

Form **990-EZ**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
▶ For organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year.
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

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Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2005 calendar year, or tax year beginning **January 1**, 2005, and ending **December 31**, 20 05

B Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization Growing Hope	D Employer identification number 74 : 3091845
		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P.O. Box 980129	E Telephone number (734) 786-8401
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Ypsilanti, MI 48198	F Group Exemption Number . . . ▶

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

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.growinghope.net

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

J Organization type (check only one)— 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Check if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return. **Some states require a complete return.**

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ **85156**

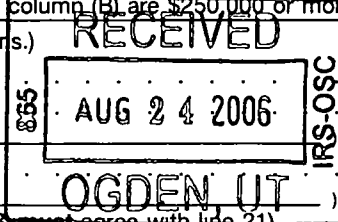
Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See page 38 of the instructions.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	76269
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	13
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (line 5a less line 5b) (attach schedule).	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	8099
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	7256	
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (line 6a less line 6b)	6c	843	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	775	
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	1947	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (line 7a less line 7b)	7c	(1172)	
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8		
9	Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8).	9	75953	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	17078
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	56923
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	5254
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	8932
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	2167
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ Telephone, postage & shipping, printing and books)	16	9727
	17	Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16)	17	100082
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (line 9 less line 17)	18	(24129)
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	46400
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20)	21	22271

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See page 41 of the instructions.)

22	Cash, savings, and investments	22	(A) Beginning of year	46100	(B) End of year	22271
			23			
23	Land and buildings	23				
			24	300		
24	Other assets (describe ▶ Accounts Receivable)	24				
			25	46400	22271	
25	Total assets	25				
			26			
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	26				
			27	46400	22271	
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	27				



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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See page 42 of the instructions.)		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)	
What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Improving Communities			
Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.			
28	Taught gardening and healthy cooking to low income youth and adults through family based sessions. Conducted youth development programs and community education.		
	(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	28a	44000
29	Developed or expanded greenhouses and gardens at schools and community sites and continued assistance at 14 existing community sites.		
	(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	29a	17000
30	Supported food access with local coalitions. Founded school garden network. Organized statewide conference. Seventy-five community and school gardner participants.		
	(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	30a	15000
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	76000

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated. See page 42 of the instructions.)				
(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Amanda Edmonds P.O. Box 980129, Ypsilanti MI 48198	Exec Director 40 hrs	37000	2730	0
S Sheldon, S Mullally, M Roby P.O. Box 980129, Ypsilanti MI 48198	Directors 5 hrs	0	0	0
R Gonzalez, N Rom, K Janiga P.O. Box 980129, Ypsilanti MI 48198	Directors 3 hrs	0	0	0
Thomopolous, Donahue, Blackburn P.O. Box 980129, Ypsilanti MI 48198	Directors 3 hrs	0	0	0

Part V Other Information (Note the attachment requirement in General Instruction V, page 14.)		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6, and 7 (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? (If "Yes," attach a statement.)	36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?	38a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the line 38 instructions and enter the amount involved	38b	
39	501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ _____ ; section 4912 ▶ _____ ; section 4955 ▶ _____		
b	501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach an explanation.	40b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		

Part V Other Information (Note the attachment requirement in General Instruction V, page 14.) (Continued)

41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Michigan

42a The books are in care of ▶ Amanda Edmonds Telephone no. ▶ (734) 786-8401
 Located at ▶ 32 N Washington Suite 2, Ypsilanti MI ZIP + 4 ▶ 48197

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?

	Yes	No
42b		✓
42c		✓

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1.

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?

If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here. ▶
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43

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

Please Sign Here

▶ Sharon P. Sheldon | August 13, 2006
 Signature of officer Date

▶ Sharon P. Sheldon, Growing Hope Board of Directors, President
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature ▶	Date	Check if self-employed ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen Inst W)
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶	EIN ▶	Phone no ▶ ()	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)

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

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

Name of the organization

GROWING HOPE

Employer identification number

74-3091845

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

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

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

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

Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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

Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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

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

	Yes	No
1 During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ _____ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B) Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities	1	X
2 During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions)		
a Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?	2a	X
b Lending of money or other extension of credit?	2b	X
c Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?	2c	X
d Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?	2d	X
e Transfer of any part of its income or assets?	2e	X
3a Do you make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc ? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how you determine that recipients qualify to receive payments)	3a	X
b Do you have a section 403(b) annuity plan for your employees?	3b	X
c During the year, did the organization receive a contribution of qualified real property interest under section 170(h)? . .	3c	X
4a Did you maintain any separate account for participating donors where donors have the right to provide advice on the use or distribution of funds?	4a	X
b Do you provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?	4b	X

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

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

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

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

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

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