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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code

(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-1150

2011

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## A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

## B Check if applicable

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

## C Name of organization

HAMILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIA

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

2003 PLEASANT STREET

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

NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060

## D Employer identification number

35-1667837

## E Telephone number

317-776-0854

F Group Exemption  
Number ►G Accounting Method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ►

## I Website. ► WWW.HCMGA.ORG

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) ☐ 501(c) ( ) ◀ (insert no ) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

## L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

► \$ 74,464.

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

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

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|    |                                                                                                                                                                      |    |         |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|---------|
| 1  | Contributions, gifts, and similar amounts received                                                                                                                   | 1  |         |
| 2  | Program service revenue including government fees and contracts                                                                                                      | 2  | 18,657. |
| 3  | Membership dues and assessments                                                                                                                                      | 3  | 2,375.  |
| 4  | Investment income                                                                                                                                                    | 4  | 758.    |
| 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  | Gaming and fundraising events                                                                                                                                        |    |         |
| a  | Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule O if greater than \$15,000)                                                                                                | 6a |         |
| b  | Gross income from fundraising events (not including gross income from gaming) (attach Schedule O if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) | 6b | 52,658. |
| c  | Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events                                                                                                              | 6c | 20,165. |
| d  | Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)                                                                   | 6d | 32,493. |
| 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 in Schedule O)                                                                                                                               | 8  | 16.     |
| 9  | Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8                                                                                                               | 9  | 54,299. |
| 10 | Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)                                                                                                                 | 10 | 10,800. |
| 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 | 870.    |
| 14 | Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance                                                                                                                          | 14 | 648.    |
| 15 | Printing, publications, postage, and shipping                                                                                                                        | 15 | 182.    |
| 16 | Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)                                                                                                                              | 16 | 35,259. |
| 17 | Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16                                                                                                                              | 17 | 47,759. |
| 18 | Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)                                                                                                      | 18 | 6,540.  |
| 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 | 69,565. |
| 20 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)                                                                                                 | 20 | 2,800.  |
| 21 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20                                                                                              | 21 | 78,905. |

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Sch. O to respond to any question in this Part V ☒

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes | No |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| <b>33</b> Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     | X  |
| <b>34</b> Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)                                                                                                                                                                            |     | X  |
| <b>35a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |     | X  |
| <b>35b</b> If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | N/A |    |
| <b>35c</b> Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     | X  |
| <b>36</b> 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  |
| <b>37a</b> Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 0.  |    |
| <b>37b</b> Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     | X  |
| <b>38a</b> 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 tax year covered by this return?                                                                                                                                                                                                         |     | X  |
| <b>38b</b> If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | N/A |    |
| <b>39a</b> Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | N/A |    |
| <b>39b</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | N/A |    |
| <b>39c</b> Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | N/A |    |
| <b>40a</b> Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 <u>0.</u> , section 4912 <u>0.</u> , section 4955 <u>0.</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |
| <b>40b</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 did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I                                                                                                                |     | X  |
| <b>40c</b> 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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 0.  |    |
| <b>40d</b> Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 0.  |    |
| <b>40e</b> 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  |
| <b>41</b> List the states with which a copy of this return is filed <u>IN</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     |    |
| <b>42a</b> The organization's books are in care of <u>DEBORAH A. SAWYER</u> Telephone no <u>317-571-8980</u><br>Located at <u>2003 PLEASANT STREET, NOBLESVILLE, IN</u> ZIP + 4 <u>46060</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |
| <b>42b</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)?<br>If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <u>See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.</u> |     | X  |
| <b>42c</b> At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ?<br>If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country <u></u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |     | X  |
| <b>43</b> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <input type="checkbox"/><br>and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year <u>43</u> N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |    |
| <b>44a</b> Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     | X  |
| <b>44b</b> Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |     | X  |
| <b>44c</b> Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |     | X  |
| <b>44d</b> If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |    |
| <b>45a</b> Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     | X  |
| <b>45b</b> Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)                                                                                                                                                                                   |     | X  |

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office?

If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

|    | Yes | No |
|----|-----|----|
| 46 |     | 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 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Sch C, Part II

|    | Yes | No |
|----|-----|----|
| 47 |     | X  |

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

|    | Yes | No |
|----|-----|----|
| 48 |     | X  |

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

|     | Yes | No |
|-----|-----|----|
| 49a |     | X  |

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

|     | Yes | No |
|-----|-----|----|
| 49b |     |    |

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) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) | (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation | (e) Estimated amount of other compensation |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| NONE                                                           |                                                          |                                                   |                                                                                         |                                            |
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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                                                                         |                     |                  |
|                                                                              |                     |                  |
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d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Date

DEBORAH A SAWYER, TREASURER

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

|                            |                           |              |                                                            |           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Print/Type preparer's name | Preparer's signature      | Date         | Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if self-employed | PTIN      |
| DEBORAH A. SAWYER          | <i>Deborah Sawyer CPA</i> | 6-9-2012     |                                                            | P00172079 |
| Firm's name                | Firm's EIN                | Phone no     |                                                            |           |
| DEBORAH A. SAWYER, CPA     |                           | 317-571-8980 |                                                            |           |
| Firm's address             |                           |              |                                                            |           |
| 595 HAMPSHIRE COURT        |                           |              |                                                            |           |
| CARMEL, IN 46032           |                           |              |                                                            |           |

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

☐ Yes ☐ No

Form 990-EZ (2011)

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

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.

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**2011**

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Name of the organization

HAMILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIA

Employer identification number

35-1667837

**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 |
|-----------------|-----|----|
| <b>11g(i)</b>   |     |    |
| <b>11g(ii)</b>  |     |    |
| <b>11g(iii)</b> |     |    |

| (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 |                         |
|                                    |          |                                                                                             |                                                                        |    |                                                                 |    |                                                            |    |                         |
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| <b>Total</b>                       |          |                                                                                             |                                                                        |    |                                                                 |    |                                                            |    |                         |

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

**Section A. Public Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►                                                                                                                                                                | (a) 2007 | (b) 2008 | (c) 2009 | (d) 2010 | (e) 2011 | (f) Total |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")                                                                                                   |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf                                                                                                     |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge                                                                                             |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3                                                                                                                                                                        |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>5</b> 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) |          |          |          |          |          |           |
| <b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4                                                                                                                                                         |          |          |          |          |          |           |

**Section B. Total Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►                                                                                                                                                                           | (a) 2007 | (b) 2008 | (c) 2009 | (d) 2010 | (e) 2011  | (f) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>7</b> Amounts from line 4                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |          |          |          |           |           |
| <b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources                                                                                 |          |          |          |          |           |           |
| <b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on                                                                                                             |          |          |          |          |           |           |
| <b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)                                                                                                               |          |          |          |          |           |           |
| <b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10                                                                                                                                                                         |          |          |          |          |           |           |
| <b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)                                                                                                                                               |          |          |          |          | <b>12</b> |           |
| <b>13 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> |          |          |          |          |           |           |

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |           |   |
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| <b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>14</b> | % |
| <b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>15</b> | % |
| <b>16a 33 1/3% support test - 2011.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                            |           |   |
| <b>b 33 1/3% support test - 2010.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                         |           |   |
| <b>17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2010.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>18 Private foundation.</b> 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"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |   |

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

**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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

**Section A. Public Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►                                                                                                                                     | (a) 2007 | (b) 2008 | (c) 2009 | (d) 2010 | (e) 2011 | (f) Total |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")                                                                       | 1,926.   | 2,065.   | 13,322.  | 8,813.   | 14,111.  | 40,237.   |
| <b>2</b> 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 | 35,952.  | 39,575.  | 45,496.  | 52,101.  | 59,579.  | 232,703.  |
| <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                                                                                                                                             | 37,878.  | 41,640.  | 58,818.  | 60,914.  | 73,690.  | 272,940.  |
| <b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons                                                                                                |          |          |          |          |          | 0.        |
| <b>b</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           |          |          |          |          |          | 0.        |
| <b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b                                                                                                                                                      |          |          |          |          |          | 0.        |
| <b>8 Public support.</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6)                                                                                                                           |          |          |          |          |          | 272,940.  |

**Section B. Total Support**

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►                                                                                             | (a) 2007 | (b) 2008 | (c) 2009 | (d) 2010 | (e) 2011 | (f) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| <b>9</b> Amounts from line 6                                                                                                              | 37,878.  | 41,640.  | 58,818.  | 60,914.  | 73,690.  | 272,940.  |
| <b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 2,004.   | 1,675.   | 884.     | 688.     | 758.     | 6,009.    |
| <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                                                                                                            | 2,004.   | 1,675.   | 884.     | 688.     | 758.     | 6,009.    |
| <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.)                                 | 18.      | 22.      | 65.      | 27.      | 16.      | 148.      |
| <b>13 Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)                                                                                   | 39,900.  | 43,337.  | 59,767.  | 61,629.  | 74,464.  | 279,097.  |

**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 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | <b>15</b> | 97.79 % |
| <b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15                      | <b>16</b> | %       |

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

|                                                                                                       |           |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | <b>17</b> | 2.15 % |
| <b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17                        | <b>18</b> | %      |

**19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2011.** 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 - 2010.** 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. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

SCHEDULE A, PART III, LINE 12, EXPLANATION FOR OTHER INCOME:

SALES TAX COLLECTION ALLOWANCE - \$31

SUNDRY INCOME (EXPENSE) - \$(15)

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.**  
**▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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2011

## Open To Public Inspection

Name of the organization

HAMILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number  
35-1667837

## Part I

**Fundraising Activities.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** ☐ Mail solicitations  
**b** ☐ Internet and email solicitations  
**c** ☐ Phone solicitations  
**d** ☐ In-person solicitations  
**e** ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants  
**f** ☐ Solicitation of government grants  
**g** ☐ Special fundraising events

- 2 a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

☐ **Yes**☐ No

- b** If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

| (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser) | (ii) Activity | (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? |    | (iv) Gross receipts from activity | (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i) | (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                                                           |               | Yes                                                            | No |                                   |                                                                  |                                                   |
|                                                           |               |                                                                |    |                                   |                                                                  |                                                   |
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|                                                           |               |                                                                |    |                                   |                                                                  |                                                   |
| Total                                                     |               |                                                                |    |                                   |                                                                  |                                                   |

**Total**

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

**Part II Fundraising Events.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

|                 |                                                                       | (a) Event #1               | (b) Event #2               | (c) Other events    | (d) Total events<br>(add col. (a) through<br>col. (c)) |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                                                       | PLANT SALE<br>(event type) | IRIS SALES<br>(event type) | 1<br>(total number) |                                                        |
| Revenue         | <b>1</b> Gross receipts                                               | 38,498.                    | 5,964.                     | 5,104.              | 49,566.                                                |
|                 | <b>2</b> Less Charitable contributions                                |                            |                            |                     |                                                        |
|                 | <b>3</b> Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)                           | 38,498.                    | 5,964.                     | 5,104.              | 49,566.                                                |
| Direct Expenses | <b>4</b> Cash prizes                                                  |                            |                            |                     |                                                        |
|                 | <b>5</b> Noncash prizes                                               |                            |                            |                     |                                                        |
|                 | <b>6</b> Rent/facility costs                                          |                            |                            |                     |                                                        |
|                 | <b>7</b> Food and beverages                                           |                            |                            |                     |                                                        |
|                 | <b>8</b> Entertainment                                                |                            |                            |                     |                                                        |
|                 | <b>9</b> Other direct expenses                                        | 14,436.                    | 1,478.                     | 4,251.              | 20,165.                                                |
|                 | <b>10</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) |                            |                            |                     | ( 20,165 )                                             |
|                 | <b>11</b> Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 |                            |                            |                     | 29,401.                                                |

**Part III Gaming.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

|                 |                                                                          | (a) Bingo                                                           | (b) Pull tabs/instant<br>bingo/progressive bingo                    | (c) Other gaming                                                    | (d) Total gaming (add<br>col. (a) through col. (c)) |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                                                          |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                     |
| Revenue         | <b>1</b> Gross revenue                                                   |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                     |
|                 |                                                                          |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                     |
| Direct Expenses | <b>2</b> Cash prizes                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                     |
|                 | <b>3</b> Noncash prizes                                                  |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                     |
|                 | <b>4</b> Rent/facility costs                                             |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                     |
|                 | <b>5</b> Other direct expenses                                           |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                     |
|                 | <b>6</b> Volunteer labor                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ %<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ %<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ %<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |                                                     |
|                 | <b>7</b> Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     | ( )                                                 |
|                 | <b>8</b> Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7 |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                                     |                                                     |

**9** Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: \_\_\_\_\_**a** Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☐ Yes ☐ No**b** If "No," explain: \_\_\_\_\_**10a** Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☐ No**b** If "Yes," explain: \_\_\_\_\_

- |           |                                                                                                                                                       |                              |                             |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>11</b> | Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>12</b> | Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>13</b> | Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:                                                                                               |                              |                             |
| <b>a</b>  | The organization's facility                                                                                                                           | <b>13a</b>                   | %                           |
| <b>b</b>  | An outside facility                                                                                                                                   | <b>13b</b>                   | %                           |
| <b>14</b> | Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records.                                     |                              |                             |

Name 

Address 

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name 

Address 

- 16** Gaming manager information:

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of services provided ▶

☐ Director/officer      ☐ Employee      ☐ Independent contractor

- 17** Mandatory distributions:
- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$

**Part IV** **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 4, OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME:**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:**

**AMOUNT:**

INTEREST INCOME

758.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8, OTHER REVENUE:**

**DESCRIPTION OF OTHER REVENUE:**

**AMOUNT:**

SALES TAX COLLECTION ALLOWANCE

31.

SUNDRY INCOME (EXPENSE)

-15.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 8

16.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 10, GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS:**

**ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: SCHOLARSHIPS**

**GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE**

**AMOUNT GIVEN:**

8,000.

**ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION: EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMING**

**GRANTEE NAME: PURDUE EXTENSION**

**GRANTEE ADDRESS: 2003 PLEASANT STREET NOBLESVILLE, IN 46060**

**GRANTEE RELATIONSHIP: NONE**

**AMOUNT GIVEN:**

2,800.

**TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10**

10,800.

**FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16, OTHER EXPENSES:**

**DESCRIPTION OF OTHER EXPENSES:**

**AMOUNT:**

INSURANCE

992.

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|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| CREDIT CARD FEES             | 281.   |
| MISC ADMIN - OTHER           | 1,200. |
| NEWSLETTER                   | 420.   |
| DISPLAY BEDS MAINTENANCE     | 2,818. |
| 4H DAY CAMP                  | 43.    |
| CARMEL HISTORICAL SOCIETY    | 187.   |
| RICHEY WOODS                 | 209.   |
| MEMBER BADGES                | 124.   |
| FALL BANQUET                 | 3,336. |
| DIRECTORY                    | 794.   |
| HOSPITALITY                  | 248.   |
| MEMBERSHIP                   | 681.   |
| SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE COMMITTEE | 828.   |
| WESTFIELD HEIRLOOM COMMITTEE | 189.   |
| SEMINAR EXPENSES             | 8,793. |
| MEETING CLEANUP              | 728.   |
| GREENS WORKSHOP              | 1,488. |
| TOURS AND EVENTS             | 1,349. |
| COMMITTEE CHAIR LUNCH        | 258.   |
| MEMBER SEMINARS              | 435.   |
| COXHALL GARDENS              | 41.    |
| JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS      | 1,840. |
| JANUS COMMITTEE              | 157.   |
| INTERN CLASS                 | 83.    |
| HADLEY PARK                  | 139.   |
| THIRD PHASE                  | 160.   |

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|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| COMMITTEE CHAIR FALL PARTY    | 247.    |
| CONTRIBUTIONS & SMALL GRANTS  | 1,247.  |
| GARDEN STORE                  | 2,840.  |
| SPORTSWEAR EXPENSES           | 2,351.  |
| 4-H BOOTH                     | 380.    |
| MASTER PROPAGATORS            | 373.    |
| TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16 | 35,259. |

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20, CHANGES IN NET ASSETS:

| CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES: | AMOUNT: |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| REVERSAL OF GRANT EXPENSE               | 2,800.  |

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24, OTHER ASSETS:

| DESCRIPTION      | BEG. OF YEAR | END OF YEAR |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|
| PREPAID EXPENSES | 0.           | 2,430.      |

FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26, OTHER LIABILITIES:

| DESCRIPTION                                | BEG. OF YEAR | END OF YEAR |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| PREPAID DUES                               | 525.         | 1,620.      |
| SALES TAX COLLECTED                        | 15.          | 4.          |
| LONG-TERM GROW LAB/OUTDOOR CLASSROOM GRANT |              |             |
| FUNDING                                    | 2,800.       | 0.          |
| DEPOSIT                                    | 0.           | 1,000.      |
| TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26              | 3,340.       | 2,624.      |

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE - FURTHER AND SHARE

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KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD GARDENING PRACTICES.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

THE HAMILTON COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS ASSOCIATION IS A

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION WHOSE MEMBERS HAVE COMPLETED THE

MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM THROUGH PURDUE UNIVERSITY AND THE

COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE. OUR PRIMARY PURPOSES ARE TO FURTHER OUR OWN

KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD GARDENING PRACTICES IN CENTRAL INDIANA AND TO SHARE

THAT KNOWLEDGE WITH THE GARDENING PUBLIC.

TO ATTAIN THESE GOALS IN 2011, HCMGA HELD MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

WITH SPEAKERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND MEMBERS PARTICIPATED ON ONE OR

MORE OF THE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES. THE ASSOCIATION ALSO MAINTAINED

PERMANENT DISPLAY BEDS AT THE HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H GROUNDS THAT ARE OPEN

TO THE PUBLIC AND THAT FEATURE ALL-AMERICAN SELECTION ANNUAL FLOWERS

AND VEGETABLES, DAYLILIES, IRIS, PERENNIALS, AND MIDWEST NATIVE PLANTS.

WORK CONTINUED ON MAINTAINING AN DEVELOPING PUBLIC GARDENS THROUGHOUT

THE COUNTY. THE BEDS PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC THROUGH PLANT

LABELING AND HANDOUTS AS WELL AS BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH VISITORS WHILE

MEMBERS ARE WORKING.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATED IN SHARING GOOD GARDENING

INFORMATION THROUGH A NUMBER OF OTHER DIRECT MEANS, INCLUDING, BUT NOT

LIMITED TO, OUR WEBSITE, THE SPEAKERS BUREAU, SEEDS OF KNOWLEDGE, AND

VOICE MAIL AT THE EXTENTION OFFICE, THE LAST ALLOWING MEMBERS OF THE

GARDENING PUBLIC TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH A MASTER GARDENER TO GET HELP

WITH GARDENING QUESTIONS AND PROBLEMS. THROUGH THE VOICE MAIL, PUBLIC

SPEAKING, AND VARIOUS OTHER ACTIVITIES, WE ALSO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO THE

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EXTENSION EDUCATOR. MEMBERS STAFFED AN INFORMATION BOOTH AT THE  
HAMILTON COUNTY 4-H FAIR. THE MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL 4-H  
MINI DAY CAMP, TEACHING HUNDREDS OF SIX & SEVEN YEAR OLDS ABOUT SEED  
STARTING.

MINIMUM REQUIRED HOURS ARE 12 VOLUNTEER & 6 EDUCATION HOURS PER YEAR.  
THE OVER 250 MEMBERS DONATED OVER 10,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS AND REPORTED  
OVER 4,000 HOURS IN FURTHERANCE OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION IN 2011.  
THE HCMGA ALSO GIVES TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE FORM OF SCHOLARSHIPS,  
WHICH ARE AVAILABLE TO ANY COUNTY RESIDENT MAJORING IN HORTICULTURE OR  
A RELATED FIELD. THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENT WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE  
CHILD OR GRANDCHILD OF AN ACTIVE HCMGA MEMBER, REGARDLESS OF THE  
APPLICANT'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE. IN 2011, FOUR SCHOLARHIPS WERE AWARDED.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, INFORMATION REGARDING PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS:  
THE ORGANIZATION DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS, DIRECTLY,  
OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.  
THE ORGANIZATION, DID NOT, DURING THE YEAR, PAY ANY PREMIUMS, DIRECTLY,  
OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT.