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

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2012

Open to public inspection

For calendar year 2012 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation <b>BENTON FOUNDATION</b>		A Employer identification number <b>13-6075750</b>
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>1250 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW</b>	Room/suite <b>200</b>	B Telephone number <b>202-638-5770</b>
City or town, state, and ZIP code <b>WASHINGTON, DC 20036</b>		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1 Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) <b>\$ 7,245,226.</b>	J Accounting method: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received		10,000.		N/A	
2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
3 Dividends and interest from securities		100,600.	100,600.		STATEMENT 1
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		269,321.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	602,940.				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			269,321.		
8 Net short-term capital gain					
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income		9,000.	0.		STATEMENT 2
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		388,921.	369,921.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.		185,573.	0.		185,573.
14 Other employee salaries and wages		215,091.	0.		215,091.
15 Pension plans, employee benefits		45,351.	0.		45,351.
16a Legal fees	STMT 3	2,330.	0.		2,330.
b Accounting fees	STMT 4	25,098.	0.		25,098.
c Other professional fees	STMT 5	123,462.	25,840.		97,622.
17 Interest					
18 Taxes	STMT 6	35,408.	0.		27,555.
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy		57,568.	0.		57,568.
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		44,637.	0.		44,637.
22 Printing and publications		5,263.	0.		5,263.
23 Other expenses	STMT 7	38,230.	0.		38,230.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		778,011.	25,840.		744,318.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		8,957.			8,957.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		786,968.	25,840.		753,275.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		<398,047.>			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			344,081.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				N/A	

Part II Balance Sheets		Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	32,551.	63,197.	63,197.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ 50,134.			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	272,367.	50,134.	50,134.
	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	2,149.		
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock STMT 8	6,769,428.	7,070,756.	7,070,756.
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
Liabilities	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 ▶ STATEMENT 9)	125,531.	61,139.	61,139.
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	7,202,026.	7,245,226.	7,245,226.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	32,496.	13,274.	
	18 Grants payable			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)	73,901.	0.	
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	106,397.	13,274.	
	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31			
	24 Unrestricted	7,095,629.	7,231,952.	
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	and complete lines 27 through 31			
	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			
	30 Total net assets or fund balances	7,095,629.	7,231,952.	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	7,202,026.	7,245,226.	

## 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	7,095,629.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	<398,047.>
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS	3	534,370.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	7,231,952.
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	7,231,952.

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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.)
<b>1a PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES</b>				
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 602,940.		333,619.	269,321.	
b				
c				
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			269,321.	
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;">           If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7            If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7         </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">           2         </div> </div>		269,321.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)		<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 5px;">           If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c)            If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8         </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">           3         </div> </div>		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 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))
2011	908,661.	7,662,025.	.118593
2010	1,885,885.	7,472,817.	.252366
2009	1,674,962.	6,861,733.	.244102
2008	1,867,288.	9,446,814.	.197663
2007	1,449,477.	11,634,445.	.124585
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			.937309
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			.187462
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2012 from Part X, line 5			7,100,214.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			1,331,020.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			3,441.
7 Add lines 5 and 6			1,334,461.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			753,275.

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

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

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <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		1	6,882.
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	6,882.
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	6,882.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2012 estimated tax payments and 2011 overpayment credited to 2012	6a	5,134.	
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	3,500.	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d	7	8,634.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	1,752.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2013 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> 1,752. Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	0.	

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		X
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities	2	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	3	X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T	5	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?	6	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	7	X
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> IL, NY, DC		
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	8b	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 2012 or the taxable year beginning in 2012 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV	9	X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	10	X

N/A

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**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 ► <u>WWW.BENTON.ORG</u>	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ► <u>THE BENTON FOUNDATION</u> Telephone no. ► <u>202-638-5770</u> Located at ► <u>1250 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW, WASHINGTON, DC</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>20036</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	15	N/A	
16	At any time during calendar year 2012, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	16	Yes	No
				X

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

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1)	Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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	X
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2012?	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 2012, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2012? <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	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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2012 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 2012) 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 2012?	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)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

N/A

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

☒

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

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

6b

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

N/A

7b

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

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 10		185,573.	8,760.	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
AMINA FAZULLAH - 1772 U STREET, NW, APT A, WASHINGTON, DC 20009	POLICY ANALYST 40.00	69,700.	8,669.	0.
KIPTON RODERICK - 1125 N NORTHWEST HWY, PARK RIDGE, IL 60068	EXEC. ASSISTANT 40.00	63,448.	8,352.	0.
JEREMY ISETT - 604 SPENCER MILL RD, MORRISVILLE, NC 27560	WEB SPECIALIST 40.00	52,177.	5,184.	0.

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

0

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

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities	<b>1a</b>	7,085,327.
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	61,873.
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets	<b>1c</b>	61,139.
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	<b>1d</b>	7,208,339.
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	<b>1e</b>	0.
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	<b>2</b>	0.
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	7,208,339.
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	<b>4</b>	108,125.
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	7,100,214.
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return</b> Enter 5% of line 5	<b>6</b>	355,011.

**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.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	<b>1</b>	355,011.
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2012 from Part VI, line 5	<b>2a</b>	6,882.
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2012. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b	<b>2c</b>	6,882.
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	<b>3</b>	348,129.
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	<b>4</b>	0.
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4	<b>5</b>	348,129.
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	0.
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount as adjusted</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	<b>7</b>	348,129.

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. - total from Part I, column (d), line 26	<b>1a</b>	753,275.
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	<b>1b</b>	0.
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	753,275.
<b>5</b>	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	<b>5</b>	0.
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	<b>6</b>	753,275.

**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 2011	(c) 2011	(d) 2012
1 Distributable amount for 2012 from Part XI, line 7				348,129.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2012				
a Enter amount for 2011 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2012:				
a From 2007	886,488.			
b From 2008	1,397,747.			
c From 2009	1,333,549.			
d From 2010	1,516,024.			
e From 2011	531,453.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	5,665,261.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2012 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$	753,275.			
a Applied to 2011, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2012 distributable amount				348,129.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	405,146.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2012 (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.	6,070,407.			
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 2011 Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2012. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2013				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 2007 not applied on line 5 or line 7	886,488.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2013 Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	5,183,919.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2008	1,397,747.			
b Excess from 2009	1,333,549.			
c Excess from 2010	1,516,024.			
d Excess from 2011	531,453.			
e Excess from 2012	405,146.			

## N/A

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☐ 4942(1)(3) or ☐ 4942(1)(5)

- (4) Gross investment income

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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				
CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION 255 KELLOGG BLVD. EAST, LOFT 503 ST. PAUL, MN 55101	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITY	PUBLIC MEDIA	1,000.
COMMON CAUSE EDUCATION FUND 1133 19TH STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20036	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITY	PUBLIC MEDIA	250.
ARCHIMEDIA WORKSHOP 255 KELLOGG BLVD. EAST, LOFT 503 ST. PAUL, MN 55101	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITY	PUBLIC MEDIA	1,500.
MEDIA ACCESS PROJECT 3624 MILITARY ROAD WASHINGTON, DC 20015	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITY	PUBLIC MEDIA	2,500.
PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE 1818 N STREET NW SUITE 410 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	N/A	501(C)(3) PUBLIC CHARITY	PUBLIC MEDIA	257.
Total			SEE CONTINUATION SHEET(S)	8,957.
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
Total				0.





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

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

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**2012**

Name of the organization

BENTON FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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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

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

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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. ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**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) (2012)

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**BENTON FOUNDATION****13-6075750****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
<u>1</u>	<u>CONNECTED LIVING</u> <u>400 CROWN COLONY DRIVE, SUITE 102</u> <u>QUINCY, MA 02169</u>	\$ <u>10,000.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution )
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(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
		\$ _____	_____

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**BENTON FOUNDATION****13-6075750****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

  

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	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

Asset No	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Current Year Deduction

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FORM 990-PF	DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES	STATEMENT	1
SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	COLUMN (A) AMOUNT
INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS FROM INVESTMENTS	100,600.	0.	100,600.
TOTAL TO FM 990-PF, PART I, LN 4	100,600.	0.	100,600.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER INCOME	STATEMENT	2
DESCRIPTION	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
CONSULTING FEE	9,000.	0.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11	9,000.	0.	

FORM 990-PF	LEGAL FEES			STATEMENT	3
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
LEGAL	2,330.	0.		2,330.	
TO FM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16A	2,330.	0.		2,330.	

FORM 990-PF	ACCOUNTING FEES			STATEMENT	4
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
ACCOUNTING	25,098.	0.		25,098.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	25,098.	0.		25,098.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES			STATEMENT	5
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	97,622.	0.		97,622.	
PORTFOLIO MGMT	25,840.	25,840.		0.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	123,462.	25,840.		97,622.	

FORM 990-PF	TAXES			STATEMENT	6
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
PAYROLL TAXES	27,555.	0.		27,555.	
EXCISE TAX	7,853.	0.		0.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	35,408.	0.		27,555.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT	7
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
MOVING EXPENSES	995.	0.		995.	
OFFICE EXPENSE	10.	0.		10.	
INTERNET	4,317.	0.		4,317.	
SUPPLIES	5,597.	0.		5,597.	
POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	1,577.	0.		1,577.	
TELEPHONE AND FAX	6,174.	0.		6,174.	
PHOTOCOPYING	428.	0.		428.	
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,663.	0.		3,663.	
INSURANCE	10,258.	0.		10,258.	
MISC. OFFICE EXPENSE	1,741.	0.		1,741.	
BANK CHARGES	1,056.	0.		1,056.	
PAYROLL PROCESSING	2,339.	0.		2,339.	
IT/COMPUTER EXPENSE	75.	0.		75.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	38,230.	0.		38,230.	

FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE STOCK	STATEMENT	8
DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	
MUTUAL FUNDS	7,070,756.	7,070,756.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	7,070,756.	7,070,756.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER ASSETS	STATEMENT	9
DESCRIPTION	BEGINNING OF YR BOOK VALUE	END OF YEAR BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
ARTWORK	57,666.	57,666.	57,666.
DEPOSITS	67,865.	3,473.	3,473.
TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 15	125,531.	61,139.	61,139.

FORM 990-PF      PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS      STATEMENT 10  
 TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
CHARLES BENTON ALL CAN BE REACHED C/O THE ORGANIZATION'S ADDRESS	CHAIRMAN AND CEO 40.00	82,820.	0.	0.
ADRIANNE FURNISS	SECRETARY 10.00	13,000.	0.	0.
CECILIA GARCIA	EXEC. DIRECTOR 40.00	85,753.	8,760.	0.
MICHAEL SMITH	TREASURER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
ELIZABETH DALEY	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	1,000.	0.	0.
TERRY GODDARD	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	1,000.	0.	0.
JIM KOHLENBERGER	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	1,000.	0.	0.
JOANNE HOVIS	BOARD MEMBER 1.00	0.	0.	0.
LEONARD SCHRAGER	TRUSTEE 1.00	0.	0.	0.
MARJORIE BENTON	TRUSTEE 1.00	0.	0.	0.
CRAIG BENTON	BOARD MEMBER (UNTIL 9/12) 1.00	0.	0.	0.



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TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII

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