

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)

OMB No. 1545-1150

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 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.

Form 990-EZ header section A through K, including organization name (PALMS FOR LIFE FUND, INC.), address (217 EAST 31ST STREET, UPPER FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10016), and financial details.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$ 136,039.

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

Table with 3 main sections: Revenue (lines 1-9), Expenses (lines 10-17), and Net Assets (lines 18-21). Includes sub-rows for detailed breakdowns like 'Gross amount from sale of assets' and 'Total revenue'.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

Table with 3 columns: Description, (A) Beginning of year, and (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, Land and buildings, Other assets, Total assets, Total liabilities, and Net assets or fund balances.

Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Sch. N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. 0.		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved N/A		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 N/A		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities N/A		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 0.; section 4912 0.; section 4955 0.		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 0.		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 0.		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. NY		
42a	The organization's books are in care of HANNAH LAUFER-ROTTMAN Telephone no. (718) 450-0123 Located at 217 E. 31ST STREET, NEW YORK, NY ZIP + 4 10016		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?		X
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year N/A		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

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 address of each employee paid more than \$100,000, (b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Compensation, (d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation, (e) Expense account and other allowances. Content: 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. Content: NONE

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

Sign Here 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. Signature of officer: HANNAH LAUFER-ROTTMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Paid Preparer's Use Only Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, Preparer's identifying number (See instr.), Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: WEISERMAZARS LLP, 135 WEST 50TH STREET, NEW YORK, NY 10020, EIN, Phone no.: 212.812.7000

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

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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")		3,854.	58,011.	72,905.	52,347.	187,117.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3		3,854.	58,011.	72,905.	52,347.	187,117.
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)						115,004.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						72,113.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4		3,854.	58,011.	72,905.	52,347.	187,117.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				468.	204.	672.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)					448.	448.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						188,237.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	83,040.

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**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%

16a 33 1/3% support test - 2009. 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 - 2008. 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 - 2009. 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 - 2008. 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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2009. 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 - 2008. 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

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

PALMS FOR LIFE FUND, INC.

16-1760622

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2009)

Name of organization PALMS FOR LIFE FUND, INC.	Employer identification number 16-1760622
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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	DEXTRA BALDWIN MCGONAGLE FOUNDATION <hr/> PO BOX 709 <hr/> SOUTH SALEM, NY 10590	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH <hr/> 1 WEST 29TH STREET <hr/> NEW YORK, NY 10001	\$ 25,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	CHARITIES AID FOUNDATION AMERICA <hr/> 1800 DIAGONAL ROAD, SUITE 150 <hr/> ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314-2840	\$ 15,064.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ <hr/> _____ <hr/> _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ <hr/> _____ <hr/> _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
_____	_____ <hr/> _____ <hr/> _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT	1
DESCRIPTION		AMOUNT	
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION		6,868.	
OFFICE EXPENSES		10,254.	
TRAVEL AND MEETINGS		3,460.	
OTHER		737.	
PRIZES-FACES OF HUNGER		5,250.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 16		26,569.	

FORM 990-EZ	OTHER LIABILITIES	STATEMENT	2
DESCRIPTION	BEG. OF YEAR	END OF YEAR	
DUE TO OFFICER	8,420.	11,059.	
ACCRUED EXPENSES	0.	2,431.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-EZ, LINE 26	8,420.	13,490.	

FORM 990-EZ

CASH GRANTS AND ALLOCATIONS

STATEMENT 3

CLASS OF ACTIVITY/GRANTEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS	GRANTEE'S RELATIONSHIP	AMOUNT
FEEDING STREETCHILDREN IN ECUADOR CENTRO DEL MUCHACHO TRABAJADOR (CMT) PO BOX 17-31-0112 QUITO ADOR	NONE	6,500.
ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR POOR CHILDREN FUNDACION DESARROLLO SOCIAL Y HABITAT OEL-83 Y GUAYAQUIL CASA 702 QUITO, ECQUADOR	NONE	7,000.
FOOD PRODUCTION PROJECT APRODES:KONGOUSSI PROVINCE DU BAM-BURKINA FASO BP	NONE	7,600.
OTHER	NONE	3,678.
TOTAL INCLUDED ON FORM 990-EZ, LINE 10		24,778.

FORM 990-EZ

INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFERS
ASSOCIATED WITH PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACTS

STATEMENT 4

A) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, RECEIVE ANY FUNDS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, TO PAY PREMIUMS ON A PERSONAL
BENEFIT CONTRACT? [] YES [X] NO

B) DID THE ORGANIZATION, DURING THE YEAR, PAY PREMIUMS,
DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ON A PERSONAL BENEFIT CONTRACT? . . [] YES [X] NO

FACES OF HUNGER IN AMERICA: THIS WAS PALMS FOR LIFE MAIN PROJECT IN 2009. IT WAS MADE POSSIBLE THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF THE DEXTRA BALDWIN MCGONAGLE FOUNDATION, GOTSPOT AND INDIVIDUALS. FACES OF HUNGER WAS A SHORT FILM CONTEST FOR YOUNG FILMMAKERS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HUNGER IN THE US AFFECTING MORE THAN 49 MILLION PEOPLE IN 2008. PALMS FOR LIFE ORGANISED THE CONTEST AND REACHED OUT TO HUNDREDS OF ORGANIZATIONS AND YOUNG FILMMAKERS INVITING THEM TO PARTICIPATE. THE PRIZE-WINNING CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE ACTION CENTER TO END WORLD HUNGER WITH THE PRESENCE OF A VERY PRESTIGIOUS PANEL OF JUDGES. THE AUDIENCE WAS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN A DISCUSSION ABOUT HUNGER IN AMERICA. 14 SHORT FILMS HAVE BEEN SELECTED AND ARE UP ON THE FACES OF HUNGER WEBSITE FOR VIEWING.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS: DESIGN OF PROJECTS TO HELP FEED STREETCHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES, TOTALING 2,000 PEOPLE IN ECUADOR FOR WHICH PALMS FOR LIFE SECURED \$13,000 FROM THE MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH. PALMS FOR LIFE ALSO SECURED FUNDING FROM CAF AMERICA FOR THE PROJECT CUENTAMELO TODO THAT INTRODUCES LITERACY TO CHILDREN IN POOR NEIGHBORHOODS IN ECUADOR. IN BURKINA FASO (WEST-AFRICA) PALMS FOR LIFE SECURED FUNDING TO HELP 300 WOMEN WITH A FOOD PRODUCTION PROJECT THEREBY INCREASING THEIR INCOME AND LIVELIHOODS.

FUNDING PROPOSALS - PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF AT LEAST 10 FUNDING
PRE-PROPOSALS AND PROPOSALS TO VARIOUS PROSPECTS BENEFITING APPROXIMATELY
20,000 POOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND STREET CHILDREN, AND AT LEAST 10,000 WOMEN
IN VARIOUS PARTS OF AFRICA, ASIA AND LATIN AMERICA

HELPING POOR PEOPLE WORLDWIDE BY SUPPORTING PROJECTS THAT ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF POVERTY.