *From Darkness to Light* Primary Prevention Program. This was accomplished through contributions from individuals, foundations, grants, and organizations.
  - Note: November - December 2000, the first year-end appeal was mailed. Please see attachment. This mailing was targeted to individuals and organizations in the Lowcountry
  - Five grant applications were submitted.
  - An individual made a gift of \$10,000 with a challenge to raise an additional \$40,000. Funds raised would support the Prevention: Public Awareness Program, specifically the media Campaign. Currently, we have a total of \$30,000 pledged including the match.

**FUNDRAISING - GOALS FOR 2001**

- Overall Organization Time Percentage: 13%**
- Staff Time Percentages: Executive Director 10%, Associate Director 15%, and Grant Writer 12.5%**
- Conduct Annual Appeal to raise \$15,000.
  - Write & manage grants.
  - Raise \$70,000 from Foundations and organizations.
  - Conduct individual solicitations to raise \$149,099.
  - Raise \$500 from product sales.

- Conduct two Special Events to raise \$10,000.

**MANAGEMENT - ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2000**

- Overall Organization Time Percentage: 6%**
- Activity conducted by: Executive Director**
- *From Darkness to Light* conference is transformed into *From Darkness to Light* Primary Prevention Program.
  - Board leadership enlisted.
  - Executive Director in place as of 1/2000.
  - Fall of 2000, a grant writer (contract services), an intern and an Associate Director in place.
  - Began development of Policies & Procedures.

**MANAGEMENT - GOALS FOR 2001**

- Overall Organization Time Percentage: 7%**
- Staff Time Percentages: Executive Director 5%, Associate Director 15%, and Intern 1%**
- Continue to amend Policies & Procedures Manual for 2001.
  - Develop Board manual.
  - Initiate Board retreat.
  - Manage personnel issues.
  - Develop strategic plan.
  - Database development.

# (ATTACHMENT A2) FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Determine the organization's mission and purpose.
- Determine and assess current policies and procedures concerning governance.
- Initiate effective organizational planning.
- Determine, monitor, and strengthen the organization's programs and services.
- Develop the organization's public standing.
- Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability.
- Recruit and orient new board members and assess board performance.
- Determine organization's goals and make plans.
- Select, manage and evaluate the performance of the executive director.
- Manage organization's finances.
- Manage funds.

**Note:**

Policies are defined as the decisions which govern the action of management and which are established by action of the board of directors.

Procedures are statements by staff, which implement policy and define specific courses of action such as processes, methods and standards.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- Manage the development & distribution of 4 TV PSA's & 3 Radio PSA's in the local community.
- Develop, establish and manage collaborative Public Awareness Program Sites in the state of SC and other national sites.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the comprehensive Public Awareness Program.
- Develop programs for educators, clergy and medical professionals in issues surrounding child sexual abuses.
- Identify ongoing financial support to fund media program.
- Develop collaborative working relationships with victim service providers.
- Collaborate with the National Crime Victim Center at The Medical University of South to update pre and post media evaluations.
- Develop a Community Focus Group with existing Victim Service to monitor the effectiveness of Public Awareness Programs.
- Develop, plan & execute conferences for adult survivors.
- Develop, plan & execute workshops for adult survivors.
- Manage website.
- Plan and conduct Board Retreat.

## ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

- Maintain all Personnel Files.
- Manage all records, documents and materials for auditors.
- Enlist and Coordinate Volunteer support.
- Develop, plan & implement educational programs.
- Identify potential donors through prospect screenings, research, internal methods and lead generating activities.
- Manage Database for annual direct mail appeals.
- Coordinate annual operating plan that includes project timetables and budget.
- Assist the Executive Director in the process of strategic planning for all programs.
- Produce collateral materials.
- Coordinate all fund raising special events.
- Assist in the preparation of the annual budget, goals and objectives.
- Write successful proposals seeking donations from corporate & private foundations and organizations.

## INTERN

- Provide administrative support.
- Write Develop & Implement plan for newsletters.
- Co-manage website.
- Distribute media for Public Awareness.
- Conduct grant research.
- Conduct website research.

## GRANT WRITER

- Conduct grant research.
- Identify potential funding sources i.e. foundations & organizations.
- Prepare letters of intent/application.
- Prepare grant proposals.

**\*(ATTACHMENT B) FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT FUNDRAISING PROGRAM OBJECTIVES -- (ACTUAL 2000 AND PLANNED 2001)**

**FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES 1997-1999**

Prior to *From Darkness to Light* becoming a primary prevention program in January 2000, the only annual activity was of course, the *From Darkness to Light* Annual Conference. However, the same group of individuals who initiated *From Darkness to Light* conference and later the primary prevention program, also initiated a party that was held every year the evening before the conference. The purpose of the party was to raise funds to support the conference and raise funds to support the Child Abuse School Liaison. In addition, funds raised were used to help individuals who could not afford to pay for the conference.

**FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES JANUARY 1, 2000 -- DECEMBER 31, 2000**

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Note: All funds raised provided seed money for the Media Campaign. The Media Campaign Program cost was \$120,000.

**FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES 2001**

- Establish a goal of cost per dollar raised of 15%.
- Establish volunteer team to raise funds for programmatic needs.
- Conduct Annual Appeals to raise \$15,000.
  1. April 2001 mailer
  2. November 2001 mailer
- Increase Annual Fund participants by 15% over 2000.
- Establish Annual Fund Raising Event.
- Conduct individual solicitations to raise \$149,099.
- Conduct two Special Events to raise \$10,000.
- Raise \$70,000 in Foundation Funding.
- Raise \$500 from product sales.
- Implement annual stewardship plan for 2001
  1. Acknowledgments
  2. Events (Giving clubs)





**Part II** Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

4 Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

a Names, addresses, and titles of officers, directors, trustees, etc.

b Annual compensation

**SEE ATTACHMENT C**

c Do any of the above persons serve as members of the governing body by reason of being public officials or being appointed by public officials?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," name those persons and explain the basis of their selection or appointment.

d Are any members of the organization's governing body "disqualified persons" with respect to the organization (other than by reason of being a member of the governing body) or do any of the members have either a business or family relationship with "disqualified persons"? (See Specific Instructions for Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.)  Yes  No  
If "Yes," explain.

5 Does the organization control or is it controlled by any other organization?  Yes  No  
Is the organization the outgrowth of (or successor to) another organization, or does it have a special relationship with another organization by reason of interlocking directorates or other factors?  Yes  No  
If either of these questions is answered "Yes," explain.

Effective January 1, 2000, The Lowcountry Children's Center became the fiscal agent for *From Darkness to Light*. A restricted fund with a fund agreement has been set up for their sole purpose. The relationship will remain in effect until *From Darkness to Light* is deemed by the IRS to be an organization described in section 501c 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. The application process with the IRS has begun. Please see attached letter.

**SEE EXHIBIT C1**

6 Does or will the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following transactions with any political organization or other exempt organization (other than a 501(c)(3) organization): (a) grants; (b) purchases or sales of assets; (c) rental of facilities or equipment; (d) loans or loan guarantees; (e) reimbursement arrangements; (f) performance of services, membership, or fundraising solicitations; or (g) sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists or other assets, or paid employees?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," explain fully and identify the other organizations involved.

7 Is the organization financially accountable to any other organization?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," explain and identify the other organization. Include details concerning accountability or attach copies of reports if any have been submitted.

**SEE EXHIBIT C1**

**(ATTACHMENT C) - BOARD MEMBERS 2000-2001**

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4. Give the following information about the organization's governing body:

Mr. John G. Davis  
Chairman  
16 Orange Street  
Charleston, SC 29401

The Reverend Bruce Evenson  
214 Wentworth Street  
Charleston, SC 29401

Mr. Stuart A. Christie  
Vice Chairman  
2290 Marsh Hen Drive  
Seabrook, SC 29455

Ms. Isabelle Jewell  
18 Harborview Court  
Beaufort, SC 29902

L. Russell Bennett, Esquire  
3124 Marshall Boulevard  
Sullivan's Island, SC 29482  
Treasurer

Mrs. Doris Meddin  
68 Murray Boulevard  
Charleston, SC 29401

Mrs Sylvia Birbrower  
700 Daniel Ellis Drive  
Charleston, SC 29412  
Secretary

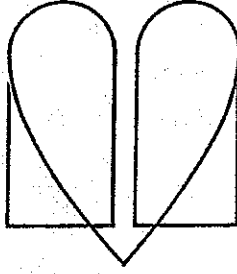
M. Elizabeth Raiston, Ph.D.  
Executive Director of Lowcountry Children's  
Center  
1061 King Street  
Charleston, SC 29403

Mrs. Stewart Birbrower  
700 Daniel Ellis Drive  
Charleston, SC 29412

Ms. Sally Weil  
2 Charlestowne Road  
Charleston, SC 29407

4B. The *From Darkness to Light* Board of Directors are not compensated annually in payment.

Lowcountry  
Children's  
Center, Inc.



January 1, 2000

To Whom It May Concern:

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*From Darkness to Light* is a primary prevention program for child sexual abuse. We feel that the inherent need to prevent child abuse is a necessary component in the treatment aspect of the work we do at Lowcountry Children's Center.

If you need further information about our relationship with *From Darkness to Light*, don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Don Elsey, Ed.D.  
Interim Executive Director



Lowcountry Children's Center, Inc. • P.O. Box 20579, Charleston, SC 29413  
1061 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403 • (843) 723-3600 • Fax (843) 720-7106



**Part II** Activities and Operational Information (Continued)

8 What assets does the organization have that are used in the performance of its exempt function? (Do not include property producing investment income.) If any assets are not fully operational, explain their status, what additional steps remain to be completed, and when such final steps will be taken. If none, indicate "N/A."

**The organization's assets are 4 TV PSA's and 3 Radio PSA's.**

9 Will the organization be the beneficiary of tax-exempt bond financing within the next 2 years? . . . .  Yes  No

10a Will any of the organization's facilities or operations be managed by another organization or individual under a contractual agreement? . . . .  Yes  No

b Is the organization a party to any leases? . . . .  Yes  No

If either of these questions is answered "Yes," attach a copy of the contracts and explain the relationship between the applicant and the other parties.

11 Is the organization a membership organization? . . . .  Yes  No

If "Yes," complete the following:

a Describe the organization's membership requirements and attach a schedule of membership fees and dues. **The organization's membership requirements are: Individual List Price \$25.00, Corporate List Price \$150.00, Not For Profit List Price \$50.00, and Public Agency List Price \$100.00.**

b Describe the organization's present and proposed efforts to attract members and attach a copy of any descriptive literature or promotional material used for this purpose.

**SEE EXHIBIT D1**

c What benefits do (or will) the members receive in exchange for their payment of dues?

**SEE EXHIBIT D1**

12a If the organization provides benefits, services, or products, are the recipients required, or will they be required, to pay for them? . . . .  N/A  Yes  No

If "Yes," explain how the charges are determined and attach a copy of the current fee schedule. **Charges are determined by the From Darkness to Light Conference Committee with approval from the Board of Directors. The past fee schedule was \$35.00 for an individual participant. We do not anticipate an increase for 2001.**

b Does or will the organization limit its benefits, services, or products to specific individuals or classes of individuals? . . . .  N/A  Yes  No

If "Yes," explain how the recipients or beneficiaries are or will be selected.

13 Does or will the organization attempt to influence legislation? . . . .  Yes  No

If "Yes," explain. Also, give an estimate of the percentage of the organization's time and funds that it devotes or plans to devote to this activity.

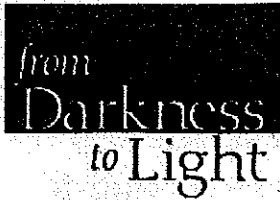
**SEE EXHIBIT E**

14 Does or will the organization intervene in any way in political campaigns, including the publication or distribution of statements? . . . .  Yes  No

If "Yes," explain fully.

**EXHIBIT D1**

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**Become A Member**



Join us in the fight to stem child sexual abuse!

Together we protect our children.

Why become a member of From Darkness To Light?

Child sexual abuse is occurring at an alarming rate and is taking a horrific toll on our community.

But together we can make a difference. We can take proactive steps to stem child abuse. As an annual member of From Darkness to Light, you can:

- Help child victims and adult survivors to become aware of their legal rights
- Be informed when important legislative issues are in need of support.
- Let your representatives and senators know which laws are important for child safety.
- Receive the quarterly From Darkness to Light newsletter
- Receive a From Darkness to

Light decal so the world will know  
you care

- Be personally notified of upcoming workshops and conferences sponsored by From Darkness to Light
- Get 5% off on one workshop sponsored by From Darkness to Light.
- Support the significant cost of maintaining the toll free crisis line so that all in need will have access to someone who can help.

Click on the membership type you want.

<u>Individual List</u> Price: <b>\$25.00</b>	<u>Corporate List</u> Price: <b>\$150.00</b>
<u>Not For Profit</u> List Price: <b>\$50.00</b>	<u>Public Agency</u> List Price: <b>\$100.00</b>

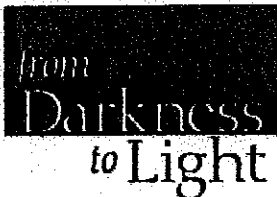
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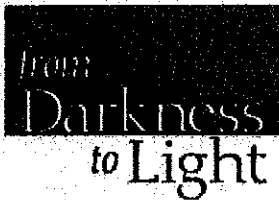
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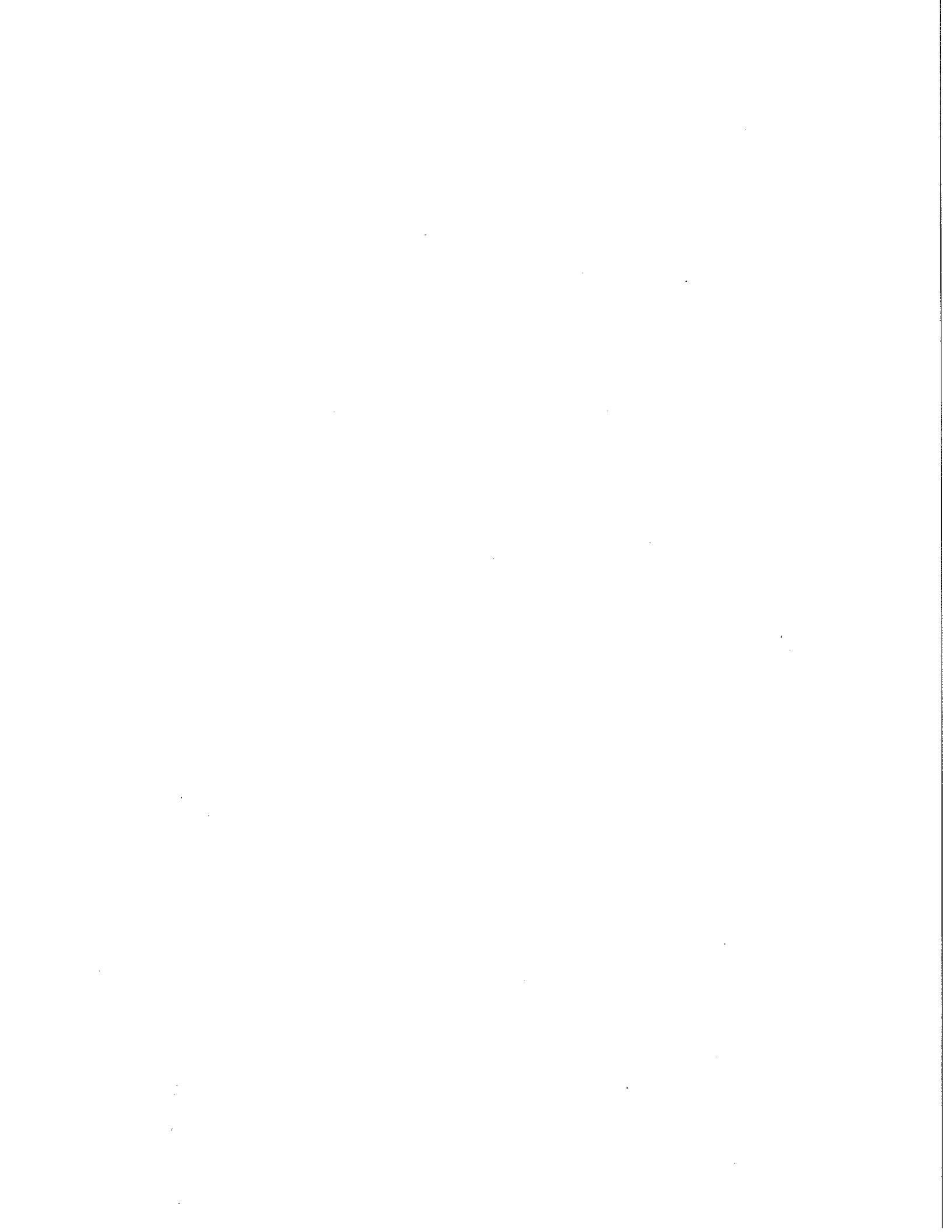
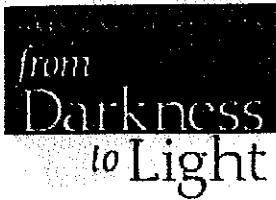


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**Your Voice**

**Recent Successes**

H. 3555 (Rita Allison) Great bodily injury to a child. One of SC Victims Assistance Network's most important pieces of legislation, and one that SCVAN been working on for several years, is a Bill that has been faithfully re-introduced for the third year by Representative Rita Allison of Spartanburg

This legislation creates a new criminal penalty (§16-3-95) for inflicting great bodily injury to a child. This is less serious than homicide by child abuse, but more serious than child abuse. It is a felony with a penalty of 20 years. The Bill contains a definition of great bodily injury, some clean-up language for homicide by child abuse, and makes it unlawful to knowingly allow a person to inflict great bodily harm upon a child.

The House passed the Bill, the Senate made amendments. The House made further amendments and returned the Bill to the Senate for concurrence on March 30th.

Congratulations to SCVAN's Children's Legislative Committee chaired by Margaret Frierson for all of her work and the committee's tenacity. Great appreciation is due to Leadership Aiken County 2000 for adopting this Bill as a project, and pushing the Bill through both houses of the General Assembly. Trish Kohl, Chairman, Detective Dwayne Courtney of the Aiken Department of Public Safety, Co-Chairman, and Gwendolyn Conner: and all of Leadership Aiken, put their time, hearts, and souls

into the success of this Bill.

Anne Allen Laver, also of the Aiken Department of Public Safety, brought this issue to SCVAN's Children's committee several years ago out of her frustration with a case in Aiken County when she served as a court-based advocate. Her dedication to this Bill and her heart for children has been the impetus for this important issue. Thank you, Anne! Solicitor Barbara Morgan, and Debra Curtis, William Bilton, and Susan Mays of the Prosecution Coordinating Commission are also to be thanked for their efforts on the behalf of children. Senators Greg Ryberg, Don Holland, and others sponsored a companion bill in the Senate as back-up. Great teamwork guys and gals!

Signed into law by the Governor 5/25/00

H. 3555 Description

### **Upcoming Legislation**

#### **Child Abuse Hearsay Exception**

##### **Problem:**

Child sexual assault is an epidemic in our society. Studies show that one in four girls and one in eight boys will be a victim of sexual assault or attempted sexual assault before age eighteen. The criminal justice system is often inadequate to handle these cases. The criminal justice system is a confrontational system set up for adult criminals. While juvenile justice courts are available for child perpetrators, child victims must participate in the adult oriented system. Children may not be verbal enough to testify or they may be too scared of the perpetrator to say anything, or their memories of the event(s) may have faded.

##### **Background:**

In cases of child sexual abuse, the child's out-of-court statements may be the most compelling evidence available. Often very young, immature sexual abuse victims make casual, innocent remarks that are

alarmingly accurate in their portrayal of sexual activities that should be unknown to a child. Such statements are usually inadmissible, however, because they cannot fit into an available exception category. In the interests of justice, many states have created a new hearsay exception that recognizes the inherent reliability of certain out-of-court statements that are unique to young victims of sexual abuse.

**Solution:**

A solution to this problem is to allow the out-of-court statements of the child into evidence. The child may have said or done something that a third party may have heard or observed that may shed light on the facts of the case. The safeguard to allowing this statement into evidence is that the judge can examine the third party on the stand to determine if the information they are providing is reliable.

**Sample Legislation:**

**GA Code of Laws Section 24-3-16:**

A statement made by a child under the age of 14 years describing any act of sexual contact or physical abuse performed with or on the child by another or performed with or on another in the presence of the child is admissible in evidence by the testimony of the person or persons to whom made if the child is available to testify in the proceedings and the court finds that the circumstances of the statement provide sufficient indicia of reliability

**How Can You Help Change Legislation**

This a piece that we are excited about doing. We would like to be able to tie you directly into your legislator on issues that are important for the child sexual abuse arena. However, we don't yet have it together. Please stay tuned. We will let you know when we have launched this capability.

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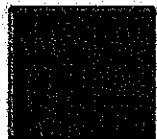
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Many changes are needed in legislation to ensure that our children are protected and a priority. Your voice can help in that effort. Click on the megaphone to see some of the successes in legislation, where the need for your voice is great now and how you can reach your legislator. Your support and voice in legislation can make change occur.



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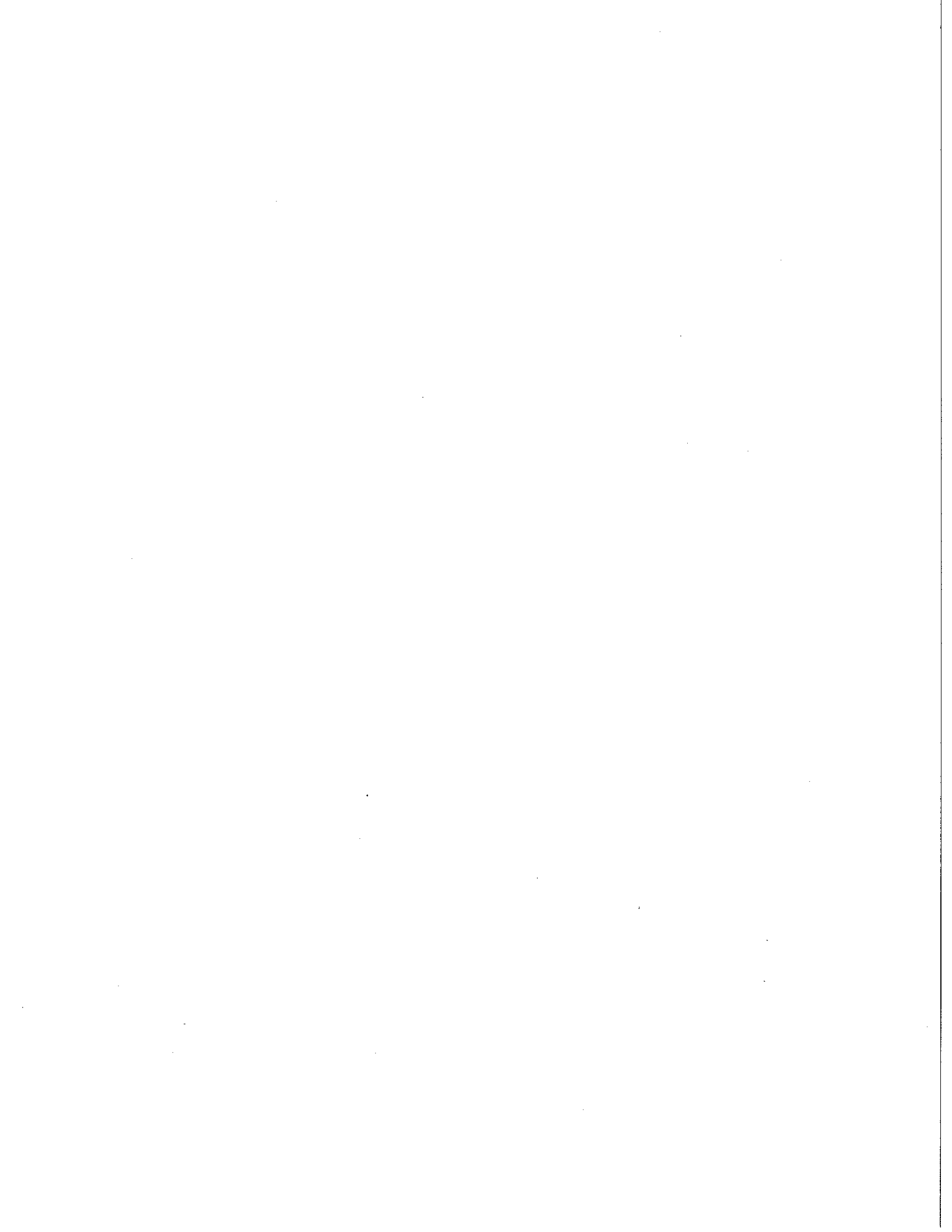
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- b Is not a private foundation and normally has gross receipts of not more than \$5,000 in each tax year; or
- c Is a subordinate organization covered by a group exemption letter, but only if the parent or supervisory organization timely submitted a notice covering the subordinate.

3 If the organization does not meet any of the exceptions on line 2 above, are you filing Form 1023 within 27 months from the end of the month in which the organization was created or formed?  Yes  No

If "Yes," your organization qualifies under Regulation section 301.9100-2, for an automatic 12-month extension of the 15-month filing requirement. Do not answer questions 4 through 6.

If "No," answer question 4.

4 If you answer "No" to question 3, does the organization wish to request an extension of time to apply under the "reasonable action and good faith" and the "no prejudice to the interest of the government" requirements of Regulations section 301.9100-3?  Yes  No

If "Yes," give the reasons for not filing this application within the 27-month period described in question 3. See **Specific Instructions**, Part III, Line 4, before completing this item. Do not answer questions 5 and 6.

If "No," answer questions 5 and 6.

5 If you answer "No" to question 4, your organization's qualification as a section 501(c)(3) organization can be recognized only from the date this application is filed. Therefore, do you want us to consider the application as a request for recognition of exemption as a section 501(c)(3) organization from the date the application is received and not retroactively to the date the organization was created or formed?  Yes  No

6 If you answer "Yes" to question 5 above and wish to request recognition of section 501(c)(4) status for the period beginning with the date the organization was formed and ending with the date the Form 1023 application was received (the effective date of the organization's section 501(c)(3) status), check here  and attach a completed page 1 of Form 1024 to this application.

**Part III** Technical Requirements (Continued)

- 7 Is the organization a private foundation?  
 Yes (Answer question 8.)  
 No (Answer question 9 and proceed as instructed.)

- 8 If you answer "Yes" to question 7, does the organization claim to be a private operating foundation?  
 Yes (Complete Schedule E.)  
 No

After answering question 8 on this line, go to line 14 on page 7.

- 9 If you answer "No" to question 7, indicate the public charity classification the organization is requesting by checking the box below that most appropriately applies:

**THE ORGANIZATION IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION BECAUSE IT QUALIFIES:**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| a | <input type="checkbox"/> As a church or a convention or association of churches (CHURCHES MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE A.)   | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(i)                       |
| b | <input type="checkbox"/> As a school (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE B.)   | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)                      |
| c | <input type="checkbox"/> As a hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization, or a medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital (These organizations, except for hospital service organizations, MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE C.)                                      | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)                     |
| d | <input type="checkbox"/> As a governmental unit described in section 170(c)(1).  | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(v)                       |
| e | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated solely for the benefit of, or in connection with, one or more of the organizations described in a through d, g, h, or i (MUST COMPLETE SCHEDULE D.)   | Section 509(a)(3)  |
| f | <input type="checkbox"/> As being organized and operated exclusively for testing for public safety.  | Section 509(a)(4)  |
| g | <input type="checkbox"/> As being operated for the benefit of a college or university that is owned or operated by a governmental unit.  | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)                      |
| h | <input type="checkbox"/> As receiving a substantial part of its support in the form of contributions from publicly supported organizations, from a governmental unit, or from the general public.  | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)                      |
| i | <input type="checkbox"/> As normally receiving not more than one-third of its support from gross investment income and more than one-third of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions (subject to certain exceptions). | Section 509(a)(2)  |
| j | <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is a publicly supported organization but is not sure whether it meets the public support test of h or i. The organization would like the IRS to decide the proper classification.  | Sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or Section 509(a)(2) |

If you checked one of the boxes a through f in question 9, go to question 14. If you checked box g in question 9, go to questions 11 and 12. If you checked box h, i, or j, in question 9, go to question 10.

**Part III Technical Requirements (Continued)**

- 10 If you checked box h, i, or j in question 9, has the organization completed a tax year of at least 8 months?  
 **Yes**—Indicate whether you are requesting:  
 A definitive ruling. (Answer questions 11 through 14.)  
 An advance ruling. (Answer questions 11 and 14 and attach two Forms 872-C completed and signed.)  
 **No**—You must request an advance ruling by completing and signing two Forms 872-C and attaching them to the Form 1023.

- 11 If the organization received any unusual grants during any of the tax years shown in Part IV-A, **Statement of Revenue and Expenses**, attach a list for each year showing the name of the contributor; the date and the amount of the grant; and a brief description of the nature of the grant.

**NO**

- 12 If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 170(b)(1)(A)(v) or (vi), check here  and:

- a Enter 2% of line 8, column (e), Total, of Part IV-A . . . . .  
 b Attach a list showing the name and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or "publicly supported" organization) whose total gifts, grants, contributions, etc., were more than the amount entered on line 12a above.

- 13 If you are requesting a definitive ruling under section 509(a)(2), check here  and:

- a For each of the years included on lines 1, 2, and 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each "disqualified person." (For a definition of "disqualified person," see **Specific Instructions**, Part II, Line 4d, on page 3.)  
 b For each of the years included on line 9 of Part IV-A, attach a list showing the name of and amount received from each payer (other than a "disqualified person") whose payments to the organization were more than \$5,000. For this purpose, "payer" includes, but is not limited to, any organization described in sections 170(b)(1)(A)(i) through (vi) and any governmental agency or bureau.

14 Indicate if your organization is one of the following. If so, complete the required schedule. (Submit only those schedules that apply to your organization. Do not submit blank schedules.)	Yes	No	If "Yes," complete Schedule:
Is the organization a church? . . . . .			A
Is the organization, or any part of it, a school? . . . . .			B
Is the organization, or any part of it, a hospital or medical research organization? . . . . .			C
Is the organization a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization? . . . . .			D
Is the organization a private operating foundation? . . . . .			E
Is the organization, or any part of it, a home for the aged or handicapped? . . . . .			F
Is the organization, or any part of it, a child care organization? . . . . .			G
Does the organization provide or administer any scholarship benefits, student aid, etc.? . . . .			H
Has the organization taken over, or will it take over, the facilities of a "for profit" institution? . . . .			I

**Part IV Financial Data**

Complete the financial statements for the current year and for each of the 3 years immediately before it. If in existence less than 4 years, complete the statements for each year in existence. If in existence less than 1 year, also provide proposed budgets for the 2 years following the current year.

**A. Statement of Revenue and Expenses**

	Current tax year	3 prior tax years or proposed budget for 2 years			(e) TOTAL
	(a) From..... to	(b) ..1/01.	(c) ..1/1/02	(d) .....	
<b>Revenue</b>					
1 Gifts, grants, and contributions received (not including unusual grants—see page 6 of the instructions).	178,008.96	322,099	364,209		864,316.96
2 Membership fees received					
3 Gross investment income (see instructions for definition)					
4 Net income from organization's unrelated business activities not included on line 3					
5 Tax revenues levied for and either paid to or spent on behalf of the organization					
6 Value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge (not including the value of services or facilities generally furnished the public without charge)					
7 Other income (not including gain or loss from sale of capital assets) (attach schedule)					
8 Total (add lines 1 through 7)					
9 Gross receipts from admissions, sales of merchandise or services, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is not an unrelated business within the meaning of section 513. Include related cost of sales on line 22					
10 Total (add lines 8 and 9)					
11 Gain or loss from sale of capital assets (attach schedule)					
12 Unusual grants					
13 Total revenue (add lines 10 through 12)	178,008.96	322,099	364,209		864,316.96
<b>Expenses</b>					
14 Fundraising expenses	3156.42	29,729	32,702		
15 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)					
16 Disbursements to or for benefit of members (attach schedule)					
17 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (attach schedule)	13,395.00	47,500	52,250		
18 Other salaries and wages	1,302.50	44,700	49,170		
19 Interest	1,899.96	1,000	0		
20 Occupancy (rent, utilities, etc.)	5,833.31	0	0		
21 Depreciation and depletion					
22 Other (attach schedule)	144,500.88	209,170	230,087		
23 Total expenses (add lines 14 through 22)	170,088.07	322,099	364,209		
24 Excess of revenue over expenses (line 13 minus line 23)	7,920.89	0	0		

**Part IV** Financial Data (Continued)

B. Balance Sheet (at the end of the period shown)		Current tax year Date .....
<b>Assets</b>		
1	Cash . . . . .	43,868.46
2	Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	8,200.00
3	Inventories . . . . .	
4	Bonds and notes receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	
5	Corporate stocks (attach schedule) . . . . .	
6	Mortgage loans (attach schedule) . . . . .	
7	Other investments (attach schedule) . . . . .	
8	Depreciable and depletable assets (attach schedule) . . . . .	5,852.43
9	Land . . . . .	
10	Other assets (attach schedule) . . . . .	
11	<b>Total assets</b> (add lines 1 through 10) . . . . .	57,920.89
<b>Liabilities</b>		
12	Accounts payable . . . . .	
13	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., payable . . . . .	
14	Mortgages and notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .	50,000.00
15	Other liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .	
16	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 12 through 15) . . . . .	50,000.00
<b>Fund Balances or Net Assets</b>		
17	Total fund balances or net assets . . . . .	7,920.89
18	<b>Total liabilities and fund balances or net assets</b> (add line 16 and line 17) . . . . .	57,920.89

If there has been any substantial change in any aspect of the organization's financial activities since the end of the period shown above, check the box and attach a detailed explanation . . . . .

**SCHEDULES**

**DEPRECIABLE AND DEPLETABLE ASSETS (Part IV, Balance Sheet, Line 8)**

Computer	3819.09
Lateral Filing Cabinet	730.34
Desks	1303.00
Total Equipment	<u>5852.43</u>

**LIABILITIES (Part IV, Balance Sheet, Line 14)**

Commercial Note with The Bank of South Carolina in the amount of \$50,000 dated 6/20/00 and renewed on 11/14/00. It is expected that this note will be paid in full by 3/31/00.

**OTHER EXPENSES (Part IV, Statement of Revenue and Expenses, Line 22)**

Community Awareness/Media Campaign	116046.56
Continuing Education	300.00
From Darkness to Light Conference	12530.46
Office Expense	964.46
Payroll Taxes	449.44
Postage	2780.87
Printing	5115.73
Telephone (cel/internet line/800 program line)	1083.11
Travel	5230.25
<b>Total Other Expenses:</b>	<u><u>144500.88</u></u>



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Form **872-C**

**Consent Fixing Period of Limitation Upon  
Assessment of Tax Under Section 4940 of the  
Internal Revenue Code**

OMB No. 1545-0058

(Rev. September 1998)

To be used with  
Form 1023. Submit  
in duplicate.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

(See instructions on reverse side.)

Under section 6501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, and as part of a request filed with Form 1023 that the organization named below be treated as a publicly supported organization under section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) or section 509(a)(2) during an advance ruling period,

**FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT**

(Exact legal name of organization as shown in organizing document)

**1061 KING STREET • CHARLESTON, SC 29403**

(Number, street, city or town, state, and ZIP code)

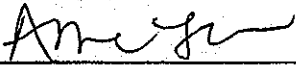
and the

District Director of  
Internal Revenue, or  
Assistant  
Commissioner  
(Employee Plans and  
Exempt Organizations)

consent and agree that the period for assessing tax (imposed under section 4940 of the Code) for any of the 5 tax years in the advance ruling period will extend 8 years, 4 months, and 15 days beyond the end of the first tax year.

However, if a notice of deficiency in tax for any of these years is sent to the organization before the period expires, the time for making an assessment will be further extended by the number of days the assessment is prohibited, plus 60 days.

Ending date of first tax year .....  
(Month, day, and year)

Name of organization (as shown in organizing document) <b>FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT</b>	Date 12.15.00
Officer or trustee having authority to sign Signature ▶ 	Type or print name and title EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
<b>For IRS use only</b>	
District Director or Assistant Commissioner (Employee Plans and Exempt Organizations)	Date

By ▶

You must complete Form 872-C and attach it to the Form 1023 if you checked box h, i, or j of Part III, question 9, and the organization has not completed a tax year of at least 8 months.

For example: If the organization incorporated May 15 and its year ends December 31, it has completed a tax year of only 7½ months. Therefore, Form 872-C must be submitted.

- (a) Enter the name of the organization. This must be entered exactly as it appears in the organizing document. Do not use abbreviations unless the organizing document does.
- (b) Enter the current address.
- (c) Enter the ending date of the first tax year.

For example:

- (1) If the organization was formed on June 15 and it has chosen December 31 as its year end, enter December 31, .....
  - (2) If the organization was formed June 15 and it has chosen June 30 as its year end, enter June 30, ..... In this example, the organization's first tax year consists of only 15 days.
- (d) The form must be signed by an authorized officer or trustee, generally the president or treasurer. The name and title of the person signing must be typed or printed in the space provided.
  - (e) Enter the date that the form was signed.

DO NOT MAKE ANY OTHER ENTRIES.

