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Form **990-PF**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Private Foundation**
or Section 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust
Treated as a Private Foundation

OMB No 1545-0052

2011

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

For calendar year 2011 or tax year beginning August 29, 2011, and ending September 2, 2012

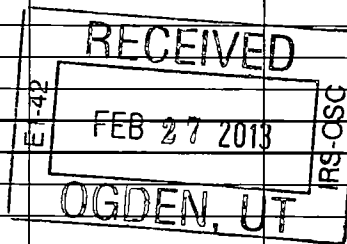
Name of foundation The Costco Foundation		A Employer identification number 91-1799391
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) 425-313-6461
999 Lake Drive		
City or town, state, and ZIP code Issaquah, WA 98027		
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐ D 1 Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐ E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐ F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 5,589 (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis) 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)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	77,000	Stmt 1		
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				
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	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)				
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) (attach schedule)				
11	Other income (attach schedule)				
12	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	77,000			
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b	Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
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) Stmt 2	10			
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	10			
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	75,186			
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	75,196			
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	1,804			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)				
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
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing			3,785	5,589	5,589
	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 (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)					
	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)			3,785	5,589	5,589
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses					
	18 Grants payable					
	19 Deferred revenue					
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons .					
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)					
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)					
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)					
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			3,785	5,589	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund					
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds . .					
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)			3,785	5,589	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)			3,785	5,589	

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	3,785
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	1,804
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	5,589
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	5,589

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 N/A					
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					
(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	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))		
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

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			
2009			
2008			
2007			
2006			
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2
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
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2011 from Part X, line 5			4 8,749
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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			8 75,196

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)	1	0
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ 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	
3 Add lines 1 and 2	3	
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	
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	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
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	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2012 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐	11	

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
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		X
c 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 ☐ \$ <u>0</u> (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$ <u>0</u>		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$ <u>0</u>		
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?		X
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) ☐ <u>WASHINGTON</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? If "No," attach explanation Statement 2		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

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)			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)			X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?		X	
Website address ► <u>N/A</u>				
14	The books are in care of ► <u>COSTCO WHOLESALE CORPORATION</u> Telephone no ► <u>425-313-6461</u> Located at ► <u>999 LAKE DRIVE, ISSAQUAH, WA</u> ZIP + 4 ► <u>98027-5367</u>			
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 ► <u>15</u>			
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?	Yes	No	
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►				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)? ☐ 1b		
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ► ☐		
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? ☐ Yes ☒ 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) 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) 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))? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No **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? ☐ 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? ☐ Yes ☒ No **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? ☐ Yes ☒ No **7b**

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see 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
John Matthews	Director			
999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027	President	0	0	0
Monica Smith	Director			
999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027	VP	0	0	0
Richard Galanti	Director			
999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027	Treasurer	0	0	0

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				

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 <u>Direct financial assistance to employees of Costco Wholesale Corporation and its subsidiaries - 38 grants made</u>	75,186
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 <u>N/A</u>	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ►	

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	
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	8,882
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	8,882
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	8,882
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). All amounts held in checking account are held for charitable purposes.	4	133
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	8,749
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	437

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	
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	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	
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	

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	75,196
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	75,196
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).	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	75,196

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) N/A

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2010	(c) 2010	(d) 2011
1 Distributable amount for 2011 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2011				
a Enter amount for 2010 only				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
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				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2011 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>75,196</u>				
a Applied to 2010, but not more than line 2a . . .				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)				
d Applied to 2011 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus . .				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2011 . (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2010 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions				
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) . . .				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2012. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a				
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				

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

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 ▶ April 24, 1998

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

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2011	(b) 2010	(c) 2009	(d) 2008	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	0	0	0	0	
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed	75,196	45,670	79,138	64,987	264,991
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities	10	10	145	10	175
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c	75,186	45,660	78,993	64,977	264,816
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter					
(1) Value of all assets	5,589	3,785	5,455	4,593	19,422
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)	5,589	3,785	5,455	4,593	19,422
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c "Support" alternative test - enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part 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))

N/A

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

N/A

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

John Matthews - Senior VP, Corporate Human Resources, 999 Lake Drive, Issaquah, WA 98027

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

All information regarding the Costco Foundation is communicated to each warehouse manager through memorandum.

c Any submission deadlines

N/A

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 See Statement 3				75,186
Total			▶ 3a	75,186
b Approved for future payment				
Total			▶ 3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

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)

[illegible]

		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		

[illegible]

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

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.

Vice President
Title

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

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

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

Employer identification number

The Costco Foundation91-1799391

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).

Name of organization

The Costco Foundation

Employer identification number

91-1799391

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	Costco Wholesale Corporation 999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	\$ 77,000.00	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution)
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A statement attached to and made part of
Form 990-PF "Return of Private Foundation"
For the Year Ended September 2, 2012

Statement 1
Form 990-PF, Part 1, Line 1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Donor</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount</u>
8/30/2011	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	10,000
9/23/2011	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	10,000
12/6/2011	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	10,000
2/28/2012	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	7,000
3/13/2012	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	10,000
5/8/2012	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	10,000
6/20/2012	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	10,000
7/30/2012	Costco Wholesale	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	10,000
Total Contributions			<u><u>77,000</u></u>

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Statement 2

Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23

Other Expenses.

State Filing Fee	<u>\$10</u>
Total Other Expenses	<u><u>\$10</u></u>

Statement 2

Form 990-PF, Part VII-A, Question 8b

Per discussion with the office of the Washington Secretary of State, effective with a law change in August of 1998, a copy of Form 990-PF is not required to be filed with the State of Washington until the total fund balance at the end of the year exceeds \$250,000 (Part III, Line 6)

The Costco Foundation

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Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part XV, Question 3a

Recipient Name	Work Address	Status	Purpose	Amount
Paul Dembrowski	14 Costco Drive Monroe Township, NJ 08831	Costco employee	Funeral Expenses	1,000
Mark Samson	198 Plaza Drive Vallejo, CA 94591	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	3,326
Lacy Lewis	8125 Fletcher Parkway La Mesa, CA 91942	Costco employee	Financial Assistance - child medical bills	2,561
Vaealii Fuamatu	3801 N 33rd Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85017	Costco employee	Funeral Expenses	3,000
Robert Morris	9350 Marshall Drive Lenexa, KS 66215	Costco employee	Funeral Expenses	900
Cornell Johnson	3980 Venture Drive Duluth, GA 30096	Costco employee	Loss of home	2,000
Mana Piniero	Bairoa Ward, Plaza Centro Mall, PR-30 and Avenida Rafael Cordero Caguas, PR 00725	Costco employee	Medical Expense - Financial Assistance	2,000
Sue Surina	5901 Redwood Drive Rohnert Park, CA 94928	Costco employee	Loss of home	1,000
Elsie Contrares-Carabello	13450 SW 120th Street Miami, FL 33186	Costco employee	Medical Expense - Financial Assistance	1,000
Patrick Hess	6255 E Grant Road Tucson, AZ 85712	Costco employee	Medical Expense - Financial Assistance	1,000
Roger Mirro	999 N Elmhurst Road, Suite 100 Mount Prospect, IL 60056	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	2,000
Johnny Grados	1130 Broadway Chula Vista, CA 91911	Costco employee	Medical Expense - Financial Assistance	5,000
Jen Dennis	5500 Littlerock Road SW Tumwater, WA 98512	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	1,000
Tamara Mayo	22330 Hathaway Avenue Hayward, CA 94541	Costco employee	Loss of home	1,500
Rick Clemens	1300 Dana Drive Redding, CA 96003	Costco employee	Funeral Expenses	1,450
Abigail Bennett	3650 Galleria Circle Hoover, AL 35244	Costco employee	Loss of home	1,000
Ja'Nicka Swails	3250 Northlake Boulevard Lake Park, FL 33403	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	2,000
Chrs Matthews	241 E Linwood Boulevard Kansas City, MO 64111	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	1,000
Vanessa Bertrand	13450 SW 120th Street Miami, FL 33186	Costco employee	Funeral Expenses	2,100
Larry Schrenk	24008 Snohomish-Woodinville Road Woodinville, WA 98072	Costco employee's family	Financial Hardship	3,000
Wendy Prince	4810 Galleria Parkway Sparks, NV 89436	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	4,000
Jill Schmidt	315 State Route 15 N Wharton, NJ 07885	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	3,000
Val Gustav	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	1,000
Alexis Webb	3650 Galleria Circle Hoover, AL 35244	Costco employee	Loss from Apartment Fire	1,000
Jesse Flores	1141 Saxon Drive Tukwila, WA 98188	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	1,000
Amalia Blanchetta	650 Gateway Center Drive San Diego, CA 92102	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	2,500
Loukisha Hendricks	13450 SW 120th Street Miami, FL 33186	Costco employee	Loss of home	1,000
Ashley Murray	4605 Morena Boulevard San Diego, CA 92117	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	4,500
Leonore Chavarna	1130 Broadway Chula Vista, CA 91911	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	1,100
Eric Johnson	1201 39th Avenue SW Puyallup, WA 98373	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	1,200
Kenny Armstrong	13550 Paxton Street Pacoima, CA 91331	Costco employee	Medical Expense - Financial Assistance	2,000
Nelson Lopez	6333 Telegraph Road Commerce, CA 90040	Costco employee	Loss of car/home	1,000
Lance Lavalles	1650 E Tucson Marketplace Boulevard Tucson, AZ 85713	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	5,509
Mandella Holloway	8300 Park Boulevard Miami, FL 33126	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	1,000
Donna Hewitt	100 Veterans Way Warminster, PA 18974	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	1,000
Samantha Meija	20000 Haggerty Road Livonia, MI 48152	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	500
CarolAnn Muller	999 Lake Drive Issaquah, WA 98027	Costco employee	Financial Hardship	5,000
Josie Knowlton	1130 Broadway Chula Vista, CA 91911	Costco employee's family	Funeral Expenses	1,040
TOTAL				75,186