

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)

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **January 1, 2008**, and ending **December 31, 20 08**

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

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

C Name of organization **Growing Hope, Inc.**
 Doing Business As
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P.O. Box 980129
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

D Employer identification number
74 3091845

E Telephone number
(734) 786-8401

G Gross receipts \$ **151,662**

F Name and address of principal officer: **Amanda Edmonds**
32 N. Washington St., Suite 11 Ypsilanti, MI, 48198

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c) (3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **www.growinghope.net**

K Type of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: **2003** **M** State of legal domicile:

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Helping people improve their lives and communities through gardening and healthy food access. Supports & empowers through community, school, & home gardens, focusing in low-income areas. Manages urban farmers market focusing on food security. Trains youth leaders in gardening, nutrition, leadership, & entrepreneurship.			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.			
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 9	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 9	
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5 2	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 800	
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a 0	
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b 0		
Revenue			Prior Year	Current Year
	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	185,480	129,801
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,831	10,427
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	9	19
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	12,928	11,064
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	204,248	151,311	
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		6,573
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	57,969	73,098
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	31,842	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	39,173	80,313
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	97,142	159,984	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	107,106	(8,673)	
Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Year	End of Year
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	286,358	270,648
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	189,459	181,728
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	96,894	88,920	

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: *Sharon P. Sheldon* Date: **8/17/09**
 Type or print name and title: **Sharon P. Sheldon, Board President**

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____
 Check if self-employed Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): _____
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: _____ EIN: _____
 Phone no: () _____

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Growing Hope's mission is to help people improve their lives and communities through gardening and healthy food access. Through an asset-based, empowerment approach we build capacity to develop and sustain community & school gardens, grow and sell healthy food at our farmers' market, train young people, and create healthier families and neighborhoods.

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 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 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 \$ **24,556** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **12,442**)
Downtown Ypsilanti Farmer's market: Growing Hope managed it's third season of a successful and growing urban farmers' market in a community with many barriers to fresh food access. Leadership occurs in partnership with local food co-op, County Public Health Department, and MSU Extension, who help make decisions and facilitate special programs. Strong focus of the market is increasing access to healthy food and supporting farmers, gardeners and other (small entrepreneur) vendors. 2008 saw a significant increase in customer visits, vendor participation, sales, and food stamp sales.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **52,623** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **31,720**)
Education Programs: Through work with schools where a high percentage of students receive free or reduced lunch facilitating after-school and summer youth development programs, a summer camp for homeless youth and hosting youth volunteers, Growing Hope's youth education programs impact over 1000 young people. Further education & training programs empower teams (of mostly adults) to develop school and community gardens. Training in 2008 resulted in several new gardens, and supported the continuance of over 25 existing sites. General Public education at fairs and outreach events, through on-time classes, and annual Tour De Fresh reached over 500 others.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **41,534** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **21,000**)
Growing Hope Center: The development of a demonstration and training urban farm & garden center continued in 2008, with development of 3000 square foot demonstration hoop house and large garden areas, all developed and maintained by volunteers. This site is adjacent to public housing, liquor stores, and foreclosed properties, & Growing Hope's revitalization of the 1.4 acre property is helping with community revitalization in this area. Over 1000 people visited the Growing Hope Center to volunteer, learn, or tour this sustainable urban food system education site in progress.

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

4e Total program service expenses ► \$ **118,716** (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	✓	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	✓	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		✓
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		✓
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		✓
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		✓
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		✓
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		✓
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V		✓
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	✓	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		✓
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		✓
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I		✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		✓
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		✓
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		✓
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		✓
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		✓
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		✓
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		✓
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		✓
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? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.		✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	✓	
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		✓

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		✓
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>		✓
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1a	0		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	0		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	✓	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2a	3		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> this return. (see instructions)	✓	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		✓
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	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)?		✓
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		✓
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		✓
5c	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	✓	
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	✓	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		✓
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		✓
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		✓
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		✓
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		✓
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		✓
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		✓
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		✓
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		✓
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		✓
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b Enter the number of voting members that 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 organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		✓
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material 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?	✓	
9a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		✓
b 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?		
10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990	✓	
11 Is there any officer, director or 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

	Yes	No
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	✓	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	✓	
c 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:		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	✓	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)	✓	
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?		✓
b 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

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► **Michigan**
- 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: ► **Amanda Edmonds, 32 N. Washington, Suite 11, 734-786-8401**

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.

- 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 the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(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			
Sharon Sheldon, President 860 N. Sages Drive, PO Box 195, Lupton, MI		✓		✓						
Patty Donahue, Secretary 100027 Fairview, Taylor, MI 48180		✓		✓						
Lynne Chaimowitz, Treasurer 3070 La Salle Dr. Ann Arbor, MI 48108		✓		✓						
E. Daniel Avres, Director 306 N. Clubview DR., Ypsilanti, MI 48197		✓								
Pauline Bigby, Director 1441 Witmire Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197		✓								
Ellen Bunting, Director 4120 E. Loch Alpine, Ann Arbor, MI 48103		✓								
Khalilah Burt, Director 3100 Woodland Hills Dr. Apt 26, Ann arbor, MI		✓								
Kristen Cuhran, Director 11 S. Normal Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197		✓								
Aubrey Thomason, Director 211 Woodland, Ypsilanti, MI 48197		✓								
Amanda Maria Edmonds, Executive Director 320 Garland St. Ypsilanti, MI 48198	60				✓	✓	40,915			

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	1a Federated campaigns	1a	0				
	b Membership dues	1b	0				
	c Fundraising events	1c	11,081				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions).	1e	42,081				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	76,639				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f. \$		-0-				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶			129,801			
	Program Service Revenue	2a Program related sales	Business Code		6,285		
b Program Service Fees				4,142			
c							
d							
e							
f All other program service revenue							
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶				10,427			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶			19		0	0
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶			0			
	5 Royalties ▶			0			
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss) ▶			0		
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other	0	0		
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses		0	0		
		c Gain or (loss)		0	0		
		d Net gain or (loss) ▶			0		
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 11,081 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a		959			
		b Less: direct expenses	b	351			
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶			608		
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a		3,433			
b Less: direct expenses		b	0				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶				3,433			
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a		0				
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b	0				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶			0			
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code				
11a Merchandise Sales				1,818			
	b Misc. Sales				5,205		
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶				7,023			
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e ▶				151,311			

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).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(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	6,573	6,573		
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	40,916	28,641	4,092	8,183
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0			
7 Other salaries and wages	22,321	22,321		
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9 Other employee benefits	5,288	3,701	529	1,058
10 Payroll taxes	4,573	3,201	457	915
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	1,031	413	501	117
d Lobbying	0			
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f Investment management fees	0			
g Other	10,418	4,368		6,050
12 Advertising and promotion	1,226	1,226		
13 Office expenses	13,715	8,346	1,424	3,945
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	17,202	12,177	1,757	3,268
17 Travel	1,157	1,146	11	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	2,085	2,056	5	24
20 Interest	0			
21 Payments to affiliates	169	118	17	34
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	3,191	2,234	319	638
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Rental Fees	1,635			1,634
b Garden Supplies	22,047	20,597	15	1,435
c Bank service fees	215		215	
d Staff Development	334	67	262	5
e				
f All other expenses	5,888	1,531	173	4,184
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	159,984	118,716	9,774	31,491
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation	0			

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	35,111	1	19,015
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	360
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	62	8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	62
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	251,525		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	628		
			250,865	10c	250,897
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	315	15	315	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	250,363	16	270,649	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	10,192	17	1,789
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow 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	14,267	22	14,267
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	165,000	23	165,000
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	672
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	189,459	26	181,728
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	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	91,761	32	88,920
33	Total net assets or fund balances		33		
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	281,200	34	270,649	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		✓
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		✓
2c	If "Yes" to lines 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?		
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?		✓
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1-3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
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 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	%
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008. 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 type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3 % support test—2007. 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—2008. 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—2007. 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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants")	79,530	76,269	64,002	188,870	129,801	538,472
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	2,418	-329	11,544	17,382	10,427	41,442
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Total. Add lines 1-5	81,948	75,940	75,546	206,252	140,228	579,914
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0	0	0	0	0	0
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						579,914

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	81,948	75,940	75,546	206,252	140,228	579,914
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	2,418	13	0	9	19	2,459
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	2,418	13	0	9	19	2,459
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						582,373
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.6 %
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	99.1 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	.04 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	.01 %

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. 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—2007. 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 D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

Name of the organization

Growing Hope, Inc.

Employer identification number

74 3091845

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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? (Yes/No), 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor or other impermissible private benefit? (Yes/No)

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically important land area, Preservation of certified historic structure; 2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year; 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable 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, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? (Yes/No); 6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year; 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing 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.

Table with 2 columns: Revenues, Assets. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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; 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 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 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 Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if 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 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 Investment earnings or 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:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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

Part VI Investments—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) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0	250,539		250,539
b Buildings	0	139	139	-0-
c Leasehold improvements	0			0
d Equipment	0	847	489	358
e Other	0	315	0	315
Total. Add lines 1a–1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				251,212

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ To be completed by organizations that answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,
or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.

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Name of the organization
Growing Hope, Inc.

Employer identification number
74 : 3091845

Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

- 2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Amanda Edmonds, Payroll & Expenses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				14,267	14,267		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Total										

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of grant or type of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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