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65-0056930

Form 990, Part I, Line 1.

Attached is a copy of the Plantation Community Foundation's Annual Report for 2011. Our Mission Statement is covered in the Section entitled "ABOUT OUR GRANT POLICY". It states, "The Foundation supports agencies engaged in social services, health, cultural enrichment, education and the environment. The Foundation accepts grant applications from agencies which serve South Sarasota County residents and which meet IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) requirements. The Foundation's activities are shown in all of the pictures in the center of the Annual Report as well as at the bottom of the "REPORT OF TREASURER" in a Section entitled "***Net Income from Fund Raising Events".

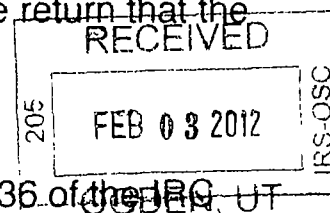
Form 990, Part III, Line 1.

Why the Internal Revenue Service is immediately asking us again to describe our Mission a second time is very hard to understand and seems quite dumb. Please refer to the above paragraph

The instructions for filling out Form 990 are 89 pages long. On Page 5 of these instructions is a section entitled "Purpose of Form". It specifically says "how the public perceives an organization...can be determined by information presented on its return". Likewise, the public's perception of the Internal Revenue Service can also be perceived by the idiotic rules that they apply to absolutely "plain vanilla" Foundations such as ours. It makes no sense that our Foundation is required to fill out the same return that the largest foundations in the country have to file.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a.

A copy of the 2011 Annual Report is attached. It shows all 36 of the IRC Section 501(c)(3) organizations that received Grants from us. The total amount of Grants distributed was \$100,000. The largest of these 36 Grants was \$5,000 and the smallest was \$300. As noted, all recipients had been given IRC Section 501(c)(3) status by the Internal Revenue Service.



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Before any Grants are approved a member of the Grants Committee personally visits the organization so that the Grants Committee is able to accurately judge the actual need.

Like the Directors, all Grants Committee personnel are retired unpaid volunteers who have absolutely no connection to any of the organizations that they review to judge the worthiness of their needs compared to all of the other areas of need in our community. The actual items that the Grants are for is shown in the Annual Report.

The Form 990 instructions on Page 12 are not very clear. The money to pay these Grants is raised thru various fund raising events as well as annual membership donations of \$125. The three biggest fund raisers were the Celebrity Golf Classic, the Royal Ride and the Tour of Homes. The total income for all of the events is shown in the attached Annual Report. This Annual Report also lists all of the individuals who paid annual dues of \$125. The many volunteers for the various fund raising events come from this membership list.

The various fund raising activities earned \$220,661 of Gross Receipts which were offset by \$109,317 of expenses for a net fund raising income of \$111,344.

Other than two clerical positions which are part time, no salaries or any other kind of payments are given to anyone who is involved in the Foundation. The expenses that are incurred are all of a type that anyone would associate with these kinds of activities.

We have a small office which we rent for \$100 a month out of which all Foundation functions are carried out. The entire concept of "Program Service Accomplishments" does not relate to a small Foundation such as the Plantation Community Foundation.

Form 990, Part IV, Section A, Lines 6 and 7a.

The members of the organization are those families that pay the \$125 annual membership donations. All "elected" positions have to put in a lot of time, so there are no real elections. We often have trouble finding volunteers to fill all of our positions, so the concept referred to in this Form

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is not valid for our organization. I am sure that after having to fill out this Form we will have trouble finding a volunteer Treasurer for next year.

Form 990, Part IV, Section B, Line 11b

Like the Treasurer, all of our volunteers are unpaid retirees with basically no background in exempt organization tax law. This return was passed around and all Directors had a chance to look at it and ask the volunteer Treasurer questions. No changes were required. If we had paid someone thousands of dollars to make up and file this return we would have had to cut back on the Grants which we distributed in our community. We would rather help the needy than pay large tax preparation fees to fill out bureaucratic forms that do not help anyone except those paid to process them.

Form 990, Part IV, Section C, Lines 17 and 19

Every year we register with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations and pay a fee of \$61.25. As far as we have determined, a copy of our Form 990 is not wanted by the State of Florida.

All documents in our office are open for inspection in our office. We do not have a website.

Form 990, Part VII, Section A.

The average hours per week was a quick estimate and since no one is being paid it really has no meaning. Harrison Williams and Lee Williams are not related.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11f and 24a.

As will be discussed later, our investments are managed by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. They are a very large IRC Section 501(c)(3) that manages hundreds of millions of dollars for themselves and other smaller organizations such as ours. They charged a small management fee of \$2,342 which was netted into Part VIII, Line 3 which showed \$94,541 of investment income so that the Form 990 reconciled to the annual report to our members. This caused no material affect to this tax return and is being fully disclosed here.

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We have volunteers who make up "Huggy Bears". They are given the materials and they give back finished "Huggy Bears". These "Huggy Bears" are then given to our local Emergency Room and Ambulances so that if a small child is encountered they can have something to embrace that is cuddly in their scary situation. These are distributed free - no money is accepted.

Form 990, Part XI, Line 5.

This reduction was caused by our overall Liabilities dropping from \$929 to \$504, a drop of \$425

Schedule A, Part I, Line 9

There was uncertainty whether Line 7 or Line 9 should be checked. Our Determination Letter says that we are a public charity under IRC Section 509(a)(2) so Line 9 was picked.

Schedule D, Part IX

We have an "Endowment Fund" managed by the Gulf Coast Community Foundation which is used to cover Grants on an as needed basis. Each year the Board of Directors reviews the income projections from the fund raisers scheduled for that year and the amount of membership donations along with the balance in the "Endowment Fund" and makes a decision regarding the amount of Grants to be distributed. The Grants Committee then reviews all of the Grant requests, visits the requesting organizations and gives their recommendation for the Board's approval. Based on the Grant requests received and the recommendations of the Grant Committee, our money can go to different needy organizations every year, so the money is not "Endowed" to any one place. We keep enough cash on hand to cover the upfront costs of all of our fund raisers.