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**Short Form  
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2009**

**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 \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 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

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**A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning** 2009, **and ending** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>B</b> Check if applicable:	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b> Employer identification number
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	Caring Friends, Inc. 4024 Lanark Lane Houston, TX 77025	20-5150230
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		<b>E</b> Telephone number
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		713-218-0302
<input type="checkbox"/> Termination		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending		

• 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.caringfriendsindeed.com

**H** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

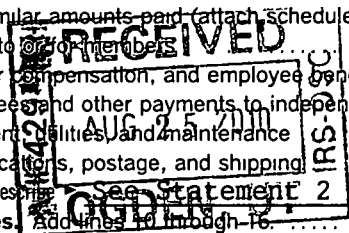
**J Tax-exempt status** (check only one) —  501(c) ( 3 ) (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**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 Form 990-EZ or Form 990 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 \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 147,550.

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

	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		146,591.
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts		
	3 Membership dues and assessments		
	4 Investment income		959.
REVENUE	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)	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	
	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 <b>Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	147,550.
EXPENSES	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach Schedule)	10	86,251.
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	33,890.
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,355.
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	1,116.
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 2)	16	11,397.
	17 <b>Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	17	134,009.
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	13,541.
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	129,410.
	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	142,951.



**Part II Balance Sheets.** If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

		(See the instructions for Part II.)	
		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	129,410.	142,951.
23	Land and buildings		
24	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)		
25	<b>Total assets</b>	129,410.	142,951.
26	<b>Total liabilities</b> (describe ▶ _____)	0.	0.
27	<b>Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	129,410.	142,951.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs for Part V.) See Statement 7

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes
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 why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
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 outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved.
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter:
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
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 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed

42a The organization's books are in care of John Collier Telephone no. 713-218-0302 Located at 4024 Lanark Lane Houston TX ZIP + 4 77025

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 a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.
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:

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

44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ.
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

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b 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 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 a section 527 organization? . . . . .		

50 Complete this table for the organization's 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 and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
None				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . .

51 Complete this table for the organization's 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		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 . . . . .

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

**Sign Here**  
 Signature of officer: *John Collier* Date: 8/15/10  
 Type or print name and title: John Collier President

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**  
 Preparer's signature: *[Signature]* Date: 8.12.10  
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Blazek & Vetterling, 2900 Wesleyan, Suite 200, Houston, TX 77027-5132  
 Check if self-employed:  Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions): N/A  
 EIN: N/A Phone no.: (713) 439-5739

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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)		68,679.	175,170.	157,386.	146,591.	547,826.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf . . . . .						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge . . . . .						0.
4 <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1-through 3	0.	68,679.	175,170.	157,386.	146,591.	547,826.
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) . . . . .						337,289.
6 <b>Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4 . . . . .						210,537.

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	0.	68,679.	175,170.	157,386.	146,591.	547,826.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources . . . . .		571.	2,430.	1,738.	959.	5,698.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on . . . . .						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) . . . . .						0.
11 <b>Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10 . . . . .						553,524.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) . . . . .					12	0.

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 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) . . . . .	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 . . . . .	15	%

16a **33-1/3 support test – 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the 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 – 2008.** 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 – 2009** 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 – 2008.** 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 yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)						
<b>2</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose.						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons.						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (add lns 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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33-1/3 support tests – 2009.** 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 – 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 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.



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**Statement 1**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10**  
**Grants and Similar Amounts Paid**

Class of Activity:	Staff support		
Donee's Name:	Center for Student Missions		
Donee's Address:	3827 Broadway Street Houston, TX 77017		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	5,028.
Class of Activity:	General support		
Donee's Name:	Empower Ministries		
Donee's Address:	6000 Fairview Rd, Ste 1200 Charlotte, NC 28210		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	7,000.
Class of Activity:	Kenya rotary project		
Donee's Name:	Living Water International		
Donee's Address:	PO Box 35496 Houston, TX 77235		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	7,500.
Class of Activity:	General support		
Donee's Name:	Medical Bridges		
Donee's Address:	PO Box 300245 Houston, TX 77230		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	6,000.
Class of Activity:	Apartment Ministries		
Donee's Name:	PACT		
Donee's Address:	1828 L St, NW, Ste 300 Washington, DC 20036		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	5,800.
Class of Activity:	Medical services		
Donee's Name:	Pro Salud, Inc.		
Donee's Address:	PO Box 6933 Kingwood, TX 77325		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	6,600.
Class of Activity:	Haiti H2O Proj/Hurr. rel.		
Donee's Name:	Pure Water for the World, Inc.		
Donee's Address:	PO Box 55 Rutland, VT 05702		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	10,400.
Class of Activity:	Ex-offender work/food		
Donee's Name:	Spirit Key, Inc.		
Donee's Address:	13617 Kaltenbrun Houston, TX 77086		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	6,500.
Donee's Name:	Grants <\$5,000		
Cash Amount Given:		\$	31,423.

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**Statement 2**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16**  
**Other Expenses**

Insurance .....	\$	1,301.
Office Expenses .....		6,570.
Other expenses .....		31.
Travel .....		3,495.
	<b>Total \$</b>	<u><u>11,397.</u></u>

**Statement 3**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28**  
**Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Caring Friends focuses on encouraging, collaborating, and leveraging resources with other 501(c)(3) non-profits who are serving the underserved in Houston and around the world in the following areas: safe water; medical services; ex-offender support; clothing; food; homeless and refugee work; leadership, character and reconciliation training.

Caring Friends is faith-based, originating out of the desire to love our neighbor as ourselves in practical ways that alleviate human suffering and promote reconciliation, peace, and justice in the human community. The name of Caring Friends derives from the biblical text: "you are my friends if you obey my commandments." (John 15:14)

Food/Welcoming Strangers/Clothing/Special Projects: Provided gift certificates to the Sunshine Resale Shop (a 501(c)(3) ministry of Christian Community Service Center) for fire victims in SW Houston apartment communities, supported Emmaus Ministry-Houston in working with male prostitutes and drug addicts in Montrose area of mid-town Houston, provided food for food pantries run by Christian Community Service Center, Children's Activity Center and San Mateo Hispanic Episcopal Church in Gulfton.

**Statement 4**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 29**  
**Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Safe Water Projects: Provided water biosand filters to 13 schools in Haiti. Partnered with Rotary Foundation on West Kenyan water project. Provided a well to be drilled for school in Nigeria. Enabled women working on getting clean water through a microfinance project with Rice University.

**Statement 5**  
**Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 30**  
**Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Medical: Provided medical supplies for a mission trip to Haiti. Supported local schools with lice combs and toothbrushes. Partnered to support preventative health care in underserved Houston neighborhoods. Supported medical initiatives in the same neighborhoods. Supported international health aid through partnership for shipment of supplies.

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**Statement 6  
Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31  
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

Description	Grants	Program Service Expenses
Ex-Offender Services: Provided financial support to 501(c) (3) ex-offender ministries via Newgate United Methodist Church, a church started for ex-offenders and their families; and support for Spirit Key, Inc., an ex-offender 501(c) (3) ministry on Kaltenbrun Street in Northwest Houston, TX.	8,350.	8,350.
Includes Foreign Grants: No		
Total	\$ <u>8,350.</u>	\$ <u>8,350.</u>

**Statement 7  
Form 990-EZ, Part V  
Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts**

- (a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? . . . . . No
- (b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? . . . . . No