

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)

2010

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the **2010** calendar year, or tax year beginning , **2010**, and ending , **20**

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization **CERES COMMUNITY PROJECT**
 Doing Business As _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 1562
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
SEBASTOPOL, CA 95473-1562

D Employer identification number
26-2250997

E Telephone number
707-829-5833

F Name and address of principal officer:
Cathryn Couch, 5280 Gravenstein Hwy North, Sebastopol, CA 95472

G Gross receipts \$ **378,088**

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ **www.ceresproject.org**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: **2008**

M State of legal domicile: **CA**

H(c) Group exemption number ▶ **n/a**

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Delivered 26,100 nourishing whole foods meals to 186 client families throughout Sonoma County struggling with life-threatening illnesses. Developed a teen leadership program in which 137 teenagers donated more than 5,000 hours of service in our community kitchen. Conducted educational programs (extended courses, a lecture series, and community classes) on health and healing foods.		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	9
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	8
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	5	12
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	350
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	-0-
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	-0-
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	164,335	333,151
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	10,247	44,937
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1	0
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	2,417	0
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	177,000	378,088
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	176	0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0	0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	74,615	167,389
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 50,332		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	80,886	166,222
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	155,677	333,611
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	21,323	44,477
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	58,448	150,970
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	6,165	13,516
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	52,283	137,454

Part II Signature Block

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: **COPY** Date: **4/8/2011**

Type or print name and title: **TARA BUTLER, BOARD PRESIDENT**

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **E. JOSH WAGNER** Preparer's signature: *[Signature]* Date: **4/6/2011** Check if self-employed PTIN: **P00178181**

Firm's name ▶ **PLANRIGHT** Firm's EIN ▶ **77-0240123**

Firm's address ▶ **413 WESTERN DRIVE #15, SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060-3078** Phone no. **831-423-2323**

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

- 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
Our mission is three-fold: to provide those facing cancer and other life-threatening illnesses with nourishing whole foods meals that can support their healing; to teach teens how to cook and eat for health and to develop them as future leaders committed to making a difference in their communities; and to educate the general public about the vital link between what we eat and our health.
- 2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No
 If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.
- 3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No
 If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.
- 4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: n/a) (Expenses \$ 130,465 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 702)
During 2010 we delivered 26,100 nourishing whole foods meals to 186 client families living with life-threatening illnesses in all areas of Sonoma County. The meals were prepared by 137 teenagers who spent more than 5,000 hours in the Ceres Project kitchen learning about cooking and eating healthy foods.
In 2010 we developed a teen leadership program. Teens who have worked for three months received a Ceres Project apron with their name embroidered, and teens who have worked for about a year, and who demonstrated leadership in the kitchen, were invited to become Teen Leaders. These teens received a chef coat with their name and the Ceres logo. Teen Leaders worked with Chef & Teen Coordinator Rob Hogencamp and our Adult Chef Mentors to ensure that the kitchen ran smoothly. Teen Leaders helped orient new teens to the kitchen, led cooking teams, assisted at Volunteer Orientations, helped with fundraising events, gave presentations about Ceres, went on the radio, coordinated our annual holiday gift project for our clients, and more. Each year, one Teen Leader is invited to serve on the Board of Directors.

4b (Code: n/a) (Expenses \$ 113,581 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 11,013)
During 2010 we offered several different educational programs. The Healing Foods Cooking Course is our four hour a week, four-week program for people recovering from serious illness, their family and caregivers. The course includes mind-body practices, time in the garden, cooking skills, nutrition information and support. In 2010 we graduated 69 people from this free course.
Open to the public, our Healing Foods Lecture Series presents important topics related to food and health. In 2010, 165 people attended five lectures covering topics such as Herbal Adaptogens for Health & Healing, the Ecology of Cancer, and Cooking with Sea Vegetables.
Our Community Classes are open to everyone and provide hands-on experience with sprouting, fermenting, broth making and healthy, sugar-free desserts. In 2010, 52 people attended five community classes. The classes were \$30 each.

4c (Code: n/a) (Expenses \$ 10,319 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 32,294)
During 2010 we distributed 1,640 copies of our cookbook, "Nourishing Connections - The Healing Power of Food & Community," via our Website and at our various community events. The cookbook supports our work by educating people about the healing power of locally grown organic whole foods and how to prepare them. We also placed our volunteer-prepared sauerkraut, made from locally grown cabbage, in local grocery stores. This product is a key ingredient in a healthy diet.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses **▶** 254,365

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	333,151				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$						
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		333,151				
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2a Cookbook sales		29,452	29,452			
	b Food sales		13,500	13,500			
	c Classes/Educational outreach		1,985	1,985			
	d _____						
	e _____						
	f All other program service revenue .						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		44,937				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶						
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶						
	5 Royalties ▶						
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
		d Net gain or (loss) ▶					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
		b Less: direct expenses	b				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . ▶					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less: direct expenses		b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a						
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶						
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a _____							
b _____							
c _____							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶							
12 Total revenue. See instructions. ▶			378,088	44,937			

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns.

All other organizations must complete column (A) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	41,000	28,700	0	12,300
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7	Other salaries and wages	112,231	85,782	13,324	13,125
8	Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9	Other employee benefits				
10	Payroll taxes	14,158	10,552	1,411	2,195
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management				
b	Legal				
c	Accounting				
d	Lobbying				
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other	30,848	22,808	1,930	5,910
12	Advertising and promotion	38,853	26,870	240	11,743
13	Office expenses	13,570	2,038	6,610	4,922
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	13,727	11,327	2,400	0
17	Travel	335	321	14	0
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23	Insurance	2,915	0	2,915	0
24	Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a	Meals programs	53,894	53,894		
b	Food sales	8,340	8,340		
c	Educational programs	3,733	3,733		
d					
e					
f	All other expenses	207	0	70	137
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	333,611	254,365	28,914	50,332
26	Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	34,641	1	146,309
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net	0	4	621
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see Instructions)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	17,487	8	0
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	6,220	9	0
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	10c	
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	100	15	4,040
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	58,448	16	150,970	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	3,314	17	3,656
	18	Grants payable	1,150	18	9,860
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	1,701	25	0
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	6,165	26	13,516
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	52,283	27	96,859
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	0	29	40,595
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	52,283	33	137,454	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	58,448	34	150,970	