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

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

2011

For calendar year 2011 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation

LEON AND MARY STRAUSS CHARITABLE
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Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)

17 WESTMORELAND PLACE

Room/suite

City or town, state, and ZIP code

ST. LOUIS, MO 63108

G Check all that apply:

Initial return Initial return of a former public charity
 Final return Amended return
 Address change Name change

H Check type of organization: Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundationI Fair market value of all assets at end of year
(from Part II, col. (c), line 16)J Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) _____

► \$ 1,631,938. (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))		(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	500,000.		N/A	
	2 Check ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	35,312.	35,312.		STATEMENT 1
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	28,946.			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	510,548.			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		28,946.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications Gross sales less returns and allowances				
	10a RECEIVED b Less Cost of goods sold				
Administrative Expenses	10b				
	c Gross profit or (loss)	63			
	11 Other income	0			
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	564,258.	64,258.		
	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	1,700.	0.	0.
	c Other professional fees				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes	STMT 3	349.	0.	0.
	19 Depreciation and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses	STMT 4	7,444.	7,444.	0.
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		9,493.	7,444.	0.
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		65,000.		65,000.
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		74,493.	7,444.	65,000.
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:		489,765.		
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements				
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		56,814.		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A	

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Assets	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
			131,934.	528,153.	528,153.
1	Cash - non-interest-bearing				
2	Savings and temporary cash investments				
3	Accounts receivable ►				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
4	Pledges receivable ►				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
5	Grants receivable				
6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
7	Other notes and loans receivable ►				
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ►				
8	Inventories for sale or use				
9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
10a	Investments - U.S. and state government obligations				
b	Investments - corporate stock	STMT 5	953,437.	1,046,983.	1,103,785.
c	Investments - corporate bonds				
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)		1,085,371.	1,575,136.	1,631,938.
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			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	22	Other liabilities (describe ►)			
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	24	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>			
		and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	25	Unrestricted			
	26	Temporarily restricted			
	27	Permanently restricted			
	28	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
		and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	29	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	1,085,371.	1,575,136.	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0.	0.	
	31	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	0.	0.	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances	1,085,371.	1,575,136.	
	33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,085,371.	1,575,136.	

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	1,085,371.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	489,765.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,575,136.
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	1,575,136.

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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 WILLIAM BLAIR & CO - SEE ATTACHED			P	VARIOUS	12/31/11
b WILLIAM BLAIR & CO - SEE ATTACHED			P	VARIOUS	12/31/11
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 358,249.		350,229.		8,020.	
b 152,011.		131,373.		20,638.	
c 288.				288.	
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				8,020.	
b				20,638.	
c				288.	
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	28,946.	
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	49,651.	1,030,679.	.048173
2009	0.	491,904.	.000000
2008			
2007			
2006			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.048173
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	.024087
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2011 from Part X, line 5	4	1,209,964.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	29,144.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	568.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	29,712.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	65,000.

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.

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1.	1	568.
	Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		
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	568.
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	568.
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2011 estimated tax payments and 2010 overpayment credited to 2011	6a	
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	0.
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	8.
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	576.
10	Overpayment If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2012 estimated tax ►	11	Refunded ►

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

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?	Yes	No
1b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for definition)? <i>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.</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	X	
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	X	
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i>	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?		
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.</i>	X	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ► <u>NONE</u>		
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? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>	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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	X	
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	STMT 6	10 X

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11		X
12		X
13	X	
Website address ► N/A		
14 The books are in care of ► MARY STRAUSS		
Located at ► 17 WESTMORELAND PLACE, ST. LOUIS, MO		
Telephone no. ► (314) 367-7208		
ZIP+4 ► 63108		
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

	Yes	No
1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	N/A	
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," list the years ►		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.)	N/A	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ►	2b	
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 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?	4a 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?	4b 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))?
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?
- (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)?
- (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

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No

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

6b

X

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

Yes No

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

Yes No

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
MARY STRAUSS 17 WESTMORELAND PLACE ST. LOUIS, MO 63108	TRUSTEE 1.00	0.	0.	0.

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

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

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

►

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Part VIII **Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. If none, enter "NONE."

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

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

► 0

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

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

Expenses

1	N/A	
2		
3		
4		

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

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

Amount

1	N/A	
2		
3	All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	►	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	1,152,961.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	75,429.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	1,228,390.
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	1,228,390.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	18,426.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,209,964.
6	Minimum investment return Enter 5% of line 5	6	60,498.

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	60,498.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2011 from Part VI, line 5	2a	568.
b	Income tax for 2011. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	568.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	59,930.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	59,930.
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	59,930.

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	65,000.
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	65,000.
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	568.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	64,432.

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				59,930.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2011			4,437.	
a Enter amount for 2010 only				
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				
f Total of lines 3a through e		0.		
4 Qualifying distributions for 2011 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ 65,000.			4,437.	
a Applied to 2010, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
d Applied to 2011 distributable amount				59,930.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus		633.		0.
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2011 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))		0.		
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:		633.		
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
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		633.		
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		633.		

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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)				
<i>a Paid during the year</i>				
COCA 524 TRINITY AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63130	NONE		GENERAL	20,000.
THE ST. LOUIS ART MUSEUM 1 ST. LOUIS, FINE ARTS DRIVE ST. LOUIS, MO 63110	NONE		GENERAL	25,000.
DANCE ST. LOUIS 3547 OLIVE ST #300 ST. LOUIS, MO 63103	NONE		GENERAL	5,000.
WHITE FLAG PROJECTS 4568 MANCHESTER AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63110	NONE		GENERAL	15,000.
Total				► 3a 65,000.
<i>b Approved for future payment</i>				
NONE				
Total				► 3b 0.

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Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities			14	35,312.	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	28,946.	
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue:					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)	0.		64,258.	0.	
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)	13		64,258.		
(See worksheet in line 12 instructions to verify calculations.)					

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

- (2) Other assets**
- b Other transactions:**
 - (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization**
 - (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization**
 - (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets**
 - (4) Reimbursement arrangements**
 - (5) Loans or loan guarantees**
 - (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitation**
 - c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or personnel**

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

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.

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527?

Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
N/A		

**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) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge
 Tracy L. Hauss X-14-12  TRUSTEE

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr.)?

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name MICHAEL EVANS	Preparer's signature 	Date 5/8/12	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00151031
	Firm's name ► ANDERS MINKLER & DIEHL LLP			Firm's EIN ► 43-0831507	
	Firm's address ► 705 OLIVE, 10TH FLOOR ST. LOUIS, MO 63101-2298			Phone no. (314) 655-5500	

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****LEON AND MARY STRAUSS CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION****Employer identification number****37-6448116****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

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 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)

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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	MARY B. STRAUSS 17 WESTMORELAND PLACE ST. LOUIS, MO 63108	\$ 500,000.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)</small>
		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)</small>
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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
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(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$ _____	_____

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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
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

FORM 990-PF	DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES	STATEMENT	1
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SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	COLUMN (A) AMOUNT
WILLIAM BLAIR & CO. LLC	35,600.	288.	35,312.
TOTAL TO FM 990-PF, PART I, LN 4	35,600.	288.	35,312.

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
	1,700.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	1,700.	0.		0.

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
EXCISE TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME	349.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	349.	0.		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
INVESTMENT FEES	7,105.	7,105.		0.
FOREIGN TAX WITHHOLDING	339.	339.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	7,444.	7,444.		0.

FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE STOCK	STATEMENT	5
DESCRIPTION		BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
SECURITIES		1,046,983.	1,103,785.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B		1,046,983.	1,103,785.

FORM 990-PF	LIST OF SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS PART VII-A, LINE 10	STATEMENT	6
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NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR	ADDRESS
MARY STRAUSS	17 WESTMORELAND PLACE ST. LOUIS, MO 63108

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LEON & MARY STRAUSS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
REALIZED GAINS AND LOSSES
From 12-31-10 Through 12-31-11

452-28103-18 RR# 590

Open Date	Close Date	Quantity	Security	Unit Cost	Cost Basis	Amort. or Accretion	Unit Price	Proceeds	Gain Or Loss	
									Short Term	Long Term
12-24-09	01-05-11	175	C H ROBINSON WORLDWIDE INC NEW	58.77	10,286		79.92	13,987		3,701.06
04-09-10	01-05-11	325	C H ROBINSON WORLDWIDE INC NEW	56.49	18,362		79.92	25,976		7,614.58
12-24-09	01-28-11	350	AT&T INC	28.12	9,845		27.65	9,677		-167.76
12-24-09	02-03-11	150	PEPSICO INC	60.93	9,139		64.10	9,615		476.08
03-05-10	02-03-11	50	PEPSICO INC	64.13	3,206		64.10	3,205		-1.79
05-17-10	02-15-11	300	OMNICOM GROUP INC	41.04	12,314		48.48	14,544		2,230.60
06-24-10	02-15-11	200	OMNICOM GROUP INC	36.53	7,306		48.48	9,696		2,389.65
09-17-10	02-15-11	250	OMNICOM GROUP INC	39.03	9,759		48.48	12,120		2,361.02
10-27-10	02-18-11	500	JOHNSON CONTROLS INC	34.97	17,488		41.85	20,928		3,440.40
12-24-09	02-25-11	100	COLGATE PALMOLIVE CO	83.13	8,313		78.14	7,814		-499.14
02-03-11	03-15-11	400	HERSHEY COMPANY (THE) FORMERLY HERSHEY FOO	50.55	20,220		53.09	21,236		1,015.55
02-25-11	03-24-11	500	MOLYCORP INC	48.13	24,067		55.59	27,795		3,728.09
02-25-11	03-24-11	300	MOLYCORP INC	48.13	14,440		55.25	16,577		2,137.10
12-30-10	03-31-11	850	GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY	36.54	31,059		31.10	26,443		-4,616.33
09-24-10	04-12-11	800	MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL INC	36.18	28,947		34.32	27,459		-1,488.45
10-26-10	04-25-11	750	NORTHERN TRUST CORP	50.58	37,937		48.81	36,613		-1,324.09
12-24-09	05-06-11	200	ISHARES TR JPMORGAN USD EMERGING MKTS BDF	102.04	20,409		107.64	21,529		1,120.60
02-01-10	05-06-11	300	ISHARES TR JPMORGAN USD EMERGING MKTS BDF	100.78	30,234		107.64	32,294		2,060.41
09-27-10	05-24-11	150	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC DEL CL B NEW	83.50	12,525		77.93	11,690		-834.91
02-18-11	07-21-11	400	TRW AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS INC	59.94	23,977		53.80	21,520		-2,457.43
05-09-11	07-21-11	100	TRW AUTOMOTIVE HOLDINGS INC	57.73	5,773		53.80	5,380		-393.72
01-11-10	07-27-11	150	UNITED PARCEL SVC	63.25	9,488		70.13	10,520		1,031.63

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LEON & MARY STRAUSS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
REALIZED GAINS AND LOSSES
From 12-31-10 Through 12-31-11

452-28103-18 RR# 590

Open Date	Close Date	Quantity	Security	Unit Cost	Cost Basis	Amort or Accretion	Unit Price	Gain Or Loss		
								Proceeds	Short Term	Long Term
02-17-10	07-27-11	350	UNITED PARCEL SVC INC CL B	57.45	20,109		70.13	24,547		4,438.75
09-27-10	08-30-11	200	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC DEL CL B NEW	83.50	16,700		72.62	14,525		-2,175.22
01-28-11	10-21-11	150	IDEXX LABORATORIES CORP	71.19	10,678		73.33	11,000		322.28
03-31-11	10-25-11	750	***WILLIS GROUP HOLDINGS PLC	40.35	30,263		37.24	27,936		-2,326.89
07-21-11	12-09-11	600	***CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON CO NV	41.98	25,191		39.31	23,591		-1,600.24
01-13-10	12-12-11	150	SALESFORCE COM INC	67.75	10,163	115.21	17,282			7,118.67
01-13-10	12-21-11	50	SALESFORCE COM INC	67.75	3,387	94.92	4,746			1,358.40
TOTAL GAINS								25,239.28	21,305.61	
TOTAL LOSSES								-17,219.08	-666.90	
TOTAL REALIZED GAIN/LOSS				481,602	0	510,260	8,020.19	20,638.70		

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