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Form **990**

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)

OMB No. 1545-0047

2010

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2010 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS, INC.		D Employer identification number 84-0440359
	Doing Business As		
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	E Telephone number 720-865-3500
	909 York Street		
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Denver, CO 80206		G Gross receipts \$ 26,262,305.	
F Name and address of principal officer: Brian Vogt same as C above		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527			
J Website: ▶ www.botanicgardens.org			
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			L Year of formation: 1951
M State of legal domicile: CO			

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>See Part III, Line 1 for description of the Gardens' mission.</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	35
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	35
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	211
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	1000
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0.
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0.
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year: 13,293,038. Current Year: 18,834,762.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	4,375,317. 5,850,017.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	314,298. 5,928.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	495,665. 926,004.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	18,478,318. 25,616,711.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	0. 0.
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0. 0.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	6,690,959. 7,252,888.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0. 0.
		16b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 876,681.	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	14,716,728. 20,433,464.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	21,407,687. 27,686,352.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-2,929,369. -2,069,641.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year: 10,620,038. End of Year: 8,061,777.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	3,676,259. 3,187,639.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	6,943,779. 4,874,138.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	▶ Signature of officer	Date			
	▶ Brian Vogt, Chief Executive Officer	Type or print name and title			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Laurie Anderson	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶ Kundinger, Corder & Engle, P.C.	Firm's EIN ▶	Firm's address ▶ 475 Lincoln St., Ste. 200 Denver, CO 80203	Phone no. 303-534-5953	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: Denver Botanic Gardens, Inc. connects people with plants by creating horticulturally excellent displays of plant collections, education programs, research and events. DBG concentrates on native plants from steppe ecosystems and is an accredited AAM museum.

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

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

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 21,712,803. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 3,377,273.) See Schedule O.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,596,618. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,472,744.) See Schedule O.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 986,128. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 606,570.) See Schedule O.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 631,510. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 24,927,059.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		X
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	N/A	
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	X	
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>	X	
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>	X	
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>		X
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>	X	
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		
20b			

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>	X	
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	X	
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1</i>	X	
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
a	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Input box for Schedule O response

Main table with columns for question number, description, sub-questions (1a-14b), and Yes/No columns. Includes questions about Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, and various tax compliance items.

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year; 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent; 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?; 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?; 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?; 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?; 6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?; 7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?; 7b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?; 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: a The governing body? b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?; 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?; 10b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?; 11a Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?; 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.; 12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13; 12b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?; 12c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done; 13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?; 14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?; 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?; 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official; 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization; 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?; 16b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed; 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. Own website, Another's website, Upon request; 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.; 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: The Organization - 720-865-3500, 909 York Street, Denver, CO 80206

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Jerry Ladd Director	4.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
Heather Miller Director	1.00	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
Barbara Baldwin Director	5.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Andrew Boian Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
James Boyle Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Leanne Duncan Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Mary Elliman Director	4.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
John E. Freyer Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Margaret Garbe Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Kittie Hook Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Roger Armstrong Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Doris Duckworth Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Elizabeth McCann Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Greg Movesian Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Edward P. Connors Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Richard Kirk Director	2.00	X					0.	0.	0.	
Moras L. Shubert Director	1.00	X					0.	0.	0.	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Bea Taplin Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Michael Vaughn Director	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Kevin Patterson Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Judy Sellers Director	3.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Charles Woolley Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Janet Mordecai Director	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Dominic Lloyd Board Chair	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
Nancy Schotters Vice Chair	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
Anna Maria Larsen Secretary	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
1b Sub-total								0.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								417,964.	0.	52,141.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								417,964.	0.	52,141.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization 3

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
Gerald H. Phipps Inc., 5995 Greenwood Plaza, Ste. 100, Greenwood Village, CO	Construction services	14,041,806.
Rassman Design 2101 W. 29th Ave., Denver, CO 80211	Marketing Design Services	243,282.
David Owen Tryba Architects 1620 Logan Street, Denver, CO 80203	Architectural design	198,737.
Catering by Design 11095 E. 45th Ave., Denver, CO 80239	Food Catering	161,413.
Mundus Bishop Design, 333 W. Colfax Ave. Ste. 103, Denver, CO 80204	Landscape design	118,112.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization 8

See Part VII, Section A Continuation sheets

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c	71,960.				
	d Related organizations	1d	368,499.				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	15,150,325.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	3,243,978.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		18,834,762.				
	Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
2 a Educ. & Hort. Programs			900099	3,745,381.	3,745,381.		
b Membership dues			900099	2,104,636.	2,104,636.		
c							
d							
e							
f All other program service revenue							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			5,850,017.				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			5,928.		5,928.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real	501,176.				
		(ii) Personal					
		b Less: rental expenses		181,742.			
		c Rental income or (loss)		319,434.			
	d Net rental income or (loss)			319,434.		319,434.	
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 71,960. of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	81,065.				
		b Less: direct expenses		81,065.			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				0.			
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
	b Less: direct expenses						
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	756,043.					
	b Less: cost of goods sold		382,787.				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			373,256.	373,256.		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11 a Concession income		900099	212,908.	212,908.			
	b Miscellaneous		900099	20,406.	20,406.		
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			233,314.			
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			25,616,711.	6,456,587.	0.	325,362.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	353,644.	168,128.	159,333.	26,183.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	5,370,771.	4,253,706.	598,077.	518,988.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	240,622.	188,717.	29,042.	22,863.
9 Other employee benefits	865,665.	715,340.	85,921.	64,404.
10 Payroll taxes	422,186.	327,059.	54,453.	40,674.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	16,487.	13,755.	1,812.	920.
c Accounting	50,750.		50,750.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other	1,086,942.	711,721.	354,641.	20,580.
12 Advertising and promotion	427,751.	16,403.	411,286.	62.
13 Office expenses	534,983.	463,361.	32,700.	38,922.
14 Information technology	98,405.	81,995.	9,024.	7,386.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	1,561,678.	1,538,524.	9,170.	13,984.
17 Travel	136,614.	132,639.	1,589.	2,386.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	90,202.	33,834.	10,965.	45,403.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	114,246.	89,500.	13,587.	11,159.
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Capital improvements	15,009,571.	15,009,571.		
b Supplies/materials-prog	425,820.	425,820.		
c Other	381,526.	360,074.	16,152.	5,300.
d Printing & photography	255,636.	185,701.	41,005.	28,930.
e Repairs & Main. Equip/M	133,648.	132,917.	299.	432.
f All other expenses	109,205.	78,294.	2,806.	28,105.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	27,686,352.	24,927,059.	1,882,612.	876,681.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	22,859.	1	409,712.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,379,551.	2	874,184.	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3,052,719.	3	5,102,440.	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	155,945.	4	194,738.	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	260,000.	7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use	107,707.	8	148,987.	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	52,926.	9	55,126.	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 359,874.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 126,089.	232,468.	10c 233,785.	
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11		
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	418,523.	12	418,523.	
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13		
	14 Intangible assets		14		
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	3,937,340.	15	624,282.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	10,620,038.	16	8,061,777.		
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,564,505.	17	3,065,757.	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue	2,111,754.	19	121,882.	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22		
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23		
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24		
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25		
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	3,676,259.	26	3,187,639.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	2,314,892.	27	2,665,086.	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	4,628,887.	28	2,209,052.	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29		
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30		
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31		
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32		
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	6,943,779.	33	4,874,138.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	10,620,038.	34	8,061,777.		

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	25,616,711.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	27,686,352.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-2,069,641.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,943,779.
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	0.
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	4,874,138.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	X	
d	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 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.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 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.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 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 exempt 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)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?	11g(i)	
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?	11g(ii)	
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11g(iii)	
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	4,789,801.	5,641,676.	10,926,738.	12,085,553.	17,866,913.	51,310,681.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	3,272,151.	3,232,650.	3,205,962.	2,855,916.	3,072,485.	15,639,164.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	8,061,952.	8,874,326.	14,132,700.	14,941,469.	20,939,398.	66,949,845.
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.						66,949,845.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	8,061,952.	8,874,326.	14,132,700.	14,941,469.	20,939,398.	66,949,845.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	539,062.	628,564.	519,195.	540,088.	740,418.	2,967,327.
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.)	2,458,080.	3,208,385.	2,787,887.	3,338,745.	4,582,489.	16,375,586.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						86,292,758.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	16,375,586.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	77.58	%
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	76.89	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2010. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I 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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15		%
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16		%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17		%
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18		%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2010. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support tests - 2009. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ **Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.**

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

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

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

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2010)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 12,141,223.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 3,072,485.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 508,488.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	Phone and utility services. _____ _____ _____	\$ 63,383.	01/01/10
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations aggregating more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS, INC.

Employer identification number

84-0440359

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

Yes No

9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1

▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other _____
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b** Permanent endowment _____ %
- c** Term endowment _____ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i)** unrelated organizations
- (ii)** related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		80,959.	40,708.	40,251.
d Equipment		278,915.	85,381.	193,534.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				233,785.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) Real estate	418,523.	Cost
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Col (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12.) ▶	418,523.	

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Col (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) Cash restricted for capital expenditures	624,282.
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 15.) ▶	624,282.

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount	
(1) Federal income taxes		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
(11)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25.) ▶		

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740).

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part III, line 1a: The Gardens' collections, which were acquired through

purchases and contributions since the Gardens' inception, are not

recognized as assets on the statement of financial position. Purchases of

collection items are recorded as decreases in unrestricted net assets in

the year in which the items are acquired. Contributed collection items

are not reflected on the financial statements. Proceeds from deaccessions

or insurance recoveries are reflected as increases in the appropriate net

asset classes.

Part XIV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Part III, line 4: The Gardens' collections consist of living plants, herbarium, library and historical collections. The Gardens' living plant and herbarium collections are made up of approximately 31,098 types of living plants, 48,000 herbarium specimen sheets, and 24,000 preserved and documented native mushrooms. The Gardens has a library consisting of over 30,000 books, periodicals, seed and nursery catalogs, slides, pamphlets, videos, and DVDs. Additionally, the Gardens have historic buildings, tools and farm implements at its Chatfield Arboretum location.

All of these collections are held for educational, research, scientific and curatorial purposes. Each of these collection items is cataloged, preserved, and cared for, and activities verifying their existence and assessing their condition are performed continuously. The collections are subject to a policy that requires proceeds from their sales to be used to support the Gardens' collections. During 2010, de-accessioned items, primarily traded or donated to other botanical gardens, were not significant

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		Fete des Fleur (event type)	(event type)	None (total number)	
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	153,025.			153,025.
	2 Less: Charitable contributions	71,960.			71,960.
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	81,065.			81,065.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	25,487.			25,487.
	7 Food and beverages	47,953.			47,953.
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	7,625.			7,625.
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				(81,065)
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				0.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		1 Gross revenue			
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				(_____)	
8 Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7					

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No
b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No
b If "Yes," explain: _____

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No								
<p>1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use	<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees	<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
<input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel	<input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use									
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions	<input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence									
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments	<input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees									
<input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)									
<p>b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain</p>	1b									
<p>2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?</p>	2									
<p>3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization uses to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract	<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee				
<input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract									
<input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study									
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee									
<p>4 During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:</p> <p>a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment from the organization or a related organization?</p> <p>b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?</p> <p>c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?</p> <p>If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.</p>	4a	X								
	4b	X								
	4c	X								
<p>Only section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete lines 5-9.</p> <p>5 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:</p> <p>a The organization?</p> <p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.</p>	5a	X								
	5b	X								
<p>6 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:</p> <p>a The organization?</p> <p>b Any related organization?</p> <p>If "Yes" to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.</p>	6a	X								
	6b	X								
<p>7 For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III</p>	7	X								
<p>8 Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III</p>	8	X								
<p>9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?</p>	9									

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2010

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) must equal the applicable column (D) or column (E) amounts on Form 990, Part VII, line 1a.

(A) Name		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported in prior Form 990 or Form 990-EZ
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1 Brian Vogt	(i)	207,727.	0.	0.	12,448.	7,302.	227,477.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
2	(i)							
	(ii)							
3	(i)							
	(ii)							
4	(i)							
	(ii)							
5	(i)							
	(ii)							
6	(i)							
	(ii)							
7	(i)							
	(ii)							
8	(i)							
	(ii)							
9	(i)							
	(ii)							
10	(i)							
	(ii)							
11	(i)							
	(ii)							
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Part I, Line 7: The Chief Executive Officer, along with all employees

of the organization, received a year-end bonus upon satisfactorily

completing the organizational goals established by the Board of Trustees.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury
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**▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form
990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.**

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	12	157,543.	Market value
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (_____)				
26 Other ▶ (_____)				
27 Other ▶ (_____)				
28 Other ▶ (_____)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Schedule M (Form 990) (2010)

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a, Program Service Accomplishments:

Horticulture: The Horticulture department is responsible for the

management and maintenance of the living plant collections and

horticultural garden displays, which includes 31,098 total plants

belonging to 2,034 genera and 8,363 species. 2,148 new accessions were

added to our living collections in 2010. The following major garden and

construction projects were undertaken in 2010: Darlene Radichel Plant

Select Garden, Mordecai Children's Garden, Sensory Garden, Japanese

Garden Gazebo, and Greenhouse Complex with the new Marnie's Pavilion,

Orangery, and surrounding outdoor gardens. As part of our Plant

Exploration program, two Gardens' staff went on a seed and germplasm

collecting trip to Central Asia's Golden Mountains in Kazakhstan.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b, Program Service Accomplishments:

Education and Public Programs: In 2010, Denver Botanic Gardens'

Education programs reached over 33,000 children, delivering hands-on,

standards-based lessons and experiences. More than 20,000 school

children were served through over 600 school programs, and 37% of these

programs were delivered through the aid of the In Full Bloom

scholarship program. Denver Botanic Gardens expanded class and programs

offering for adults, reaching an increased audience of over 7,000

registrants. The Botanical Art & Illustration program served over 1,200

registrants, and the Rocky Mountain Gardening certificate served over

900. Over 2,500 visitors to the Gardens enjoyed guided tours, including

ones focused on the Henry Moore exhibition and tours as part of the

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Bonfils-Stanton Series.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c, Program Service Accomplishments:

Attendance at Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield exceeded 100,000 attendees for the second year in a row in 2010. Pumpkin Festival attendance was over 24,000 people in two days, and the Corn Maze drew over 46,000 people. The Chatfield Green, an outdoor theater, hosted Garrison Keillor in August. The new Community Supporting Agriculture Program had 55 subscribers and donated 1800 pounds of produce to several worthy charities in the Denver Metro area. The one-acre plot produced about 10,000 pounds of produce total. To close out the year, 15,000 people attended the Trail of Lights, a holiday season lighting display at Chatfield.

Membership Services revenue increased in 2010 over 2009, with member households growing from 19,500 to 27,758. The member household growth resulted from the completion of several major construction projects onsite which have enhanced the member experience, including the Mordecai Children's Garden, the parking garage, and the Greenhouse Complex. In addition, the Moore in the Gardens exhibit and innovative marketing efforts had a significant effect. In recognition of the strong community support, over 240 complimentary memberships were distributed to surrounding non-profit agencies to provide even greater access to the Gardens.

Marketing and Visitor Services: The Shop at the Gardens opened in 2009, featuring products that are aligned with the Gardens' core value of sustainability. Some statistics about the retail store include: a.) 34%

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of inventory on the floor at The Shop at the Gardens meets one or more

of our sustainability goals; b.) 10% of inventory at The Shop is made

from recycled materials; c.) The Shop promotes 45 different local

artists and vendors from Colorado; d.) Approximately 20% of products

for sale at The Shop are either compostable or recyclable. Also opened

in 2009, the Offshoots cafe is similarly aligned with the Gardens' core

value of sustainability. All servewear is compostable, many of the

furnishings are built with recycled and/or organic materials, and the

food is made with fresh ingredients (obtained locally whenever

possible).

Visitor services staff are cross-trained to manage admissions and the

retail store at the same time, providing a more consistent experience

for visitors to The Gardens.

The Gardens experienced record attendance of more than 819,000 visitors

to its three facilities in 2010.

Special Events held by The Gardens experienced an almost 18% increase

in attendance 2010 vs. 2009. The Gardens served over 204,000 people at

special events in 2010.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d, Other Program Services:

Research & Conservation: In 2010, the Gardens worked to help to

conserve Colorado's biodiversity through documentation, seed

collection, and monitoring and restoration efforts. We played a lead

role in organizing a bioblitz in South East Colorado. This 24-hour

event documented over 900 species of plants, fungi, and animals in the

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area. Our seed collecting efforts resulted in the safe-guarding of seed for eight of Colorado's rarest species, four of which are listed under the Endangered Species Act. Data resulting from 16 years of monitoring work on the skiff milkvetch was instrumental in the listing of the species as a candidate under the Endangered Species Act. In regard to invasive species management, we published two best management practices manuals providing guidelines for restoration after removal of invasive species such as Tamarisk from Colorado waterways.

Expenses \$ 631,510. including grants of \$ 0. Revenue \$ 0.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11: The Form 990 was reviewed in detail by the finance committee and distributed to each member of the Board of Trustees for review and comment prior to filing.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c: DBG adopted a comprehensive Code of Ethics in 2005 which includes Conflict of Interest, Whistle Blowing, and Document Retention policies which were subsequently incorporated into the Employee Guidelines and Volunteer Handbook. This Code is designed to be a continuously evolving document. The policy applies to all representatives associated with the Gardens, including the Board of Trustees, non-Trustee members of committees of the Board, officers, employees, volunteers and officially affiliated groups. Board members and officers are required to declare annually any interest they may have in other organizations/businesses; these declarations are reviewed, and if any conflict should occur the individual is required to recuse themselves from any decision or decisions impacting the Gardens that may involve those entities. The Code is reviewed at all orientations; additional periodic reviews are also conducted.

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15: DBG participates annually in salary surveys and uses the data collected as a guide to determining salary/wage ranges for positions and adjustments within the organization.

Recommendations for adjustments are reviewed and approved by the CEO and Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19: DBG makes its governing documents and its conflict of interest policy available to the public upon request. In addition, the Annual Report includes financial statements and is available on the website www.botanicgardens.org.

Form 990, Part XI, Line 2c

The Gardens' audit committee is responsible for the selection of the independent audit firm and oversight of the annual audit. The audit committee approves the selection of the audit firm annually and meets with the auditors upon conclusion of the audit. The audit firm reviews with the committee in detail the financial statements, internal control recommendations, and other required communications. There has been no change to this process in the current year.

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.** ▶ **See separate instructions.**

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
Denver Botanic Gardens Endowment, Inc. - 84-1202946, 909 York Street, Denver, CO 80206	Supports Denver Botanic Gardens	Colorado	501(c)(3)	11a			X
Plant Select - 26-0199189 CSU, 1173 Campus Delivery Fort Collins, CO 80523	Education & Research	Colorado	501(c)(3)	11a			X

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, 35a, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

	Yes	No
a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity		X
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s)	X	
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s)	X	
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s)		X
e Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s)	X	
f Sale of assets to other organization(s)		X
g Purchase of assets from other organization(s)		X
h Exchange of assets		X
i Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s)		X
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s)		X
k Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s)		X
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s)		X
m Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets		X
n Sharing of paid employees		X
o Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses		X
p Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses	X	
q Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s)		X
r Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s)		X

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) Denver Botanic Gardens Endowment, Inc.	C	388,048.FMV	
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ **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
- 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.

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

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

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Type or print	Name of exempt organization DENVER BOTANIC GARDENS, INC.	Employer identification number 84-0440359
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. C/O Kundinger, Corder & Engle, PC - 475 Lincoln St., Ste. 200	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Denver, CO 80128	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	03	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

The Organization

- The books are in the care of ▶ 909 York Street - Denver, CO 80206
 Telephone No. ▶ 720-865-3500 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 is for.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until August 15, 2011, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year 2010 or
 ▶ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 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.	3a	\$	0.
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	0.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

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.

**IRS e-file Signature Authorization
for an Exempt Organization**

For calendar year 2010, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2010, and ending _____, 20____

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.**
▶ **See instructions.**

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Name and title of officer
 Brian Vogt
 Chief Executive Officer

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1b	25616711
2a Form 990-EZ check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b	
3a Form 1120-POL check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b	
4a Form 990-PF check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b	
5a Form 8868 check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c)	5b	

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2010 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize Kundinger, Corder & Engle, P.C. to enter my PIN 13249
 ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

as my signature on the organization's tax year 2010 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2010 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ 07/28/11

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN.

84300509750
do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2010 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ _____

**ERO Must Retain This Form - See Instructions
Do Not Submit This Form To the IRS Unless Requested To Do So**