

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
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2015

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning		, 2015, and ending	
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization <u>Groundswell International, Inc.</u>		D Employer identification number <u>27-1493841</u>
	Doing business as		E Telephone number <u>(202) 832-9352</u>
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <u>1215 Kearney Street, NE</u>		
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <u>Washington DC 20017-4022</u>		G Gross receipts \$ <u>1,378,133.</u>
	F Name and address of principal officer: <u>Steve Brescia 1215 Kearney Street, NE Washington DC 20017-4022</u>		
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
J Website: <u>groundswellinternational.org</u>		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)	
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: <u>2009</u>	M State of legal domicile: <u>DC</u>
H(c) Group exemption number ▶			

Part I Summary				
Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>Groundswell International strengthens rural communities to build healthy farming and food systems from the ground up.</u>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	8
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	8
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	7
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	46
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,592,635.	1,372,402.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	26,022.	5,500.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	329.	231.
	12	Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,618,986.	1,378,133.
	Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	884,306.
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)	410,825.	489,746.
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>158,030.</u>		
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e).	195,976.	215,335.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,491,107.	1,571,216.	
	19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	127,879.	-193,083.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	759,805.	531,942.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	52,813.	18,320.
			706,992.	513,622.

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	<u>04/28/16</u>
	<u>Steve Brescia</u> Type or print name and title.	Executive Director	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date
	<u>Stephen C Corliss</u>	<u>Stephen C Corliss</u>	<u>04/29/16</u>
	Firm's name	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN	
	Firm's address	<u>P01333317</u>	
	<u>CORLISS & SOLOMON, PLLC</u>	Firm's EIN ▶ <u>20-2571677</u>	
	<u>242 CHARLOTTE ST STE 1</u>	Phone no. <u>(828) 236-0206</u>	
	<u>ASHEVILLE NC 28801-1434</u>		

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Groundswell International strengthens rural communities to build healthy farming and food systems from the ground up.

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

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 [X] No

If 'Yes,' describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations 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 \$ 212,767. including grants of \$ 12,307.) (Revenue \$ 5,500.)

West Africa -- Together with partner organizations in Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Mali, Groundswell continued implementing a long-term program to improve community resilience, farmer livelihoods, and environmental stewardship by fostering the spread of Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration of trees (or FMNR) and other locally adapted ecological farming practices. Also, in 2015, the Senegalese organization Agrecole Afrique joined these other Groundswell partners to design a project that won the \$1M Global Resilience Challenge from a pool of some 500 applicants. This USAID, SIDA and Rockefeller Foundation-funded initiative will enable Groundswell partners in West Africa to integrate women's empowerment and improved nutrition into ongoing agricultural work with rural communities in dry-land areas to strengthen their resilience and overcome food insecurity.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 320,858. including grants of \$ 313,230.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

Burkina Faso -- Groundswell works with the Burkinabe non-governmental organization Association Nourrir Sans Detruire (ANSO) to improve the lives of thousands of farm families living in eastern Burkina Faso by spreading practical ecological farming methods as well as sustainable livelihood solutions. In addition to working with ANSO on regional initiatives, in 2015 Groundswell and ANSO worked together on an action-research project designed to study and implement farmer-led innovation in agroecology as a means of enhancing nutrient management and water retention in soils to improve food security, and on a project that improved access to water for drinking and agriculture - to allow for dry season vegetable gardening. These strategies complement and enhance Groundswell's sustainable agriculture and FMNR work with these same families. A farmer-to-farmer network has been organized to spread these practices across over 80 villages - restoring barren soils, regenerating trees on the land, and increasing production.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 82,246. including grants of \$ 81,264.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

Ghana -- The Center for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development (CIKOD) is Groundswell's Ghanaian partner organization in the West African regional program. We are working together to address the soil and food crisis in Ghana by spreading the adoption of FMNR and complementary ecological farming practices that are improving rural livelihoods and food security through increases in food and fuel wood production, increased abundance of fodder for livestock and small enterprise development for women and men. This in turn is contributing to enhanced resilience to climate change and reduced risk in rural communities by revitalizing the natural resources on which rural families depend. Groundswell and CIKOD are working with 34 villages, traditional chiefs, and women's networks to test and spread these agroecological solutions. CIKOD is also supporting citizens to engage in district food security planning and to create enabling policies for agroecology.

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

(Expenses \$ 721,161. including grants of \$ 459,334.) (Revenue \$ 0.)

4e Total program service expenses 1,337,032.

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 <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	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>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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, for escrow or custodial account liability; 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 temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, 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, and XII.</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 and XII 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, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <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 other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <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 other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <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> (see instructions)		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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H</i>		X
b If 'Yes' to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J</i>		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? <i>If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25a</i>		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), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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>		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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		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? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		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>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		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>		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>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
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>		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>		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

		Yes	No
1 a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable 1 a 6		
1 b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable 1 b 0		
1 c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? 1 c		
2 a	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 2 a 7		
2 b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? 2 b X	X	
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? 3 a		X
3 b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No' to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O 3 b		
4 a	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)? 4 a		X
4 b	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. (FBAR)		
5 a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5 a		X
5 b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5 b		X
5 c	If 'Yes,' to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? 5 c		
6 a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? 6 a		X
6 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 6 b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7 a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? 7 a		X
7 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7 b		
7 c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7 c		X
7 d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7 d		
7 e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7 e		X
7 f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7 f		X
7 g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7 g		
7 h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? 7 h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? 8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9 a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9 a		
9 b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9 b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10 a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. 10 a		
10 b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10 b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11 a	Gross income from members or shareholders. 11 a		
11 b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 11 b		
12 a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12 a		
12 b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 12 b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13 a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? 13 a		
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
13 b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans 13 b		
13 c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand 13 c		
14 a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? 14 a		X
14 b	If 'Yes,' has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O 14 b		

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 or note to any line in this Part VI. [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year... 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent... 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? 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? 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 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.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b If 'Yes,' did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13. 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this was done. 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 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? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official. 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization. If 'Yes' to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16b If 'Yes,' did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
[] Own website [X] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O)
19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
Paige Jeffries 157 S. Lexington Avenue Asheville NC 28801 (828) 333-4719

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

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

1 a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of 'key employee.'
- 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) of 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 \$10,000 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 neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(1) Jamie Wimberly Chair	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(2) Kathleen Earl Colverson, PhD Vice Chair	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(3) Perry Clutts Treasurer	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) Eileen Oldag Secretary	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(5) Stephen Sherwood, PhD Board Member	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) Ross Borja Board Member	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) Bernard Guri Board Member	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) Sonja Swift Board Member	0.50	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) Steve Brescia Executive Director	50.00			X				87,944.	0.	3,000.
(10)										
(11)										
(12)										
(13)										
(14)										

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(15) -----	-----									
(16) -----	-----									
(17) -----	-----									
(18) -----	-----									
(19) -----	-----									
(20) -----	-----									
(21) -----	-----									
(22) -----	-----									
(23) -----	-----									
(24) -----	-----									
(25) -----	-----									
1 b Sub-total							87,944.	0.	3,000.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							87,944.	0.	3,000.	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3	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? <i>If 'Yes' complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
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 1,372,402.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	2,902.				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶		1,372,402.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a Agroecology Consulting Fees	Business Code 541900	5,500.	5,500.	0.	0.
	b -----					
	c -----					
	d -----					
	e -----					
	f All other program service revenue . . .					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f ▶		5,500.			
	Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts) ▶		231.	0.	0.
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 ▶					
11 a Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
	b -----					
	c -----					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶					
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶		1,378,133.	5,500.	0.	231.	

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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

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 domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21.	10,557.	10,557.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	855,578.	855,578.		
4 Benefits paid to or for members.				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	90,944.	70,027.	6,093.	14,824.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B).				
7 Other salaries and wages.	352,816.	222,569.	50,736.	79,511.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).				
9 Other employee benefits	15,540.	10,176.	1,970.	3,394.
10 Payroll taxes	30,446.	20,504.	3,565.	6,377.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal.	159.	0.	159.	0.
c Accounting	7,935.	2,645.	2,645.	2,645.
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	36,009.	18,761.	719.	16,529.
12 Advertising and promotion	2,231.	267.	0.	1,964.
13 Office expenses	25,031.	13,133.	2,248.	9,650.
14 Information technology	2,377.	952.	669.	756.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	19,710.	9,069.	2,845.	7,796.
17 Travel	47,239.	37,667.	1,307.	8,265.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	42,961.	41,657.	0.	1,304.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,594.	1,039.	720.	835.
23 Insurance	3,008.	768.	2,240.	0.
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Program Service Contracts	16,800.	16,800.	0.	0.
b Facilitator/Contract Support	3,889.	3,889.	0.	0.
c Translation	388.	388.	0.	0.
d Fundraising Fees	3,332.	79.	23.	3,230.
e All other expenses	1,672.	507.	215.	950.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	1,571,216.	1,337,032.	76,154.	158,030.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing	465,453.	1	481,349.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	5,001.	2	5,021.
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	248,771.	3	5,106.
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). 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	11,041.	9	10,410.
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 9,593.		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 6,965.	5,222.	10c 2,628.
	11	Investments — publicly traded securities	500.	11	2,412.
	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	23,817.	15	25,016.
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	759,805.	16	531,942.	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	15,160.	17	16,572.
	18	Grants payable	37,653.	18	1,748.
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	52,813.	26	18,320.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	324,657.	27	200,514.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	381,985.	28	312,758.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	350.	29	350.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances	706,992.	33	513,622.
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	759,805.	34	531,942.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,378,133.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,571,216.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-193,083.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	706,992.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-287.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	513,622.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.			
2 a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		X
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
2 c	If 'Yes' to line 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	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.			
3 a	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
3 b	If 'Yes,' did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

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Form 990 (2015)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization Groundswell International, Inc.	Employer identification number 27-1493841
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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: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33-1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions — subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33-1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any 'unusual grants.')	729,925.	972,290.	1,484,561.	1,592,635.	1,372,882.	6,152,293.
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	729,925.	972,290.	1,484,561.	1,592,635.	1,372,882.	6,152,293.
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)						3,833,170.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						2,319,123.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	729,925.	972,290.	1,484,561.	1,592,635.	1,372,882.	6,152,293.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources				329.	20.	349.
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 VI.)	2,290.	1,382.	0.	0.	2,122.	5,794.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						6,158,436.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions).					12	52,917.
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 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	37.66 %
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	41.75 %
16a 33-1/3% support test – 2015. 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 ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33-1/3% support test – 2014. 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 – 2015. 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 VI 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 – 2014. 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 VI 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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(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						
7 a 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) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10 a 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 VI.)						
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 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19 a 33-1/3% support tests — 2015. 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 — 2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions.

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions 1 through 10b regarding supported organizations, including their designation, IRS status, and control.

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? Row 2: Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? Row 3: By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year?

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):
a [] The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.
b [] The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.
c [] The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below. Sub-rows 2a, 2b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below. Sub-rows 3a, 3b.

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on November 20, 1970. See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions).	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1 a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1 b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1 c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c).	1 d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D – Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required – see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013			
e From 2014			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013			
d Excess from 2014			
e Excess from 2015			

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Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information.
(See instructions.)

Pt II Ln 10 Other Income Part II, Line 10 Description: Miscellaneous 2011: 1260.
2012: 1382. 2013: 0. 2014: 0. 2015: 2122. Description: Inventory Sales
2011: 1030. 2012: 0. 2013: 0. 2014: 0.

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of a historically important land area

Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure

Preservation of open space

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2 a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2 b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2 c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2 d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1 a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition, 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 XIII.

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

1 a 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 XIII and complete the following table:

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

2 a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If 'Yes,' explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1 a Beginning of year balance	23,017.	21,776.	0.		
b Contributions	0.	100.	20,250.		
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-76.	1,441.	1,616.		
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	300.	300.	90.		
g End of year balance	22,641.	23,017.	21,776.		

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 100.00 %
 - b Permanent endowment ▶ _____ %
 - c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ _____ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3 a 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	X	
(ii) related organizations		X
b If 'Yes' on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?		

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1 a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		9,593.	6,965.	2,628.
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				2,628.

Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A) -----		
(B) -----		
(C) -----		
(D) -----		
(E) -----		
(F) -----		
(G) -----		
(H) -----		
(I) -----		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 12.) . . ▶		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 13.) . . ▶		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) Endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation	22,641.
(2) Security Deposit	2,375.
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 15.) ▶	25,016.

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B) line 25.) . . . ▶	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, 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 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,378,326.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2 a	-287.
	b Donated services and use of facilities	2 b	480.
	c Recoveries of prior year grants	2 c	
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d	
	e Add lines 2 a through 2 d	2 e	193.
3	Subtract line 2 e from line 1	3	1,378,133.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4 a	
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b	
	c Add lines 4 a and 4 b	4 c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4 c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,378,133.

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,571,696.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
	a Donated services and use of facilities	2 a	480.
	b Prior year adjustments	2 b	
	c Other losses	2 c	
	d Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2 d	
	e Add lines 2 a through 2 d	2 e	480.
3	Subtract line 2 e from line 1	3	1,571,216.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
	a Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4 a	
	b Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4 b	
	c Add lines 4 a and 4 b	4 c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4 c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,571,216.

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Pt X, Line 2
Pt V, Line 4

Groundswell is exempt from federal income taxes under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the Code, however, income from certain activities not related to an organization's tax-exempt purpose may be subject to taxation as unrelated business income. The organization had no income from unrelated business activities in 2015 and was, therefore, not required to file Federal Form 990-T (Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return). The organization believes that it has appropriate support for all tax positions taken, and as such, does not have any uncertain tax positions that are material to the financial statements. To build a fund that will eventually supplement operating support.

**SCHEDULE F
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

- ▶ Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.
 - ▶ Attach to Form 990.
 - ▶ Information about Schedule F (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

Groundswell International, Inc.

Employer identification number

27-1493841

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

- 1 For grantmakers.** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other 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 V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.
- 3 Activities per Region.** (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, 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 for and investments in region
(1) Central America	0	2	Program Services	Agricultural	32,628.
(2) Central America	0	2	Regional Grants	Agricultural	359,461.
(3) South America	0	1	Program Services	Agricultural	53,074.
(4) South America	0	1	Regional Grants	Agricultural	40,000.
(5) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	2	Program Services	Agricultural	209,096.
(6) Sub-Saharan Africa	0	2	Regional Grants	Agricultural	434,671.
(7) South Asia	0	0	Program Services	Agricultural	20,028.
(8) South Asia	0	0	Regional Grants	Agricultural	21,446.
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3 a Sub-total	0	10			1,170,404.
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I					
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	0	10			1,170,404.

Part II **Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated 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)
(1)			Central America	Haiti Program	330,907.	Wire			
(2)			Central America	Honduras Program	28,554.	Wire			
(3)			South America	Ecuador Program	40,000.	Wire			
(4)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Burkina Faso Program	313,230.	Wire			
(5)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Ghana Program	81,264.	Wire			
(6)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Mali Program	17,084.	Wire			
(7)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Senegal Program	10,786.	Wire			
(8)			Sub-Saharan Africa	Multi-country	12,307.	Wire			
(9)			South Asia	Nepal Program	21,446.	Wire			
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter ▶ 9

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities. ▶

Part III **Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' on Form 990, Part IV, line 16. Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926).* Yes No
- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to separately file Form 3520, Annual Return To Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A; do not file with Form 990).* Yes No
- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No
- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund (see Instructions for Form 8621).* Yes No
- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect to Certain Foreign Partnerships (see Instructions for Form 8865).* Yes No
- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If 'Yes,' the organization may be required to separately file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713; do not file with Form 990).* Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Pt I Line 2 Procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds outside the U.S.

Pt I Line 2 Groundswell engages in extensive pre-grant due diligence of any organization to which it disburses money. For foreign organizations, Groundswell requires that the organization be a legally registered charitable non-profit organization within its country. The information required to be provided by potential grantees includes financials for the current and previous years, governing documents, details about the board of directors, and descriptions of programs and activities. These requirements are in addition to rather than in lieu of a project funding proposal.

Pt I Line 2 Once the decision is made to make a grant to a foreign organization, Groundswell requires a written cooperation agreement between the grantee and Groundswell, which outlines each organization's duties and responsibilities, including the grantee's responsibility to request prior written approval from Groundswell before making substantial modifications to the project and/or budget.

Pt I Line 2 When the agreement is signed by the grantee, a transfer is made either from Groundswell headquarters or by direct transfer from the donor to a local bank account in the country where the grantee intends to implement activities outlined in its project proposal.

Pt I Line 2 During the grant period, Groundswell maintains regular and frequent contact with grantees, including through e-mail, phone and occasional field visits. Groundswell also requires regular progress and final narrative and financial reports. When reports are received, management and staff compare actual expenses to the approved budgeted expense, and, as necessary, seek additional explanation for any significant variations not already documented in the narrative report.

Pt I Line 2 Groundswell encourages all grantees to undertake annual audits of their overall operations, and Groundswell reserves the right to require an independent audit at its expense at any time during the project or program it is funding. This authority is set forth explicitly in the cooperation agreement entered into with each grantee.

Pt I Line 2 Finally, a Groundswell staff member conducts a site visit at least once during the term of all projects or programs undertaken with Groundswell funding.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Pt VI, Line 11b The 990 is prepared by independent accountants, reviewed by management, presented to the Board for review, proposed revisions and final approval.

Pt VI, Line 12c Annually conflict of interest statements are required to be signed by each Board member. The statements affirm that the policy has been read & either that no conflict of interest exists or discloses any such conflict.

Pt VI, Line 15a In the annual budgeting process, the Board approves a budget line for each salaried employee. Thereafter, individual salaries and salary increases for employees are determined by the Executive Director (the organization's title for the lead staff person). The Board of Directors sets the Executive Director's salary after a performance review & a check of comparable salary information for nonprofit organizations with similar budgets.

Pt VI, Line 18 The Form 990 is available on the GuideStar Exchange website & upon request. The Form 1023 is available upon request.

Pt VI, Line 19 The organization's financial statements & conflict of interest policy are available upon request. Its governing documents are available upon request.

**IRS e-file Signature Authorization
for an Exempt Organization**

For calendar year 2015, or fiscal year beginning _____, 2015, and ending _____, 20____

▶ **Do not send to the IRS. Keep for your records.**

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2015

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of exempt organization

Employer identification number

Groundswell International, Inc.

27-1493841

Name and title of officer

Steve Brescia

Executive Director

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the return for which you are using this Form 8879-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line **1a**, **2a**, **3a**, **4a**, or **5a**, below, and the amount on that line for the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line **1b**, **2b**, **3b**, **4b**, or **5b**, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). But, if you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than 1 line in Part I.

1 a Form 990 check here . . . ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1 b <u>1,378,133.</u>
2 a Form 990-EZ check here . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue , if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2 b _____
3 a Form 1120-POL check here . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3 b _____
4 a Form 990-PF check here . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4 b _____
5 a Form 8868 check here . . . ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance Due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c)	5 b _____

Part II Declaration and Signature Authorization of Officer

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2015 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund. If applicable, I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment. I have selected a personal identification number (PIN) as my signature for the organization's electronic return and, if applicable, the organization's consent to electronic funds withdrawal.

Officer's PIN: check one box only

I authorize Corliss & Solomon, PLLC to enter my PIN 93841 as my signature
ERO firm name Enter five numbers, but do not enter all zeros

on the organization's tax year 2015 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I also authorize the aforementioned ERO to enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

As an officer of the organization, I will enter my PIN as my signature on the organization's tax year 2015 electronically filed return. If I have indicated within this return that a copy of the return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I will enter my PIN on the return's disclosure consent screen.

Officer's signature ▶ 

Date ▶ _____

Part III Certification and Authentication

ERO's EFIN/PIN. Enter your six-digit electronic filing identification number (EFIN) followed by your five-digit self-selected PIN 56191371677
do not enter all zeros

I certify that the above numeric entry is my PIN, which is my signature on the 2015 electronically filed return for the organization indicated above. I confirm that I am submitting this return in accordance with the requirements of **Pub. 4163**, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns.

ERO's signature ▶ _____ Date ▶ 04/28/2016

**ERO Must Retain This Form – See Instructions
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Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

Code: _____ Description: Mali -- SahelEco, a Groundswell ally for many years, formally
 Expenses 17,110. joined the Groundswell partnership in 2015. Groundswell and
 Grants Of 17,084. Sahel Eco, as well as ANSD in Burkina Faso and CIKOD in Ghana,
 Revenue. 0. are jointly implementing a regional program to scale farmer-led

agroecology in West Africa. Groundswell and Sahel Eco are
strengthening networks to improve and scale out farmer-led
agroecological initiatives to increase soil fertility, improve
 Code: _____ Description: production, and address climate change in over 20 villages; building
 Expenses 0. the capacity of small-scale farmer and women's organizations in
 Grants Of 0. order to create more enabling local and national policies and
 Revenue. 0. programs in support of agroecology; and documenting,
systematizing and disseminating lessons learned on spreading
and scaling agroecological approaches.

Code: _____ Description: Senegal -- Groundswell began collaboration with Agrecole Afrique
 Expenses 10,786. in 2015. We work together, along with other partners in West Africa,
 Grants Of 10,786. on a regional program supporting farmers to deepen and spread
 Revenue. 0. agroecological practices, strengthen women's roles, and improve
family nutrition. These strategies will complement Agrecole
Afrique's strong capacity to support womens' and farmers'
organizations to improve organic agriculture and local food markets.

Code: _____ Description: Ecuador -- Groundswell and EkoRural, an Ecuadorian NGO, are
 Expenses 47,894. working together to strengthen the capacity of 35 marginalized,
 Grants Of 40,000. rural highland communities to lead their own development
 Revenue. 0. processes that improve local food production and resilience and
reinforce local food systems. Specifically, this work is strengthening

local seed systems (improving seed quality, production, storage and
distribution), promoting plant and animal biodiversity (through
 Code: _____ Description: more diverse local farming systems), and scaling-up alternative
 Expenses 0. food networks that connect small-scale farmers to urban consumer
 Grants Of 0. markets in order to empower rural communities, and increase their
 Revenue. 0. incomes while providing low-income urban families with healthy,
affordable local food.

Code: _____ Description: Guatemala -- Groundswell began collaborating with Qachuu
 Expenses 3,076. Aloom in 2015. Qachuu Aloom is a Mayan NGO with 500 members
 Grants Of 0. working in Baja Verapaz to spread agroecological farming, and is
 Revenue. 0. one of the main organizations conserving, producing, and selling
native seeds in Guatemala. Groundswell has also supported

REDSAG, the Food Sovereignty Network of Guatemala, to launch
a Campaign for Healthy and Responsible Food Consumption in
 Code: _____ Description: Northern Guatemala. REDSAG and local NGOs are using
 Expenses 0. grassroots media and events, such as community radio stations,
 Grants Of 0. village fairs, and popular theatre, to encourage local people to
 Revenue. 0. consume healthy foods produced by local farmers using
agroecological methods.

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Code: _____	Description: <u>Haiti -- Since 2009, Groundswell and Partenariat pour le</u>
Expenses <u>355,907.</u>	<u>Developpement Local (PDL), a Haitian NGO, have worked with</u>
Grants Of <u>330,907.</u>	<u>rural communities to create 17 peasant organizations that are</u>
Revenue. <u>0.</u>	<u>leading local development efforts for over 225,000 people living in</u>
	<u>rural areas of Haiti's Artibonite, North, Northeast, and West</u>
	<u>departments. The work in Haiti builds the capacity of these peasant</u>
	<u>organizations and local communities to sustainably improve their</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>agriculture, livelihoods, health, and resiliency. In addition to our</u>
Expenses <u>0.</u>	<u>longstanding community capacity building and agroecology work</u>
Grants Of <u>0.</u>	<u>in Haiti, increasingly Groundswell and PDL are supporting farmers</u>
Revenue. <u>0.</u>	<u>groups to develop market opportunities for processed agricultural</u>
	<u>products, enabling hundreds of farmers to generate more income for</u>
	<u>their households.</u>
	<u>_____</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>Honduras -- Since 2011, Groundswell and Vecinos Honduras, an</u>
Expenses <u>33,106.</u>	<u>NGO based in Tegucigalpa, are strengthening local capacity for</u>
Grants Of <u>28,554.</u>	<u>sustainable development at both the individual and community</u>
Revenue. <u>0.</u>	<u>level in Honduras' drought stricken and impoverished southern</u>
	<u>region. Specifically, Vecinos Honduras coordinates four programs</u>
	<u>with 39 rural communities, strengthening community organizations</u>
	<u>and local leadership, agroecological farming, community health,</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>and the wellbeing of children. Additionally, since 2013,</u>
Expenses <u>0.</u>	<u>Groundswell has worked with Vecinos Honduras and ANAFAE, the</u>
Grants Of <u>0.</u>	<u>agroecology network in Honduras, to launch a "consumo</u>
Revenue. <u>0.</u>	<u>responsable" campaign, which, like the campaign in Guatemala,</u>
	<u>raises awareness about health and food issues through community</u>
	<u>radio, village fairs, and popular theatre.</u>
	<u>_____</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>Nepal -- Groundswell partners with the Nepalese NGO BBP-</u>
Expenses <u>41,474.</u>	<u>Pariwar to improve farmers' livelihoods and food security by</u>
Grants Of <u>21,446.</u>	<u>spreading ecological agriculture, strengthening community</u>
Revenue. <u>0.</u>	<u>organizations, and facilitating the creation of savings and credit</u>
	<u>groups and farming cooperatives. In 2015, Groundswell and BBP-</u>
	<u>Pariwar dramatically expanded - from 15 to 22 villages - their work</u>
	<u>to support more marginalized women impacted by last year's</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>earthquakes. The program focuses on women from the</u>
Expenses <u>0.</u>	<u>"untouchable" dalit caste, who suffer the most severe inequality</u>
Grants Of <u>0.</u>	<u>and discrimination in the country. We are providing these women</u>
Revenue. <u>0.</u>	<u>with opportunities to develop alternative means of earning income</u>
	<u>(training as vet techs and agriculture promoters) and to improve</u>
	<u>animal husbandry and farming practices to help their families</u>
	<u>recover their household economies.</u>
	<u>_____</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>Latin America -- In 2015, Groundswell invested considerable</u>
Expenses <u>45,183.</u>	<u>resources in developing a Latin America regional program.</u>
Grants Of <u>0.</u>	<u>Among other things, Groundswell organized a regional</u>
Revenue. <u>0.</u>	<u>conference and learning visit to Brazil. Regional partners</u>
	<u>(including PDL, Vecinos Honduras, REDSAG, and EkoRural) and</u>
	<u>new allies in Brazil spent a week learning from one</u>
	<u>another about excellent work being done in Brazil and their</u>

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Code: _____	Description: <u>countries to improve the lives of rural communities by</u>
Expenses _____	<u>0. spreading resilient, ecological farming and to strengthen</u>
Grants Of _____	<u>0. local food economies. The conference produced a coherent</u>
Revenue. _____	<u>0. regional action-learning framework for Groundswell</u>
	<u>and partners, focusing on the social construction of</u>
	<u>sustainable local food systems with emphasis on the</u>
	<u>cycle of local seed systems, agroecological farming,</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>and consumption of healthy local food. Additionally,</u>
Expenses _____	<u>0. Groundswell staff and consultants worked with several</u>
Grants Of _____	<u>0. Latin American partners to improve their monitoring and</u>
Revenue. _____	<u>0. evaluation (M&E) systems and to develop a common M&E</u>
	<u>framework for the region, and have developed several</u>
	<u>joint funding proposals for regional programs.</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>United States -- In 2015, Groundswell launched the "Grow Food</u>
Expenses _____	<u>166,625. Where People Live" initiative to bring our experience and lessons</u>
Grants Of _____	<u>10,557. from abroad home to create vibrant, regenerative communities in</u>
Revenue. _____	<u>0. the U.S. Grow Food Where People Live aims to improve the health,</u>
	<u>food security, and economic wellbeing of vulnerable people. Last</u>
	<u>year, we began doing this in Western North Carolina (WNC) - a</u>
	<u>rural region that suffers some of the worst, most entrenched</u>
Code: _____	Description: <u>poverty in the country - by supporting struggling families to grow</u>
Expenses _____	<u>0. their own food, learn valuable skills and organize food-buying clubs</u>
Grants Of _____	<u>0. to improve their household economies, and start market gardens</u>
Revenue. _____	<u>0. and food-related enterprises to earn more income. In 2017, based</u>
	<u>on the lessons we learn in WNC, we plan to scale the program into</u>
	<u>more counties in North Carolina and across the Southeast.</u>