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Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation

2011

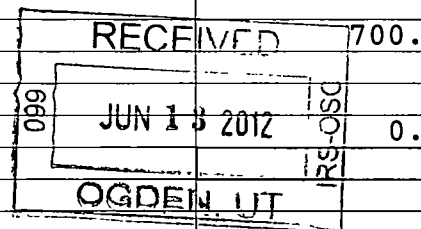
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For calendar year 2011 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation MERLE & SHERI DEWITT FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 27-0769508
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 2007	Room/suite	B Telephone number (616) 915-1998
City or town, state, and ZIP code HOLLAND, MI 49422		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☒ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 1,785,491.	J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received		2,200.		N/A	
2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities		43,917.	43,917.		STATEMENT 1
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		174,707.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a		873,094.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			174,707.		
8 Net short-term capital gain					
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		220,824.	218,624.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.		0.	0.		0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages					
15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
16a Legal fees					
b Accounting fees STMT 2		1,400.	700.		700.
c Other professional fees					
17 Interest					
18 Taxes STMT 3		14,293.	212.		0.
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings					
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses STMT 4		5,947.	2,974.		2,973.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		21,640.	3,886.		3,673.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		96,400.			96,400.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		118,040.	3,886.		100,073.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		102,784.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			214,738.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				N/A	



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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		Beginning of year	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		14,337.	36,860.	36,860.
	3	Accounts receivable ▶				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	4	Pledges receivable ▶				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	5	Grants receivable				
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable ▶				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10a	Investments - U.S. and state government obligations				
	b	Investments - corporate stock	STMT 5	469,425.	522,961.	1,215,379.
	c	Investments - corporate bonds	STMT 6	515,774.	543,182.	533,252.
11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶					
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶					
12	Investments - mortgage loans					
13	Investments - other					
14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶					
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶					
15	Other assets (describe ▶)					
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers)		999,536.	1,103,003.	1,785,491.	
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				
	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 ▶ ☐					
	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		0.	0.	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund		0.	0.	
29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds		999,536.	1,103,003.		
30	Total net assets or fund balances		999,536.	1,103,003.		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		999,536.	1,103,003.		

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	999,536.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	102,784.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ BOOK/TAX DIFFERENCE	3	683.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,103,003.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	1,103,003.

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 STATE STREET (SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT)	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
b STATE STREET (SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT)	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
c CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS			
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 513,871.		509,287.	4,584.
b 359,148.		189,100.	170,048.
c 75.			75.
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) 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			4,584.
b			170,048.
c			75.
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	174,707.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }	3	N/A

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

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

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2010	50,951.	1,084,470.	.046982
2009	0.	719,849.	.000000
2008			
2007			
2006			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.046982
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	.023491
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2011 from Part X, line 5	4	1,815,705.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	42,653.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	2,147.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	44,800.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	100,073.

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

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ 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 ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	2,147.
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	2,147.
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	2,147.
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2011 estimated tax payments and 2010 overpayment credited to 2011	6a	5,000.
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	5,000.
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	11.
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	2,842.
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2012 estimated tax ☒ 2,842. Refunded ☐	11	0.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.		X
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ☒ \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. ☒ \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ☒ \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?		X
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☒ 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	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2011 or the taxable year beginning in 2011 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

N/A

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	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 ► THE FOUNDATION Telephone no. ► (616) 915-1998 Located at ► PO BOX 2007, HOLLAND, MI ZIP+4 ► 49422			
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	N/A	
16	At any time during calendar year 2011, 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? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	Yes	No X

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?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	☒ Yes ☐ No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ 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)?	☐ Yes ☒ 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.)	☐ Yes ☒ 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 instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ► ☐	1b	X
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 2011?	1c	X
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 2011, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2011? If "Yes," list the years ► _____, _____, _____	☐ Yes ☒ 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 instructions.)	N/A	2b
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► _____, _____, _____		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2011 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 2011.)	N/A	3b
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 2011?		X

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

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

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

N/A

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

▶ ☐

c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

6b

X

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

N/A

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.

(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
SEE STATEMENT 7		0.	0.	0.

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

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

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

0

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	1,741,109.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	102,246.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	1,843,355.
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	1,843,355.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	27,650.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,815,705.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	90,785.

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	90,785.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2011 from Part VI, line 5	2a	2,147.
b	Income tax for 2011. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	2,147.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	88,638.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	88,638.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	88,638.

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	100,073.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	100,073.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	2,147.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	97,926.

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

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Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2010	(c) 2010	(d) 2011
1 Distributable amount for 2011 from Part XI, line 7				88,638.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2011				
a Enter amount for 2010 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2011:				
a From 2006				
b From 2007				
c From 2008				
d From 2009				
e From 2010	14,251.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	14,251.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2011 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ 100,073.				
a Applied to 2010, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions) **	25,686.			
d Applied to 2011 distributable amount				74,387.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2011 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	14,251.			14,251.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	25,686.			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2010. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2011. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2012				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2006 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2012 Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	25,686.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2007				
b Excess from 2008				
c Excess from 2009				
d Excess from 2010				
e Excess from 2011	25,686.			

** SEE STATEMENT 8

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N/A

- ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

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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				
AMAZING GRACE CHURCH 762 W. WOODLAND PARK DR BROHMAN, MI 49312	NONE	CHURCH	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
AMERICAN VALUES PO BOX 96192 WASHINGTON, DC 20090	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES 12048 JAMES STREET HOLLAND, MI 49424	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
BIBLE LEAGUE 3801 EAGLE NEST DR CRETE, IL 60417	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
CRAN-HILL RANCH 14444 17 MILE ROAD RODNEY, MI 49342	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
Total			SEE CONTINUATION SHEET(S)	96,400.
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
Total				0.

Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

Name of the organization

MERLE & SHERI DEWITT FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

27-0769508

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 foundationCheck 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, total 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 total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2011)

Name of organization	Employer identification number
MERLE & SHERI DEWITT FOUNDATION	27-0769508

Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	MERLE DEWITT 8700 124TH AVENUE WEST OLIVE, MI 49460	\$ 471,125.	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	MERLE DEWITT 8700 124TH AVENUE WEST OLIVE, MI 49460	\$ 700.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

Employer identification number

27-0769508

Part II

[illegible]

Name of organization

Employer identification number

MERLE & SHERI DEWITT FOUNDATION

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Part III

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

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

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

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

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
CENTER FOR WOMEN IN TRANSITION 411 BUTTERNUT DRIVE HOLLAND, MI 49424	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	2,300.
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER 12125 UNION STREET HOLLAND, MI 49424	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	3,000.
CHILDRENS BIBLE HOUR 2065 3 MILE ROAD NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49544	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
EASTMANVILLE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH 6845 LEONARD ST COOPERSVILLE, MI 49404	NONE	CHURCH	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
FOCUS ON THE FAMILY 8605 EXPLORER DRIVE COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80920	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY 1 CAMPUS DRIVE ALLENDALE, MI 49401	NONE	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	500.
GENEVA CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER 3995 LAKESHORE DR N HOLLAND, MI 49424	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
HOPE COLLEGE 100 E 8TH STREET HOLLAND, MI 49423	NONE	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	8,000.
HOSPICE OF HOLLAND 270 HOOVER BLVD HOLLAND, MI 49423	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	2,500.
FIRST PRIORITY OF ZEELAND ZEELAND, MI	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	2,000.
Total from continuation sheets				91,400.

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

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
KIDS HOPE USA 100 S. PINE ST. ZEELAND, MI 49464	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,500.
LAKESHORE ETHNIC DIVERSITY ALLIANCE PO BOX 2945 HOLLAND, MI 49422	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	500.
LAKESHORE PREGNANCY CENTER 339 RIVER AVENUE HOLLAND, MI 49423	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	2,000.
LAKESHORE RESCUE MISSION HOLLAND, MI 49423	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	500.
NORTH HOLLAND CRC 12050 NEW HOLLAND ST HOLLAND, MI 49424	NONE	CHURCH	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	6,000.
PRISON FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES 44180 RIVERSIDE PARKWAY LANSDOWNE, VA 20176	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
RIDGE POINT COMMUNITY CHURCH 340 104TH AVENUE HOLLAND, MI 49423	NONE	CHURCH	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
REFORMED CHURCH IN AMERICA 4500 60TH ST SE GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49512	NONE	CHURCH	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	2,000.
WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY 101 EAST 13TH STREET HOLLAND, MI 49423	NONE	EDUCATIONAL FACILITY	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	5,000.
WEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN SERVICES 3351 36TH ST SE GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49512	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	1,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

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
WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS P.O. BOX 628200 ORLANDO, FL 32862	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	3,000.
WINNING AT HOME 300 S. STATE STREET, SUITE 13 ZEELAND, MI 49464	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	3,000.
NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE 101 7TH STREET SW ORANGE CITY, IA 51041	NONE	EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	3,000.
MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION PO BOX 322 ALBANY, NY 12201	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	600.
MISSION INDIA PO BOX 141312 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49514	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	2,500.
OTTAWA REFORMED CHURCH 11390 STANTON STREET WEST OLIVE, MI 49460	NONE	CHURCH	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	31,500.
OUTDOOR DISCOVERY CENTER 4214 56TH STREET HOLLAND, MI 49423	NONE	501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED GRANT TO GENERAL FUND	5,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

FORM 990-PF	DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES	STATEMENT 1
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SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	COLUMN (A) AMOUNT
STATE STREET BANK	43,992.	75.	43,917.
TOTAL TO FM 990-PF, PART I, LN 4	43,992.	75.	43,917.

FORM 990-PF	ACCOUNTING FEES	STATEMENT 2
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
TAX PREP FEES	1,400.	700.		700.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	1,400.	700.		700.

FORM 990-PF	TAXES	STATEMENT 3
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
FOREIGN TAXES	212.	212.		0.
FEDERAL EXCISE TAX	14,081.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	14,293.	212.		0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES	STATEMENT 4
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
INV. MGMT. FEES	5,947.	2,974.		2,973.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	5,947.	2,974.		2,973.

FORM 990-PF

CORPORATE STOCK

STATEMENT 5

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
CORPORATE STOCK	522,961.	1,215,379.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	522,961.	1,215,379.

FORM 990-PF

CORPORATE BONDS

STATEMENT 6

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
CORPORATE BONDS	543,182.	533,252.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10C	543,182.	533,252.

FORM 990-PF

PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS
TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS

STATEMENT 7

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN EXPENSE CONTRIB ACCOUNT
MERLE J. DEWITT 8700 124TH AVENUE WEST OLIVE, MI 49460	PRESIDENT/TREASURER 0.50	0.	0. 0.
SHERELYN DEWITT 8700 124TH AVENUE WEST OLIVE, MI 49460	SECRETARY/VICE PRESIDENT 0.50	0.	0. 0.
AARON J. DEWITT 10061 ANTELOPE DR. ZEELAND, MI 49464	DIRECTOR 0.50	0.	0. 0.
ALEX L. DEWITT 10107 TYLER STREET ZEELAND, MI 49464	DIRECTOR 0.50	0.	0. 0.
ALYSE DEWITT 8700 124TH AVENUE WEST OLIVE, MI 49460	DIRECTOR 0.50	0.	0. 0.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII		0.	0. 0.

FORM 990-PF

ELECTION UNDER REGULATIONS SECTION
53.4942(A)-3(D)(2) TO TREAT
EXCESS QUALIFYING DISTRIBUTIONS
AS DISTRIBUTIONS OUT OF CORPUS

STATEMENT 8

MERLE & SHERI DEWITT FOUNDATION
8700 124TH AVENUE
WEST OLIVE, MI 49460
FEIN: 27-0769508
FORM 990-PF
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2011

PART XIII - COMPUTATION OF UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME (ELECTION): PURSUANT TO REG.
SEC. 53.4942(A)-3(D)(2) TAXPAYER HEREBY ELECTS TO APPLY A PORTION OF ITS 2011
QUALIFYING DISTRIBUTIONS TO CORPUS.



FORM 990-PF

PART XV - LINE 1A
LIST OF FOUNDATION MANAGERS

STATEMENT 9

NAME OF MANAGER

MERLE J. DEWITT
SHERELYN DEWITT

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No 1545-1709

► **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Electronic filing (e-file) . You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions MERLE & SHERI DEWITT FOUNDATION	Employer identification number (EIN) or ☒ 27-0769508
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. PO BOX 2007	Social security number (SSN) ☐
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. HOLLAND, MI 49422	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return)

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Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 990-EZ	01	Form 4720	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

THE FOUNDATION

- The books are in the care of ► **PO BOX 2007 - HOLLAND, MI 49422**
Telephone No ► **(616) 915-1998** FAX No ► _____
- 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.

- 1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **AUGUST 15, 2012**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for ☒ calendar year **2011** or ☐ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.

- 2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason. ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period

3a 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.	3a	\$	2,147.
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.	3b	\$	5,000.
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	0.

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

Form **8868** (Rev. 1-2012)