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

Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

- ▶ 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.

OMB No 1545-1150

2008**Open to Public Inspection****A** For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning **7/01/08**, and ending **6/30/09****B** Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Termination
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

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

C Name of organization**THE CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE, INC.**

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

15 CHADWICK STREET

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

PORTLAND**ME 04102****D** Employer identification number**20-5106747****E** Telephone number**585-263-1164****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.childrensinitiative.org****H** Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)**J** Organization type (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (**3**) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**K** Check ☐ if the organization 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 ▶ \$ **96,478****Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (See the instructions for Part I.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	50,685
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	1,084
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	44,709
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	41,381
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach sch)	5c	3,328
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐		
	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	
	b	Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	
c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
b	Less cost of goods sold	7b		
c	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	55,097	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) See Statement 2	10	38,733
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	586
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 3)	16	11,368
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	50,687
	18	Excess of (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	4,410
	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	86,165
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) See Statement 4	20	-9,095	
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	81,480	

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.

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	86,165	81,480
23 Land and buildings		
24 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		
25 Total assets	86,165	81,480
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	0	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	86,165	81,480

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

Form **990-EZ** (2008)

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See the instructions for Part III.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

See Statement 5

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

28 See Statement 6

Expenses
(Required for 501(c)(3)
and (4) organizations
and 4947(a)(1) trusts,
optional for others.)

(Grants \$ 23,733) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

► **X**

28a

35,101

29 See Statement 7

(Grants \$ **15,000**) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

▶ ☒ **X**

29a

15,000

30

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

▶

30a

31 Other program services (attach schedule)

(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

▶ ☐

31a

32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

▶ 32

50,101

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated (See the instructions for Part IV.)

[illegible]

	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?		
36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instr. ▶ 37a		
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		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter: ▶ 39a		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 ▶ 39a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities ▶ 39b		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ _____, section 4912 ▶ _____, section 4955 ▶ _____		
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 ▶ _____		
d Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
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 ▶ ME, DE		
42a The books are in care of ▶ CHARLES MILLER Telephone no. ▶ 207-772-7190 15 CHADWICK STREET Located at ▶ PORTLAND, ME ZIP + 4 ▶ 04102		
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.		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
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ▶ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		
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.

	Yes	No
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		X
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
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."

(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 ▶		

Sign Here	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.			
	Signature of officer <i>Charles M. Miller</i> Type or print name and title <i>Charles M. Miller (Ex. Director)</i>		Date <i>5/15/10</i>	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature <i>Amanda Schaff</i>	Date <i>5/14/10</i>	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.) P00692494
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 Smith & Associates CPAs 50 Forest Falls Dr Ste 3 Yarmouth, ME 04096-6937			EIN 01-0522395 Phone no 207-846-8881
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.")			84,083	68,786	50,685	203,554
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			84,083	68,786	50,685	203,554
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)						123,900
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						79,654

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			84,083	68,786	50,685	203,554
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources					1,084	1,084
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						204,638
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	42,656
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 ► ☐						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	38.9243 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	39.9451 %
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 ► ☒		
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 ► ☐		
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 ► ☐		
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 ► ☐		
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 ► ☐		

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 ☐

Part IV **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. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Federal Statements

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Statement 1 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 5c - Sale of Assets Other than Inventory -
Securities

Description		How Received	Whom Sold	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Sale Price	Cost & Expense	Depreciation	Gain / Loss
VARIOUS SECURITIES (GIBRALTAR)				Various	Various	\$ 44,709	\$ 41,381	\$	3,328
Donation						\$ 44,709	\$ 41,381	0	3,328
Total									

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Statement 2 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 - Grants and Similar Amounts Paid

Name and Address	Description of Property	Cash Contribution	Relationship to Organization		Class of Activity		Date of Gift		Purpose
			Noncash Contribution	Book Value	Book Value Explanation	FMV Explanation			
HOPE ORPHANAGE (ETHIOPIA PROJECT)		23,733							
NO MAIL SERVICE									
ET									
ACTS: AMERICANS CARING, TEACHING,		15,000							LIBRARY IN HONDURAS
P.O. BOX 433									
NORWICH, VT 05055									
Total		38,733							

Federal Statements**Statement 3 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses**

Description	Amount
Expenses	\$
ETHIOPIA TRAVEL	11,368
Total	\$ 11,368

Statement 4 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20 - Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

Description	Amount
UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS	\$ -9,095
Total	\$ -9,095

Federal Statements**Statement 5 - Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose****Description**

TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND SERVICES TO POOR, RURAL VILLAGES IN ASIA AND AFRICA. THE ACTIVITIES ARE DEDICATED AND FOCUSED ON IMPROVING THE CURRENT AND FUTURE STANDARDS OF LIVING FOR THE CHILDREN IN THESE AREAS. SPECIFIC FOCUS INCLUDES SUPPLEMENTING THE INADEQUATE HEALTH AND EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN THESE AREAS.

Statement 6 - Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Description**

CONTRIBUTIONS IN ETHIOPIA ARE FOCUSED ON CREATING A SELF-SUSTAINING ORPHANAGE (HOPE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION) CAPABLE OF BECOMING SELF-SUFFICIENT BY THE YEAR 2010. TCI HAS DEDICATED ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO BUILDING A FARM CAPABLE OF FEEDING 75 ORPHANS PLUS STAFF. \$10,000 HAS BEEN RAISED TO PURCHASE AN INITIAL HERD OF CATTLE. OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDE: BUILDING A CHICKEN COOP AND FISH POND, INVESTING IN FARM EQUIPMENT, FENCING, RESOURCING PUMPS, WINDMILLS, AND WATER FILTERS. IN ADDITION, TCI HAS ATTRACTED DOCTORS, NURSES, "GREEN" BUILDERS, AND STUDENTS TO HELP WITH HCF.

Statement 7 - Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 29 - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**Description**

the Children's Initiative is pleased to fund the construction and establishment of a Community Center and Library in El Rosario, Honduras. The Center will not only serve as the focal point for community activities, but will have resources to help improve literacy, teach new technical and agricultural skills, and train for the leadership roles of the future. Through our association with ACTS, teacher teams from the US will make regular visits to provide additional resources and to help the local teachers improve their skills and techniques, putting the Center to maximum use.