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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

Form **990-PF**

2009

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Internal Revenue Service

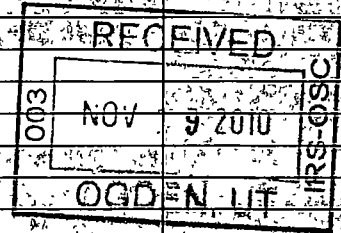
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For calendar year 2009, or tax year beginning , and ending

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 THE GATES FOUNDATION	A Employer identification number 38-3453138
	Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 2459 OLDE FARM DR	B Telephone number (see page 10 of the instructions) 616-669-7678
	City or town, state, and ZIP code JENISON MI 49428-8157	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) \$ 1,466,131 (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
	J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	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) (see page 11 of the instructions))	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue				
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	941,173			
2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	11,757	6,455		
4 Dividends and interest from securities	23,423	23,423		
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-14,794			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 1,220,351				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0		
8 Net short-term capital gain		0		
9 Income modifications				
10a Gross sales less returns & 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	961,559	29,878	0	
Operating and Administrative Expenses				
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b Accounting fees (attach schedule) STMT 1	4,341	4,341		
c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
17 Interest				
18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see page 14 of the instructions) STMT 2	811	411		
19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses (att. sch) STMT 3	7,897	7,897		
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	13,049	12,649		0
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	77,436			77,436
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	90,485	12,649	0	77,436
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12.				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	871,074			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		17,229		
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	3,484	66,629	66,629
3 Accounts receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
4 Pledges receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
5 Grants receivable			
6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see page 16 of the instructions)			
7 Other notes and loans receivable (att. 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)			
c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch) ▶			
12 Investments—mortgage loans			
13 Investments—other (attach schedule) SEE STATEMENT 4	523,627	1,331,556	1,399,502
14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch) ▶			
15 Other assets (describe ▶)			
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	527,111	1,398,185	1,466,131
Liabilities			
17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
18 Grants payable			
19 Deferred revenue			
20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances			
Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
24 Unrestricted			
25 Temporarily restricted			
26 Permanently restricted			
Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.			
27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	527,111	1,398,185	
30 Total net assets or fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	527,111	1,398,185	
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	527,111	1,398,185	

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	527,111
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	871,074
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,398,185
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	1,398,185

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 PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES			
b CAPITAL GAIN DISTRIBUTIONS			
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 1,220,237		1,235,145	-14,908
b 114			114
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			-14,908
b			114
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	-14,794
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 pages 13 and 17 of 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 page 18 of the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2008	81,172	390,457	0.207890
2007	84,558	537,846	0.157216
2006	36,337	526,681	0.068992
2005	57,160	526,928	0.108478
2004	36,125	508,661	0.071020

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.613596
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	0.122719
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2009 from Part X, line 5	4	938,077
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	115,120
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	172
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	115,292
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 on page 18	8	77,436

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

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <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 type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	345
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	345
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	345
6 Credits/Payments		
a 2009 estimated tax payments and 2008 overpayment credited to 2009	6a	554
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	554
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	209
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2010 estimated tax 209 Refunded	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see page 19 of the instructions for definition)? 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?	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 page 19 of the instructions) MI		
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	N/A	
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 on page 27)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	X	

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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 page 20 of the instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ▶ N/A	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ▶ SALLY PYPER 2459 OLDE FARM DR Located at ▶ JENISON, MI	Telephone no ▶ 616-669-7678 ZIP+4 ▶ 49428-8157		
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	15		

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

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

		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<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)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	N/A	
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?	N/A	
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? If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20 , 20 , 20 , 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see page 20 of the instructions)	N/A	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20 , 20 , 20 , 20		
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	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		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 2009?		X

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

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

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? Yes No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? Yes No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? Yes No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see page 22 of the instructions) Yes No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? Yes No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see page 22 of the instructions)? Yes No **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? Yes No **N/A**

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 "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? Yes No **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 page 22 of the instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SALLY PYPER 2459 OLDE FARM DR	JENISON MI 49428	PRESIDENT 0.00	0	0
ROBERT J. DUGAN 161 OTTAWA AVE NW	GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503	SECRETARY 0.00	0	0
ROBERT J. DUGAN 161 OTTAWA AVE NW	GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503	TREASURER 0.00	0	0

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
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 page 23 of the instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

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

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



Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

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

Expenses

1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see page 24 of the instructions)

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

Amount

1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments See page 24 of the instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	

Part X: Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see page 24 of the instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	882,383
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	69,979
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see page 24 of the instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	952,362
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	952,362
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1½ % of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 25 of the instructions)	4	14,285
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	938,077
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	46,904

Part XI: Distributable Amount (see page 25 of the instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here and do not complete this part)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	46,904
2a	Tax on investment income for 2009 from Part VI, line 5	2a	345
b	Income tax for 2009 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	345
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	46,559
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	46,559
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see page 25 of the instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	46,559

Part XII: Qualifying Distributions (see page 25 of the instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	77,436
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	77,436
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see page 26 of the instructions)	5	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	77,436

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

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

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2008	(c) 2008	(d) 2009
1 Distributable amount for 2009 from Part XI, line 7				46,559
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2009				
a Enter amount for 2008 only				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2009				
a From 2004	10,873			
b From 2005	31,394			
c From 2006	10,928			
d From 2007	62,150			
e From 2008	62,341			
f Total of lines 3a through e	177,686			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2009 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>77,436</u>				
a Applied to 2008, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see page 26 of the instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see page 26 of the instructions)				
d Applied to 2009 distributable amount				46,559
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	30,877			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2009 (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	208,563			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2008 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions				
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) (see page 27 of the instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2004 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 27 of the instructions)	10,873			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2010. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	197,690			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2005	31,394			
b Excess from 2006	10,928			
c Excess from 2007	62,150			
d Excess from 2008	62,341			
e Excess from 2009	30,877			

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

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2009, 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				(e) Total
	(a) 2009	(b) 2008	(c) 2007	(d) 2006	
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 page 28 of the instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

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

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

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

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include
N/A

c Any submission deadlines
N/A

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

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				
CAMP HENRY 47 JEFFERSON AVE SE GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503			GENERAL FUND	12,800
CHADD OF GRAND RAPIDS 7269 DECOSTA DR NE ROCKFORD MI 49341			GENERAL FUND	11,521
KENT COUNTY LITERACY COUN 111 LIBRARY ST NE GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503			GENERAL FUND	17,000
GRD RPD SANTA CLAUS GIRLS 3460 PLAINFIELD AVE NE GRAND RAPIDS MI 49505			GENERAL FUND	1,000
GRD RPDS YOUTH SYMPHONY 2355 GOLD DUST NE BELMONT MI 49306			GENERAL FUND	7,615
ST JOHNS HOME 2355 KNAPP NE GRAND RAPIDS MI 49505			GENERAL FUND	10,000
HOSPICE OF MICHIGAN 1260 EKHART ST NE GRAND RAPIDS MI 49503			GENERAL FUND	17,000
RUSH CREEK BIBLE CHURCH 2334 - 76TH STREET SW BYRON CENTER MI 49315-852			GENERAL FUND	500
Total			▶ 3a	77,436
b Approved for future payment N/A				
Total			▶ 3b	

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

THE GATES FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

38-3453138

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)() (enter number) organization

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For 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) 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

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 its Form 990, or check the box in the heading 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).

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)

Name of organization THE GATES FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 38-3453138
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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	ESTATE OF CHARLES M GATES 2459 OLDE FARM DR JENISON MI 49428	\$ 941,173	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" 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	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	\$ 245,160	04/22/09
1	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	\$ 223,467	04/29/09
1	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	\$ 433,336	08/05/09
1	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES	\$ 39,210	09/08/09
		\$	
		\$	

Federal Statements

Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTING	\$ 596 3,745	596 3,745	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$ 4,341	4,341	\$ 0	\$ 0

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18 - Taxes

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
LICENSES AND PERMITS	20	20	\$	\$
FOREIGN TAXES	391	391		
FEDERAL INCOME TAX	400			
TOTAL	\$ 811	411	\$ 0	\$ 0

Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23 - Other Expenses

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
EXPENSES ACCOUNT ADMINISTRATION FEES	7,897	7,897	\$	\$
TOTAL	\$ 7,897	7,897	\$ 0	\$ 0

Federal Statements**Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 13 - Other Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>	<u>Basis of Valuation</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>
PUBLICALLY TRADED MUTUAL FUNDS	\$	\$ 1,329,622	COST	\$ 1,396,705
PUBLICALLY TRADED MUTUAL FUNDS	<u>523,627</u>	<u>1,934</u>	COST	<u>2,797</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 523,627</u>	<u>\$ 1,331,556</u>		<u>\$ 1,399,502</u>

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38-3453138

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Federal Statements

Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part VII-A, Line 10 - Substantial Contributors

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

ESTATE OF CHARLES M GATES

2459 OLDE FARM DR

JENISON MI 49428

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box **X**
- Note.** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1)

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed).

Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization THE GATES FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 38-3453138
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O box, see instructions 2459 OLDE FARM DR	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions JENISON MI 49428-8157	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return)

- Form 990
- Form 990-PF
- Form 990-BL
- Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust)
- Form 990-EZ
- Form 990-T (trust other than above)
- Form 1041-A
- Form 4720
- Form 5227
- Form 6069
- Form 8870

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in the care of **SALLY PYPER**
Telephone No **616-669-7678** FAX No **616-361-6148**
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ If this is for the whole group, check this box If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

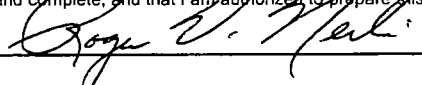
- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **11/15/10**
- 5 For calendar year **2009**, or other tax year beginning _____, and ending _____
- 6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason Initial return Final return Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension

ADDITIONAL TIME IS REQUESTED TO GATHER INFORMATION TO PREPARE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits See instructions	8a	\$	0
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868	8b	\$	554
c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions	8c	\$	0

Signature and Verification

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form

Signature  Title **CPA** Date **8-11-2010**