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Form **990-EZ****Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-1150

2011**Open to Public
Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

► Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions). All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

► The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning **JANUARY 1**, 2011, and ending **DECEMBER 31**, 20 **11**

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
BIGFORK VALLEY FOUNDATION

D Employer identification number
26-1634561

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 44

E Telephone number
218-743-4116

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
BIGFORK, MN 56628

F Group Exemption Number ►

G Accounting Method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual Other (specify) ►

H Check ☒ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

I Website: ►

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$50,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions). But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ **60,854**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I.)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☐

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	60,367
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	487
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory 5a		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses 5b		
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) 5c		
	6	Gaming and fundraising events		
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) 6a		
Expenses	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) 6b		
	c	Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events 6c		
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c) 6d		
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances 7a		
	b	Less: cost of goods sold 7b		
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 7c		
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) 8		
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 ► 9		60,854
	Net Assets	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) 10	
11		Benefits paid to or for members 11		
12		Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits 12		
13		Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 13		45,010
14		Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance 14		31
15		Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 15		462
16		Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) 16		3,744
17		Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 ► 17		55,926
18		Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 18		4,928
Net Assets	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) 19		39,743
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) 20		0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 ► 21		44,671

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Part II Balance Sheets. (see the instructions for Part II.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II ☐

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	47,718	22 46,834
23 Land and buildings	0	23 0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24 0
25 Total assets	47,718	25 46,834
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	7,975	26 2163
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	39,743	27 44,671

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III ☐

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? _____

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.

Expenses
 (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	28a	
29		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	29a	
30		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	30a	
31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)		
(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ☐	31a	
32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	32	

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees. List each one even if not compensated. (see the instructions for Part IV.)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV ☐

(a) Name and address	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
BAKKER, SHARI PO BOX 41, MARCELL, MN 56657	1			
BLACKMER, GAIL 66501 CO RD 533, EFFIE, MN 56639	1			
FISHER, JEF PO BOX 257, BIGFORK, MN 56628	1			
KARELS, JOEL PO BOX 227, BIGFORK, MN 56628	1			
MILLS, CAROL 41926 DALEY LARSON RD, BIGFORK, MN 56628	1			
MORNEAU, MEREDITH 41929 TURTLE LAKE RD, BIGFORK, MN 56628	CHAIR 2			
NORLEY, KAREN PO BOX 258, BIGFORK, MN 56628	TREASURER 2			
ODEGAARD, DAN PO BOX 258, BIGFORK, MN 56628	PRESIDENT & CEO 3			
ROUNDS, MEREDIE 40742 TURTLE LAKE RD, BIGFORK, MN 56628	SECRETARY 2			
RAUZI, BRIAN PO BOX 258, BIGFORK, MN 56628	VICE CHAIR 2			
SWANBERG, BILL 38482 GENE LARSON RD, BIGFORK, MN 56628	1			
CARLSON, JUDY 5421 HWY 38, BIGFORK, MN 56628	1			

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	✓
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	✓
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	✓
b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	✓
c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	✓
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	✓
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ 37a	37b	✓
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	✓
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	✓
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 ▶ ; section 4955 ▶		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	✓
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ▶		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ▶		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	✓
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶		
42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ ANGELA STORLIE Telephone no. ▶ 218-743-4203 Located at ▶ 104 ASH STREET, BIGFORK, MN ZIP + 4 ▶ 56628		
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts .	42b	✓
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶	42c	✓
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ▶ 43		☐
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	✓
b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	✓
c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	✓
d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	✓
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	✓

- 46** Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
46		☒

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 47–49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

- 47** Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		☒

- 48** Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

	Yes	No
48		☒

- 49a** Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

	Yes	No
49a		☒

- b** If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
49b		

- 50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

- f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

- 51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

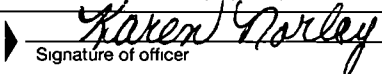
(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

- d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

- 52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1)

nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A ☒ Yes ☐ No

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 officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here		4-18-2012
	Signature of officer	Date
	KAREN NORLEY - TREASURER	
	Type or print name and title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN			
	Firm's address	Phone no			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

BIGFORK VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

26-1634561

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vii)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 ☒ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
- a ☒ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III—Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III—Other
- e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**.
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☒
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
- (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		☒
11g(ii)		☒
11g(iii)		☒
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

11g(ii)		☒
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- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

11g(iii)		☒
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- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col (i) organized in the U S ?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2011

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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BIGFORK VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

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LINE 16

146.80 BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEES

901.35 OFFICE SUPPLIES

1,747.00 INSURANCE

218.92 MISCELLANEOUS

729.51 MEETING EXPENSES

3,743.58 TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES