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

OMB No. 1545-0052

2008

Note: The foundation may be able to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

For calendar year 2008, or tax year beginning September 1, 2008, and ending August 30, 2009

G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name changeUse the IRS
label.
Otherwise,
print
or type.
See Specific
Instructions.

Name of foundation

The Costco Foundation

Number and street (or P. O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address)

999 Lake Drive

City or town, state, and ZIP code

Issaquah, WA 98027

A Employer identification number

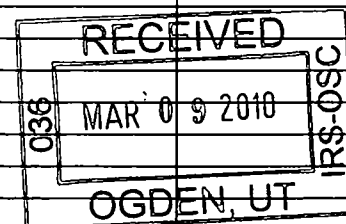
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B Telephone number (see page 10 of the instructions)

425-313-6461

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 ☐H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundationI Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 4,593
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) (see page 11 of the instructions).)

	(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 (attach schedule)	61,000	Stmt 1		
2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B.				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4 Dividends and interest from securities				
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
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) (attach schedule)				
11 Other income (attach schedule)				
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	61,000		0	
Operating and Administrative Expenses				
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
17 Interest				
18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see page 14 of the instructions)				
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses (attach schedule) Stmt. 2	10			10
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	10			10
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	64,977			64,977
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	64,987			64,987
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12	-3,987			
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)				
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -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 (See Instructions)

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	8,580	4,593	4,593
	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 (attach schedule) (see page 15 of the instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10 a Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other (attach schedule)			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	8,580	4,593	4,593	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	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	8,580	4,593	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
30 Total net assets or fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	8,580	4,593		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	8,580	4,593		

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	8,580
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-3,987
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	4,593
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	4,593

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 N/A					
b					
c					
d					
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					
b					
c					
d					
e					
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69					
(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					
b					
c					
d					
e					
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)			2		
If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7					
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)			3		
If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see pages 13 and 17 of the instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8.					

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 page 18 of the 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			0
2006			0
2005			0
2004			0
2003			0
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2
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
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2008 from Part X, line 5			4 1,873
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 0
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 0
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 0
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8 64,987

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 on page 18.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see page 18 of the instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1.		1	NONE
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			
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)		2	
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		3	
3 Add lines 1 and 2		4	
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		5	
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		6	
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		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d		7	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached		8	
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	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2009 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐		11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
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?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see page 19 of the instructions for definition)?		X
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		
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		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?		X
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		
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		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?		X
If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		
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?	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	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see page 19 of the instructions) ☐ Washington		
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 Stmt 3		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 on page 27)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV	X	
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

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)(3)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see page 20 of the 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? Website address ▶ N/A	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ▶ Costco Wholesale Corporation Telephone no. ▶ 425-313-6461 Located at ▶ 999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA ZIP + 4 ▶ 98027-5367			
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			

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)? ☐ 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? ☐ 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 ▶		
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 page 20 of the instructions) ☐ 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 ▶		
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		
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) ☐ 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

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)? (see page 22 of the instructions) ☐ 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 page 22 of the instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No **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? ☐ 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? ☐ Yes ☒ No **6b**
- If you answered "Yes" to 6b, also file Form 8870
- 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? ☐ Yes ☒ No **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 (see page 22 of the instructions).**

(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
John Matthews	Director			
999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027	President	0	0	0
Monica Smith	Director			
999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027	VP	0	0	0
Richard Galanti	Director			
999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027	Treasurer	0	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see page 23 of the instructions). 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

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

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services** (see page 23 of the instructions). 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 ▶

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 Direct financial assistance to employees of Costco Wholesale Corporation and its subsidiaries - 34 grants made	64,977
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see page 23 of the instructions)

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 page 24 of the instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see page 24 of the 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	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	8,926
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see page 24 of the instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	8,926
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	8,926
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 25 of the instructions) All amts held in checking acct are held for charitable purposes	4	7,053
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,873
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	94

Part XI Distributable Amount (see page 25 of the 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	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2008 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2008. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see page 25 of the instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see page 25 of the 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	64,987
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
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	64,987
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 (see page 26 of the instructions)	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	64,987

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.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see page 26 of the instructions) N/A

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2007	(c) 2007	(d) 2008
1 Distributable amount for 2008 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2007:				
a Enter amount for 2007 only				
b Total for prior years. 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2008:				
a From 2003				
b From 2004				
c From 2005				
d From 2006				
e From 2007				
f Total of lines 3a through e				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2008 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ 64,987				
a Applied to 2007, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see page 26 of the instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see page 26 of the instructions)				
d Applied to 2008 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2008 . (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
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				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see page 27 of the instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2007 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see page 27 of the instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2008 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2009				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see page 27 of the instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2003 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 27 of the instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2009. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2004				
b Excess from 2005				
c Excess from 2006				
d Excess from 2007				
e Excess from 2008				

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see page 27 of the instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2008, enter the date of the ruling

April 24, 1998

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section

☒ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2008	(b) 2007	(c) 2006	(d) 2005	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	0	0	0	0	
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	64,987	73,506	80,359	69,013	287,865
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	10	10	10	10	40
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	64,977	73,496	80,349	69,003	287,825
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter					
(1) Value of all assets	4,593	8,580	2,086	6,845	22,104
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)	4,593	8,580	2,086	6,845	22,104
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year - see page 27 of the instructions.)**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2).)

N/A

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

N/A

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see page 28 of the instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

John Matthews - Senior VP, Corporate Human Resources, 999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

All information regarding the Costco Foundation is communicated to each warehouse manager through memorandum.

c Any submission deadlines

N/A

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

No

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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 Statement 4				64,977
Total			▶ 3a	64,977
b Approved for future payment				
Total			▶ 3b	

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 (See page 28 of the instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion 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					
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
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					
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)					
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)					

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N/A

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

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1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
(1) Cash	1a(1)		X
(2) Other assets	1a(2)		X
b Other transactions			
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)		X
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)		X
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)		X
(4) Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)		X
(5) Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)		X
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)		X
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c		X
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.			

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2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer or fiduciary) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here				
	Signature of officer or trustee		Date	Title

Paid Preparer's Use Only					
	Preparer's signature		Date	Check if self-employed ☐	Preparer's identifying number (See Signature on page 30 of the instructions)

Paid Preparer's Use Only			
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code		EIN ☐ Phone no

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

The Costco Foundation

91-1799391

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 $\frac{1}{3}$ % 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)

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 The Costco Foundation	Employer identification number 91-1799391
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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	Costco Wholesale Corporation 999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	\$ 61,000.00	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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The Costco Foundation
EIN: 91-1799391

A statement attached to and made part of
Form 990-PF "Return of Private Foundation"
For the Year Ended August 30, 2009

Statement 1
Form 990-PF, Part 1, Line 1

Date	Donor	Address	Amount
9/17/2008	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	6,000
9/24/2008	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
10/1/2008	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
12/4/2008	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
1/14/2009	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
2/23/2009	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
5/1/2009	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
5/22/2009	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	10,000
6/5/2009	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
7/23/2009	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
7/24/2009	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	5,000
Total Contributions			<u><u>61,000</u></u>

The Costco Foundation
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A statement attached to and made part of
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For the Year Ended August 31, 2009

Statement 2

Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23

Other Expenses:

State Filing Fee	\$10.00
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Statement 3

Form 990-PF, Part VII-A, Question 8b

Per discussion with the office of the Washington Secretary of State, effective with a law change in August of 1998, a copy of Form 990-PF is not required to be filed with the State of Washington until the total fund balance at the end of the year exceeds \$250,000 (Part III, Line 6).

The Costco Foundation
EIN: 91-1799391
A statement attached to and made part of Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation
For the Year Ended August 31, 2009

Statement 4
Form 990-PF, Part XV, Question 3a

Employee Name	Work Address	Status	Purpose	Amount
Jennifer Kiselca	1050 Cranberry Square Drive Cranberry Township, PA 16066	Costco Employee	Financial need due to medical	1,322.00
Miguel Fregoso	11600 Riverside Drive Bldg A Mira Loma, CA 91752	Costco Employee's Family	Employee death, funeral expenses	1,100 00
Ann Conforti	7300 S Cicero Avenue Chicago, IL 60629	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for father	1,000.00
Donny Dang	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for father	1,000.00
Rick Kuhnhenh	3220 Northern Pacific Street Missoula, MT 59808	Costco Employee	Help purchasing wheelchair-accessible van	2,603 00
Rose Ballard	9650 W Broad Street Glen Allen, VA 23060	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for son	2,232.00
David Upchurch	3775 Hacks Cross Road Memphis, TN 38125	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for son	2,000 00
Michelle Vaughan	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	Costco Employee	Financial need - out of work with serious medical procedure; husband also sick	2,775.00
Magdalena Figueroa	7300 S Cicero Avenue Chicago, IL 60629	Costco Employee	Lost belongings in apartment fire	1,000 00
Gina Tyler	13700 Middlebelt Road Livonia, MI 48150	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for son	1,200.00
Wendy Ortega	2751 Skypark Drive Torrance, CA 90505	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for son	1,000.00
Bart Martinez	11600 Riverside Drive Bldg B Mira Loma, CA 91752	Costco Employee	Financial assistance - out of work	1,000 00
Karen Davis	3250 Vernon Boulevard Long Island City, NY 11106	Costco Employee's Family	Employee death; funeral expenses	1,500.00
Maricela Sotelo	2746 N Clybourn Avenue Chicago, IL 60614	Costco Employee	Financial need due to medical	1,000.00
David Montoya	5195 Wadsworth Boulevard Arvada, CO 80002	Costco Employee	House fire	2,225 00
Charles Suarez	6110 East 86th Street Castleton, IN 46250	Costco Employee	House fire	1,110.00
Doreen Aragon	1099 E Hospitality Lane San Bernardino, CA 92408	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for son	2,300 00
Christopher Dollar	2001 E Ventura Boulevard Oxnard, CA 93030	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for son	2,000 00
Jason & Gionna Foster	13700 Middlebelt Road Livonia, MI 48150	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for son	3,180 00

Statement 4
Form 990-PF, Part XV, Question 3a

Employee Name	Work Address	Status	Purpose	Amount
Rebecca Cox	4649 Morena Boulevard San Diego, CA 92117	Costco Employee's Family	Employee death; funeral expenses	3,000.00
Jeff Marks	501 Waterfront Drive W West Homestead, PA 15120	Costco Employee's Family	Employee death, funeral expenses	1,000.00
Melanie Paull	20313 100A Avenue Langley, BC V1M-3Y6	Costco Employee	Financial assistance with bills	1,000.00
Donald Cline	725 Center Drive San Marcos, CA 92069	Costco Employee	Financial assistance	3,500.00
Irene Villa	8125 Fletcher Parkway La Mesa, CA 91942	Costco Employee	Financial assistance with bills	1,500.00
Kathy Mendoza	1600 Expo Parkway Sacramento, CA 95815	Costco Employee	Financial need due to medical	5,000.00
Jose Rodriguez	650 Gateway Center Drive San Diego, CA 92102	Costco Employee	Financial need due to medical	1,000.00
Carla Robles	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for husband	1,000.00
Matte Harris	1700 Mount Zion Road Morrow, GA 30260	Costco Employee	House fire	5,000.00
Michelle Hansen	3656 Wall Avenue South Ogden, UT 84405	Costco Employee	Financial assistance with bills - temporary loss of income	1,000.00
Shern Finkbiner	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	Costco Employee	Severe financial crisis	3,430 00
John Martinez	7100 N Abby North Fresno, CA 93720	Costco Employee	Financial assistance with debt; lost wife, raising 2 children	2,500.00
Theodora Towns	7100 N Abby North Fresno, CA 93720	Costco Employee	Financial assistance	1,000.00
Erin Elise	211 W Blackstock Road Spartanburg, SC 29301	Costco Employee	Apartment fire	2,500.00
Sylvia Marguez	2751 Skypark Drive Torrance, CA 90505	Costco Employee	Funeral expenses for mother	1,000 00
TOTAL				64,977.00