

Form 990-EZ

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **MAY 1, 2008** and ending **APR 30, 2009**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <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 WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER		D Employer identification number 68-0475089
		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 863 LEO WAY		E Telephone number 510-420-1445
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 OAKLAND, CA 94611-1964		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.WIXARIKA.ORG**
J Organization type (check only one) — 501(c)(3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527
H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ **\$ 54,606.**

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

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1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	54,485.
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
4	Investment income	4	
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	121.
	b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	121.
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe)	8	
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	54,606.

10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	54,367.
13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	425.
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	8,189.
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	30.
16	Other expenses (describe)	16	8,497.
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	71,508.

18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-16,902.
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	29,560.
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	-796.
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	11,862.

Part II Balance Sheets. If total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. (See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	16,914.	936.
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe)	12,646.	10,926.
25	Total assets	29,560.	11,862.
26	Total liabilities (describe)	0.	0.
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	29,560.	11,862.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI)

		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		X
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		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (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 section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a 0.		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
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?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0. ; section 4912 ▶ 0. ; section 4955 ▶ 0.		
b	Section 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," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0.		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0.		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ CA		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ YVONNE NEGRIN Telephone no. ▶ 510-528-7053 Located at ▶ 863 LEO WAY, OAKLAND, CA ZIP + 4 ▶ 94708-1132		
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)? 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.	Yes	No
42b			X
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: ▶		X
42c			X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

- 46 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
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
- 48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?
- 50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

	Yes	No
46		X
47		X
48		X
49a		X
49b		

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(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 \$100,000				

- 51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000		

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: *Yvonne Negrin*
 Date: 3/5/2010

Paid Preparer's Use Only
 Preparer's signature: *[Signature]*
 Date: _____
 Check if self-employed:
 Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr): _____
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed): HENRY C. LEVY & CO., CPAS & CONSULTANTS
 address, and ZIP + 4: 5940 COLLEGE AVE. OAKLAND CA 94618
 EIN no.: _____
 Phone no.: 510-652-1000

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

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.")	23,143.	39,529.	81,150.	109,891.	54,485.	308,198.
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	23,143.	39,529.	81,150.	109,891.	54,485.	308,198.
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)						260,336.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						47,862.

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	23,143.	39,529.	81,150.	109,891.	54,485.	308,198.
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						308,198.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	396.
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	15.53 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	17.94 %
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 checked="" 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")						
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 - 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 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
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) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

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

Depreciation and Amortization 990-EZ
(Including Information on Listed Property)

▶ See separate instructions. ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return: **WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER**
 Business or activity to which this form relates: **FORM 990-EZ PAGE 1**
 Identifying number: **68-0475089**

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179 Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000.
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation	3	800,000.
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property)

14	Special depreciation for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	1,720.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here		<input type="checkbox"/>

Section B - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only - see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property	/		27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/		27.5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property	/		39 yrs	MM	S/L	
	/			MM	S/L	

Section C - Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a	Class life				S/L	
b	12-year		12 yrs.		S/L	
c	40-year	/	40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations - see instr	22	1,720.
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

Part V. Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable.

Section A - Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles.)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? Yes No 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? Yes No

(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)	(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use							25	
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use								
		%						
		%						
		%						
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use								
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
		%				S/L -		
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1							28	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1								29

Section B - Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person. If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles.

	(a) Vehicle		(b) Vehicle		(c) Vehicle		(d) Vehicle		(e) Vehicle		(f) Vehicle	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)												
31 Total commuting miles driven during the year												
32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven												
33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32												
34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours?												
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?												
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?												

Section C - Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons.

	Yes	No
37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees?		
38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners		
39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use?		
40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received?		
41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use?		

Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles.

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs	(b) Date amortization begins	(c) Amortizable amount	(d) Code section	(e) Amortization period or percentage	(f) Amortization for this year
42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year:					
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year					43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44

Wixarika Research Center
EIN: 68-0475089
2008 Form 990
Attachment to Schedule A, Section C, Line 17a

Facts-and-circumstances test

The organization maintains an active, continuous and bona fide fundraising program designed to attract new and additional public and governmental support. In an effort to generate public support, the organization sends out an annual letter to solicit donations. In addition, the foundation also annually sends an e-mail requesting donations to all of the people who have signed up to receive the organization's electronic newsletter. Finally, the organization's website offers educational publications, greeting cards, and t-shirts in exchange for donations.

The organization also regularly conducts fundraising events. During 2009 the organization held two fundraising events. The first was held in June 2009 at a small gallery space in Berkeley, CA where an exhibit of photographs and a few donated paintings were mounted and offered for sale. During the fundraising event, the organization screened two short documentary films on the Wixarika and gave a talk. The second event was held in Cambridge, MA where gallery space was donated for six weeks in the fall of 2009. The organization mounted an exhibit of artworks loaned by private collectors in the Boston area by the world famous Wixarika artist, José Benítez Sánchez. Here the organization also gave a talk and showed a documentary film on the Wixarika.

Although during the 2008 tax year, the majority of the organization's support came from one very generous individual, the organization has a base of yearly donors that is growing. The organization also counts on a great deal of non-monetary support in the way of technical assistance, computer maintenance, legal advice, help with translating and editing, reporting from NGO's in the field and Wixarika professionals and elected authorities who keep the organization current on events taking place in Mexico. The organization aims to keep access to their website free to the public and the in-kind donations are therefore of significant importance to the organization.

Composition of the Board of Directors:

The founders and board of directors of the foundation are all people who have been interested in or deeply involved with the Wixarika Nation for many decades.

Juan Negrín, Director and founder of the Wixarika Research Center, has worked in the field for 40 years and founded and headed three NGO's benefiting the Wixarika in Mexico prior to returning to live in the United States. Two of these NGO's continue to operate providing important services to the Wixarika communities. Mr. Negrín continues his investigative work in the field making trips to the sierras and participating in community general assemblies.

Yvonne Negrín, Associate Director and co-founder of the Wixárika Research Center, was active in the field from 1970 through 1996 and actively worked with four NGO's in Mexico during that time. She continues to make trips to Mexico from time to time and is in constant communication with the Wixárika and colleagues in the field.

Richard Reader, President of the Board of Directors, has had an interest in the Wixárika since the mid 1970's. He and his wife have maintained friendships with, and given financial assistance to, individual Wixárika and they have traveled to Mexico on a number of occasions to participate in pilgrimages and to visit their Wixárika friends. Mr. Reader is a specialist in computer technology and social networking and advises the foundation in his area of expertise.

Richard Whittaker, Vice President of the Board of Directors, is a photographer, writer and publisher and has had a long standing interest in the work of Juan Negrín and the survival of Wixárika culture. He has conducted and published several interviews with Mr. Negrín over the years. As a photographer and publisher he has vast knowledge of the software programs used in those two fields and he assists in those areas when needed.

Diana Negrín, Secretary of the Board of Directors, is a Doctoral candidate at the University of California Berkeley – Department of Geography and a Ford Fellow. Diana was raised from birth around the Wixárika people and the focus of her doctoral work in Human Geography is on Wixárika migrations, how they are integrating into Mexico's urban areas as students seeking a higher education, and the difficulties they encounter. Diana gives hours of her time each month to translating articles and essays and is presently living in Mexico and is an important liaison between the foundation and the Wixarika people.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT	1
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
BANK FEES		88.	
COMPUTER		994.	
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS		134.	
EDUCATION		215.	
FOUNDATION ACQUISITIONS		65.	
LATE FEES		30.	
PHOTOGRAPHY EXPENSES		22.	
TRANSLATION FEES		600.	
MEALS		67.	
PAYROLL TAXES		3,465.	
TRAVEL		1,995.	
INTERNET & WEB HOSTING		822.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16		8,497.	

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER ASSETS	STATEMENT	2
DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR	
YARN PAINTINGS BY JOSE BENITEZ SANCHEZ	9,750.	9,750.	
OTHER DEPRECIABLE ASSETS	2,896.	1,176.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24	12,646.	10,926.	

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	3
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
OVERSTATED BANK BALANCE AS OF 04-30-2008		-796.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 20		-796.	

FORM 990-EZ OCCUPANCY, RENT, UTILITIES AND MAINTENANCE STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

DEPRECIATION

1,720.

OTHER EXPENSES

6,469.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 14

8,189.

FORM 990-EZ

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 5

A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL
BENEFIT CONTRACT? [] YES [X] NO

B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [] YES [X] NO

MAINTENANCE OF A WORLD-CLASS ARCHIVE OF HUICHOL CULTURE AND A WEBSITE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC. WRC ALSO MAINTAINED A WEB-BASED ARCHIVAL DATABASE OF THE HUICHOL INDIAN CULTURE AND ART.

THROUGH THE FOUNDATION'S WEB SITE, WE RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT WIXARIKA CULTURE AND THE CHALLENGES THESE PEOPLE ARE FACING TODAY DUE TO THEIR RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE SITE WILL AMPLIFY THEIR VOICES AND ADD WEIGHT TO THEIR OPINIONS AND CONCERNS. OUR WEBSITE IS ALSO GIVING THEM ACCESS TO IMAGES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY COLLECTION OF THEIR TRADITIONAL, SACRED, AND CONTEMPORARY ART.

THE WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER HAS BEEN BUILDING A WEBSITE THAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE DIGITAL ARCHIVE OF WIXARIKA CULTURE, HISTORY AND ART. THE INITIAL WORK WE ARE PRESERVING CONSISTS OF PHOTOGRAPHS, DOCUMENTS, TAPE RECORDINGS AND IMAGES OF SACRED, TRADITIONAL, AND CONTEMPORARY ART, COLLECTED OR PHOTOGRAPHED BY JUAN AND YVONNE NEGRIN FROM 1970 TO PRESENT. THE PAPER ARCHIVES BEING DIGITALIZED INCLUDE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS AND NEWS REPORTS PERTAINING TO PAST AND PRESENT LAND DISPUTES AND THE EXPLOITATION OF THE WIXARIKA'S NATURAL RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY DOCUMENTS AND PETITIONS DRAWN UP AT THEIR GENERAL ASSEMBLIES. HUNDREDS OF COLOR TRANSPARENCIES TAKEN BY JUAN & YVONNE NEGRIN ARE BEING SCANNED IN HIGH RESOLUTION FOR PRESERVATION. THESE PHOTOGRAPHS ARE UNIQUE BECAUSE THE WIXARIKA COMMUNITIES RARELY PERMITTED CAMERAS TO BE USED TO CAPTURE THEIR WAY OF LIFE, THEIR CEREMONIES, OR THEIR SACRED SPOTS BY OUTSIDERS. AN EXCEPTION WAS MADE IN THE CASE OF THE NEGRIN'S BECAUSE OF THEIR DEDICATED WORK IN DEFENDING THE LAND AND RESOURCES OF THE WIXARIKA PEOPLE AND THE NON-PROFIT NATURE OF THE WORK THEY CARRIED OUT OVER SEVERAL DECADES. THE TAPE RECORDINGS TO BE CONVERTED INTO DIGITAL FORMAT CONSIST OF SACRED CHANTS, ORAL HISTORY AS RECOUNTED BY THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS, TRADITIONAL MUSIC, COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES AND INTERVIEWS. PRESENTLY THE TAPES ARE ON CASSETTES AND THE DIGITAL CONVERSION IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THIS IMPORTANT BODY OF WORK.

ADVOCACY FOR THE HUICHOL INDIANS IN MEXICO, AND PRESERVATION AND PROMOTION OF THE HUICHOL CULTURE AND ARTWORK.

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.

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

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization WIXARIKA RESEARCH CENTER	Employer identification number 68-0475089
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions 863 LEO WAY	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions OAKLAND, CA 94611-1964	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return)

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|---|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

YVONNE NEGRIN

- The books are in the care of ▶ **863 LEO WAY - OAKLAND, CA 94708-1132**
Telephone No ▶ **510-528-7053** 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 will cover

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **DECEMBER 15, 2009**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for.

▶ calendar year _____ or

▶ tax year beginning **MAY 1, 2008**, and ending **APR 30, 2009**

2 If this tax year 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	\$	
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b	\$	
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	3c	\$	N/A

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