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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

2009

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 2009, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending

G Check all that apply ☒ Initial return ☐ Initial Return of a former public charity ☐ Final return  
☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name changeUse the  
IRS label.  
Otherwise,  
print  
or type.  
See Specific  
Instructions.Early Learning Ventures  
6400 S. Fiddlers Green Circle #2000  
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

A Employer identification number

26-4053609

B Telephone number (see the instructions)

303-789-2664

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 foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16)

\$ 108,539.

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 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 (att sch)

530,708.

2 Ck ☐ if the foundn is not req to att Sch B

3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments

1.

1.

1.

4 Dividends and interest from securities

5a Gross rents

b Net rental income

6a Net gain (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10

b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a

c Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)

d Net short-term capital gain

10a Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a

b Less: Cost of goods sold

c Gross profit/(loss) (att sch)

11 Other income (attach schedule)

See Statement 1

2,000.

2,000.

12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11

532,709.

1.

2,001.

13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc

0.

14 Other employee salaries and wages

149,098.

149,098.

15 Pension plans, employee benefits

16a Legal fees (attach schedule) See St 2

34,818.

34,818.

b Accounting fees (attach sch) See St 3

80.

80.

c Other prof fees (attach sch) See St 4

82,141.

82,141.

17 Interest

18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instr)

19 Depreciation (attach sch) and depletion

9,374.

20 Occupancy

21 Travel, conferences, and meetings

62,665.

2,000.

60,665.

22 Printing and publications

428.

428.

23 Other expenses (attach schedule)

See Statement 5

103,263.

1.

1.

103,194.

24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23

441,867.

1.

2,001.

430,424.

25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid

26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25

441,867.

1.

2,001.

430,424.

27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:

a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements

90,842.

b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)

0.

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				
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			48,602.	48,602.
	3	Accounts receivable	20.			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts			20.	20.
	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 sch)				
		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)				
	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	69,291.			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) See Stmt 6	9,374.		59,917.	59,917.
15		Other assets (describe )				
16		<b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers — see instructions Also, see page 1, item I)		0.	108,539.	108,539.
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses			17,697.	
18		Grants payable				
FUND ASSETS	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22	Other liabilities (describe )				
	23	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)		0.	17,697.	
FUND ASSETS	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. <input type="checkbox"/>					
	24	Unrestricted				
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted				
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			90,842.	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund				
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	30	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see the instructions)		0.	90,842.	
	31	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see the instructions)		0.	108,539.	

## 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	0.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	90,842.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	90,842.
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	90,842.

**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 shares MLC Company)		(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (month, day, year)	(d) Date sold (month, day, year)
1 a 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			(l) Gains (Column (h) gain minus column (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from column (h))
(i) Fair Market Value as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of column (i) over column (j), if any	
a			
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

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

**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) N/A

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 (column (b) divided by column (c))
2008			
2007			
2006			
2005			
2004			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)

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

4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2009 from Part X, line 5

5 Multiply line 4 by line 3

6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)

7 Add lines 5 and 6

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.

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

<b>1 a</b> Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 'N/A' on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary - see instr.)			
<b>b</b> Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		<b>1</b>	0.
<b>c</b> All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, column (b)			
<b>2</b> Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		<b>2</b>	0.
<b>3</b> Add lines 1 and 2		<b>3</b>	0.
<b>4</b> Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		<b>4</b>	0.
<b>5</b> Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-		<b>5</b>	0.
<b>6</b> Credits/Payments			
<b>a</b> 2009 estimated tax pmts and 2008 overpayment credited to 2009	<b>6 a</b>		
<b>b</b> Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	<b>6 b</b>		
<b>c</b> Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	<b>6 c</b>		
<b>d</b> Backup withholding erroneously withheld	<b>6 d</b>		
<b>7</b> Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	<b>7</b>		0.
<b>8</b> Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b> Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	<b>9</b>		0.
<b>10</b> Overpayment If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	<b>10</b>		
<b>11</b> Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2010 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>11</b>		

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
<b>1 a</b> 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>1 b</b> Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see the instructions for definition)? <i>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</i>		X
<b>1 c</b> Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
<b>d</b> Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.		
<b>e</b> Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.		
<b>2</b> Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities</i>		X
<b>3</b> 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? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		X
<b>4 a</b> Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
<b>4 b</b> If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		N/A
<b>5</b> Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>		X
<b>6</b> 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	
<b>7</b> Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part II, column (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
<b>8 a</b> Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see the instructions) CO		
<b>8 b</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? <i>If 'No,' attach explanation</i>	X	
<b>9</b> 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 2009 or the taxable year beginning in 2009 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV</i>	X	
<b>10</b> Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i> See Statement 7	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? Website address <u>N/A</u>	13	X	
14	The books are in care of <u>Consolidated Investment Group</u> Telephone no <u>303-789-2664</u> Located at <u>6400 S. Fiddler's Green Circle, Ste 2000 Gre</u> ZIP + 4 <u>80111</u>			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here <u>N/A</u> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <u>15</u>	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
<b>1a</b> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? ( <b>Exception.</b> 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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</b> If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)-(6), did <b>any</b> 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)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1b</b>	X
<b>c</b> 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 2009?	<b>1c</b>	X
<b>2</b> 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))		
<b>a</b> At the end of tax year 2009, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2009? If 'Yes,' list the years <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</b> Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is <b>not</b> 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 <b>all</b> years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement - see the instructions)	<b>2b</b>	N/A
<b>c</b> If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to <b>any</b> of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u>		
<b>3a</b> Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2009 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? ( <i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2009</i> )	<b>3b</b>	N/A
<b>4a</b> Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	<b>4a</b>	X
<b>b</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 2009?	<b>4b</b>	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)? (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 instructions)?

5b N/A

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 X

If 'Yes' to 6b, 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?

7b N/A

**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 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
David Merage 6400 S. Fiddler's Green Circle Greenwood Village, CO 80111	Pres/Secr/Tr 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Laura Merage 6400 S. Fiddler's Green Circle Greenwood Village, CO 80111	V.Pres 2.00	0.	0.	0.

**2** Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1— see 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
See Statement 8		132,104.	0.	0.

**Total** number of other employees paid over \$50,000☐ 0

**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 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 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 See Statement 9	
	194,799.
2 See Statement 10	
	93,765.
3 See Statement 11	
	42,762.
4	

**Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments** (see 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 instructions	
3	
<b>Total.</b> 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.)

<b>1</b> Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
<b>a</b> Average monthly fair market value of securities	<b>1a</b>	
<b>b</b> Average of monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	39,416.
<b>c</b> Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	<b>1c</b>	
<b>d Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	<b>1d</b>	39,416.
<b>e</b> Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	<b>1e</b>	0.
<b>2</b> Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	<b>2</b>	0.
<b>3</b> Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	39,416.
<b>4</b> Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	<b>4</b>	591.
<b>5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	38,825.
<b>6 Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	<b>6</b>	1,941.

**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.)

<b>1</b> Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	N/A	<b>1</b>	
<b>2a</b> Tax on investment income for 2009 from Part VI, line 5	<b>2a</b>		
<b>b</b> Income tax for 2009 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	<b>2b</b>		
<b>c</b> Add lines 2a and 2b		<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1		<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions		<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Add lines 3 and 4		<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)		<b>6</b>	
<b>7 Distributable amount</b> as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1		<b>7</b>	

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b> Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
<b>a</b> Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26	<b>1a</b>	430,424.
<b>b</b> Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b> Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b> Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b> Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4 Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	430,424.
<b>5</b> 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 instructions)	<b>5</b>	
<b>6 Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	<b>6</b>	430,424.

**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)

N/A

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2008	(c) 2008	(d) 2009
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2009 from Part XI, line 7				
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2009				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2008 only				
<b>b</b> Total for prior years 20 __, 20 __, 20 __				
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2009				
<b>a</b> From 2004				
<b>b</b> From 2005				
<b>c</b> From 2006				
<b>d</b> From 2007				
<b>e</b> From 2008				
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e				
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2009 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ _____				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2008, but not more than line 2a				
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required — see instructions)				
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required — see instructions)				
<b>d</b> Applied to 2009 distributable amount				
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2009 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a) )				
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
<b>c</b> 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				
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount — see instructions				
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2008 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount — see instructions				
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2009 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2010				
<b>7</b> Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see instructions)				
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2004 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
<b>9</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2010. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2005				
<b>b</b> Excess from 2006				
<b>c</b> Excess from 2007				
<b>d</b> Excess from 2008				
<b>e</b> Excess from 2009				

**Part XIV Private Operating Foundations** (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

**1 a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2009, enter the date of the ruling 1/14/09

**b** Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☒ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

**2 a** 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) 2009	(b) 2008	(c) 2007	(d) 2006	
0.				0.
<b>b</b> 85% of line 2a				0.
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	430,424.			430,424.
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	99,098.			99,098.
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c	331,326.			331,326.
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon				
<b>a</b> 'Assets' alternative test – enter				
(1) Value of all assets	108,539.			108,539.
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)	108,539.			108,539.
<b>b</b> 'Endowment' alternative test – enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed				
<b>c</b> '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 organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year – see 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) )

None

**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

None

**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 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**

N/A

Recipient	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
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> Paid during the year				
<b>Total</b>				<b>3a</b>
<b>b</b> Approved for future payment				
<b>Total</b>				<b>3b</b>

**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 the instructions)
		(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	1.	
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	Conference Fees					2,000.
b						
c						
d						
e						
12	Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e)				1.	2,000.
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13	2,001.

(See worksheet in the instructions for line 13 to verify calculations )

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

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**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, or 990-PF**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2009**

Name of the organization

Early Learning Ventures

Employer identification number

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**Organization type** (check one)

**Filers of:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

**Section:**

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

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- ☒ 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 an organization 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 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 (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions 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 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, 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:** An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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**Part I Contributors** (see instructions)

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	David and Laura Merage Foundation 6400 Fiddlers Green Circle Greenwood Village, CO 80111	\$ 505,308.	Person <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
2	Qualistar Early Learning 3607 Martin Luther King Blvd Denver, CO 80204	\$ 24,400.	Person <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
_____	N/A	\$ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	

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**Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations aggregating more than \$1,000 for the year.** (Complete cols (a) through (e) and the following line entry )For organizations completing Part III, enter total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year (Enter this information once – see instructions )

▶ \$ N/A

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	N/A		
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

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**Statement 1  
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 11  
Other Income**

	(a) Revenue per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income
Conference Fees	\$ 2,000.		\$ 2,000.
Total	\$ 2,000.	\$ 0.	\$ 2,000.

**Statement 2  
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16a  
Legal Fees**

	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Legal Fees	\$ 34,818.			\$ 34,818.
Total	\$ 34,818.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 34,818.

**Statement 3  
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b  
Accounting Fees**

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Accounting Fees	\$ 80.			\$ 80.
Total	\$ 80.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 80.

**Statement 4  
Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16c  
Other Professional Fees**

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Computer Consulting	\$ 34,522.			\$ 34,522.
Consulting	46,033.			46,033.
Managment Fees	1,586.			1,586.
Total	\$ 82,141.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 82,141.

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**Statement 5**  
**Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23**  
**Other Expenses**

	(a) Expenses per Books	(b) Net Investment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes
Bank Service Fee	\$ 69.	\$ 1.	\$ 1.	
Early Learning Ventures Alliance	51,035.			\$ 51,035.
Gifts	187.			187.
Marketing	22,713.			22,713.
Office Supplies	301.			301.
Professional Development	155.			155.
Recruiting Expense	169.			169.
Research	25,000.			25,000.
Subscriptions	529.			529.
Telephone	1,873.			1,873.
Workers Compensation	1,232.			1,232.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 103,263.</b>	<b>\$ 1.</b>	<b>\$ 1.</b>	<b>\$ 103,194.</b>

**Statement 6**  
**Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 14**  
**Land, Buildings, and Equipment**

Category	Basis	Accum. Deprec.	Book Value	Fair Market Value
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 58,411.	\$ 6,383.	\$ 52,028.	\$ 52,028.
Miscellaneous	10,880.	2,991.	7,889.	7,889.
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 69,291.</b>	<b>\$ 9,374.</b>	<b>\$ 59,917.</b>	<b>\$ 59,917.</b>

**Statement 7**  
**Form 990-PF, Part VII-A, Line 10**  
**Substantial Contributors During the Tax Year**

Name of Substantial Contributor	Address of Substantial Contributor
David and Laura Merage Foundation	6400 S. Fiddlers Green Circle Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Qualstar Early Learning	3607 Martin Luther King Blvd Denver, CO 80205

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**Statement 8**  
**Form 990-PF, Part VIII, Line 2**  
**Compensation of Five Highest-Paid Employees**

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title and Average Hours Per Week Devoted</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Contribution to EBP &amp; DC</u>	<u>Expense Account/ Other</u>
Lindsay Dolce 6400 Fiddler's Green Circle #2000 Greenwood Village, CO 80111	Project Manager 40.00	65,269.	0.	0.
Judith Williams 6400 Fiddler's Green Circle #2000 Greenwood Village, CO 80111	Project Manager 40.00	66,835.	0.	0.
Total		\$ 132,104.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.

**Statement 9**  
**Form 990-PF, Part IX-A, Line 1**  
**Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

<u>Direct Charitable Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Early Learning Ventures (ELV) developed collaborations with three non-profit organizations, Child Nursery Centers, Arapahoe County Early Childhood Council, and Early Childhood Options to serve as pilot sites for the development of the Early Learning Ventures Alliance model. This is a shared services infrastructure for the early childhood education sector to promote effective governance, high standards of program quality, professional competence, operational efficiency, as well as financial sustainability. ELV provided support and oversight to its partners while continuing to research and develop the model and policies. This effort involved ELV staff providing technical assistance, business planning, and resource development.	\$ 194,799.

**Statement 10**  
**Form 990-PF, Part IX-A, Line 2**  
**Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

<u>Direct Charitable Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
ELV created a customized web-based information management system for the Early Learning Ventures Alliance model. The Child Management System includes educational performance and accountability data management software, professional development supports, and financial management functionality.	\$ 93,765.

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**Statement 11**  
**Form 990-PF, Part IX-A, Line 3**  
**Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

<u>Direct Charitable Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
ELV conducted the National Shared Services Technical Conference attended by 150 Early Care and Education sector professionals, experts, government representatives and philanthropists on June 3-4, 2009. The purpose of the conference was to provide educational and vocational programs in administrative, business, quality assurance and other professional skills in order to enhance Early Care and Education's quality and affordability.	\$ 42,762.