

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

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

For the **2008** calendar year, or tax year beginning **2008**, and ending

B Check if applicable:

Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See specific instructions.

D Employer Identification Number
04-3585301

E Telephone number
(415) 369-8480

G Gross receipts \$ 10,518,625.

F Name and address of principal officer:
SAME AS C ABOVE

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)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ WWW.CREATIVECOMMONS.ORG

K Type of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of Formation: **M** State of legal domicile:

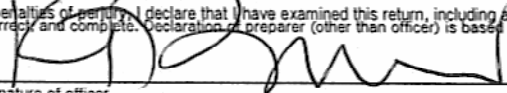
Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C) (3) OF THE IRC, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DESIGNING METHODS AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT FACILITATE SHARING OF SCIENTIFIC, CREATIVE, AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL WORKS WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC.</u>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	13
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	13
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	36
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	0
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	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)	Prior Year 3,545,487.	Current Year 10,468,988
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	12,568.	14,806.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	15,199.	34,831.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,573,254.	10,518,625.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,426,328.	2,185,394.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	19,536.	
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 302,739.		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	2,189,758.	1,338,874.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,635,622.	3,524,268.
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-62,368.	6,994,357.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year 2,411,938.	End of Year 8,727,747.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	571,695.	130,499.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	1,840,243.	8,597,248.

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:  Date: 4/15/09

▶ **KEVIN BIRTCHELL** CFO/TREASURER
Type or print name and title.

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: ▶ **BRUCE J. WRIGHT** Date: Check if self-employed Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) N/A

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: ▶ **GOOD & FOWLER, LLP**
 ▶ **262 GRAND AVENUE**
 ▶ **SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080**

EIN ▶ N/A
 Phone no. ▶ (650) 872-7600

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

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:) (Expenses \$ 2,718,744. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses \$ 2,718,744. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No	
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A</i>	1	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I</i>	3		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	4		X
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part I</i>	6		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	7		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III</i>	8		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>	9		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	11	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i>	12	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E</i>	13		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?	14a	X	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I</i>	14b	X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II</i>	15		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III</i>	16		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I</i>	17		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	18		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III</i>	19		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H</i>	20		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>	22		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J</i>	23		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If 'Yes,' answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to question 25</i>	24a		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25a		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II</i>	26		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	28a	X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	28b	X
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	28c	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.</i>	29	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.</i>	30	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>	31	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II.</i>	32	X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>	33	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1.</i>	34	X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>	35	X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>	36	X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i>	37	X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
	1a 4		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.		
	1b 0		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
	2a 36		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
3b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O.		
4a	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)?	X	
4b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ► <u>GERMANY</u> See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 , Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If 'Yes,' to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		X
7b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		X
7h	For all contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		X
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from other members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		

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Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
<i>For each 'Yes' response to lines 2-7b below, and for a 'No' response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.</i>			
1 a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		13
1 b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		13
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7 a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7 b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8 a	The governing body?	X	
8 b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		X
9 a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
9 b	If 'Yes,' does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990 . . . SEE . SCHEDULE . O . . .	X	
11	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O . . .		X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12 a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13 . . .	X	
12 b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? . . .	X	
12 c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done . . . SEE . SCHEDULE . O . . .	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy? . . .	X	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? . . .	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
15 a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official? . . .	X	
15 b	Other officers of key employees of the organization? . . . SEE . SCHEDULE . O . . . Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)	X	
16 a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? . . .		X
16 b	If 'Yes,' has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? . . .		

Section C. Disclosures

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ▶ CA MA
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:
 ▶ CREATIVE COMMONS 171 SECOND STREET, SUITE 300 SAN FRANCISCO CA 94105 (415) 369-8480

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) or more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
LAWRENCE LESSIG DIRECTOR	40	X						0.	0.	0.
JAMES BOYLE CHAIR	2	X						0.	0.	0.
MICHAEL CARROLL DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.	0.
ERIC SALTZMAN DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.	0.
CATERINA FAKE DIRECTOR	17	X						0.	0.	0.
HAL ABELSON DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.	0.
DIANE CABELL SECRETARY	30			X	X			30,057.	0.	0.
MOLLY SHAFFER VAN HOUWELIN DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.	0.
ESTHER WOJCICKI DIRECTOR	0	X						0.	0.	0.
KEVIN BIRCHNELL CFO/TREASURER	17			X	X			98,300.	0.	0.
JOICHI ITO PRES/CEO/DIR	2			X	X			0.	0.	0.
DAVIS GUGGENHEIM DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.	0.
JIMMY WALES DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.	0.
LAURIE RACINE DIRECTOR	2	X						0.	0.	0.
JENNIFER YIP ASST TREASURER	0			X	X			66,835.	0.	0.
JONATHAN REES PRIN. SCIENTIST	40					X		129,730.	0.	0.
ALAN RUTTENBERG PRIN. SCIENTIST	40					X		117,886.	0.	0.

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (cont.)

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
DIANE PETERS GENERAL COUNSEL	40					X		96,667.	0.	0.
MICHAEL LINKSVAYER VICE PRESIDENT	40					X		95,000.	0.	0.
JOHN WILBANKS VICE PRESIDENT	40					X		92,632.	0.	0.
1 b Total								727,107.	0.	0.

2 Total number of individuals (including those in 1a) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 2

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual.		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual.		X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person.		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of Services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including those in 1) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶ 0

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	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a					
	b Membership dues	1 b					
	c Fundraising events	1 c					
	d Related organizations	1 d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f 10,468,988.					
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f: \$						
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f. ▶			10,468,988.				
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	2 a _____		Business Code				
	b _____						
	c _____						
	d _____						
	e _____						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f. ▶						
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶			14,806.		14,806.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶						
	5 Royalties ▶						
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7 a 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) ▶					
	8 a 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 ▶						
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a						
b Less: direct expenses b							
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶							
10 a 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					
11 a EURO TO DOLLARS (LOSS)			-15,748.		-15,748.		
b OTHER INCOME			50,579.		50,579.		
c _____							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d. ▶			34,831.				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e ▶			10,518,625.	0.	0.	49,637.	

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).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(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.	195,192.	166,577.	28,615.	0.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages.	1,662,401.	1,435,186.	78,384.	148,831.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions).	78,792.	67,940.	4,539.	6,313.
9 Other employee benefits.	115,648.	99,721.	6,661.	9,266.
10 Payroll taxes.	133,361.	114,994.	7,682.	10,685.
11 Fees for services (non-employees).				
a Management.				
b Legal.	15,683.	4,844.	10,839.	
c Accounting.	62,435.		62,435.	
d Lobbying.				
e Prof fundraising svcs. See Part IV, ln 17.				
f Investment management fees.				
g Other.	461,442.	230,830.	195,804.	34,808.
12 Advertising and promotion.	35,493.	119.		35,374.
13 Office expenses.	78,201.	58,249.	4,307.	15,645.
14 Information technology.	6,652.	5,870.	327.	455.
15 Royalties.				
16 Occupancy.	154,346.	140,167.	5,930.	8,249.
17 Travel.	325,505.	294,668.	14,560.	16,277.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	99,773.	83,812.		15,961.
20 Interest.				
21 Payments to affiliates.				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	26,837.		26,837.	
23 Insurance.	33,479.		33,479.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a MEMBERSHIP AND DUES	11,286.		11,286.	
b PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS	10,921.	9,417.	629.	875.
c LICENSES AND FEES	8,055.	6,350.	1,705.	
d BANK CHARGES	6,810.		6,810.	
e BOARD CULTIVATION AND MEETINGS	1,727.		1,727.	
f All other expenses.	229.		229.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f.	3,524,268.	2,718,744.	502,785.	302,739.
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. 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		1
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	1,440,898.	2
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	858,831.	3
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5
	6	Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	35,693.	9
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	124,914.	
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	88,609.	10c
	11	Investments — publicly-traded securities	24,929.	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	7,106.	15
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,411,938.	16	
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	121,695.	17
	18	Grants payable		18
	19	Deferred revenue		19
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20
	21	Escrow 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	450,000.	22
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable		24
	25	Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	571,695.	26
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	86,541.	27
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	1,753,702.	28
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		29
	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, and equipment fund		31
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32
33	Total net assets or fund balances.	1,840,243.	33	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.	2,411,938.	34	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
c	If 'Yes' to 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits?		

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Form 990 (2008)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

To be completed by all section 501 (c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization CREATIVE COMMONS CORPORATION	Employer identification number 04-3585301
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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: (Please check only **one** organization.)

- 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 cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** (Attach Schedule H.)
- 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).** (see instructions)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or 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 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?

	Yes	No
(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?	11 g (i)	
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?	11 g (ii)	
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?	11 g (iii)	

(i) Name of Supported Organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of Support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)	1,206,174.	1,754,471.	2,856,215.	3,545,487.	10963657.	20,326,004.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf.						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1-3.	1,206,174.	1,754,471.	2,856,215.	3,545,487.	10963657.	20,326,004.
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).						12,174,548.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						8,151,456.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4.	1,206,174.	1,754,471.	2,856,215.	3,545,487.	10963657.	20,326,004.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources.	7,378.	14,530.	6,960.	12,568.	14,806.	56,242.
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.) SEE PART IV.				14,713.	34,830.	49,543.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.						20,431,789.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions).					12	0.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	39.9 %
15 Public support percentage for 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f.	15	24.6 %
16a 33-1/3 support test – 2008. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3 support test – 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions. ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a 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 1-5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons.						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
c Add lines 7a and 7b.						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a 33-1/3 support tests – 2008. 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 – 2007. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 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 II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME

NATURE AND SOURCE	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
EURO TO DOLLARS GAIN (LOSS)	-15,748.	14,713.			
OTHER REVENUE	50,578.				
TOTAL	<u>\$ 34,830.</u>	<u>\$ 14,713.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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CREATIVE COMMONS CORPORATION

Employer identification number

04-3585301

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, aggregate value, and two questions about donor advisement.

Part II Conservation Easements Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include purpose of easements, total acreage, number of easements, and monitoring details.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include questions about reporting art and historical treasures.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's accession and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a Public exhibition
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian, or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds Complete if organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b Permanent endowment _____ %
- c Term endowment _____ %

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	
b If 'Yes' to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		90,654.	68,842.	21,812.
e Other		34,260.	19,767.	14,493.
Total. Add lines 1a-1e (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				36,305.

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Part VII Investments—Other Securities See Form 990, Part X, line 12. N/A

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other _____		

Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990 Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related (See Form 990, Part X, line 13) N/A

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, Col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets (See Form 990, Part X, line 15) N/A

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. Column (b) Total (should equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B), line 15) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities (See Form 990, Part X, line 25)

(a) Description of Liability	(b) Amount	
Federal Income Taxes		
Total. Column (b) Total (should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25) ▶		

In Part XIV, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		10,518,625.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)		3,524,268.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1		6,994,357.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments		
5	Donated services and use of facilities		
6	Investment expenses		
7	Prior period adjustments		
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV) SEE PART XIV		13,380.
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8		13,380.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9		7,007,737.

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	10,882,688.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	-13,380.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	377,443.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	364,063.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	10,518,625.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	10,518,625.

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,901,711.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	377,443.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	377,443.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,524,268.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	3,524,268.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 8
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES

UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENTS.....	\$	13,380.
TOTAL	\$	<u>13,380.</u>

**Schedule F
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

▶ Attach to Form 990. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, line 15, or line 16.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

CREATIVE COMMONS CORPORATION

Employer identification number

04-3585301

Part I General Information on Activities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

- 1 **For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? . . . Yes No
- 2 **For grantmakers.** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the United States.
- 3 **Activities per Region.** (Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees or agents in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (i.e., fundraising, program services, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures in region
GERMANY	1	4	PROGRAM SERVICES	SEE	386,014.
				INTERNATIONAL	
				PROGRAM	
				SERVICE	
				ACCOMPLISHMEN	
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Totals ▶	1	4			386,014.

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000. Use Schedule F-1 (Form 990) if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)

2 Enter total number of organizations that are recognized as charities by the foreign country or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter. ▶ 0

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities. ▶ 0

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required in Part I, line 2, and any other additional information.

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additional information for responses to specific questions for the
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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION MISSION

CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE
IRC, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DESIGNING METHODS AND TECHNOLOGIES THAT
FACILITATE SHARING OF SCIENTIFIC, CREATIVE, AND OTHER INTELLECTUAL WORKS WITH THE
GENERAL PUBLIC.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2008

THE FREE SOFTWARE FOUNDATION RELEASED THE FREE DOCUMENT LICENSE, VERSION 1.3 ON
NOVEMBER 3, MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR MASSIVELY COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS SUCH AS WIKIPEDIA
TO MIGRATE TO THE CC ATTRIBUTION-SHAREALIKE 3.0 LICENSE.

RDFA BECAME A W3C RECOMMENDATION ON OCTOBER 14, THE CULMINATION OF A 4+ YEAR EFFORT
LED BY CC TO INTEGRATE THE SEMANTIC WEB AND THE WEB THAT EVERYONE USES. THE CC
NETWORK AND OTHER CC SERVICES IMPLEMENT RDFA EXTENSIVELY. EARLY MAJOR ADOPTERS IN THE
COMMERCIAL AND OPEN SOURCE SPACES INCLUDE YAHOO! SEARCHMONKEY AND THE DRUPAL 7
CONTENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

LEGAL AND TECHNICAL WORK ON THE CC0 WAIVER WAS COMPLETED ON 1 DECEMBER. LAUNCH IS
PENDING. CC0 IS A LEGAL TOOL FOR WAIVING AS MANY RIGHTS AS LEGALLY POSSIBLE,
WORLDWIDE, SUPERSEDING THE U.S.-ONLY PUBLIC DOMAIN DEDICATION, AND CRUCIALLY ADDING
EXPLICIT SUPPORT FOR FREEING DATABASES. ENHANCEMENT OF PUBLIC DOMAIN
CERTIFICATION/ASSERTION TOOLS IS AN ONGOING PROJECT.

CC TOOLS HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO A VARIETY OF SITES OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS, WITH
ABOUT TEN NEW NOTABLE IMPLEMENTATIONS HAVING LAUNCHED INCLUDING GOOGLE'S PHOTO

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONTINUED)

SHARING SITE, PICASA, WHICH RE-LAUNCHED IN SEPTEMBER WITH FLICKR-LIKE CC-LICENSING TOOLS.

THE "DEFINING NONCOMMERCIAL" STUDY IS UNDERWAY WITH PHASE 1 INTERVIEWS LARGELY COMPLETED AND PHASE 2 RANDOM PANEL AND CC FRIENDS AND FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRES IN PROCESS.

CC INTERNATIONAL REPORTED THAT FOUR NEW JURISDICTIONS HAVE LAUNCHED: ROMANIA, HONG KONG, GUATEMALA, AND SINGAPORE AND THREE EXISTING JURISDICTIONS UPGRADED THEIR LICENSES TO VERSION 3.0: GERMANY, AUSTRIA, AND SPAIN.

AN INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE EURASIA FOUNDATION LED TO A COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF AFFILIATE INSTITUTIONS IN ARMENIA, AZERBAIJAN, AND GEORGIA AND A REGIONAL SOUTH CAUCASUS WORKSHOP.

WEBSITES AND POLICIES WERE UPDATED INCLUDING THE PRIVACY POLICY. NEW TERMS OF USE WERE INTRODUCED. FAQs WERE UPGRADED AND FFAQ WERE DEVELOPED TO SIMPLIFY SEARCH FOR MOST RELEVANT CONTENT. SCIENCE COMMONS REVAMPED ITS SITE AND CONTENT.

THE NEUROCOMMONS PROJECT MOVED FROM R&D TO RELEASE PHASE AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER WITH A STABLE VERSION OF THE KNOWLEDGEBASE (KB). SCIENCE COMMONS BEGAN SOLICITING MIRROR INSTALLATIONS, FEEDBACK, AND USE CASES.

CCLEARN HAS ADDED AN OPEN DATABASE OF EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONS (ODEPO) AS WELL AS AN INTERACTIVE MAP OF UPCOMING OPEN EDUCATIONAL EVENTS, BASED ON THE SEMANTIC MEDIAWIKI PLATFORM. WE WILL ALSO BE HOSTING THE OERFEEDS.INFO SITE, WHICH

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AGGREGATES ALL OF THE OER FEEDS FROM PARTICIPATING PROJECTS INTO A SINGLE CLEARINGHOUSE FOR EASIER USE AND DISSEMINATION.

CCLEARN PUBLISHED A RESEARCH REPORT, "WHAT STATUS FOR "OPEN"? AN ANALYSIS OF THE LICENSING POLICIES OF OPEN EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROJECTS."

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 10 - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS

A DRAFT OF FORM 990 IS PRESENTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AS THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AFTER APPROVAL, A COPY OF FORM 990 IS GIVEN TO THE GOVERNING BOARD.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - EXPLANATION OF MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF C

WE HAVE NOT HAD A CONFLICT OF INTEREST REPORTED AS YET. BASED ON THE ANNUAL CONFLICT DISCLOSURE SURVEY, A LIST OF THE ENTITIES IN WHICH THE BOARD AND STAFF HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IS POSTED ON TEAMSPACE WHERE IT CAN BE CHECKED BY COUNSEL AGAINST ANY NEW CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS FOR POSSIBLE CONFLICTS. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL CONFLICTS QUESTIONNAIRE AND TO REVIEW ANY ALLEGED/SUSPECTED CONFLICTS. COUNSEL ARE ALSO ALWAYS REVIEWING POTENTIAL CONFLICTS AS WELL.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS FOR OFFICERS & KEY EMPLOYEE

AS EACH NEW EMPLOYEE WAS INITIALLY HIRED, AND WHEN RAISES WERE GRANTED, THE NEW WAGE WAS ASSESSED ON THE BASIS OF PAST PAYROLL EXPERIENCE. ALL POSITIONS HAVE UNDERGONE A COMPARISON SURVEY AT SOME POINT IN TIME, SO WE ONLY PERFORM NEW SURVEYS WHEN THE WAGE EXCEEDS EARLIER WAGE RANGES OR IS AN ENTIRELY NEW POSITION FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO DATA. FOR NEW, UNUSUAL COMPENSATIONS, OR FOR LOCATIONS WHERE WE HAVE NO EXPERIENCE, WE PERFORM A SURVEY USING VARIOUS ONLINE SITES, PAID SALARY SURVEY SOURCES AND FROM LITERATURE PROVIDED BY NONPROFIT TRADE ASSOCIATION DATABASES.