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Form **990-PF**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

Treated as a Private Foundation

OMB No 1545-0052

2010

Note.

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

For calendar year 2010, or tax year beginning 01-01-2010 , and ending 12-31-2010

G Check all that apply

☐ Initial return

☐ Initial return of a former public charity

☐ Final return

☐ Amended return

☐ Address change

☐ Name change

Name of foundation
GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

A Employer identification number
13-3444590

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)
PO BOX 1704

Room/suite

B Telephone number (see page 10 of the instructions)
(631) 725-1700

City or town, state, and ZIP code
SAG HARBOR, NY 11963

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, col. (c), line 16)
\$ 659,892

J Accounting method

☐ Cash

☒ Accrual

☐ Other (specify) _____
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see page 11 of the instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	4,770			
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	12,681	12,681	12,681	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities.	8,990	8,990	8,990	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-8,569			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____ 154,582				
	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				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	17,872	21,671	21,671	
	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)	3,200	3,200	3,200	
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see page 14 of the instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	2,739	2,739	2,739	
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses.				
	Add lines 13 through 23	5,939	5,939	5,939	0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	65,850			65,850
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	71,789	5,939	5,939	65,850
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-53,917			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		15,732		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			15,732	

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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	11,586	2,044	
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see page 15 of the instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)	71,484	☒ 71,484	82,497
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	413,099	☒ 372,734	384,296
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule).	173,673	☒ 173,673	193,099
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)	8,680		
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	678,522	619,935	659,892	
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 ▶ _____)	☒ 4,670		
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	4,670	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	61,225	61,225	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	612,627	558,710	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	673,852	619,935	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	678,522	619,935	

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)	1 673,852
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2 -53,917
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4 619,935
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 . .	6 619,935

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					
(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))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69		(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any		
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 }					2
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))
2009	65,053	622,702	0 104469
2008	74,929	757,624	0 098900
2007	88,410	892,414	0 099068
2006	73,228	894,682	0 081848
2005	77,119	918,937	0 083922
2 Total of line 1, column (d).			2 0 468207
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 093641
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2010 from Part X, line 5.			4 642,957
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3.			5 60,207
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).			6 157
7 Add lines 5 and 6.			7 60,364
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.			8 65,850
If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See the Part VI instructions on page 18			

Part VIExcise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)			
1aExempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			
bDomestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	157
cAll other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)			
2Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		2	
3Add lines 1 and 2.		3	157
4Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)		4	
5Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-		5	157
6Credits/Payments			
a	2010 estimated tax payments and 2009 overpayment credited to 2010	6a	164
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	
7Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d.		7	164
8Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached		8	
9Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed		9	
10Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid.		10	7
11Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2011 estimated tax 7 Refunded		11	

Part VII-AStatements Regarding Activities			
1aDuring 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?			YesNo
bDid 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.			No
cDid the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		1c	
dEnter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation \$ (2) On foundation managers \$			
eEnter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$			
2Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		2	No
3Has 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		3	No
4aDid the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		4a	No
bIf "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		4b	
5Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.		5	No
6Are 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?		6	
7Did 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		7	Yes
8aEnter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see page 19 of the instructions) NY			
bIf 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 .		8b	Yes
9Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2010 or the taxable year beginning in 2010 (see instructions for Part XIV on page 27)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		9	No
10Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		10	No

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		No
12	Did the foundation acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract before August 17, 2008?	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address N/A	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of GARDNER COWLES III Telephone no (631) 725-1700 Located at PO BOX 1704 SAG HARBOR NY ZIP+4 11963			
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	
16	At any time during calendar year 2010, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16		
See page 20 of the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country.				

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? (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? (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)? (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).			
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.	1b		
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2010?	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 2010, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2010? If "Yes," list the years 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see page 20 of the instructions).	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here 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?			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2010 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 2010.).	3b		No
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
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 2010?	4b		No

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)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.	☐	5b	
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? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).</i>	☐ Yes ☐ No		
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? <i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.</i>		6b	No
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	

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
GARDNER COWLES III 	PRESIDENT	0	0	0
HILL STREET SOUTHAMPTON, NY 11968	1 00			
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	
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	640,615
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	12,133
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	652,748
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	652,748
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see page 25 of the instructions).	4	9,791
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	642,957
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	32,148

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	32,148
2a	Tax on investment income for 2010 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	157
b	Income tax for 2010 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	157
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	31,991
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	31,991
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	31,991

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	65,850
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	65,850
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	157
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	65,693
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 2009	(c) 2009	(d) 2010
1 Distributable amount for 2010 from Part XI, line 7				31,991
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2010				
a Enter amount for 2009 only.				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2010				
a From 2005.	31,864			
b From 2006.	28,988			
c From 2007.	44,169			
d From 2008.	37,440			
e From 2009.	34,242			
f Total of lines 3a through e.	176,703			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2010 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 65,850				
a Applied to 2009, 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 2010 distributable amount.				31,991
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	33,859			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2010 (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	210,562			
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 2009 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see page 27 of the instructions.				
f Undistributed income for 2010 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2011.				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 2005 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see page 27 of the instructions).	31,864			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2011. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	178,698			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2006.	28,988			
b Excess from 2007.	44,169			
c Excess from 2008.	37,440			
d Excess from 2009.	34,242			
e Excess from 2010.	33,859			

Part XIVPrivate 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 2010, enter the date of the ruling.

b

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

☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2a	Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
		(a) 2010	(b) 2009	(c) 2008	(d) 2007	
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 XVSupplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see page 27 of the instructions.)

1

Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a

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

b

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

2

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

Check here ☒ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see 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

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

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Part XV

Supplementary Information (continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

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)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	65,850
b Approved for future payment				
Total			3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

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

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Part XVII

Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

1

Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

a

Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of

1

Cash.

1a(1)

No

2

Other assets.

1a(2)

No

b

Other transactions

1

Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.

1b(1)

No

2

Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.

1b(2)

No

3

Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.

1b(3)

No

4

Reimbursement arrangements.

1b(4)

No

5

Loans or loan guarantees.

1b(5)

No

6

Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.

1b(6)

No

c

Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.

1c

No

d

If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

(a) Line No	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

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
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Sign Here

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.

Signature of officer or trustee

2011-01-10

Date

Title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's Signature

JAMES DANOWSKI CPA

Date

2011-03-12

Check if self-employed ☐

PTIN

Firm's name

CULLEN & DANOWSKI LLP

Firm's EIN

Firm's address

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Form 990-PF (2010)

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 13-3444590
Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

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)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
BOWDOIN COLLEGE 5000 COLLEGE STATION BRUNSWICK, ME 04011	NONE	EXEMPT	EDUCATION	20,000
FIGHTING CHANCE 112 HAMPTON STREET SAG HARBOR, NY 11963	NONE	EXEMPT	MEDICAL	1,800
MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING 1275 YORK AVENUE NEW YORK, NY 10021	NONE	EXEMPT	MEDICAL	5,400
PLANNED PARENTHOOD HUDSON 4 SKYLINE DRIVE HAWTHORNE, NY 10532	NONE	EXEMPT	MEDICAL	8,000
SAG HARBOR FIRE DEPARTMEN MAIN STREET SAG HARBOR, NY 11963	NONE	EXEMPT	PUBLIC SERVICE	150
SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL 240 MEETING HOUSE LANE SOUTHAMPTON, NY 11968	NONE	EXEMPT	MEDICAL	4,000
STONY BROOK FOUNDATION RT 25A STONY BROOK, NY 11790	NONE	EXEMPT	EDUCATION	9,500
THE SALISBURY SCHOOL 251 CANAAN ROAD SALISBURY, CT 06068	NONE	EXEMPT	EDUCATION	4,000
THE TAFT SCHOOL 110 WOODBURY ROAD WATERTOWN, CT 06795	NONE	EXEMPT	EDUCATION	4,000
AWEN GROVE 67 ROCCA FAIRFAX, CA 94930	NONE	EXEMPT	PUBLIC SERVICE	1,000
EAGLEBROOK SCHOOL PINE NOOK ROAD DEERFIELD, MA 01342	NONE	EXEMPT	EDUCATION	8,000
Total  3a				65,850

TY 2010 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION

EIN: 13-3444590

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INDIRECT ACCOUNTING FEES	3,200	3,200	3,200	

TY 2010 Compensation Explanation

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION
EIN: 13- 3444590

Person Name	Explanation
GARDNER COWLES III	

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TY 2010 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION

EIN: 13-3444590

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD	2008-01	PURCHASE	2010-01		6,261	7,326			-1,065	
BJ SERVICES CO	2006-03	PURCHASE	2010-01		6,308	9,747			-3,439	
ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC	2007-04	PURCHASE	2010-01		4,315	5,208			-893	
TRANSOCEAN LTD SWITZERLAND	2006-03	PURCHASE	2010-03		8,823	8,362			461	
ACCENTURE PLC	2007-11	PURCHASE	2010-05		3,801	2,982			819	
ACCENTURE PLC	2006-03	PURCHASE	2010-05		7,480	6,719			761	
CARNIVAL CORP	2008-04	PURCHASE	2010-05		5,453	6,148			-695	
CISCO SYSTEMS INC	2007-02	PURCHASE	2010-05		3,542	4,052			-510	
EMERSON ELECTRIC CO	2009-04	PURCHASE	2010-05		9,301	6,231			3,070	
GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	2007-12	PURCHASE	2010-05		1,789	2,149			-360	
LOWES COMPANIES	2008-01	PURCHASE	2010-05		7,528	8,702			-1,174	
PEPSICO INC	2001-11	PURCHASE	2010-05		4,587	3,730			857	
RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL CORP	2008-03	PURCHASE	2010-05		9,625	7,804			1,821	
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP	2008-05	PURCHASE	2010-05		10,923	15,879			-4,956	
DENTSPLY INTL INC	2009-01	PURCHASE	2010-06		6,910	6,484			426	
CARNIVAL CORP	2008-04	PURCHASE	2010-07		6,982	9,222			-2,240	
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP	2009-03	PURCHASE	2010-07		8,201	6,120			2,081	
FEDEX CORP	2005-11	PURCHASE	2010-08		8,183	9,552			-1,369	
ADOBE SYSTEMS CORP	2008-10	PURCHASE	2010-08		8,091	8,147			-56	
FRANKLIN RESOURCES CORP	2008-04	PURCHASE	2010-08		5,730	6,154			-424	
BEST BUY INC	2010-07	PURCHASE	2010-11		9,805	8,386			1,419	
MICROSOFT CORP	2002-01	PURCHASE	2010-12		10,944	14,047			-3,103	

**TY 2010 Investments Corporate
Bonds Schedule**

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION

EIN: 13-3444590

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
25,000 SHRS IBM	25,474	26,875
25,000 SHRS JP MORGAN CHASE	25,173	27,919
25,000 SHRS ORACLE CORP	24,055	28,599
25,000 SHRS GENERAL ELECTRIC	24,017	26,724
25,000 SHRS AT&T	23,105	26,797
20,000 SHRS TRANSOCEAN SEDCO	19,143	21,006
VANGUARD INTL	17,590	19,092
15,000 SHRS MARRIOT INTERNATIONAL	15,116	16,087

TY 2010 Investments Corporate
Stock Schedule

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION
EIN: 13-3444590

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
500 SHRS GENERAL ELECTRIC CO	27,220	9,145
600 SHRS PA REAL ESTATE INVEST TRUST	21,906	8,718
900 SHRS GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP INC	19,337	18,918
200 SHRS JOHNSON & JOHNSON	11,748	12,370
125 SHRS SCHLUMBERGER LTD	10,661	10,438
600 SHRS EMC CORP MASS	10,376	13,740
80 SHRS INTERNCONTINENTALEXCHANGE IN	9,705	9,532
300 SHRS CENOVUS ENERGY INC.	9,570	9,972
175 SHRS CATERPILLAR	9,493	16,391
350 SHRS CISCO SYSTEMS	9,454	7,081
125 SHRS CHEVRON CORP.	9,436	11,406
300 SHRS AVON PRODUCTS	9,423	8,718
200 SHRS PROCTOR & GAMBLE	9,272	12,866
300 SHRS CVS CORP	9,190	10,431
225 SHRS QUALCOMM INC.	9,177	11,135
725 SHRS HUDSON CITY BANCORP	9,168	9,237
300 SHRS AT&T	8,792	8,814
300 SHRS BOARDWALK PIPELINE PARTNERS	8,680	9,339
125 SHRS DIAGEO PLC SPON ADR	8,644	9,291
200 SHRS STATE STREET CORP.	8,527	9,268
100 SHRS 3M COMPANY	8,451	8,630
175 SHRS MEDTRONIC INC	8,357	6,491
275 SHRS UNILEVER	8,300	8,492
125 SHRS BECTON DICKINSON & CO	8,146	10,565
225 SHRS JP MORGAN CHASE & CO	8,104	9,545
150 SHRS HEWLETT PACKARD CO	8,046	6,315
150 SHRS MCDONALDS CORP	7,914	11,514
15 SHRS GOOGLE INC	7,900	8,910
65 SHRS INTL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP.	7,760	9,539
100 SHRS VISA INC.	7,602	7,038

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
150 SHRS UNITED TECHNOLOGIES INC	7,584	11,808
175 SHRS VANGUARD EMERGING MARKETS	7,496	8,426
175 SHRS NOVARTIS AG ADR	7,068	10,316
125 SHRS CONOCOPHILIPS	7,012	8,513
100 SHRS EXXON MOBIL CORP.	6,952	7,312
125 SHRS PEPSICO INC	6,216	8,166
125 SHRS KELLOGG CO	5,502	6,385
100 SHRS AIR PRODUCTS & CHEMICALS	5,315	9,095
175 SHRS ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS		
150 SHRS COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP		
60 SHRS FRANKLIN RESOURCES INC		
200 SHRS EMERSON ELECTRIC CO		
225 SHRS DENTSPLY INTL INC		
250 SHRS NABORS INDUSTRIES LTD		
700 SHRS RAYMOND JAMES FINANCIAL		
300 SHRS ADOBE SYSTEMS INC		
104 SHRS TRANSOCEAN INC		
325 SHRS LOWES COMPANIES		
200 SHRS TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDS	9,230	10,426
100 SHRS FEDEX CORP.		
300 SHRS ACCENTURE PLC		
600 SHRS BJ SERVICES CO		
400 SHRS MICROSOFT CORP.		
375 SHRS CARNIVAL CORP		
150 SHRS TOYOTA MOTOR CORP		

TY 2010 Investments Government Obligations Schedule

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION

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**US Government Securities - End of
Year Book Value:** 71,484

**US Government Securities - End of
Year Fair Market Value:** 82,497

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Book
Value:**

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Fair
Market Value:**

TY 2010 Investments - Other Schedule

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION
EIN: 13-3444590

Category / Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
300 SHRS BOARDWALK PIPELINE PARTNERS			

TY 2010 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION

EIN: 13-3444590

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
EXPENSES				
ADVISORY FEES	2,639	2,639	2,639	
FILING FEE	100	100	100	

TY 2010 Other Liabilities Schedule

Name: GARDNER COWLES III CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION

EIN: 13-3444590

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
DUE TO FDN. MGR - REIMBURSEMENTS	4,670	