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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

10/19/2011

, and ending

12/31/2011

Name of foundation

The Bowers Foundation

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

Room/suite

Foundation Source 501 Silverside Rd

123

City or town, state, and ZIP code

Wilmington

DE

19809-1377

G Check all that apply

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Initial return	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	<input type="checkbox"/> Name change

H Check type of organization Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ► \$ 399,147

J Accounting method Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) _____**Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses** (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))

	(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
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Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc received (attach schedule)	399,717		
	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	123	123	
	5 a Gross rents			
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____			
	6 a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0	
	8 Net short-term capital gain			
	9 Income modifications			
	10 a Gross sales less returns and allowances			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold			
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)			
	11 Other income (attach schedule)			
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	399,840	123	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages			
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits			
	16 a Legal fees (attach schedule)			
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)			
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)			
	17 Interest			
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion			
	20 Occupancy			
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings			
	22 Printing and publications			
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)			
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses.	0	0	0
	Add lines 13 through 23			
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid			
	26 Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25	0	0	0
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12			
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	399,840		
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		123	
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			

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Part II	Balance Sheets	Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		293,377	293,377
	3	Accounts receivable ►			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ►			
	4	Pledges receivable ►			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ►			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ►			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ►			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10	a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
		b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)		106,463	105,770
		c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ►			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ►			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ►			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ►			
	15	Other assets (describe ►)			
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	0	399,840	399,147
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ►)	0	0	
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. ► <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	0	399,840	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	0	399,840	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	0	399,840	

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	0
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	399,840
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	399,840
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	399,840

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				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
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				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8			3	

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

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

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

N/A - 1ST YEAR

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 the instructions before making any entries**

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2010			0 000000
2009			0 000000
2008			0 000000
2007			0 000000
2006			0 000000

2 Total of line 1, column (d)

2 0 000000

**3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by
the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years**

3 0 000000

4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2011 from Part X, line 5

4 0

5 Multiply line 4 by line 3

5 0

6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)

6 0

7 Add lines 5 and 6

7 0

8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4

8 0

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)**

a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1	
Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)	
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	
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-)	
3 Add lines 1 and 2	
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	
6 Credits/Payments	
a 2011 estimated tax payments and 2010 overpayment credited to 2011	6a <input type="checkbox"/>
b Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b <input type="checkbox"/>
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c <input type="checkbox"/>
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d <input type="checkbox"/>
7 Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2012 estimated tax ► <input type="checkbox"/>	

<input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 if necessary—see instructions	
Check	
ns enter 4%	
ns only Others enter -0-)	
ns only Others enter -0-) enter -0-	
6a	0
6b	
6c	3
6d	
m 2220 is attached	
t overpaid	
1	
Refunded ►	
2	
3	2
4	
5	2
7	3
8	0
9	0
10	1
11	0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

1 a 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?

b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see page 19 of the instructions for definition)?

If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities

c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?

d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year

(1) On the foundation ► \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ► \$ _____

e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ► \$ _____

2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities

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*

4 a 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?

5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?
If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T

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? *If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c)*

8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ►
DE

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*

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*

10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? *If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses*

	Yes	No
1a		X
1b		X
1c		X
2		X
3		X
4a		X
4b	N/A	
5		X
6	X	
7	X	
8b	X	
9		X
10	X	

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 ►	13	X
14	The books are in care of ► Foundation Source Located at ► 501 Silverside Road, Suite 123 Wilmington DE	Telephone no ►	(800) 839-1754
15	ZIP+4 ► 19809-1377	► 15	► <input type="checkbox"/>
16	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	16	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►			

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

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	(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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>	1b 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 ► 20_____ , 20_____ , 20_____ , 20_____		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions)	2b N/A	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ► 20_____ , 20_____ , 20_____ , 20_____		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 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)	3b N/A	
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	

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(1)	Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(2)	Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(3)	Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
(4)	Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see instructions)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ► <input type="checkbox"/>				
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? <i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
b	If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
				5b	N/A
				6b	X
				7b	N/A

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE ATTACHMENT				

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE	00			
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-----	00			
-----	00			
-----	00			

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

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)
3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

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

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ►
Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc		Expenses
1		
2		
3		
4		

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

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2		Amount
1		
2		
All other program-related investments. See instructions		
3		
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ►		0

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	35,257
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	48,896
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	84,153
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	84,153
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	1,262
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	82,891
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	840

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	840
2a	Tax on investment income for 2011 from Part VI, line 5	2a	
b	Income tax for 2011 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	0
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	2
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	838
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	838
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	838

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	0
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	0
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the	3a	
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3b	0
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	4	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	5	0
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	6	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4		

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2010	(c) 2010	(d) 2011
1 Distributable amount for 2011 from Part XI, line 7				838
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2011				
a Enter amount for 2010 only			0	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2011				
a From 2006	0			
b From 2007	0			
c From 2008	0			
d From 2009	0			
e From 2010	0			
f Total of lines 3a through e	0			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2011 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ _____ 0			0	
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)				
d Applied to 2011 distributable amount				0
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))	0			0
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	0			
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				
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 instructions				0
f Undistributed income for 2011 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2012				
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2006 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2012. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2007	0			
b Excess from 2008	0			
c Excess from 2009	0			
d Excess from 2010	0			
e Excess from 2011	0			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)**N/A**

1 a	If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2011, enter the date of the ruling				►																																																							
b	Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section				<input type="checkbox"/> 4942(j)(3) or <input type="checkbox"/> 4942(j)(5)																																																							
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(4)	Gross investment income																																																											

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

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

Ariel Bowers John Bowers

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

NONE

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

Check here ► if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

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

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

c Any submission deadlines

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

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				
Total				
b Approved for future payment				
Total				

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 (See instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion 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					
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					
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)					
13 Total Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)	0		123	0	123
(General ledger line 13, column (e), before calculations.)					

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

Line No. Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes). (See instructions.)

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

		Yes	No
1	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of		
	(1) Cash	1a(1)	X
	(2) Other assets	1a(2)	X
b	Other transactions		
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)	X
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)	X
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)	X
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)	X
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)	X
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)	X
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c	X
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

**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

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? Yes No

Signature of officer or trustee

Date

Title

Paid Preparer Use Only	Firm/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Jeffrey D Haskell	Jeffrey D. Haskell	7/12/2012		P01345770
	Firm's name ► Foundation Source	Firm's EIN ► 51-0398347			
Firm's address ► 55 Walls Drive, Fairfield, CT 06824	Phone no (800) 839-1754				

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No 1545-0047

2011

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

The Bowers Foundation

45-3668271

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

501(c)() (enter number) organization

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

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

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

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

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor Complete Parts I and II

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1 Complete Parts I and II

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, 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

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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)

Name of organization

The Bowers Foundation

Employer identification number

45-3668271

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	Bowers, John 4601 Sierra Madre Rd Santa Barbara CA 93110 Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ 399,717	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noncash <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)</small>
2	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)</small>
3	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)</small>
4	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)</small>
5	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)</small>
6	_____ _____ Foreign State or Province _____ Foreign Country _____	\$ 0	<input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <small>(Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)</small>

Name of organization The Bowers Foundation	Employer identification number 45-3668271
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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
1	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC. CLASS B BRK-B, 283 sh	\$ 21,385	12/20/2011
1	GOOGLE INC CL A GOOG, 27 sh	\$ 17,008	12/20/2011
1	GENOMIC HEALTH INC GHDX, 531 sh	\$ 14,204	12/20/2011
1	ISHARES DJ US TECH ETF IYW, 431 sh	\$ 27,461	12/20/2011
1	MARKET VECTORS - GOLD MINERS ETF GDX, 500 sh	\$ 26,405	12/20/2011
		\$ 0	

Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10b - Investments - Corporate Stock

	Description	Shares	Book Value End of Year	FMV End of Year
1	BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC CLASS B (BRK-B)	283	21,385	21,593
2	GENOMIC HEALTH INC (GHDX)	531	14,204	13,482
3	GOOGLE INC CLA (GOOG)	27	17,008	17,439
4	ISHARES DJ US TECH ETF (IYW)	431	27,461	27,541
5	MARKET VECTORS - GOLD MINERS ETF (GDX)	500	26,405	25,715
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
TOTAL:			106,463	105,770

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

	Name	Street	City	State	Zip Code
1	Ariel Bowers	4601 Sierra Madre Rd	Santa Barbara	CA	93110
2	John Bowers	4601 Sierra Madre Rd	Santa Barbara	CA	93110
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

Form 990-PF, Part VIII, Line 1 - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Foundation Managers