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

OMB No 1545-0052

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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 12-01, 2008, and ending 11-30, 20 09

G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, print or type. See Specific Instructions.	Name of foundation SPARKS FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 72-1343011
	Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see the instructions) (318) 398-2204
	City or town, state, and ZIP code MONROE, LA 71201		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 172,938	J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		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 ☐	

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 the instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	2,265			
2	Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	32	32		
4	Dividends and interest from securities	2,022	2,022		
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)		950		
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	4,319	3,004		
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)	425			425
c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
17	Interest				
18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see the instructions)	64			64
19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20	Occupancy				
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings	2,265			2,265
22	Printing and publications				
23	Other expenses (attach schedule)				
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	2,754	0		2,754
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	16,658			16,658
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	19,412	0		19,412
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	(15,093)			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		3,004		
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 (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value		
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing		795	4,556	4,556
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		12,128	10,233	10,233
	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 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				
	10a	Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)				
	b	Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)	STM137	121,956	109,974	158,149
	c	Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
	Liabilities	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)		134,879	124,763	172,938
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 (attach schedule)				
	22	Other liabilities (describe)				
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)			0	
	24	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.	☐			
	25	Unrestricted				
	26	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		134,879	124,763		
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 the instructions)		134,879	124,763		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see the instructions)		134,879	124,763		

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	134,879
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	(15,093)
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ STM115	3	4,977
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	124,763
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	124,763

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 (yr., mo., day)	(d) Date sold (yr., mo., day)
1a	100 SHARES JP MORGAN		VARIOUS	2009-11-19
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	4,156	3,206	950
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(i) FMV 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			950
b			
c			
d			
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	950
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) (see the instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }	3	

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 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	945	166,508	0.005675
2006	14,851	188,032	0.078981
2005	2,762	168,752	0.016367
2004	4,451	141,860	0.031376
2003	3,022	102,748	0.029412

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.161812
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	0.032362
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2008 from Part X, line 5	4	145,400
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	4,705
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	30
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	4,735
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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	8	19,412

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 - see the 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	30
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	30
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	30
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		30
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 the 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
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 ☐ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$ _____		
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		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		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? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		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?	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 the instructions) ☐ LA		
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	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		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)(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? Website address ▶ N/A	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ▶ SUSAN SPARKS Located at ▶ 2104 ISLAND DRIVE MONROE, LA	Telephone no ▶ 318-388-1440 ZIP+4 ▶ 71201		
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	▶ X	15	0

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 the instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐	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? ☐ Yes ☒ No	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 the instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No	2b	X
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) ☐ Yes ☒ No	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No	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? ☐ Yes ☒ No	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 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 the instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
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
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**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 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
SUSAN S SPARKS 2104 ISLAND DRIVE MONROE, LA 71201	PRESIDENT 0	0	0	0
WOOD T SPARKS 2104 ISLAND DRIVE MONROE, LA 71201	SEC/TREA 0	0	0	0
ELIZABETH N SPARKS 2104 ISLAND DRIVE MONROE, LA 71201	DIRECTOR 0	0	0	0
JENNIFER C SPARKS 2104 ISLAND DRIVE MONROE, LA 71201	DIRECTOR 0	0	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 - see 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
NONE				

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 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 NONE	
2	0
3	
4	

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

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See the instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see 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	135,812
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	7,120
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see the instructions)	1c	4,682
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	147,614
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	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	147,614
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see the instructions)	4	2,214
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	145,400
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	7,270

Part XI Distributable Amount (see 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	7,270
2a	Tax on investment income for 2008 from Part VI, line 5	2a	30
b	Income tax for 2008 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	30
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	7,240
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	7,240
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see the instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	7,240

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see 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	19,412
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	19,412
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 the instructions)	5	30
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	19,382

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 the instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2007	(c) 2007	(d) 2008
1 Distributable amount for 2008 from Part XI, line 7				7,240
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2007				
a Enter amount for 2007 only			2,706	
b Total for prior years				
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 ▶ \$ 19,412				
a Applied to 2007, but not more than line 2a . . .			2,706	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see the instructions) . . .				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see the instructions)				
d Applied to 2008 distributable amount				7,240
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus . . .	9,466			
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 .	9,466			
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 the instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2007 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see the instructions				
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) (see the instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2003 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see the instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2009. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	9,466			
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	9,466			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see 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					
b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section		☐ 4942(j)(3) or		☐ 4942(j)(5)	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2008	(b) 2007	(c) 2006	(d) 2005	
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
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 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))
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
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 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
b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include
c Any submission deadlines
d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

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				
THE CATHEDRAL OF ST PHILIP 2744 PEACHTREE ROAD ATLANTA GA 30305-2920	NONE		RELIGIOUS	15,408
EQUAL JUSTICE AMERICA				
MONROE LA 71201			EDUCATIONAL	250
CHILDRENS MUSEUM				
MONROE LA 71201			EDUCATIONAL	500
Total			3a	16,158
b Approved for future payment				
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH				
MONROE LA 71201			RELIGIOUS	7,500
MED-CAMPS OF LA				
MONROE LA 71201			EDUCATIONAL	500
Total			3b	8,000

Part XVI-A	Analysis of Income-Producing Activities
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Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities					
Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated					
	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See 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 .		32	14		
4 Dividends and interest from securities		2,022	14		
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 .		950	18		
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)		3,004			
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13	3,004

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

Part XVI-B	Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes
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FORM 990PF, PART III, LINE 3

STATEMENT #115

OTHER INCREASES SCHEDULE

STOCK DONATION COST TO MARKET	4,027
CAPITAL GAIN STOCK SALE	950
TOTAL	4,977

FORM 990PF, PART II, LINE 10(B) INVESTMENTS: CORPORATE STOCK SCHEDULE

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STATEMENT #137

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>BOY</u>	<u>BOOK VALUE</u>	<u>EOY FMV</u>
J P MORGAN CHASE - 3804 SHARES	121,956		
J P MORGAN CHASE - 3349 SHARES		107,369	150,224
BANK OF AMERICA		2,605	7,925
TOTALS	121,956	109,974	158,149

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FORM 990PF, PART I, LINE 16(B) - ACCOUNTING FEES SCHEDULE

STATEMENT #108

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES	NET INVESTMENT	ADJUSTED NET INCOME	CHARITABLE PURPOSE
TAX PREPARATION	425	0	0	425
TOTALS	425	0	0	425

FORM 990PF, PART I, LINE 18 - TAXES SCHEDULE

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STATEMENT #110

DESCRIPTION	REVENUE AND EXPENSES	NET INVESTMENT	ADJUSTED NET INCOME	CHARITABLE PURPOSE
TAXES & LICENSES	64	0	0	64
TOTALS	64	0	0	64