

# Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

## 2010

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

Form **990**

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 and ending

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

**C** Name of organization  
**FRIENDS OF CIBOLO WILDERNESS**  
 Doing Business As  
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**P. O. BOX 9**  
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4  
**BOERNE, TX 78006**  
**F** Name and address of principal officer: **Lucinda Vela-Wick**  
**same as C above**

**D** Employer identification number  
**74-2564700**

**E** Telephone number  
**(830) 249-4616**

**G** Gross receipts \$ **871,240.**

**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.CIBOLO.ORG**

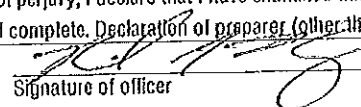
**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other ▶

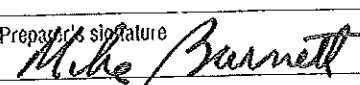
**L** Year of formation: **1990** **M** State of legal domicile: **TX**

Part I Summary			
1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>See Schedule 0.</u>			
2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
Activities & Governance	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	20
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	17
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	22
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	280
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	15,285.
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	9,885.
	Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)
9		Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	86,409. 93,531.
10		Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<1,697.> 23,686.
11		Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	33,996. 18,582.
12		Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,267,450. 828,491.
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	5,794. 809.
	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)	453,272. 440,280.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0. 0.
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	112,216.
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	331,593. 344,689.
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	790,659. 785,778.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	476,791. 42,713.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year: 5,139,784. End of Year: 5,011,527.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	930,266. 745,754.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	4,209,518. 4,265,773.

**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:  Date: **11/11/2010**  
 Signature of officer  
**Richard Ramirez, Treasurer**  
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name: **Mike Burnett** Preparer's signature:  Date: **11/10/11** Check if self-employed:  PTIII  
 Firm's name: **Michael D. Burnett, CPA** Firm's EIN: **▶**  
 Firm's address: **15600 San Pedro Ave., Suite 301 San Antonio 78232** Phone no.: **(210) 491-9999**

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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 [X] No

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? [ ] Yes [X] No

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 \$ 171,712. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ ) The research program is conducted to continually identify and monitor the plant life, wildlife and ecosystems in the Cibolo Creek Watershed area in Kendall County and Northern Bexar County.

4b (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 120,850. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 77,371.) Children's educational programs are conducted throughout the year. The Organization teaches children about conservation and preservation of the environment and the ecosystems and plant life in the Cibolo Creek watershed area in Kendall County and Northern Bexar County.

4c (Code: ) (Expenses \$ 95,787. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 0.) The Herff Farm preservation program focuses on returning a 62 acre tract of property contiguous to the Cibolo Nature Center to its natural state and preserving the property that is of historical significance to the local community. If not purchased by the Organization, the property would be subject to commercial development.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 104,394. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 21,797.)

4e Total program service expenses 492,743.

**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> .....	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? .....	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> .....		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i> .....		X
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i> .....		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or 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> .....		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> .....	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> .....		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> .....		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i> .....	X	
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i> .....	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i> .....		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i> .....	X	
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i> .....		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....	X	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i> .....		X
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII</i> .....	X	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i> .....		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i> .....		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? .....		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 United States? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i> .....		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, Parts II and IV</i> .....		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, Parts III and IV</i> .....		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i> .....		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i> .....	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i> .....		X
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i> .....		X
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? <b>Note.</b> Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions) .....		X

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules** (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		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, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
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?		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Is the organization 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
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	X	
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	X	
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	X	
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 1a through 14b regarding Form 1096, Form W-2G, Form W-3, and various tax compliance issues.

**Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure** For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

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

**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year		
	1a		20
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent		
	1b		17
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 governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
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:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, 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** (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

	Yes	No
10a		X
b		
10b		
11a		X
b		
11a		
b	X	
12a	X	
b	X	
12b	X	
c	X	
12c	X	
13	X	
14	X	
15		
a	X	
15a	X	
b	X	
15b	X	
16a		X
b		
16b		

**Section C. Disclosure**

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **TX**
- 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: **Carolyn Chipman-Evans - 830-249-4616**  
**Cibolo Nature Center, 140 City Park Road, Boerne, TX 78006**