

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning 2009, and ending

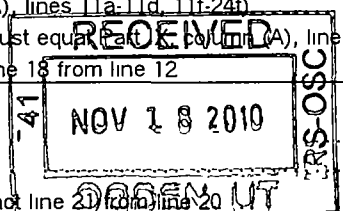
Form header section containing: B Check if applicable (Address change, Name change, Initial return, Termination, Amended return, Application pending); C Organization name and address (GLOBAL CULTURAL CONNECTIONS, 1019 Gayley Ave., Ste A, Los Angeles, CA 90024); D Employer Identification Number (42-1607581); E Telephone number (818.462.3114); F Name and address of principal officer (Ibrahim Barlas, 707 Monte Vista Irvine, CA 92602); G Gross receipts (\$ 1,288,202.); H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? (Yes, No); H(b) Are all affiliates included? (Yes, No); I Tax-exempt status (501(c) (3)); J Website (N/A); K Form of organization (Corporation); L Year of formation; M State of legal domicile.

Part I Summary table with columns: Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, Net Assets or Fund Balances. Rows include: 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission...; 2-6 Governance metrics; 7a-7b Revenue/Expenses; 8-12 Revenue breakdown; 13-19 Expense breakdown; 20-22 Net Assets/Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block. Includes: Sign Here; Signature of officer (Mehmet Sahinarslan); Date (11/15/2010); Secretary/Treasurer; Preparer's signature (M. Razi Sheikh, CPA); Firm name (M. Razi Sheikh, CPA); Firm address (7133 Etiwanda Ave., #205, Reseda, CA 91335); Preparer's identifying number (N/A); EIN (N/A); Phone number ((818) 774-9201).

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

See Schedule O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ... Yes No

If 'Yes,' describe these new services on Schedule O.

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

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

4 Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code: ████████) (Expenses \$ 845,721. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

SEE STATEMENT # /

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

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 845,721.

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)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions 'Yes'? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
	• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings and equipment in Part X, line 10? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VI		
	• 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VII		
	• 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part VIII		
	• 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IX		
	• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		
	• 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part X		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII		X
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional	Yes	No
			X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III		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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? 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

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

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.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that 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?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	a The governing body?		X
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		X
9	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

	Yes	No
10a		X
10b		
11		X
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. See Schedule O	
12a		X
12b		
12c		
13		X
14		X
15		
15a		X
15b		X
16a		X
16b		

Section C. Disclosures

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CA
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:
 ▶ Mehmet Sahinarslan 7056 Wilbur Ave. Reseda CA 91335 818.462-3114

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

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

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. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of 'key employees.'
- 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 the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
Ibrahim Barlas President	15							0.	0.	0.
Mehmet Sahinarslan Secretary/Treas	10							0.	0.	0.
Atila Kahveci Vice President	15							0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
1b Total							0.	0.	0.	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ▶ 0

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

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

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ▶ 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
CONTRIBUTIONS, GIFTS, GRANTS AND OTHER SIMILAR AMOUNTS	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a					
	b Membership dues	1 b					
	c Fundraising events	1 c					
	d Related organizations	1 d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f	1,288,202.				
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f:	\$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f.		1,288,202.				
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code						
	2 a -----						
	b -----						
	c -----						
	d -----						
	e -----						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f							
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)						
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses					
		c Rental income or (loss)					
		d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
		b Less. cost or other basis and sales expenses					
		c Gain or (loss)					
		d Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a					
		b Less. direct expenses	b				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
		b Less: direct expenses	b				
		c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
	10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
		b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
		c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11 a -----							
b -----							
c -----							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12 Total revenue. See instructions			1,288,202.	0.	0.	0.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	2,170.	2,170.		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0.	0.	0.	0.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	95,964.		95,964.	
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	9,369.		9,369.	
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	8,365.		8,365.	
c Accounting	1,500.		1,500.	
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs. See Part IV, ln 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	32,331.	32,331.		
13 Office expenses	3,871.	716.	3,155.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	565,611.	62,290.	503,321.	
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	267,573.	263,734.	3,839.	
20 Interest	23,189.		23,189.	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	6,525.		6,525.	
23 Insurance	8,842.	2,373.	6,469.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below)				
a <u>Freight</u>	213,318.	213,318.		
b <u>Audio Video Exp.</u>	92,561.	92,043.	518.	
c <u>Equipment Rental</u>	47,678.	47,678.		
d <u>Replica/Model Construction</u>	43,586.	43,586.		
e <u>Printing and Publications</u>	27,235.	26,111.	1,124.	
f All other expenses	100,209.	59,371.	40,838.	
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,549,897.	845,721.	704,176.	0.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
ASSETS	1 Cash – non-interest-bearing	19,246.	1	9,558.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments		2		
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3		
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4		
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5		
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6		
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7		
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8		
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9		
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 48,951.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation.	10b 45,083.	10,393.	10c	3,868.
	11 Investments – publicly-traded securities			11	
	12 Investments – other securities. See Part IV, line 11			12	
	13 Investments – program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13	
	14 Intangible assets			14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		23,629.	15	7,876.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		53,268.	16	21,302.	
LIABILITIES	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	44,423.	
	18 Grants payable		18		
	19 Deferred revenue		19		
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20		
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21		
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L			22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties			24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		20,949.	25	206,254.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		20,949.	26	250,677.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets		32,319.	27	-229,375.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets			28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets			29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund			31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances.		32,319.	33	-229,375.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.		53,268.	34	21,302.	

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Part X Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other

If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked 'Other,' explain in Schedule O.

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

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?

If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.

d If 'Yes' to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?

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.

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b		X
2c		
3a		X
3b		

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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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 ▶ See separate instructions.

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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.)
- 3 A hospital or 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 carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I
 - b Type II
 - c Type III – Functionally integrated
 - d Type III – Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**.
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) a person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
(ii) a family member of a person described in (i) above?		
(iii) a 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		

h Provide the following information about the supported organizations.

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

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)	82,682.	366,858.	671,868.	819,544.	900,330.	2,841,282.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1-through 3	82,682.	366,858.	671,868.	819,544.	900,330.	2,841,282.
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).						318,887.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						2,522,395.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	82,682.	366,858.	671,868.	819,544.	900,330.	2,841,282.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						0.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						0.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						2,841,282.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 0.

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	88.8 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	85.9 %

16a **33-1/3 support test— 2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶

b **33-1/3 support test— 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test— 2009** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test— 2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. ▶

18 **Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line, 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ▶

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received. (Do not include 'unusual grants'.)						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the 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 yr beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

19a 33-1/3 support tests - 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33-1/3 support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12. Attach to Form 990. See separate instructions

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include total number at end of year, aggregate contributions, aggregate grants, aggregate value, and two yes/no questions about donor advisement.

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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Held at the End of the Year. Rows include purpose(s) of conservation easements, total number and acreage, and various monitoring and reporting questions.

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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Amount. Rows include questions about reporting art and historical treasures, with sub-questions for revenues and assets.

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 XIV.

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

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

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

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

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

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

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

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

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

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated Depreciation	(d) Book Value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		31,819.	28,764.	3,055.
d Equipment		3,680.	3,680.	0.
e Other		13,452.	12,639.	813.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				3,868.

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Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements		N/A
1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	
6	Investment expenses	
7	Prior period adjustments	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return		N/A
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:	
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:	
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return		N/A
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:	
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a
b	Prior year adjustments	2b
c	Other losses	2c
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:	
a	Investments expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	4b
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5

Part XIV Supplemental Information

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

Part XIV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)

Supplemental Information to Form 990

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.
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Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Organization Mission

The primary exempt purpose for which this corporation is to promote understanding,
dialog and friendship among different cultures, races and religion, which includes,
but is not limited to the following: organizing multi-cultural activities,
coordinating conferences, seminars and social gatherings in various fields such as
history, religion and culture.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 - Form 990 Review Process

No review was or will be conducted.

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Global Cultural Connections 2009 Activities Report

1. January 10, 2009 – January 25, 2009: Noah's Pudding Celebration

Traditionally in Turkish culture people celebrates the Noah's Pudding day every year. It is celebrated on the 10th of Muslim Lunar month Muharram. We have organized celebration events at our locations; Orange County, Westwood, Portland, San Diego. We have invited our friends to our locations to have Noah's Pudding together. We have also visited churches and shared Noah's Pudding with the church community. We have organized celebration events at Wilshire Presbyterian Church, Venice United Methodist Church, Irvine Police Department, Point Dume Marine Science School, and San Diego Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints. Sharing is in the spirit of Asure, it is a symbol of unity among God's creatures. This event strengthened our ties with the friends and community.

2. January – March 2009: Turkish Language Classes – Spring Term

Turkish Language Classes continued at our Los Angeles (Westwood) and Orange County branches. Our board selected the teachers from our volunteers. They were not paid. A small fee was collected from students to cover books and office materials.

Following levels were offered;

Los Angeles Branch

Level I: Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm. Classes start on January 24th, 2009

Level II: Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. Classes start on January 19th, 2009

Level III: Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:45 pm. Classes start on January 24th, 2009

Orange County Branch

Level I: Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm. Classes start on January 24th, 2009

Level II: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. Classes start on January 20th, 2009

Level III: Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm. Classes start on January 24th, 2009

3. February 7, 2009: San Diego Branch Opening Ceremony and Turkish Food & Handcraft Festival

Pacifica Institute San Diego Center officially opened on February 7th, 2009 in the presence of CA Assembly Woman Lori Saldana, CA Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, San Diego Fire Chief Tracy Jarman, San Diego Assistant Chief of Police Robert Kanaski, National City Chief of Police Adolfo Gonzales, National City Assistant Chief of Police Manuel Rodriguez.

Ribbon cutting ceremony was followed by the First Turkish Food and Handcraft Festival which was first of its kind in San Diego. The festival featured a solo performance of a whirling dervish of Rumi, a traditional Turkish art performance of water marbling (Ebru), a traditionally decorated room for enjoying Turkish cafe as well as delicious home cooked Turkish foods.

Despite the rainy weather, more than 300 guests attended the opening ceremony and the festival. The event was a big success thanks to the hard work of the organizing committee

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and the friends of Pacifica Institute.

4. February 22, 2009: 2nd Annual Turkish Language & Performing Arts Contest

2nd Annual Turkish Language & Performing Arts Contest was organized at Irvine Barclay Theatre. The event started at 2:00pm. This event promoted cross-cultural dialogue among students.

The contestants arrived from different schools in San Diego, Phoenix, Tucson, Reno, Denver, Oakland, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. There were around 160 students who competed to be in the finals in five categories, songs, poetry, folk dances, special talents and sketches. Some students also competed in the skills and grammar of Turkish Language and essay writing. The preliminary rounds were held at Pacifica Institute Orange County from 11:00am to 7:00pm. Next day in Irvine Barclay Theater was the finals for the second Turkish Contest in the Western States of America. There were 80 students who had their picture taken on stage before they competed and wished each other good luck.

5. April 2, 2009 – April 5, 2009: Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival

This was a 4 day event and organized at Orange County Fairgrounds Costa Mesa, CA. This was our biggest event so far. The festival featured miniatures/replicas of famous places from Turkey, path of Anatolia which displayed gates of civilizations lived in Anatolia, Fountain of Ahmet III, the concert ground and children's play ground.

Here are the highlights of the event:

1. A pathway dedicated to the civilizations that have flourished in Anatolia with hand-sculpted arches symbolizing each one, from the Trojans to the Ottomans. Models in authentic costumes will bring history to life.
2. A 3-D reconstruction of the sets of five major cities; Istanbul, Antalya, Van, Mardin and Konya, complete with the Bosphorus in Istanbul, the ancient ruins of Antalya, the Rumi museum in Konya, the Armenian Church of Van and the stone dwellings of Mardin.
3. An exciting program of live music, dance and performances each day and evening at the main concert stage. And the Whirling Dervishes, the Ottoman Marching Band and other regional dancers.
4. 120 vendors offering authentic foods, crafts and other wares at an area styled after the Grand Bazaar in Istanbul.
5. Dozens of craftsmen demonstrating traditional crafts such as weaving, miniature painting, calligraphy and carving.
6. A children's area with a variety of games and activities, including traditional puppet theater and storytelling, as well as face-painting, interactive craft tables and bouncy castles.
7. A replica of the Sultan Ahmet Fountain offering traditional refreshments like ayran (a yoghurt-drink) and fruit juices. Street vendors selling simit (a type of bagel) and boza (fermented malt)
8. The festival also offers a VIP lounge and press center

6. April 25, 2009: Portland Branch National Sovereignty and Children Festival

April 23 is the festival of children in Turkey. It is celebrated at all schools in Turkey every year. Our Portland branch organized an event at Portland branch to celebrate this day with the children of Portland. Turkish families and their friends were invited. About 250 people attended the event. The event was free to everyone. Our foundation provided the place and utilities.

7. April – August 2009: Intercultural Dialogue Trip To Turkiye

We have organized our 5th Intercultural Dialogue trips to Turkey in the months of April thru August. These trips gave us and participants the opportunity to meet distinguished people and experience a lifetime event. We have organized different groups at different dates in the months of April thru August. Participants were from different backgrounds; academician, interfaith council member, pastor, rabbi. The volunteers selected by GCC board hosted the trip. The group followed a predetermined route in Turkey. We received help from sister organizations and supporting families in Turkey. This event helped building a strong cultural bridge between people of USA and Turkey. These trips enable understanding through interaction and give the participants an opportunity to make new friends and invaluable connections. The trips feature a unique experience of not just the tourist sites but the people and culture of Turkiye on many occasions such as the dinners at our hosts' homes.

8. June 28, 2009: Social Gathering Picnic

We have organized this social gathering picnic event at William Mason Park, Irvine CA. Turkish community and their friends came together and have fun and good time together. The event gathered friends together one more time and gave the opportunity to bond with eachother.

9. June – August 2009: Summer School

We have continued organizing summer schools for the Turkish community children. We have organized summer schools at our Irvine, San Diego and Portland branches. These schools were similar to last year's schools. About 30 students attended the Portland school and 40 attended the Irvine school. School curriculum included Art, Music, Religion and Moral Values, Turkish Language and Physical Education classes. Teachers were selected by GCC board among volunteers. Teachers were not paid. There was a small enrollment fee to cover expenses for tools, instruments, etc.

10. September 01, 2009: Ramadan Iftar Dinner with Members of the Temple Beth Sholom

Pacifica Institute volunteers in Orange County hosted families from Temple Beth Sholom for a Ramadan dinner at Pacifica Institute Irvine branch on Sept 1st 2009. People from different backgrounds had a chance to get together and make some new friends around the same table. After the dinner, brief information about Ramadan and fasting was given. It was then followed by remarks of the guests that attended the dinner.

11. September 02, 2009: Ramadan Iftar Dinner with FBI

Pacifica Institute is honored to have FBI- Los Angeles on the 2nd of September in its

Westwood Branch. A slide presentation about the month of fasting and Ramadan was shared before dinner. Pacifica Institute thanked Salvador Hernandez and his colleagues for making the iftar dinner a special one for the Turkish American community by sharing the iftar meal. ADIC Salvador Hernandez made his closing remarks, wished Pacifica Institute the very best in its future endeavors and thanked the Pacifica Institute. In his remarks Mr Hernandez also talked about his two years on the job as the Assistant Director in Charge in Los Angeles.

12. September 20, 2009: Eid-Al Fitr Celebration Picnic

We organized the Eid-Al Fitr celebration picnic event at The Grove Picnic Grounds in Mile Square Regional Park; Fountain Valley CA. Breakfast was served. The event program included opening ceremony, magic show, traditional dance, Ferhat Atli concert, gifts to children by Nasreddin Hodja, face painting, cotton candy and balloon animals. More than 200 people joined the event.

13. October 03, 2009: Irvine Global Village Festival

This festival is the Irvine's signature event highlighted The City's vibrant and diverse community with a mosaic of international music and dance, featuring more than 100 performances on eight stages. The Festival also featured a variety of international cuisine, kid's crafts and activities, cultural exhibits and demonstrations and a global marketplace filled with unique gifts and artwork. This multifaceted event provided guests with a wonderful opportunity to experience and share first-hand the cultural traditions of their friends and neighbors. We have joined this festival and get the opportunity to meet people and have them meet Turkish cuisine and culture.

14. October 17, 2009: Dialogue Dinner San Diego

The 6th Annual Dialog and Friendship Dinner on the 17th of October at Sheraton San Diego & Marina Harbor Island started at 6:30pm with a reception. The Dialog and Friendship dinner program received with a spectacular welcome by 200 guests who participated to the dinner, they expressed their respect and great admiration to Pacifica Institutes activities.

The Dinner started with video of 2009 activities summarized the Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival, Annual Dialog and Friendship Dinners in six major cities in California. Afterwards Deputy Director Homeland Security, Center for Faith Based and Community Activities, Jannah Scott made the keynote speech and stressed the importance of interfaith relations and social justice initiatives. After the keynote speech, Live Demonstration of Turkish Coffee preparation was made by Mevlude who is from Turkiye. The event concluded with great joy and admiration at 9:30pm and everyone expressed appreciation of Pacifica Institute's efforts in San Diego and California.

15. October – December 2009 Turkish Language Classes – Fall Term

Turkish Language Classes continued at our Los Angeles (Westwood) and Orange County branches.

Following levels were offered;

Los Angeles Branch

Level I: Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm. Classes start on January 24th, 2009

Level II: Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. Classes start on January 19th, 2009

Level III: Saturdays from 9:00 am to 12:45 pm. Classes start on January 24th, 2009

Orange County Branch

Level I: Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm. Classes start on January 24th, 2009

Level II: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 pm to 8:45 pm. Classes start on January 20th, 2009

Level III: Saturdays from 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm. Classes start on January 24th, 2009

16. October 2009 – May 2010: 2009-2010 Saturday School

2009-2010 season Saturday schools started in October 2009. These schools were similar to last year's schools. Saturday schools were organized at our Portland, San Diego, Los Angeles and Irvine branches. The classes included Turkish, Culture and Ethics, Art, Music, Folk Dance, Chess and Chinese. Also field trips were organized. Placing equal emphasis on speaking, listening, reading and writing, the Saturday School program was balanced and its thorough approach instills the students with greater understanding and appreciation for Turkish culture. Teachers were selected by GCC board among volunteers. Teachers were not paid. There was a small enrollment fee to cover expenses for tools, instruments, etc.

17. November 12, 2009: Dialogue Dinner Los Angeles

The 6th Annual Dialog and Friendship Dinner on the 12th of November at Universal Hilton started at 6:15pm with a reception. Around 290 guests arrived at the Sierra Ballroom to honor not dignitaries or award someone but just to show their support for acceptance. The video of 2009 activities summarized the Anatolian Cultures and Food Festival, Annual Dialog and Friendship Dinners in six major cities in California.

Afterwards LA County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky made the keynote speech and stressed the importance of individual interaction and of saving the neighbor rather than talking big. Supervisor Yaroslavsky went on to say that Pacifica Institute was doing its part to promote acceptance and adding its flavor to Los Angeles where it is the most diverse city in the world. The Turkish coffee presentation was made by George and Ugur Claire. LA County Sheriff Leroy D. Baca, Turkish Consul General Hakan Tekin and retired Chief of Police from Pasadena and the incoming Director of the Community Oriented Policing Services Office in the Department of Justice, Bernard Melekian made remarks about the event. The event came to an end at 9:20pm when over a hundred guests enjoyed the Turkish coffee that was made in the copper pots and each guest was offered a Turkish coffee cup, delight and Turkish coffee.

18. November 23, 2009 – November 24, 2009: Thanksgiving Dinners

We have organized thanksgiving dinner events at our locations in Los Angeles and Orange County. We have invited our friends and share food together. We got the opportunity to hear the meaning of Thanksgiving from the first hand. Everyone enjoyed the event and was happy to give thanks together.

19. November 29, 2009: Eid-Al Adha Celebration Picnic

We organized the Eid-Al Adha celebration picnic event at The Grove Picnic Grounds in Mile Square Regional Park; Fountain Valley CA. The celebration was similar to previously organized Eid-Al Fitr celebration event. Lunch was served. The event program included opening ceremony, magic show, and traditional dance, gifts to children by Nasreddin Hodja, face painting, cotton candy and balloon animals. More than 250 people joined the event.

20. December 4, 2009 – December 6, 2009: Gulen Conference

This conference was organized on December 4-6, 2009 at the University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA. The conference was named as; East and West Encounters: The Gulen Movement.

Conference topics were Impact of the Gulen Movement in the encounter between East and West, Democracy and dialogue: Gulen's Contributions, Gulen inspired educational institutions, Structure development and finance in the Gulen movement, Women and gender roles in the Gulen movement, Gulen's contributions to Islamic theology, Gulen's impact on the youth, Humanistic vision of Gulen.

The objective of the conference was to explore the appeal, meaning, and impact of Fethullah Gülen and the Gülen movement as exemplifying approaches to education, dialogue, and peace that transcend and mediate traditional distinctions between "East" and West".

The conference kicked off on Friday, Dec. 4th with a dinner featuring Dr. Reza Aslan as keynote speaker. A second reception was held at Pepperdine University in Malibu, California on Saturday, Dec. 5th featuring Leroy Baca, LA County Sheriff and Jannah Scott, Deputy Director at the Department of Homeland Security, Center for Faith Based and Community Initiatives. Both receptions are free and by invitation only.

The conference was sponsored by the Office of Religious Life at the University of Southern California, the Department of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University, the International Education Center at Santa Monica College, the Department of Religious Studies at Humboldt State University and the Department of Religious Studies at Whittier College.

21. December 24, 2009 – December 31, 2009: Winter Seminar

The 2009 winter seminar event was organized at Residence Inn Marriott River Ridge Oxnard, CA. This was our yearly retreat seminar program for the Turkish community living in California. As it is very important for them to preserve culture, belief, language, etc. this event is important for the community. Our foundation always received requests from our volunteers, members for a retreat event once a year. Various cultural programs were organized during the event. Children experienced Turkish culture, faith and learned about them. About 400 adult and 150 children attended the event. Event included programs like book reading, sports, seminars about Turkish culture, faith, interfaith/intercultural activities, etc. Turkish community gathered together by this event and got the opportunity

to share and discuss the ideas on the challenges of living abroad and preserving the faith and culture.

22. Women's League Events

Our women members had formed Women's League this year. This year women members living in Los Angeles area joined the group. The Women's League organized various events throughout the year at our Los Angeles and Orange County branches. Here are some of the events organized by the Women's League group:

January 28, 2009: Coffee Night Forum – Orange County

TOPIC: Asset Building-Introduction to 40 developmental assets for positive youth development.

Moderator: Lourdes Gutierrez, M.S. Health Educator

February 25, 2009: Coffee Night Forum – Orange County

TOPIC: The health and wellness benefits of facial skincare

Moderator: Lyvia Villegas – Nurse practitioner

March 07, 2009: Coffee Night Forum – Los Angeles

TOPIC: Zither performance, Turkey experience from an American voice

March 08, 2009: Women's Day Brunch – Orange County

Celebrate international Women's Day.

March 25, 2009: Coffee Night Forum – Orange County

TOPIC: Women in Islam – Media presentation vs, Real Life

Moderator: Marilyn Gottschall Assoc. Prof., Chair of Religious Studies Whittier College

May 28, 2009: Coffee Night Forum – Orange County

TOPIC: Stress Management

Moderator: Sheri Long MFT, CEAP Amigos At Work

June 30, 2009: Coffee Night Forum – Orange County

TOPIC: Thriving through change

Moderator: Denise Lamonte, CPT Quattro University

July 26, 2009: Turkish Cooking Class – Orange County

Every Sunday for 4 weeks

Turkish Soups and Vegetable Dishes

23. Luncheon Forums

We have continued the Luncheon events this year also at our Los Angeles and Orange County branches. These forums were organized during lunch hours. The event included a talk by a speaker on a specific subject and Q&A session. We served free lunch during the event. About 30 to 40 people attended at each event. Here are some of the luncheon forum

events that we organized this year:

Los Angeles - January 8, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Caprice Young CEO KC Distance Learning
Theme: Next Generation of Education

Los Angeles - January 29, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Salvador Hernandez FBI Los Angeles Asst. Director in charge
Theme: Transforming the FBI-Investigative Agency to Intelligence-Driven Organization

Orange County - February 17, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Michael Drake UC Irvine Chancellor
Theme: UCI and Recent Updates

Orange County – April 16, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Sandra Hutchens Orange County Sheriff
Theme: the State of the Orange County Sheriff's Department

Orange County – May 28, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Cecelia Lynch Assoc Prof of Political Science UC Irvine
Theme: Religious Humanitarians in Global Governance

Los Angeles – June 18, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Wendt Greuel Councilmember Second District of Los Angeles

Orange County – July 07, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Erwin Chemerinsky Dean & Distinguished Prof of Law UC Irvine
Theme: Building a Law School for the 21st Century

Los Angeles – August 06, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Jose Rios VP of News KTTV Fox 11
Theme: Evolution of News

Los Angeles – September 24, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Charles Perry Food Historian and Co-founder
Theme: The origin of Baklava

Los Angeles – October 08, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Bill Bogaard Mayor, Coty of Pasadena
Theme: Recapturing the California dream-Reforming the California's failed governance

24. Interfaith Conversations

This year we have started a new event called "Interfaith Conversations". The goal was to

promote interfaith efforts among members of the different faiths. This would give people a better understanding of other faiths in more detail. The event is organized at our Los Angeles, Orange County and San Diego branches on Saturday evenings. We have invited a front line person in this area. The participants discussed on the selected subject. Here are some of the Interfaith Conversations events that we organized this year:

Los Angeles – July 11, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Haim Dov Beliak Executive Director of HaMifgash
Theme: Towards an Abrahamic Family Reunion: A Jewish Perspective on Compassionate Listening

Los Angeles – August 01, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Canon Dr. Gwynne Guibord
Theme: The Episcopal Church's Commitment to Inter-religious Dialogue

Orange County – September 26, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Al Baca
Theme: Finding ourselves between a hard place and a rock

San Diego – September 29, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Dr. Stephen L Albert
Theme: Intrafaith: A Chance to reboot yourself

Los Angeles – October 17, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Father Alexei Smith
Theme: Catholics and Interfaith Dialogue Today

San Diego – November 04, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Reverend Daren Erisman
Theme: Interdisciplinary Interfaith: Exploring how science can be a mediating language for interfaith conversation

Los Angeles – November 21, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Dean Nelson
Theme: Lutherans and Islam: From condemnation to dialogue

Los Angeles – October 10, 2009

Keynote Speaker: Nancy Gallagher Prof of History and Chair of the Middle East Studies Program UC Santa Barbara
Theme: Women and gender in Afghanistan

25. Ramadan Iftar Dinners at our branches

Every year during the month of Ramadan we organize iftar dinners at our branches. We continued this tradition this year as well. Every branch organized its own dinners and followed unique schedule. Our member, volunteers invited their friends to the dinner. Some of the dinners were organized for the members of a church or temple. People got the

opportunity to have dinner together and shared ideas. They learned about each other and build strong relationships. These dinners were very successful events to increase the dialogue among people from different backgrounds, cultures, and faiths.

26. Interfaith, Intercultural Reaching to Community Visits

We have continued our broadened reaching out visits this year as well, which included various important institutions, people. Local channels of communication ranged from civic to government organizations. Our visits focused on introducing ourselves by inviting them to our future programs and recognizing the officials and the community leaders in order to address the common problems facing the society. With visits to the leaders of our community we tried to establish mutual understanding and a chance to get to know one another.

We also continued to church, temple, etc. visits. We proceeded with same goals in mind as previous years. Promoting dialogue and good relationship among different faiths is very important for our organization. We believe this will be a big help for the world peace. Coming together, sharing values, knowing each other will help people build a peaceful environment. These visits resulted in very strong friendships and dialogues between their community and ours.