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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, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)
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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012 , and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization HEARTS AFIRE FOUNDATION		D Employer identification number 77-0409798
	Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 3037 WHITEGATE DRIVE		E Telephone number (209) 383-9384
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 MERCED, CA 95340		F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify) _____

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

I Website: N/A _____

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

K 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. ▶ \$ 164,978

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

Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1		18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2		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)
3	Membership dues and assessments	3		20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)
4	Investment income	4	4,071	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a			
5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0		
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c			
6	Gaming and fundraising events	6d			
6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a			
6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	0		
6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	0		
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a			
7b	Less cost of goods sold	7b	0		
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c			
8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8			
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	164,978		
10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	97,478		
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	308		
14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14			
15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15			
16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	70,064		
17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	167,850		
18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-2,872		
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	499,869		
20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20			
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	496,997		

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

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

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	492,840	22 489,968
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	7,029	24 7,029
25 Total assets	499,869	25 496,997
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	499,869	27 496,997

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

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

Expenses
(Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?

FUNDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HANDICAPPED SCHOOL IN NICARAGUA

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28 DONATION TO THE JUAN BRENES HOSPITAL, SOMOTO, NICARAGUA (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28a	25,816
29 DONATED FUNDS TO THE LOS PIPITOS HANDICAP CENTER, SOMOTO, NICARAGUA (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	29a	35,529
30 DONATED FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE CITY OF SOMOTO, NICARAGUA OFFICIALS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS TO NEEDY CHILDREN WITH EVIDENCE OF IMPROVED GRADES (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	30a	36,133
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O) (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) <input type="checkbox"/>	32	

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees List each one even if not compensated (see the instructions for Part IV)

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

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
TIM RAZZARI Treasurer	0	0		
THERESA L CESAR Secretary	0	0		
DENNIS S CESAR President	0	0		

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 Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V [X]

Table with columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No response columns. Includes questions 33 through 45b regarding organizational activities, financials, and compliance.

Yes No

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 46 No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations 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

Yes No

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 47 No

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E 48 No

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? 49a No

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? 49b No

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 "

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee paid more than \$100,000; (b) 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. Row 1 contains '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 "

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000; (b) Type of service; (c) Compensation. Row 1 contains 'NONE'.

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 2013-08-28 Date THERESA L CESAR Secretary Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature BRENT SALES Date Check if self-employed PTIN P00318444 Firm's name COVERT SALES & CRAIG LLP Firm's EIN Firm's address 102 West Alexander Avenue Merced, CA 95348 Phone no

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

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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.

Name of the organization
HEARTS AFIRE FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

77-0409798

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 - Non-functionally integrated
- 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 monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	123,270	137,921	117,620	135,252	160,907	674,970
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	123,270	137,921	117,620	135,252	160,907	674,970
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)						244,103
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						430,867

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	123,270	137,921	117,620	135,252	160,907	674,970
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	10,868	10,236	6,788	4,962	4,071	36,925
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						0
11 Total support (Add lines 7 through 10)						711,895
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	

13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	60.520 %
15 Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	67.080 %

16a 33 1/3% support test—2012. 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

b 33 1/3% support test—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2012. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2012.** 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—2011.** 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).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.**

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Employer identification number

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 2	Other Assets 2	STORAGE SHED - Beginning \$2450 STORAGE SHED - Ending \$2450
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24 1	Other Assets 1	COMPUTERS - Beginning \$4579 COMPUTERS - Ending \$4579
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 3	Other Expenses 3	STATE FILING FEES \$60
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 2	Other Expenses 2	SUPPLIES \$101
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1	Other Expenses 1	DELEGATION EXPENSES \$69197
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 1002	Other Expenses 1002	Office Expenses \$706
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 3	Grants and Similar Amounts Paid In Excess of \$5,000 3	Donee's Name DONATION TO THE JUAN BRENES HOSPITAL SOMOTO, MADRIZ Nicaragua Cash Amount Given \$25816
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 2	Grants and Similar Amounts Paid In Excess of \$5,000 2	Donee's Name DONATION TO THE LOS PIPITOS HANDICAPPED SOMOTO, MADRIZ Nicaragua Cash Amount Given \$35529
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 10 1	Grants and Similar Amounts Paid In Excess of \$5,000 1	Donee's Name SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE CHILDREN OF SOMOTO SOMOTO, MADRIZ Nicaragua Cash Amount Given \$36133