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Form 990-PF

# 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 , and ending

G Check all that apply. ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return  
☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change

Use the IRS label. Otherwise, print or type. See Specific Instructions.	Name of foundation <b>CASLER FOUNDATION</b>		A Employer identification number <b>36-3107246</b>
	Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	B Telephone number <b>(815) 877-8449</b>
	City or town, state, and ZIP code <b>ROCKFORD, IL 61114</b>		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
	H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ <b>524,204</b> (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		J Accounting method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
			F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received		25,815.		N/A	
2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> If the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		8.	8.		
4 Dividends and interest from securities		4,191.	4,191.		
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			0.		
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)					
11 Other income					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		30,014.	4,199.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.		0.	0.		0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages					
15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
16a Legal fees					
b Accounting fees					
c Other professional fees					
17 Interest					
18 Taxes STMT 1		175.	0.		0.
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings					
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses STMT 2		45.	30.		0.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		220.	30.		0.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		36,800.			36,800.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		37,020.	30.		36,800.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12.		<7,006.>			
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements			4,169.		
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)					
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				N/A	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		
		Beginning of year (a) Book Value	End of year (b) Book Value (c) Fair Market Value	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	13,079.	20,460.	20,460.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4 Pledges receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations	130,385.	156,200.	458,706.
	b Investments - corporate stock			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
Liabilities	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis			
	Less: accumulated depreciation			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans	85,240.	45,038.	45,038.
	13 Investments - other			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
	Less: accumulated depreciation			
	15 Other assets (describe)			
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	228,704.	221,698.	524,204.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.		
Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	75,175.	75,175.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0.	0.	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	153,529.	146,523.	
30 Total net assets or fund balances	228,704.	221,698.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	228,704.	221,698.		

## 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	228,704.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	<7,006.>
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	221,698.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	221,698.

**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			
b	NONE		
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) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(j) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(k) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(l) Excess of col. (j) over col. (k), if any	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

  

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;">           If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7            If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; text-align: center;">2</div> </div>
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;">           If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7            If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; text-align: center;">3</div> </div>

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2008	17,198.	659,991.	.026058
2007	30,405.	559,768.	.054317
2006	20,500.	384,379.	.053333
2005	0.	280,480.	.000000
2004	3,900.	193,823.	.020121

  

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.153829
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	.030766
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2009 from Part X, line 5	4	432,559.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	13,308.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	42.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	13,350.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	36,800.

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

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

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)		
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1 42.
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 42.
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 42.
6 Credits/Payments:		
a 2009 estimated tax payments and 2008 overpayment credited to 2009	6a 160.	
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	7 160.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	10 118.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be credited to 2010 estimated tax	11 118. Refunded	0.

**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 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. \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		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?		N/A
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 instructions) IL		
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 2009 or the taxable year beginning in 2009 (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?	13	X	
Website address ▶ N/A				
14	The books are in care of ▶ DANIEL W. CASSENS	Telephone no. ▶	815-270-0054	
Located at ▶ 10959 HAMBORG ROAD, ROSCOE, IL		ZIP+4 ▶	61073	
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>		
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		▶ 15	N/A	

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

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

	Yes	No
1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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? (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.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)?	N/A	1b
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
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 2009?		1c
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 2009, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2009? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 instructions.)	N/A	2b
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here.		
3a 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 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? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2009.)	N/A	3b
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		4a
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?		4b

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

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

- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

N/A

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?

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?

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.

(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
VERN H. CASSENS 3914 EATON DRIVE ROCKFORD, IL 61114	TRUSTEE 1.00	0.	0.	0.
N. JEAN CASSENS 3914 EATON DRIVE ROCKFORD, IL 61114	TRUSTEE 1.00	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). If none, enter "NONE."

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

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

0

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

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

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services... 0

**Part IX-A** Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

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

	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

**Part IX-B** Summary of Program-Related Investments

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

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3... 0.



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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	439,146.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	439,146.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	439,146.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	6,587.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	432,559.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	21,628.

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	21,628.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2009 from Part VI, line 5	2a	42.
b	Income tax for 2009. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	42.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	21,586.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	21,586.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	21,586.

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

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	36,800.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	36,800.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	42.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	36,758.

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 instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2008	(c) 2008	(d) 2009
1 Distributable amount for 2009 from Part XI, line 7				21,586.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2009:				
a Enter amount for 2008 only			10,520.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2009:				
a From 2004				
b From 2005				
c From 2006				
d From 2007				
e From 2008				
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2009 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 36,800.				
a Applied to 2008, but not more than line 2a			10,520.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2009 distributable amount				21,586.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	4,694.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2009 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus: Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	4,694.			
b Prior years' undistributed income: Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2008: Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2009: Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2010				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2004 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2010. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	4,694.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2005				
b Excess from 2006				
c Excess from 2007				
d Excess from 2008				
e Excess from 2009	4,694.			







**Part XVII** Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

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| <b>1</b> | <b>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?</b>  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
| <b>a</b> | <b>Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:</b>   |            |           |
|          | (1) Cash  |            | X         |
|          | (2) Other assets  |            | X         |
| <b>b</b> | <b>Other transactions:</b>  |            |           |
|          | (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization  |            | X         |
|          | (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization  |            | X         |
|          | (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets  |            | X         |
|          | (4) Reimbursement arrangements  |            | X         |
|          | (5) Loans or loan guarantees  |            | X         |
|          | (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations  |            | X         |
| <b>c</b> | <b>Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees</b>   | <b>1c</b>  | <b>X</b>  |
| <b>d</b> | <b>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.</b> |            |           |

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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
N/A		

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  Paid Preparer's Use Only	Signature of officer or trustee <i>M. Jean Cassam</i>		Date <i>5/3/10</i>		Title 	
	Preparer's signature <i>M. Jean Cassam</i>		Date <i>5/2/10</i>		Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed) address, and ZIP code <b>LOESCHER &amp; ASSOCIATES, LTD.</b> <b>6845 WEAVER ROAD, SUITE 200</b> <b>ROCKFORD, IL 61114</b>		Preparer's identifying number <b>P00096569</b>		EIN <b>36-4038006</b>		
				Phone no. <b>815-637-9584</b>		

Form 990-PF (2009)

**CIS CASE DO NOT CORRESPOND FOR SIGNATURE**

**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

**CASLER FOUNDATION**

Employer identification number

**36-3107246**

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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501(c)( ) (enter number) organization

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4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

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527 political organization

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501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

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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**

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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**

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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) and 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.

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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.

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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 its 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).

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions  
for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2009)

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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	VERN & JEAN CASSENS 3914 EATON DRIVE ROCKFORD, IL 61114	\$ 25,815.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" 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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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions)

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	1000 SHARES OF WOODWARD GOVERNOR COMPANY COMMON STOCK. MARKET VALUE \$25.815 PER SHARE	\$ 25,815.	11/18/09
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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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 columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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FORM 990-PF	TAXES	STATEMENT	1
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
TAX ON 2008 INVESTMENT INCOME	15.	0.		0.
ESTIMATED TAX ON 2009 INVESTMENT INCOME	160.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	175.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT	2
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
STATE FILING FEE	15.	0.		0.
BANK CHARGES	30.	30.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	45.	30.		0.

FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE STOCK	STATEMENT	3
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DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
17,800 SHS WOODWARD GOVERNOR	156,200.	458,706.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	156,200.	458,706.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER INVESTMENTS	STATEMENT	4
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DESCRIPTION	VALUATION METHOD	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
VANGUARD MONEY MARKET FUND	COST	45,038.	45,038.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 13		45,038.	45,038.

FORM 990-PF

PART XV - LINE 1A  
LIST OF FOUNDATION MANAGERS

STATEMENT 5

## NAME OF MANAGER

VERN H. CASSENS  
N. JEAN CASSENS

FORM 990-PF

GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS  
PAID DURING THE YEAR

STATEMENT 6

RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS	RECIPIENT RELATIONSHIP AND PURPOSE OF GRANT	RECIPIENT STATUS	AMOUNT
CARPENTER'S PLACE 1149 RAILROAD AVE. ROCKFORD, IL 61104	NONE HOMELESS SUPPORT	PUBLIC	1,500.
CENTRAL ASIA SHARING AID 2254 CHENOWITH CT. ROCKFORD, IL 61114	NONE HUMANITARIAN AID	PUBLIC	200.
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH 6595 GUILFORD RD. ROCKFORD, IL 61107	NONE CHURCH	PUBLIC	17,900.
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS 946 N. SECOND ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61107	NONE VARIOUS CHARITIES	PUBLIC	200.
CRUSADERS HEALTH FOUNDATION 1200 W. STATE ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61102	NONE HEALTH FOUNDATION	PUBLIC	3,000.
HEARTLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH 1280 S. ALPINE RD. ROCKFORD, IL 61108	NONE CHURCH	PUBLIC	1,000.

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HOPE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 9273 COACH STOP RD. COLUMBIA, IL 62236	NONE CHURCH	PUBLIC	500.
INT'L DISASTER EMERGENCY SERVICE PO BOX 60, 102 W. RAILROAD ST. KEMPTON, IN 46049	NONE DISASTER RELIEF	PUBLIC	2,000.
KLEHM ARBORETUM 2715 S. MAIN ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61102	NONE ARBORETUM	PUBLIC	250.
LITERACY COUNCIL OF ROCKFORD 982 N. MAIN ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61103	NONE LITERACY EDUCATION	PUBLIC	200.
MILLIGAN COLLEGE 1 BLOWERS BLVD. MILLIGAN COLLEGE, TN 37682	NONE EDUCATION	PUBLIC	500.
NORTHEAST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 5651 E. RIVERSIDE ROCKFORD, IL 61114	NONE CHURCH	PUBLIC	1,000.
NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK 320 S. AVON ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61102	NONE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK	PUBLIC	400.
PINECREST COMMUNITY 414 S. WESLEY AVE. MT. MORRIS, IL 61054	NONE RETIREMENT HOME	PUBLIC	250.
POLO HISTORICAL SOCIETY 123 N. FRANKLIN ST. POLO, IL 61084	NONE HISTORICAL SOCIETY	PUBLIC	300.
ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE FOUNDATION 3301 N. MULFORD RD. ROCKFORD, IL 61114	NONE EDUCATION	PUBLIC	200.

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ROCKFORD AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 5183 HARLEM RD. ROCKFORD, IL 61111	NONE ELIMINATE POVERTY HOUSING	PUBLIC	300.
ROCKFORD PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION 401 S. MAIN ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61101	NONE COMMUNITY PARK DISTRICT	PUBLIC	200.
ROCKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION 215 N. WYMAN ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61101	NONE PUBLIC LIBRARY	PUBLIC	1,500.
ROCKFORD RESCUE MISSION 715 W. STATE ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61110	NONE FOOD & HOUSING FOR POOR	PUBLIC	200.
ROCKFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 711 N. MAIN ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61103	NONE SYMPHONY	PUBLIC	700.
SALVATION ARMY PO BOX 4159 ROCKFORD, IL 61110	NONE FOOD & HOUSING FOR POOR	PUBLIC	400.
SYVERSON DELLS NATURE CENTER 8786 MONTAGUE RD. ROCKFORD, IL 61102	NONE NATURE CENTER	PUBLIC	400.
SWEDISH AMERICAN MEDICAL FOUNDATION 1401 E. STATE ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61104	NONE HOSPITAL	PUBLIC	1,800.
UNITED WAY OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY 612 N. MAIN ST. ROCKFORD, IL 61103	NONE COMMUNITY CHARITIES	PUBLIC	1,700.
WISCONSIN PUBLIC TELEVISION 821 UNIVERSITY AVE. MADISON, WI 53706	NONE PUBLIC TELEVISION	PUBLIC	100.

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WNIU - NORTHERN PUBLIC RADIO NONE  
801 N. 1ST ST. DEKALB, IL 60115 PUBLIC RADIO

PUBLIC

100.

TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART XV, LINE 3A

36,800.

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April 27, 2011

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Ogden, UT 84201-0074

Re: Casler Foundation  
Taxpayer Identification Number: 36-3107246  
2009 Form 990-PF

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**ACCTS. MAINT.**

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the above-named taxpayer, we are responding to your notice dated March 14, 2011, a copy of which is attached.

The notice indicates that you have not received the taxpayer's Form 990-PF, Return of Private Foundation, for the tax year ending December 31, 2009.

As requested in your notice, we have enclosed a newly signed copy of the original return filing. All schedules and documents that were filed with the original return have also been attached. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Dan G. Loescher or David A. Emberson at (815) 637-9584.

Sincerely,

  
LOESCHER & Associates, Ltd.

Cc: Mrs. Jean Cassens  
Enclosures