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Form **990-EZ**

**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 \$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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2009

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 06/30/10 **and ending** 06/30/10

<p>B Check if applicable:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Address change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Name change</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Termination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Amended return</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Application pending</p>	<p>Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions</p>	<p>C Name of organization</p> <p align="center">SERENITY ASSOCIATION</p> <p>Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite</p> <p>60 MEADOW DRIVE</p> <p>City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4</p> <p>SAN RAFAEL CA 94903</p>	<p>D Employer identification number</p> <p align="center">94-1692770</p> <p>E Telephone number</p> <p align="center">415-479-2098</p> <p>F Group Exemption Number</p> <p align="right">▶</p>
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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: ▶ N/A

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

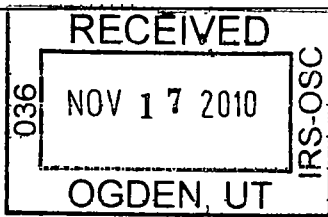
H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A 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 ▶ \$ **19,238**

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	15,783
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	2,436
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	315
	4 Investment income	4	704
	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 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	19,238	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	865
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	1,154
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16 Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 2</u>)	16	20,658
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	22,677
	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-3,439
	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	254,327
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	250,888	



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)

	Description	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	124,168	121,889
23	Land and buildings	128,000	128,000
24	Other assets (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 3</u>)	2,207	1,052
25	Total assets	254,375	250,941
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ <u>See Statement 4</u>)	48	53
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	254,327	250,888

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

		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? If "Yes," attached 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 why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
35a	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?		X
35b	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		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instr ▶ 37a 		
37b	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 outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
38b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved ▶ 38b 		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
39a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 ▶ 39a 		
39b	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 ▶ _____		
40b	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		X
40c	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 ▶ _____		
40d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶ _____		
40e	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 organization's books are in care of ▶ HOWARD LAZAR 60 MEADOW DRIVE Located at ▶ SAN RAFAEL, CA	Telephone no ▶ 415-479-2098	ZIP + 4 ▶ 94903
42b	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 ▶ _____	Yes	No
42c	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		X
43	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 		<input type="checkbox"/>
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 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 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
49b 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 & 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 ▶ Howard D. Lazar Signature of officer Date 11/11/10
 ▶ HOWARD D. LAZAR Type or print name and title PRESIDENT

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: Gregory L. Call Date: 11/05/10 Check if self-employed: Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr): P00096190
 Firm's name (or yours if self-employed): Call & Metcalfe, CPA's EIN: 91-1753998
 address, and ZIP + 4: 690 De Long Ave Ste 400 Phone no: 415-892-9001
Novato, CA 94945

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

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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

SERENITY ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

94-1692770

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 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)**.
- 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 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									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

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 any "unusual grants.")	32,551	20,609	16,610	15,615	16,098	101,483
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	32,551	20,609	16,610	15,615	16,098	101,483
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)						80,119
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						21,364

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	32,551	20,609	16,610	15,615	16,098	101,483
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	995	2,954	3,632	1,455	704	9,740
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.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						111,223
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	13,832
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 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	19.21%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	19.93%
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009. 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—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 <input type="checkbox"/>		
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
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 <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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 through 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 \$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.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

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 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 explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Ten Percent Facts and Circumstances Test – 2009 Additional Information

Serenity Association has been recognized since 2001 as an organization that qualifies under Section 170(b)(1)(a)(vi) as a public charity by virtue of satisfying a ten percent facts and circumstances test. A letter from IRS Agent Janae R. Lemley, dated January 2, 2002, in response to letters from Serenity explaining its qualification under a facts and circumstances test confirms this status. Serenity filed its Form 8734 in 2001, and its public charity status was confirmed in the January 2, 2002 letter. We now review the factors that are set forth in the Regulations:

1. 10%-of-support limitation. The Association's public support is well in excess of the 10% requirement. For **2009** the percentage is in excess of 19%.

2. Attraction of public support. The Regulations provide that:

An organization must be so organized and operated as to attract new and additional public or governmental support on a continuous basis. An organization will be considered to meet this requirement if it maintains a continuous and bona fide program for solicitation of funds from the general public, community, or membership group involved, or if it carries on activities designed to attract support from governmental units or other organizations described in section 170 (b)(1)(A)(i) through (vi). In determining whether an organization maintains a continuous and bona fide program for solicitation of funds from the general public or community, consideration will be given to whether the scope of its fundraising activities is reasonable in light of its charitable activities.

The Serenity Association is quite small. It currently requires only \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year to sustain its programs. Given its size, it is not necessary for the Association to be very aggressive in soliciting funds. Instead, the Association relies on donations from approximately ten to twenty unrelated donors a year. As the Regulation cited above provides, "the scope of its fundraising activities is reasonable in light of its charitable activities."

3. Percentage of financial support. The Regulations provide that "the higher the percentage of support above the 10% requirement of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph from public or governmental sources, the lesser will be the burden of establishing the publicly supported nature of the organization through other factors described in this subparagraph"

Public support of 19% is well in excess of the 10% floor. The Association expects this number to continue to remain stable or increase.

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions

4. Sources of support. The Regulations provide that “the fact that an organization meets the requirement of subdivision (i) of this subparagraph through support from governmental units or directly or indirectly from a representative number of persons, rather than receiving almost all of its support from the members of a single family, will be taken into consideration in determining whether an organization is publicly supported.”

The Association does not rely on, nor is it controlled by, any family or company. The Association’s donors consist of a group of unrelated individuals who support the work and mission of the Association.

5. Representative governing body. The Regulations provide that “the fact that an organization has a governing body which represents the broad interests of the public, rather than the personal or private interests of a limited number of donors (or persons standing in a relationship to such donors which is described in section 4946(a)(1)(C) through (G)) will be taken into account in determining whether an organization is ‘publicly supported.’”

The Association’s Board of Directors consists of individuals, unrelated to one another, who work and live in the San Francisco Bay Area community and who share a common interest in the educational programs of the organization.

6. Availability of public facilities or services; public participation in programs and policies. The Regulations provide that:

(a) The fact that an organization is of the type which generally provides facilities or services directly for the benefit of the general public on a continuing basis (such as a museum or library which holds open its building and facilities to the public, a symphony orchestra which gives public performances, a conservation organization which provides educational services to the public through the distribution of educational materials, or an old age home which provides domiciliary or nursing services for members of the general public) will be considered evidence that such organization is “publicly supported.”

(b) The fact that an organization is an educational or research institution which regularly publishes scholarly studies that are widely used by colleges and universities or by members of the general public will also be considered evidence that such organization is “publicly supported.”

(c) Similarly, the following factors will also be considered evidence that an organization is “publicly supported”:

(1) The participation in, or sponsorship of, the programs of the organization by members of the public having special

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

knowledge or expertise, public officials, or civic or community leaders;

(2) The maintenance of a definitive program by an organization to accomplish its charitable work in the community, such as slum clearance or developing employment opportunities; and

(3) The receipt of a significant part of its funds from a public charity or governmental agency to which it is in some way held accountable as a condition of the grant, contract, or contribution.

The Association is a membership organization whose mission is to compile, archive, and publish the writings and works of the organization's founder and spiritual leader, Richard P. Goodwin. The Association is an educational organization open to any member of the public that wishes to participate. The current activities of the Association, which are open to the public, include the following:

1. Regular group meetings of the Association's membership to worship together and to study the philosophy of the organization's founder and spiritual leader, Richard P. Goodwin. The membership is open to anyone interested in the Association's work and mission.

2. Compiling, archiving, and publishing the philosophy and writings of Mr. Goodwin. Serenity has published Volumes 1 and 2 of *The Living Light Dialogue* which sets forth the teachings, known as The Living Light Philosophy, of Mr. Goodwin. The book is sold over the Internet and in bookstores.

3. Educating interested members of the public, through lectures and seminars, about the philosophy and teachings of Spiritualism, as embodied in the works of Mr. Goodwin.

Based on the foregoing, the Association satisfies the facts and circumstances test and qualifies as a public charity.

- Its public support percentage is well in excess of the 10% requirement.
- It is a small organization that receives support from a diverse group of unrelated donors.
- It is not controlled by any family, company, or group of families or companies.
- Its public programs are available to anyone, and its literature is available in bookstores and on the Internet

Federal Statements**Statement 1 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 3 - Membership Dues and Assessments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
DUES	\$ 315
Total	\$ <u>315</u>

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Expenses	\$
LICENSES & FEES	10
STORAGE RENT	2,489
PAYPAL FEES	360
P.O. BOX RENTAL	130
PROPERTY TAX	3,574
PUBLICATION COSTS	12,727
MEETING ROOM RENTAL	779
WEBSITE MAINTENCE FEES	589
Total	\$ <u>20,658</u>

Statement 3 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 - Other Assets

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Prepaid Expenses and Deferred Charges	\$ 245	\$ 245
EQUIPMENT & DEPRECIABLE ASSETS	20,549	20,549
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>18,587</u>	<u>19,742</u>
	<u>2,207</u>	<u>1,052</u>

Statement 4 - Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26 - Total Liabilities

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 48	\$ 53
	<u>48</u>	<u>53</u>

Federal Statements**Statement 5 - Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 28 - Statement of Program Service
Accomplishments****Description**

SERENITY ASSOCIATION HOLDS PERIODIC MEETINGS OF ITS MEMBERSHIP, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, TO WORSHIP TOGETHER, AND TO STUDY THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE ORGANIZATION'S FOUNDER AND SPIRITUAL LEADER, RICHARD P. GOODWIN. SERENITY ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS ALSO CONTINUE WORKING TO COMPILE, TRANSCRIBE, ARCHIVE AND EDIT MR. GOODWIN'S TEACHING FOR EVENTUAL PUBLICATION.

Federal Asset Report

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Asset	Description	Date In Service	Cost	Bus %	Sec 179 Bonus	Basis for Depr	PerConv Meth	Prior	Current
Prior MACRS:									
2	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1/01/01	4,204			4,204	5 HY 200DB	4,204	0
3	DVD PLAYER	1/01/01	634			634	5 HY 200DB	634	0
4	DVD PLAYER	1/01/02	564		X	395	5 HY 200DB	564	0
5	CASSETTE DECK	1/01/02	162		X	113	5 HY 200DB	162	0
7	EQUIPMENT	1/01/05	12,852			12,852	5 HY 200DB	12,112	740
8	PRINTER	1/01/06	134			134	5 HY 200DB	111	15
			<u>18,550</u>			<u>18,332</u>		<u>17,787</u>	<u>755</u>
Other Depreciation:									
6	LAND	6/30/95	128,000			128,000	0 -- Land	0	0
	Total Other Depreciation		<u>128,000</u>			<u>128,000</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total ACRS and Other Depreciation		<u>128,000</u>			<u>128,000</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Amortization:									
9	WEBSITE	7/01/07	1,999			1,999	5 MOAmort	800	399
			<u>1,999</u>			<u>1,999</u>		<u>800</u>	<u>399</u>
	Grand Totals		148,549			148,331		18,587	1,154
	Less: Dispositions and Transfers		0			0		0	0
	Less: Start-up/Org Expense		0			0		0	0
	Net Grand Totals		<u>148,549</u>			<u>148,331</u>		<u>18,587</u>	<u>1,154</u>

AMT Asset Report**Form 990, Page 1**

Asset	Description	Date In Service	Cost	Bus %	Sec 179	Bonus	Basis for Depr	PerConv Meth	Prior	Current
Prior MACRS:										
2	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1/01/01	4,204				4,204	5 HY 150DB	4,204	0
3	DVD PLAYER	1/01/01	634				634	5 HY 150DB	634	0
4	DVD PLAYER	1/01/02	564			X	395	5 HY 200DB	564	0
5	CASSETTE DECK	1/01/02	162			X	113	5 HY 200DB	162	0
7	EQUIPMENT	1/01/05	12,852				12,852	5 HY 150DB	11,781	1,071
			<u>18,416</u>				<u>18,198</u>		<u>17,345</u>	<u>1,071</u>
Other Depreciation:										
6	LAND	6/30/95	0				0	0 HY	0	0
8	PRINTER	1/01/06	0				0	0 HY	0	0
	Total Other Depreciation		<u>0</u>				<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Total ACRS and Other Depreciation		<u>0</u>				<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Grand Totals		18,416				18,198		17,345	1,071
	Less: Dispositions and Transfers		<u>0</u>				<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	Net Grand Totals		<u>18,416</u>				<u>18,198</u>		<u>17,345</u>	<u>1,071</u>

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Bonus Depreciation Report

FYE: 6/30/2010

Asset	Property Description	Date In Service	Tax Cost	Bus Pct	Tax Sec 179 Exp	Current Bonus	Prior Bonus	Tax - Basis for Depr
Activity: Form 990, Page 1								
4	DVD PLAYER	1/01/02	564		0	0	169	395
5	CASSETTE DECK	1/01/02	162		0	0	49	113
	Form 990, Page 1		<u>726</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>508</u>
	Grand Total		<u>726</u>		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>508</u>

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Depreciation Adjustment Report

FYE: 6/30/2010

All Business Activities

<u>Form</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Asset</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Tax</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>AMT Adjustments/ Preferences</u>
MACRS Adjustments:						
Page 1	1	2	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	0	0	0
Page 1	1	3	DVD PLAYER	0	0	0
Page 1	1	4	DVD PLAYER	0	0	0
Page 1	1	5	CASSETTE DECK	0	0	0
Page 1	1	7	EQUIPMENT	740	1,071	-331
				<u>740</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>-331</u>
				<u>740</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>-331</u>

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Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 23 - Land and Buildings

Description	Beginning of Year	Accumulated Depreciation	End of Year	Accumulated Depreciation
	\$ 128,000	\$	\$ 128,000	\$ 0
Total	\$ 128,000	\$	\$ 128,000	\$ 0

Federal Statements**Schedule A, Part II, Line 5 - Excess Gifts**

<u>Donor Name</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Excess</u>
	\$ 9,279	\$ 7,055
	37,187	34,963
	26,042	23,818
	5,254	3,030
	13,477	11,253
Total	\$ <u>91,239</u>	\$ <u>80,119</u>

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

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

Name(s) shown on return **SERENITY ASSOCIATION** Identifying number **94 -1692770**

Business or activity to which this form relates

Indirect Depreciation

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2008 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2010 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	▶ 13	

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

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

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

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

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2009	17	755
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

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

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2009 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

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

Part IV Summary (See instructions)

21	Listed property Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	755
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

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

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

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

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed?				Yes	No	24b If "Yes," is the evidence written?				Yes	No	
(a) Type of property (list vehicles first)	(b) Date placed in service	(c) Business/ investment use percentage	(d) Cost or other basis	(e) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only)		(f) Recovery period	(g) Method/ Convention	(h) Depreciation deduction	(i) Elected section 179 cost			
25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (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												
		%					S/L-					
		%					S/L-					
28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1											28	
29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1												29

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

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

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles)	(a) Vehicle 1		(b) Vehicle 2		(c) Vehicle 3		(d) Vehicle 4		(e) Vehicle 5		(f) Vehicle 6	
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?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person?	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?	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 2009 tax year (see instructions)						
43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2009 tax year					43	399
44 Total. Add amounts in column (f). See the instructions for where to report					44	399