

Form **990**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

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

OMB No 1545-0047
2011
Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2011 and ending 12-31-2011

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization GROWING HOPE INC Doing Business As		D Employer identification number 74-3091845
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 922 W MICHIGAN AVE		E Telephone number (734) 786-8401
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 YPSILANTI, MI 48197		G Gross receipts \$ 501,235
	F Name and address of principal officer AMANDA EDMONDS 922 W MICHIGAN AVE YPSILANTI, MI 48198		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list (see instructions) H(c) Group exemption number

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

J Website: WWW.GROWINGHOPE.NET

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other **L** Year of formation 2003 **M** State of legal domicile MI

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 & ENTREPRENEURISM		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	12
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	12
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	6
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	429
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b		
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	179,155	350,487
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	8	-155
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	19,120	32,210
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	329,426	491,888
	Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)			0
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)		129,041	188,993
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)			0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 70,965			
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		106,661	235,702
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	235,702	424,695	
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	93,724	67,193	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	464,787	663,703
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	178,020	277,162
		286,767	386,541

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	2012-09-10 Date
	AMANDA EDMONDS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature HENRY E ALVAREZ	Date 2012-10-15	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's taxpayer identification number (see instructions)
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 CURTIS BAILEY EXELBY & SPOSITO PC 2320 WASHTENAW AVENUE ANN ARBOR, MI 481044558			EIN Phone no (734) 663-7492

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III Yes No

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

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 & ENTREPRENEURISM

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured 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 \$ 77,766 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 DOWNTOWN YPSILANTI FARMERS' MARKET GROWNING HOPE MANAGED IT'S FOURTH 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 FOCUS OF THE MARKET IS INCREASING ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOODS AND SUPPORTING FARMERS, GARDENERS AND OTHER (SMALL ENTREPRENEUR) VENDORS, WHICH INCLUDES SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 52,130 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 EDUCATION PROGRAMS THROUGH WORK WITH SCHOOLS, WHERE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVE FREE OR REDUCED PRICE LUNCHES, 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 1,000 YOUNG PEOPLE FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS EMPOWER TEAMS (OF MOSTLY ADULTS) TO DEVELOP SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDENS GENERAL PUBLIC EDUCATION AT FAIRS AND OUTREACH EVENTS THROUGH CLASSES AND ANNUAL TOUR DE FRESH REACHED 500 OTHERS

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 63,725 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 GROWING HOPE CENTER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A DEMONSTRATION AND TRAINING URBAN FARM & GARDEN CENTER CONTINUED IN 2010, WITH DEVELOPMENT OF 3,000 SQUARE FOOT DEMONSTRATION HOOPHOUSE 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 COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION IN THIS AREA OVER 1,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE GROWING HOPE CENTER TO VOLUNTEER, LEARN, OR TOUR THIS SUSTAINABLE URBAN FOOD SYSTEM EDUCATION SITE IN PROGRESS

(Code) (Expenses \$ 104,275 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
 OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES (EXPENSES 52,024) COMMUNITY OUTREACH & INVOLVEMENT TOUCHES THOUSANDS EACH YEAR ACROSS WASHTENAW COUNTY AND MICHIGAN THROUGH PARTICIPATION AT NUMEROUS COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FAIRS, THROUGH LEADERSHIP IN THE YPSILANTI PRIDE DAY, YPSILANTI HEALTH COALITION, THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK, STATEWIDE SCHOOL GARDEN NUTRITION COMMITTEE, AND OTHERS, AND THROUGH OTHER OUTREACH EFFORTS (EXPENSES 52,009) GARDENS PROGRAM SUPPORTS HOMES, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDENS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY BY PROVIDING START-UP TRAINING, EDUCATION AND RESOURCES THAT HELP PEOPLE GROW THEIR OWN FOOD

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
 (Expenses \$ 104,275 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 297,896

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I.</i>		No
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II.</i>		No
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		No
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is 'Yes,' then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered 'No' to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		No
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		No
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I.</i>		No
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 U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II and IV.</i>		No
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 U S? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III and IV.</i>		No
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000, of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III.</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		No
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		No
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statement to this return? Note. All Form 990 filers that operated one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements.		
20b			

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules *(continued)*

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question number, question text, sub-column (e.g., 1a, 1b), and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions about Form 1096, W-2G forms, backup withholding, Form W-3, federal employment tax returns, unrelated business gross income, Form 990-T, foreign accounts, prohibited tax shelter transactions, annual gross receipts, deductible contributions, and sponsoring organizations.

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year (12); 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent (12); 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? (No); 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? (No); 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? (No); 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? (No); 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? (No); 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? (No); 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? (No); 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? (Yes); 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? (Yes); 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O (No).

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed MI; 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made 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 made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. See Additional Data Table; 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 STREET, YPSILANTI, MI 48198, (734) 786-8401.

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

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

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

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

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

• List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee "

• List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations

• List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, or highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

• List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(1) ELLEN BUNTING PAST-PRESIDE	3 00	X						0	0	0
(2) JESSICA MARTYN SECRETARY	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) ANGELA BARBASH DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0
(4) MARK BARBIERI DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0
(5) HILLARY BISNETT VICE-PRESIDE	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(6) MATTHEW COFFER DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0
(7) MICHELLE SHANKWILER DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0
(8) CHRISTOPHER MICHALAK PRESIDENT	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(9) MICHAEL EDISON TREASURER	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(10) JOEL SKENE DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0
(11) MARY LEDUC DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0
(12) JAN BENDOR DIRECTOR	3 00	X						0	0	0
(13) AMANDA MARIA EDMONDS EXECUTIVE DI	40 00			X				47,500	0	0

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					
	b	Membership dues 1b		3,404			
	c	Fundraising events 1c					
	d	Related organizations 1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) 1e		124,899			
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above 1f		222,184			
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$ <u>14,090</u>					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		350,487			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a	PROGRAM SERVICE CONTRACTS	60,413	60,413			
	b	GARDEN & FARMERS' MARKET	47,067	47,067			
	c	RENT EQUIPMENT FOR FARM MKT	1,866	1,866			
	d						
	e						
	f	All other program service revenue					
g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		109,346				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶	-155	-155			
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5	Royalties ▶					
	6a	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
		b	Gross rents				
		b	Less rental expenses				
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
		b	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory				
		b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss) ▶					
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18 a	38,583					
b	Less direct expenses b	9,162					
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶	29,421					
9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19 a	1,392					
b	Less direct expenses b	185					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶	1,207	1,207				
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a						
b	Less cost of goods sold b						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	MISCELLANEOUS	1,582	1,582				
b							
c							
d	All other revenue						
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶	1,582					
12	Total revenue. See Instructions ▶	491,888	111,980				

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)

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	47,500	33,250	4,750	9,500
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	118,407	82,885	20,136	15,386
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits	9,677	6,775	1,451	1,451
10	Payroll taxes	13,409	9,385	2,012	2,012
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting	4,044	525	3,407	112
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	75,286	47,615	6,908	20,763
12	Advertising and promotion	275	275		
13	Office expenses	15,223	10,655	2,284	2,284
14	Information technology	2,414	1,690	362	362
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	19,437	13,605	2,916	2,916
17	Travel	3,412	2,627	614	171
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,678	1,292	84	302
20	Interest	738	590	74	74
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23	Insurance	4,965	3,475	745	745
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O)				
a	CONTRACT EXPENSES	38,393	26,875	5,759	5,759
b	SUPPLIES	31,574	28,416	1,579	1,579
c	MERCHANDISE	16,123	9,970		6,153
d	SITE DEVELOPMENT	9,309	9,309		
e					
f	All other expenses	12,831	8,682	2,753	1,396
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	424,695	297,896	55,834	70,965
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A)		(B)
		Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	94,394	1	96,094
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	3,600	3	25,983
	4 Accounts receivable, net	8,798	4	11,333
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) 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		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	268,448		
	10b Less accumulated depreciation	5,820		
		249,915	10c	262,628
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities		11	917
	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	108,080	15	266,748	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	464,787	16	663,703	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	13,020	17	61,512
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	25,000
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	165,000	23	185,750
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	4,900
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	178,020	26	277,162
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	145,767	27	115,119
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	141,000	28	271,422
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33 Total net assets or fund balances	286,767	33	386,541	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	464,787	34	663,703	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	491,888
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	424,695
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	67,193
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	286,767
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	32,581
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	386,541

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

2011

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
GROWING HOPE INC

Employer identification number
74-3091845

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

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

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state

- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)
- 9 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2)
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the the supported organization?
 (ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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 through 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) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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 (Explain in Part IV.) Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets						
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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here** **Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

14 Public Support Percentage for 2011 (line 6 column (f) divided by line 11 column (f))	14	
15 Public Support Percentage for 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
16a 33 1/3% support test—2011. 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—2010. If the organization did not check the 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—2011. 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—2010. 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 IRC 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	188,870	129,801	174,529	175,433	350,487	1,019,120
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	17,382	10,427	168,488	153,222	150,748	500,267
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	206,252	140,228	343,017	328,655	501,235	1,519,387
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public Support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						1,519,387

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	206,252	140,228	343,017	328,655	501,235	1,519,387
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	9	19	1	8	18	55
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	9	19	1	8	18	55
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)	206,261	140,247	343,018	328,663	501,253	1,519,442
14 First Five Years If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 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 2011 (line 8 column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	15	100.000 %
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	100.000 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c column (f) divided by line 13 column (f))	17	0 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011. 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—2010. 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

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 74-3091845
Name: GROWING HOPE INC

Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

4d. Other program services

(Code) (Expenses \$ 104,275 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES (EXPENSES 52,024) COMMUNITY OUTREACH & INVOLVEMENT TOUCHES THOUSANDS EACH YEAR ACROSS WASHTENAW COUNTY AND MICHIGAN THROUGH PARTICIPATION AT NUMEROUS COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FAIRS, THROUGH LEADERSHIP IN THE YPSILANTI PRIDE DAY, YPSILANTI HEALTH COALITION, THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK, STATEWIDE SCHOOL GARDEN NUTRITION COMMITTEE, AND OTHERS, AND THROUGH OTHER OUTREACH EFFORTS (EXPENSES 52,009) GARDENS PROGRAM SUPPORTS HOMES, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDENS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY BY PROVIDING START-UP TRAINING, EDUCATION AND RESOURCES THAT HELP PEOPLE GROW THEIR OWN FOOD

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

OMB No 1545-0047

Supplemental Financial Statements

2011

Open to Public Inspection

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate contributions to (during year), Aggregate grants from (during year), 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?
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 for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

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

- 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply): Preservation of land for public use, Protection of natural habitat, Preservation of open space, Preservation of an historically importantly land area, Preservation of a 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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a-2d: Total number of conservation easements, Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06.

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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

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

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

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

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

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV

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

	(a) Current Year	(b) Prior Year	(c) Two Years Back	(d) Three Years Back	(e) Four Years Back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c 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)	No
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	No
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	No

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

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	225,000			225,000
b Buildings	25,678		2,621	23,057
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment	11,026		2,310	8,716
e Other	6,744		889	5,855
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				262,628

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	491,888
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	424,695
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	67,193
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	32,581
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 - 8	9	32,581
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9	10	99,774

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	524,469
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	32,581
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	32,581
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	491,888
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total Revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	491,888

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	424,695
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	424,695
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1 :		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	424,695

Part XIV Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE G (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization GROWING HOPE INC

Employer identification number 74-3091845

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a Mail solicitations
b Internet and e-mail solicitations
c Phone solicitations
d In-person solicitations
e Solicitation of non-government grants
f Solicitation of government grants
g Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

Table with 6 columns: (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser), (ii) Activity, (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? (Yes/No), (iv) Gross receipts from activity, (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i), (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization.

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		<u>HOPE'S HARVEST</u> (event type)	<u>OTHER EVENTS</u> (event type)	<u>1</u> (total number)	(Add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	17,679	11,788	9,116	38,583
	2 Less Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	17,679	11,788	9,116	38,583
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Non-cash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	3,246	1,867	4,049	9,162
10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				(9,162)	
11 Net income summary Combine lines 3 and 10 in column (d) ▶				29,421	

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

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

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities MI

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," Explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," Explain _____

- 11** Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

a The organization's facility	13a
b An outside facility	13b

14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to question on Schedule G (see instructions.)

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization
GROWING HOPE INC

Employer identification number

74-3091845

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ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION	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 & ENTREPRENEURISM
ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT DESCRIPTION	FORM 990, PAGE 2, PART III, LINE 4D	OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES (EXPENSES 52,024) COMMUNITY OUTREACH & INVOLVEMENT TOUCHES THOUSANDS EACH YEAR ACROSS WASHTENAW COUNTY AND MICHIGAN THROUGH PARTICIPATION AT NUMEROUS COMMUNITY EVENTS AND FAIRS, THROUGH LEADERSHIP IN THE YPSILANTI PRIDE DAY, YPSILANTI HEALTH COALITION, THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK, STATEWIDE SCHOOL GARDEN NUTRITION COMMITTEE, AND OTHERS, AND THROUGH OTHER OUTREACH EFFORTS (EXPENSES 52,009) GARDENS PROGRAM SUPPORTS HOMES, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY GARDENS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY BY PROVIDING START-UP TRAINING, EDUCATION AND RESOURCES THAT HELP PEOPLE GROW THEIR OWN FOOD
ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS USED TO REVIEW FORM 990	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 11B	FORM 990 IS REVIEWED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO FILING
ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 12C	BOARD PERIODICALLY REVIEWS POLICY
COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15A	COMPENSATION IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY BOARD OR DIRECTORS EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT IS SIGNED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS
COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 15B	BOARD REVIEWS AND APPROVES COMPENSATION OF KEY EMPLOYEES EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT IS SIGNED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION	FORM 990, PAGE 6, PART VI, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION CREATES GOVERNING DOCUMENTS BY HAVING AN OFFICER OR OFFICERS DRAFT DOCUMENTS, WHICH ARE BROUGHT TO THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON CONSENSUS AND VOTE THESE DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC VIA REQUEST THROUGH E-MAIL OR ON GUIDESTAR ORG

Form 4562

Depreciation and Amortization (Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No 1545-0172

2011

Attachment Sequence No 179

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service (99)

See separate instructions. Attach to your tax return.

Table with 3 columns: Name(s) shown on return, Business or activity to which this form relates, Identifying number.

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.

Table with 5 rows for Part I calculations: 1 Maximum amount, 2 Total cost, 3 Threshold cost, 4 Reduction in limitation, 5 Dollar limitation.

Table with 13 rows for Part II calculations: 6-13 (a) Description of property, (b) Cost, (c) Elected cost, 7-13 Summary rows.

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)

Table with 4 rows for Part II calculations: 14-16.

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property.)

Section A

Table with 2 rows for Section A: 17 MACRS deductions, 18 Grouping election.

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

Table with 7 columns: (a) Classification, (b) Month/year, (c) Basis, (d) Recovery period, (e) Convention, (f) Method, (g) Depreciation deduction. Rows 19a-i.

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2011 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

Table with 5 rows for Section C: 20a Class life, 20b 12-year, 20c 40-year.

Part IV Summary (see instructions)

Table with 3 rows for Part IV: 21 Listed property, 22 Total, 23 Section 263A costs.

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, 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 (see instructions) 25
26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use
27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use
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.

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?
(a) Vehicle 1 (b) Vehicle 2 (c) Vehicle 3 (d) Vehicle 4 (e) Vehicle 5 (f) Vehicle 6
Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No

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 (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees? Yes No
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? (See instructions)
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 2011 tax year (see instructions)
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2011 tax year 43
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report 44