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Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation

2008

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For calendar year 2008, or tax year beginning MAR 1, 2008, and ending FEB 28, 2009

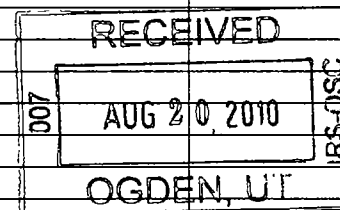
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Use the IRS label. Otherwise, print or type. See Specific Instructions.	Name of foundation BUENA VISTA FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 74-2869876
	Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	B Telephone number 713-572-7656
	109 NORTH POST OAK LANE		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐ D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐ E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐ F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐
	City or town, state, and ZIP code HOUSTON, TX 77024		
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation			
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 13,338,569.		J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)	
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received	6,000,000.				
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B					
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	5,314.	5,314.		STATEMENT 2	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	391,545.	391,545.		STATEMENT 3	
	5a Gross rents					
	b Net rental income or (loss)					
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-59,805.			STATEMENT 1	
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	1,170,756.				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0.			
	8 Net short-term capital gain					
	9 Income modifications					
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold						
c Gross profit or (loss)						
11 Other income						
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	6,337,054.	396,859.	0.			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0.	0.	0.	0.	
	14 Other employee salaries and wages					
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
	16a Legal fees					
	b Accounting fees					
	c Other professional fees	STMT 4	151,781.	151,781.	0.	0.
	17 Interest					
	18 Taxes					
	19 Depreciation and depletion					
	20 Occupancy					
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings					
	22 Printing and publications					
	23 Other expenses					
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	151,781.	151,781.	0.	0.	
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,721,740.			1,721,740.	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	1,873,521.	151,781.	0.	1,721,740.		
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:						
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	4,463,533.					
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		245,078.				
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.			

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	12,908.	38,280.	38,280.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock STMT 5	12,637,676.	17,075,837.	13,300,289.
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
Liabilities	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	12,650,584.	17,114,117.	13,338,569.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.	
	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐			
	and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒			
	and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0.	0.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0.	0.	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	12,650,584.	17,114,117.	
	30 Total net assets or fund balances	12,650,584.	17,114,117.	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	12,650,584.	17,114,117.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year - Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	12,650,584.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	4,463,533.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	17,114,117.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	17,114,117.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a CASH IN LIEU OF	P		
b CASH IN LIEU OF	P		
c SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAINS	P		
d LONG TERM CAPITAL GAINS	P		
e			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 65.			65.
b 597.			597.
c		230,561.	-230,561.
d 170,094.			170,094.
e			

(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a			65.
b			597.
c			-230,561.
d			170,094.
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }	2	-59,805.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	{ }	3	N/A

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2007	1,111,124.	17,234,636.	.064470
2006	1,209,535.	16,157,256.	.074860
2005	819,359.	8,108,315.	.101052
2004	990,768.	4,028,905.	.245915
2003	903,375.	2,316,426.	.389987

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.876284
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	.175257
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2008 from Part X, line 5	4	17,651,197.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	3,093,496.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	2,451.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	3,095,947.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	1,721,740.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate.
See the Part VI instructions.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling letter: _____ (attach copy of ruling letter if necessary-see instructions)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b.		1	4,902.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	4,902.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	4,902.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2008 estimated tax payments and 2007 overpayment credited to 2008	6a		
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	10,000.	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	10,000.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	176.	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	4,922.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2009 estimated tax ☐ 4,922. Refunded ☐	11	0.	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		Yes	No
1a			X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities			X
1b			X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ☐ \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. ☐ \$ 0.			
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ☐ \$ 0.			
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.	2		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	3		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.	5		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6		X
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	7	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ TX			
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	8b	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2008 or the taxable year beginning in 2008 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV	9		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	10	X	

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	

Website address **N/A**

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15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ☐
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year **15** **N/A**

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(2)	Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(3)	Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(4)	Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(5)	Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
(6)	Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.) ☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 20 of the instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here N/A	1b	
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2008? N/A	1c	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a	At the end of tax year 2008, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2008? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years N/A	2a	
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) N/A	2b	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. N/A		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No	3a	
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2008 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2008.) N/A	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2008?	4b	X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

N/A

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

☒

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

6b

If you answered "Yes" to 6b, also file Form 8870.

X

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

N/A

7b

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
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2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

0

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Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0.

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Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1 Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:			
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	17,910,986.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	9,011.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	17,919,997.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	17,919,997.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	268,800.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	17,651,197.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	882,560.

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	882,560.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2008 from Part VI, line 5	2a	4,902.
b	Income tax for 2008. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	4,902.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	877,658.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	877,658.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	877,658.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1 Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:			
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	1,721,740.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	1,721,740.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	1,721,740.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

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Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2007	(c) 2007	(d) 2008
1 Distributable amount for 2008 from Part XI, line 7				877,658.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2007				
a Enter amount for 2007 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2008:				
a From 2003	792,734.			
b From 2004	789,354.			
c From 2005				
d From 2006	427,026.			
e From 2007	278,928.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	2,288,042.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2008 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 1,721,740.				
a Applied to 2007, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2008 distributable amount				877,658.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	844,082.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2008 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:	3,132,124.			
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2007. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2008. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2009				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2003 not applied on line 5 or line 7	792,734.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2009. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	2,339,390.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2004	789,354.			
b Excess from 2005				
c Excess from 2006	427,026.			
d Excess from 2007	278,928.			
e Excess from 2008	844,082.			

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year SEE ATTACHED, SEE ATTACHED, SEE ATTACHED	ATTACHED STMT			1721740.
Total				▶ 3a 1721740.
b Approved for future payment NONE				
Total				▶ 3b 0.

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.		Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount		
1 Program service revenue:						
a _____						
b _____						
c _____						
d _____						
e _____						
f _____						
g Fees and contracts from government agencies						
2 Membership dues and assessments						
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	5,314.		
4 Dividends and interest from securities			14	391,545.		
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:						
a Debt-financed property						
b Not debt-financed property						
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property						
7 Other investment income						
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	-59,805.		
9 Net income or (loss) from special events						
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory						
11 Other revenue:						
a _____						
b _____						
c _____						
d _____						
e _____						
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)		0.		337,054.		0.
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)						337,054.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

[illegible]

Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2008

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

BUENA VISTA FOUNDATION

74-2869876

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**. (Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.)

General Rule

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

Special Rules

- ☐ For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to more than \$1,000. (If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ▶ \$ _____

Caution. Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions
for Form 990. These instructions will be issued separately.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2008)

Name of organization

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Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	G HUGHES ABELL 109 NORTH POST OAK LANE, SUITE 425 HOUSTON, TX 77024	\$ 3,000,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	BETSY G ABELL 109 NORTH POST OAK LANE, SUITE 425 HOUSTON, TX 77024	\$ 3,000,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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FORM 990-PF

GAIN OR (LOSS) FROM SALE OF ASSETS

STATEMENT 1

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
CASH IN LIEU OF					
	65.	0.	0.	0.	65.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
CASH IN LIEU OF					
	597.	0.	0.	0.	597.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAINS					
	0.	230,561.	0.	0.	-230,561.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	MANNER ACQUIRED		DATE ACQUIRED	DATE SOLD
LONG TERM CAPITAL GAINS	PURCHASED			
(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
170,094.	0.	0.	0.	170,094.
CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS FROM PART IV				0.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 6A				-59,805.

FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 2

SOURCE	AMOUNT
MERRILL LYNCH	3,378.
SNYDER	1,936.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 3, COLUMN A	5,314.

FORM 990-PF DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES STATEMENT 3

SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	COLUMN (A) AMOUNT
BRANDES	55,902.	0.	55,902.
HARDING LOEVNER	134,007.	0.	134,007.
HARDING LOEVNER	3,965.	0.	3,965.
MERRILL LYNCH	93,155.	0.	93,155.
MERRILL LYNCH	10,589.	0.	10,589.
SIPHON	56,600.	0.	56,600.
SIPHON	2,314.	0.	2,314.
SNYDER	35,013.	0.	35,013.
TOTAL TO FM 990-PF, PART I, LN 4	391,545.	0.	391,545.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES	STATEMENT	4
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CUSTODIAL & BANK FEES	1,048.	1,048.	0.	0.
FOREIGN TAXES	21,068.	21,068.	0.	0.
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	1,418.	1,418.	0.	0.
MANAGEMENT FEES	128,247.	128,247.	0.	0.
LICENSES	0.	0.	0.	0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	151,781.	151,781.	0.	0.

FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE STOCK	STATEMENT	5
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DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
INVESTMENTS	17,075,837.	13,300,289.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	17,075,837.	13,300,289.

FORM 990-PF	PART XV - LINE 1A LIST OF FOUNDATION MANAGERS	STATEMENT	6
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NAME OF MANAGER

BETSY G ABELL
G HUGHES ABELL

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03/05/2008	National Association of Episcopal School	Austin, Texas	2,500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
03/05/2008	University of Texas Foundation	Austin, Texas	50,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
03/05/2008	Cattle Raisers Museum	Austin, Texas	1,500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
03/12/2008	The University of Texas Elementary Scho	Austin, Texas	428,900	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
03/19/2008	The Seton Fund	South Orange, New Jersey	25,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
03/19/2008	Texas State History Museum Foundation	Austin, Texas	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
03/26/2008	The Nature Conservancy of Texas	Austin, Texas	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
03/26/2008	St. Andrews Episcopal School	Austin, Texas	2,500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
04/02/2008	National MS Society	Austin, Texas	500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
04/30/2008	The University of Texas Elementary Scho	Austin, Texas	2,500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
05/07/2008	The University of Texas Elementary Scho	Austin, Texas	246,100	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
05/07/2008	Valley Spring Volunteer Fire Department	Valley Spring, Texas	1,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
06/11/2008	Texas Book Festival	Austin, Texas	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
06/11/2008	Westbank Community Library District	Austin, Texas	50,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
06/13/2008	K.I.D.S	Austin, Texas	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
07/30/2008	Mora County 4H Council	Austin, Texas	1,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
07/30/2008	North Texas Rehab Center	Austin, Texas	250	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
08/06/2008	K.I.D.S	Austin, Texas	500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
08/27/2008	The University of Texas Elementary Scho	Austin, Texas	5,826	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
09/10/2008	San Angelo Area Foundation	San Angelo, Texas	1,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
09/10/2008	St. Andrews Episcopal School	Austin, Texas	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
09/25/2008	United Way/Capital Area	Austin, Texas	5,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
10/01/2008	St. Andrews Episcopal School	Austin, Texas	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
10/14/2008	St. Gertrude's Catholic Church	Austin, Texas	500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
10/14/2008	E3 Alliance	Austin, Texas	12,759	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
10/14/2008	HeartGift	Austin, Texas	5,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
11/05/2008	United Way/Capital Area	Austin, Texas	6,057	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
11/26/2008	Hill Country Conservancy	Llano, Texas	5,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
11/26/2008	Hill Country Conservancy	Llano, Texas	50,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/03/2008	St. Andrews Episcopal School	Austin, Texas	1,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/10/2008	St. Andrews Episcopal School	Austin, Texas	2,899	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/10/2008	Chennault Aviation and Military Museum	Austin, Texas	500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/10/2008	Colorado River Foundation	Austin, Texas	1,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/10/2008	The Seton Fund	South Orange, New Jersey	50,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	Opportunity Austin	Austin, Texas	5,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	Austin Recovery	Austin, Texas	60,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	St. Andrews Episcopal School	Austin, Texas	200,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	United Way/Capital Area	Austin, Texas	250,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	Vanderbilt University	Nashville. Tennessee	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	Trinity Center	Austin, Texas	1,500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	St. Edward's University	Austin, Texas	25,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	Houston Achievement Place	Austin, Texas	1,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	Cal Farley's Boys Ranch	Austin, Texas	1,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	Atticus Circle	Austin, Texas	1,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
12/15/2008	Sul Ross State University	Austin, Texas	20,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose

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01/07/2009	Chennault Aviation and Military Museum	Austin, Texas	500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
01/09/2009	King Ranch Institute for Ranch Managem	Austin, Texas	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
01/14/2009	Phillips Exeter Academy	Austin, Texas	95,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
01/14/2009	Phillips Exeter Academy	Austin, Texas	5,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
01/28/2009	The Texas State Historical Association	Austin, Texas	500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
02/04/2009	San Saba County Young Farmers	San Saba, Texas	4,150	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
02/25/2009	Texas State History Museum Foundation	Austin, Texas	10,000	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
02/25/2009	Trinity Center	Austin, Texas	800	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
02/25/2009	Colorado River Foundation	Austin, Texas	2,500	Charitable Organization	Exempt Purpose
			<u>1,721,741</u>		