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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)

OMB No 1545-1150

2008

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▶ 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.

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

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type See Specific Instructions	C Name of organization GASTON ARTS COUNCIL Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P.O. BOX 242 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 GASTONIA, NC 28053	D Employer identification number 56-1257449 E Telephone number (704) 853-2787 F Group Exemption Number ▶
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• 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.GASTONARTS.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 ▶ \$ **224,720.**

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

	Description	Code	Amount
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	188,173.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	25,310.
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	405.
	4 Investment income	4	1,117.
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	
	6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	4,006.
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	28,562.	
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	<24,556.>	
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 ▶ OTHER INCOME)	8	5,709.	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	196,158.	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) STMT 4	10	120,535.
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	43,151.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	8,988.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	77,446.
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,705.
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 1)	16	18,146.
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	269,971.
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	<73,813.>
Net Assets	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	205,986.
	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	132,173.

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.

	Description	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	129,630.	74,370.
23	Land and buildings	109,369.	84,008.
24	Other assets (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 2)	41,294.	12,851.
25	Total assets	280,293.	171,229.
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ SEE STATEMENT 3)	74,307.	39,056.
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	205,986.	132,173.

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

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ▶ 37a 0.		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ 0. , section 4912 ▶ 0. , section 4955 ▶ 0.		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶ 0.		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ 0.		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ▶ NONE		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ JULIETTE SHELLEY Telephone no. ▶ (704) 853-2787 Located at ▶ P.O. BOX 242 GASTONIA, NC ZIP + 4 ▶ 28053		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	Yes	No
42b			X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43 N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

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

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

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(E) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶				

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

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

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: *[Signature]* Date: 12/21/09

Type or print name and title: *Raymond E. Simmons - Treasurer*

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Preparer's signature: *[Signature]* Date: 12/14/09

Check if self-employed

Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr):

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: CHERRY, BEKAERT & HOLLAND, L.L.P. 332 BURTONWOOD DRIVE GASTONIA, NC 28054

EIN: Phone no. 704-865-2396

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

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

Name of the organization **GASTON ARTS COUNCIL** Employer identification number **56-1257449**

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: (Please check only one organization.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in 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). (Attach Schedule H.)
- 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 the Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4). (see instructions)
- 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?

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

 - (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 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 organizations the organization supports.

(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 US?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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Part I 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.")	223,325.	263,391.	261,131.	243,217.	220,467.	1211531.
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	223,325.	263,391.	261,131.	243,217.	220,467.	1211531.
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)						39,124.
6 Public Support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						1172407.

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	223,325.	263,391.	261,131.	243,217.	220,467.	1211531.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	95.	304.	888.	2,022.	1,117.	4,426.
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						1215957.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	326,339.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	96.42	%
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	90.91	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
b 33 1/3% support test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
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

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT	1
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
OTHER EXPENSES	4,269.
MARKETING	3,596.
COPIER	6,765.
WORKERS COMP. INSURANCE	410.
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	795.
SUPPLIES	1,814.
CONFERENCES, CONVENTIONS, MEETINGS	497.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16	18,146.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER ASSETS	STATEMENT	2
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DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	528.	974.
PLEDGES RECEIVABLE	40,766.	8,877.
ARTWORK IN PROCESS	0.	3,000.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 24	41,294.	12,851.

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER LIABILITIES	STATEMENT	3
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DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES	1,436.	270.
NOTE PAYABLE	72,871.	38,786.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26	74,307.	39,056.

FORM 990-EZ

CASH GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS

STATEMENT 4

CLASS OF ACTIVITY/DONEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS	DONEE'S RELATIONSHIP	AMOUNT
CHARITABLE GASTON CONCERT ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 2242 GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	12,375.
CHARITABLE GASTON COUNTY ARTS GUILD P.O. BOX 452 GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	2,740.
CHARITABLE GASTON CHORAL SOCIETY P.O. BOX 293 GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	2,500.
CHARITABLE GASTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY 1555 E GARRISON BLVD. GASTONIA, NC 28054	NONE	9,750.
CHARITABLE GASTON DANCE THEATRE 201 W. FRANKLIN BLVD. GASTONIA, NC 28052	NONE	21,010.
CHARITABLE GASTON SCHOOL OF THE ARTS 201 W. FRANKLIN BLVD. GASTONIA, NC 28052	NONE	44,500.
CHARITABLE GASTON COLLEGE 201 HIGHWAY 321 SOUTH DALLAS, NC 28034	NONE	950.
CHARITABLE PIEDMONT CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC. 5839 KINGWAY BLVD. HICKORY, NC 28602	NONE	2,500.
CHARITABLE UNITY PLACE 201 W. FRANKLIN BLVD. GASTONIA, NC 28052	NONE	2,500.

GASTON ARTS COUNCIL

56-1257449

CHARITABLE GASTON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION P.O. BOX 1578 GASTONIA, NC 28053	NONE	3,753.
CHARITABLE ARTS & SCIENCE COUNCIL 227 W TRADE ST., STE. 250 CHARLOTTE, NC 28202	NONE	600.
CHARITABLE GASTON COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY P.O. BOX 429 DALLAS, NC 28034	NONE	2,565.
CHARITABLE CAROLINE CALOUCHE & CO. 1256 QUEENSGATE ST. GASTONIA, NC 28054	NONE	2,500.
CHARITABLE MR. MUSICMAN 2349 KINMERE DR. GASTONIA, NC 28056	NONE	5,760.
CHARITABLE GASTON COUNTY SCHOOLS 943 OSCEOLA STREET GASTONIA, NC 28054	NONE	5,632.
CHARITABLE CITY OF CHERRYVILLE 116 S. MOUNTAIN STREET CHERRYVILLE, NC 28021	NONE	900.
TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10		<u>120,535.</u>

FORM 990-EZ

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 5

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

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

TO PROMOTE THE ARTS IN GASTON COUNTY, NC

Position	Name			Address		
President	Mr.	Alex	Hall	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
Past President	Mrs.	Angela	Dole	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
President Elect	Mr	Sam	Stowe, III	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
Treasurer	Mr.	Rodney	Smallwood	P O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
Secretary	Mrs.	Gracie	Floyd	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
At-large	Ms.	Peggy	McGlohon	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
At-large	Mrs.	Jan	Jackson	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Ms.	Rachel	Bagley	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mrs.	Nan	Bridgeman	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mr.	Barry	Bridges	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Ms.	Elyse	Cochran	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mr.	Brad	Collins	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Ms.	Katherine	Currence	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mr.	Verne	Deason	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mr.	Don	Harrison	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Ms.	Karen	Laird	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Dr.	Cheryl	Leone	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mrs.	Sandy	Miller	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mr	Karl	Mosbacher	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mr.	Raymond	Whitt, Jr.	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mrs.	NormaJean	Huffstetler	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mr.	Dan	Wynkoop	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Ms.	Andrea	Grenier	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Ms.	Denis	Shook	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mrs.	Sue	Neerincx	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mrs.	Carol	Lewis	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mrs.	Nan	Murphy	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053
	Mrs.	Kim	Caddick	P.O. Box 242	Gastonia	28053

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

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

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization GASTON ARTS COUNCIL	Employer identification number 56-1257449
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. P.O. BOX 242	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. GASTONIA, NC 28053	

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

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

JULIETTE SHELLEY

- The books are in the care of ▶ **P.O. BOX 242 GASTONIA, NC - 28053**
Telephone No. ▶ **(704) 853-2787** FAX No. ▶ _____
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box ▶ . If it is for part of the group, check this box ▶ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **FEBRUARY 15, 2010**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
▶ calendar year _____ or
▶ tax year beginning **JUL 1, 2008**, and ending **JUN 30, 2009**.

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	N/A

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.