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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

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

OMB No 1545-0052

2012

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2012, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012 , and ending 12-31-2012

Name of foundation CHARLES EDISON FUND		A Employer identification number 22-1514861	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) ONE RIVERFRONT PLAZA 3RD FLOR		B Telephone number (see instructions) (973) 648-0500	
City or town, state, and ZIP code NEWARK, NJ 07102		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐	
H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 21,315,310		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	
J Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)			

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	510			
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	32,584	32,584	32,584	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities.	413,918	413,918	413,918	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	891,792			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____ 5,729,028				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV , line 2)		891,792		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a 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)	61,789			
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	1,400,593	1,338,294	446,502	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	589,616	160,429		429,187
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	101,331	13,173		88,158
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	247,111	69,191		177,920
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)	82,088			82,088
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	60,498	14,500		45,998
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	121,866	88,695		33,171
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	47,197	47,197		
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	9,756			
	20 Occupancy	90,396			90,396
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	35,875			35,875
	22 Printing and publications	11,503			11,503
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	152,803			152,803
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,550,040	393,185		1,147,099
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,166,291			1,166,291
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	2,716,331	393,185		2,313,390
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-1,315,738			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		945,109		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			446,502	

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	54,965	54,622	53,749
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	2,358,711	1,183,945	1,183,945
	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 page 15 of the 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		8,634	8,634
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)	161,005	255,266	264,418
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	11,577,986	11,572,798	18,980,666
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule).	250,001	248,386	263,315
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans	20,355		
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ 376,430 Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ 363,662	20,224	12,768	12,769
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	552,996	547,871	547,814	
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	14,996,243	13,884,290	21,315,310	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	8,765	32,836	
	18	Grants payable	157,015	323,515	
	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 ▶ _____)	182,100	195,314	
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	347,880	551,665	
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	14,648,363	13,332,625	
	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			
	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 page 17 of the instructions)	14,648,363	13,332,625	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see page 17 of the instructions)	14,996,243	13,884,290	

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	14,648,363
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-1,315,738
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	13,332,625
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	13,332,625

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	891,792
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	

(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 page 18 of 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	1,714,141	21,149,831	0.08105
2010	1,840,840	20,578,825	0.08945
2009	2,057,206	19,443,944	0.10580
2008	2,257,908	26,306,841	0.08583
2007	2,705,656	32,056,844	0.08440

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	0 44654
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 08931
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2012 from Part X, line 5.	4	19,688,640
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	1,758,333
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	9,451
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	1,767,784
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	2,313,390
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 VIExcise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a		Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1			
		Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			
b		Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	9,451
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	9,451
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	9,451
6		Credits/Payments			
a		2012 estimated tax payments and 2011 overpayment credited to 2012	6a	18,000	
b		Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b		
c		Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d		Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7		Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d.		7	18,000
8		Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here ☒ if Form 2220 is attached		8	1
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	8,548
11		Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2013 estimated tax	8,548	Refunded	11

Part VII-AStatements Regarding Activities

1a	During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		Yes	No
		1a		No
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)?			No
	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?	1c		No
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?	2		No
	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	3		No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a		No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b		No
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?	5		No
	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?	6	Yes	
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	Yes	
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) _____			
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	Yes	
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		No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	10		No

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		No
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		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	Yes	
Website address ▶WWW CHARLESEDISONFUND ORG				
14	The books are in care of ▶JOHN P KEEGAN	Telephone no ▶(973) 648-0500		
Located at ▶ONE RIVERFRONT PLAZA 3RD FLOOR NEWARK NJ		ZIP +4 ▶071025401		
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		
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?	16		No
See 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)			
(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 page 20 of the instructions)? . . . Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ▶ ☐	1b		No
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		No
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? ☐ Yes ☒ 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		No
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? ☐ Yes ☒ 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? (<i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2012.</i>).	3b		No
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
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		No

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)?

5b

No

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?

6b

No

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?

7b

No

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 Additional Data Table				

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
1TEACHING KITS PROGRAM - SINCE INCEPTION - 70,000 KITS DISTRIBUTED, 30 MILLION STUDENTS, 82 EXPERIMENTS, GRADES 2 THROUGH 9	136,507
2ARTIFACTS AND MUSEUMS - 60 MUSEUMS, OVER 8,300 ARTIFACTS	155,817
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 page 24 of the 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	18,630,236
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	1,358,231
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	19,988,467
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	19,988,467
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	299,827
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	19,688,640
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	984,432

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	984,432
2a	Tax on investment income for 2012 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	9,451
b	Income tax for 2012 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	9,451
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	974,981
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	974,981
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	974,981

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	2,313,390
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	2,313,390
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	9,451
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	2,303,939
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 2011	(c) 2011	(d) 2012
1	Distributable amount for 2012 from Part XI, line 7				974,981
2	Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2012				
a	Enter amount for 2011 only.				
b	Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2012				
a	From 2007.				1,129,524
b	From 2008.				816,194
c	From 2009.				1,087,401
d	From 2010.				822,969
e	From 2011.				686,700
f	Total of lines 3a through e.	4,542,788			
4	Qualifying distributions for 2012 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 2,313,390				
a	Applied to 2011, 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).	0			
d	Applied to 2012 distributable amount.				974,981
e	Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	1,338,409			
5	Excess distributions carryover applied to 2012 (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	5,881,197			
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 2011 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions				
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) (see instructions).				
8	Excess distributions carryover from 2007 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . . .	1,129,524			
9	Excess distributions carryover to 2013. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	4,751,673			
10	Analysis of line 9				
a	Excess from 2008. . . .				816,194
b	Excess from 2009. . . .				1,087,401
c	Excess from 2010. . . .				822,969
d	Excess from 2011. . . .				686,700
e	Excess from 2012. . . .				1,338,409

Part XIV

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

1a

If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2012, enter the date of the ruling.

b

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

☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2a	Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed.	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
		(a) 2012	(b) 2011	(c) 2010	(d) 2009	
b	85% of line 2a					
c	Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed.					
d	Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities.					
e	Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c.					
3	Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a	"Assets" alternative test—enter					
	(1) Value of all assets					
	(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
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 organization 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))

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

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 or e-mail of the person to whom applications should be addressed

MR JOHN KEEGAN
ONE RIVER FRONT PLAZA 3RD FLOOR
NEWARK, NJ 071025401
(973) 648-0500

b

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

NO RESTRICTIONS

c

Any submission deadlines

NONE

d

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

NONE

Form 990-PF (2012)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Form **990-PF** (2012)

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			14	32,584	
4 Dividends and interest from securities.			14	413,918	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property.					
b Not debt-financed property.					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income.					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	891,792	
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory.					
11 Other revenue a ROYALTY INCOME _____			15	61,789	
b _____					
c _____					
d _____					
e _____					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e).				1,400,083	
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e).			13		1,400,083

[illegible]

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?		Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of			
(1) Cash.	1a(1)		No
(2) Other assets.	1a(2)		No
b Other transactions			
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(1)		No
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(2)		No
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.	1b(3)		No
(4) Reimbursement arrangements.	1b(4)		No
(5) Loans or loan guarantees.	1b(5)		No
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.	1b(6)		No
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.	1c		No
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

**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 or fiduciary) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

*****	2013-05-15	*****	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr.)? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Signature of officer or trustee	Date	Title	

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

**Paid
Preparer
Use
Only**

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☒	PTIN P00161214
	Gregory R Spero	Gregory R Spero			
	Firm's name ☐	SPERO SCHACHTER & DEPALMA LLC 199 BALDWIN RD STE 200		Firm's EIN ☐	
	Firm's address ☐	PARSIPPANY, NJ 070542043		Phone no (973) 299-0775	

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 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
GEORGE KEEGAN	Trustee/CONSULT 2 00	22,600		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
J O'SHEA	Comm Member 3 00	2,500		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
T UNGERLAND	(3)Chair-Truste 20 00	50,000		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
T SMOOT	Comm Chairman 3 00	2,500		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
E ALLMAN	Comm Member 1 00	2,500		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
JENNIFER GONRING ALPIN	Comm Member 1 00	2,500		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 07102				
J O'SHEA	Trustee 1 00	7,600		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
T SMOOT	Trustee 1 00	7,600		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
E ALLMAN	Trustee 1 00	7,600		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
JENNIFER GONRING ALPIN	Trustee 1 00	7,600		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 07102				
WADE KNOWLES	Comm Member 1 00	2,500		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
J SCHULLINGER	Trtee CO CHAIR 13 00	47,840		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
WADE KNOWLES	Trustee 1 00	7,600		
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
L LALICATA	CURATOR 35 00	67,033	29,196	
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
J KEEGAN	Pres TREA TRT 35 00	203,000	88,116	
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
J HOWE	INVESTCHAIR/TRT 26 00	60,000	8,500	
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				
A ENCH	Secretary 35 00	88,643	20,693	
One River Front Plaza 3rd Fl Newark, NJ 071025401				

Form 990PF Part XV Line 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)				
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
SETON HALL PREP120 NORTHFIELD AVENUE WEST ORANGE,NJ 07052	N/A	PUBLIC	EDUCATION	150,000
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY3959 BROADWAY NEW YORK,NY 10032	N/A	PUBLIC	MEDICAL RESEARCH	50,000
MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL5501 PARK AVENUE WEST NEW YORK,NJ 07093	N/A	PUBLIC	EDUCATIONAL SCIENCE PROJECT-RACING CAR	5,900
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME NOTRE DAME,IN 46556	N/A	PUBLIC	FACULTY INCENTIVE FUND-EDUCATION	70,000
GEORGIA TECHEDISON VENTURES FUND177 NORTH AVENUE ATLANTA,GA 30332	N/A	PUBLIC	EDUCATION TECHNICAL RESEARCH	25,000
NEW JERSEY HALL OF FAME50 STATE STREET ROOM 120 EAST RUTHERFORD,NJ 07073	N/A	PUBLIC	CIVIC	5,000
Total ▶ 3b				305,900

TY 2012 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** CHARLES EDISON FUND**EIN:** 22-1514861**Software ID:** 12000229**Software Version:** 2012v2.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
SPERO SCHACTER & DEPALMA LLC	29,000	14,500	0	14,500
JH COHN	30,000	0	0	30,000
INTAC ACTUARIAL SERVICES	1,498	0	0	1,498

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TY 2012 Depreciation Schedule

Name: CHARLES EDISON FUND

EIN: 22-1514861

Software ID: 12000229

Software Version: 2012v2.0

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
COMPUTER	2012-05-08	788		91	5 0000	105			
COMPUTER	2012-04-17	1,513		91	5 0000	202			
COMPUTER	2010-10-25	1,654		91	5 0000	331			
FAX MACHINE	2010-07-17	326		91	5 0000	65			
CHERRY DISPLAY STAND	2009-03-20	1,350	531	91	7 0000	193			
DISPLAY BOX	2009-04-23	584	222	91	7 0000	83			
FURNITURE(CHAIRS)	2008-09-29	14,262	6,620	91	7 0000	2,037			
FLOOR MOLDINGS	2007-02-12	14,607	1,843	91	39 0000	375			
FURNITURE	2007-09-19	728	442	91	7 0000	104			
CEILING TILE INSTALLATION	2006-02-15	10,840	1,645	91	39 0000	278			

TY 2012 Land, Etc. Schedule**Name:** CHARLES EDISON FUND**EIN:** 22-1514861**Software ID:** 12000229**Software Version:** 2012v2.0

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
Improvements	56,978	54,056	2,922	
Buildings				2,922
Machinery and Equipment	116,856	112,716	4,140	4,141
Furniture and Fixtures	202,596	196,890	5,706	5,706

TY 2012 Legal Fees Schedule**Name:** CHARLES EDISON FUND**EIN:** 22-1514861**Software ID:** 12000229**Software Version:** 2012v2.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
MCCARTER & ENGLISH, LLP	44,494	0	0	44,494
CHRISTIENSEN JUBE & KEEGAN	37,594	0	0	37,594

TY 2012 Other Assets Schedule**Name:** CHARLES EDISON FUND**EIN:** 22-1514861**Software ID:** 12000229**Software Version:** 2012v2.0

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
OTHER ASSETS	17,480	17,480	17,423
COLLECTIONS-FMV UNDETERMINABLE	505,676	505,676	505,676
ACCRUED INTEREST	29,840	24,715	24,715

TY 2012 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: CHARLES EDISON FUND

EIN: 22-1514861

Software ID: 12000229

Software Version: 2012v2.0

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
TRAVEL - MUSEUMS	340			340
TELEPHONE	14,560			14,560
SUPPLIES, GIVE AWAYS AND TEACHING KITS	7,928			7,928
REPAIRS & MAINTENACE	3,777			3,777
Rental Expenses	5,657			5,657
PROGRAM MARKETING	21,257			21,257
POSTAGE & PARCEL POST	17,406			17,406
OFFICE SUPPLIES	14,743			14,743
INSURANCE	23,363			23,363
GENERAL EXPENSES	21,610			21,610
FRIEGHT AND EXPRESS	5,194			5,194
EXHIBIT & COLLECTIONS MAINTENANCE	10,519			10,519
DATA PROCESSING	6,385			6,385
BANK CHARGES	64			64

TY 2012 Other Income Schedule

Name: CHARLES EDISON FUND

EIN: 22-1514861

Software ID: 12000229

Software Version: 2012v2.0

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
ROYALTY INCOME	61,789		

TY 2012 Other Liabilities Schedule**Name:** CHARLES EDISON FUND**EIN:** 22-1514861**Software ID:** 12000229**Software Version:** 2012v2.0

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value
ACCRUED PENSION		644
DEFERRED TAX ON UNREALIZED GAINS	113,136	148,639
ACCRUED EXPENSES	30,000	30,000
CUSTODIAL & INVESTMENT FEES PAYABLE	16,913	16,031

TY 2012 Other Professional Fees Schedule**Name:** CHARLES EDISON FUND**EIN:** 22-1514861**Software ID:** 12000229**Software Version:** 2012v2.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT AND CUSTODIAL FEES	88,695	88,695	0	0
CONSULTANTS	33,171	0	0	33,171

TY 2012 Taxes Schedule**Name:** CHARLES EDISON FUND**EIN:** 22-1514861**Software ID:** 12000229**Software Version:** 2012v2.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME	44,869	44,869		
FOREIGN TAXES ON FOREIGN DIVIDENDS	2,328	2,328		

Charles Edison Fund
Investment Schedule for 990PF
December 31, 2012

Broker	Invest - US & State Gov Book	Invest - US & State Gov FMV	Invest - Foreign Bonds Book	Invest - Foreign Bonds FMV	Corporate Stock Book	Corporate Stock FMV	Corporate Bonds Book	Corporate Bonds FMV	Invest - Mortgages Book	Invest - Mortgages FMV	Cash & Cash Equivalents Book	Cash & Cash Equivalents FMV	Totals Book	Totals FMV	Gain (LOSS)
Goldman Sachs					1,695,884	1,853,068					66,387	66,387	1,762,271	1,919,455	157,184
Omega					2,993,954	6,260,922							2,993,954	6,260,922	3,266,968
USB-38059					945,479	1,306,125	50,000	49,600			26,494	26,494	1,021,973	1,382,219	360,246
USB-06809	50,494	53,443					51,108	53,464			3,406	3,406	105,008	110,314	5,306
USB-06810	27,576	28,595			20,013	19,834	51,509	52,454			5,858	5,858	104,956	106,741	1,785
USB-06817							95,769	107,796			10,302	10,302	106,071	118,098	12,027
PNC Advisors	177,196	182,380	a)		4,027,538	7,184,935					15,938	15,938	4,220,672	7,383,302	3,162,630
W H Reeves					1,889,930	2,355,732					19,161	19,161	1,909,091	2,374,892	465,802
	255,266	264,418	0	0	11,572,798	18,980,666	248,386	263,315	0	0	147,546	147,546	12,223,995	19,655,944	7,431,949

0.00

a) basis adjustment for 2004 stock tranfer form trust liquidation - PNC +\$67,195.11

TOTAL EXCESS

7,431,948.94
2%

DEFERRED TAX

148,638.84

T/B
ADJUSTMENT

113,136.00
35,502.84

THE CHARLES EDISON FUND**Part XV Attachment****Schedule of Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year
December 31, 2012**

	Amount	Purpose	Status
Barat Foundation 765 Broad Street Newark, NJ 07102	1,500 00	Education	Public Charity
Center fo the Homeless 813 S. Michigan Street South Bend, IN 46601	30,000 00	Medical	Public Charity
Chautauqua Institution PO Box 28 Chautauqua, NY 14722	5,200 00	Education	Public Charity
Columbia University-Pediatric Center 3959 Broadway 214N New York, NY 10032	50,000 00	Medical	Public Charity
Community Foundation 35 Knox Hill Road Morristown, NJ 07963	450,000 00	Education	Public Charity
Council on Foundations 1828 L Street NW Washington, DC 20036	2,160 00	Education	Public Charity
Council of New Jersey Grant Makers 101 West State Street Trenton, NJ 08608	1,000 00	Education	Public Charity
D A R E 292 Prospect Plains Road Cranbury, NJ 08572	5,000 00	Medical	Public Charity
Melville G. Brinson Family Graduate Fellowship #3465 University of Florida Foundation Gift Processing P O Box 14425 Gainesville, FL 32604	250 00	Education	Public Charity
Edison Innovation Foundation 1 Riverfront Plaza 3rd Floor Newark, NJ 07102	396,789 33	Historical Preservation-Edison National Historic Sites & Edisonia	Public Charity
Edison Memorial Tower 37 Christi Street Edison, NJ 08820	5,000 00	Historical Preservation	Public Charity
Hearing Health Foundation 363 Seventh Ave., 10th FL New York, NY 10001	5,000 00	Medical	Public Charity
Edison Pageant of Lights - Kazen Inc Edison Pageant of Light 2350 McGregor Blvd Ft. Meyers, FL 33902	600 00	Educational	Public Charity
Matthew's Miracle 112 Lilac Drive Toms River, NJ 08753	5,000 00	Medical	Public Charity
National Trust for Historic Preservation 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW Washington, DC 20036	3,000 00	Historic Preservation	Public Charity
New Jersey Hall of Fame 50 State Street Route 120 East Rutherford, NJ 07073	5,000 00	Historical Preservation	Public Charity
Shining Star Foundation PO Box 730 Tabernash, CO 80478	5,000 00	Educational	Public Charity
Seton Hall Preparatory School 120 Northfield Avenue West Orange, NJ 07052	165,792 00	Educational	Public Charity
St. Johns Church PO Box 200147 Newark, NJ 07102	20,000 00	Medical- Feed the hungry and medical services for the poor and homeless	Public Charity
St. Vincents Academy 228 West Market Street Newark, NJ 07102	10,000 00	Education	Public Charity

Total \$ 1,166,291.33

y/e 12-31-12PART IX-A SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**CHARLES EDISON FUND**

The Charles Edison Fund (the "Fund") is an endowed foundation dedicated to the support of worthwhile endeavors generally within the areas of medical research, science education and historic preservation. It both operates programs and makes grants to support these endeavors. The Fund is an extension of the benefactions and aspirations of its Founder, a man of discerning foresight, rare achievement and background.

BACKGROUND

A son of Thomas Alva Edison, Charles Edison was Secretary of the Navy, Governor of New Jersey and a nationally recognized corporate executive. He died July 31, 1969, three days shy of his seventy-ninth birthday.

Mr. Edison incorporated what is now called the Charles Edison Fund on March 3, 1948 as The Brook Foundation (the "Brook"). His choice of the name was prompted by his recollection of a Sunday School song from the days of his childhood. Written by Lucy Wheelock, a pioneer in kindergarten education, the song carried these words:

*Give, said the little brook,
Give, oh give - give, oh give
Give, said the little brook,
Oh give, oh give away.*

*I am little I know, but wherever I go
I give, I give, I give.
I am little I know, but wherever I go
I give, I give away.
Giving, giving all the day;*

*Give, oh give, oh give away.
Giving, giving all the day,
I give, I give away.*

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The Brook name was retained until shortly after Mr Edison's passing at which time the Trustees changed its name to the Charles Edison Fund (as used herein, the word "Fund" also applies to the period when the name was the Brook Foundation)

Mr Edison was fifty-eight when he created the Fund. Motivating this action was his desire to disassociate insofar as possible his personal philanthropies from the vagaries of year-to-year fluctuations in the economy which, almost invariably in the past, had influenced his level of giving to the many deserving causes to which he was a contributor. This was no idle fancy on his part because, virtually simultaneously, he instituted a similar system within Thomas A Edison, Incorporated, the company he headed and of which he was the majority stockholder.

His theory was this: since organizations dependent on charitable contributions have budgetary problems comparable to those confronting individuals and for-profit corporations, it is equally important for recipient charities to be able to estimate annual levels of giving by their benefactors. Mr Edison, therefore, decided he would build up a surplus in the Fund, funnel much of his personal philanthropies through it, and thereby make it possible to maintain his level of giving in bad as well as good years.

This was his short-range goal. His long-range goal, however, was that of creating an institution capable of carrying on after his passing. A childless widower at the time of death, Mr Edison bequeathed the bulk of his multi-million-dollar estate to the Fund.

OPERATING PROGRAMS

In addition to assisting other qualified organizations financially, the Fund operates several public sector programs on its own.

EDISONIA MUSEUMS

First, in the area of historic preservation, the Fund acquired over the years a large collection

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consisting of over five thousand tangible items of Edisonia, namely, early electric lamps, vintage phonographs, motion picture projectors, and numerous other artifacts related to the inventions and discoveries of Thomas Edison. This collection, when coupled with the Charles Edison Estate items, totals approximately 8,300 artifacts. These items of Edisonia are on display in some sixty (60) museums across the continental United States. With some frequency these exhibits are moved from one museum to another to enhance their public exposure. The Fund's Museum Coordinator pays periodic visits to these museums to insure that the Fund's properties are properly cared for and displayed. The Curator offers advice, when needed, on how to make better use of the materials for the education and enjoyment of the American public and international visitors.

EDISON NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK

Thomas Edison National Historical Park promotes an international understanding and appreciation of the life and achievements of Thomas Alva Edison by preserving the last and largest of his laboratories, home of the perfected phonograph, motion pictures, the nickel-iron alkaline storage battery, and a variety of other products. Glenmont, the Edison estate in nearby Llewellyn Park, was the domestic retreat from the frenzy of lab and factory.

The Laboratory Complex includes fourteen historic structures, six of which were built in 1887 as the first laboratory dedicated to the “business of inventing.” Many rooms contain their original furnishings. A replica of the world’s first motion picture studio, the “Black Maria,” is also part of the park. Museum collections encompass over 400,000 artifacts including prototype and commercial Edison products, laboratory furnishings and equipment, and personal items used by the Edisons in their home. The Edison Archives includes an estimated five million documents, 48,000 sound recordings, 10,000 rare books, 4,000 laboratory notebooks and 60,000 photographic images. These collections are among the largest in the National Park Service. The Edison home at

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Glenmont is a twenty-nine room brick and timber mansion built in 1880 and surrounded by fifteen acres of landscaped grounds, a greenhouse and potting shed, barn and stables, and a garage (made of Edison poured concrete)

INTERNET PROGRAMS

Parenthetically, the Fund is committed to producing its own programs for use on the Internet. The "Best of Edison" Science Teaching Kits and its eighty museum programs displaying Edison artifacts together with a walking tour of the Edison National Historic Park are included in this project. Finally, the Fund would like to link all seven Edison Sites in the United States so they can share their respective contributions to Edison and his work.

EDUCATIONAL TEACHING KITS – ONLINE

Paramount among its public sector operations for the past quarter century is the providing of science teaching kits outlining simple, proven experiments to teachers throughout the United States. They are constantly updated and, to date, over 70,000 kits have been distributed via hard copy (previous format) or online. These experiments can also be downloaded from the Fund's website at www.charlesedisonfund.org. The Fund's motto is "Keep it Simple" providing the 1-2-3 in basic science experiments which last forever and is never out of touch with current knowledge of science education needed by everyone, past, present and future. With that said, the Fund has converted these experiments to an interactive CD-ROM in an effort to make these projects easier to use and understand for teachers and students alike. Based on its database, the Fund estimates that over 30 million students have used these kits.

y/e 12-31-12PART IX-A SUMMARY OF DIRECT CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**GRANT MAKING PROCESS**

Apart from dollars spent by the Fund on its own programs, it has given financial support since its inception to other charitable, scientific and educational organizations, institutions and projects in an amount that exceeds \$18 Million. It is a seed money organization. It does not just make grants but makes grants happen. It chooses projects that would not otherwise "get off the ground". Because the Fund remained relatively small until its inheritance from the estate of Charles Edison, its record of providing financial assistance to other organizations mushroomed following his death.

In more recent years, a pattern of giving has emerged within the Fund. Its contributions tend to be divided among medical research projects (25%), science education (55%), and historic preservation (20%). Additionally, but with some important and increasing exceptions, institutions and organizations assisted are based principally in the New York-New Jersey Metropolitan area. This concentration of interest facilitates the efforts of the Trustees to evaluate the work of recipient groups, frequently accomplished by personal visitations.

The Fund recommends that a grant request be submitted on the requesting organization's letterhead and be signed by an official on behalf of the governing board. The Fund does not require or supply application forms. The request should be detailed, complete and include background information about the organization, a full explanation of the project and its costs, and a financial report, current budget and evidence of tax-exempt status of the requesting organization.

The Fund meets three times a year, usually in February or March, June and December at which time requests which have been submitted at least three weeks prior to the meeting will be considered. Progress reports and a final accounting of the use of grant funds are required of all grant recipients.

Continuing grants over a period of time are made in special circumstances, however, the

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Fund reserves the right to accept or reject future contributions based on annual performance reports, which it monitors closely

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The organizational structure of the Fund is as follows

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The Charles Edison Fund was founded to continue and support the Edison Legacy, and is unique in its combination of operating programs and grant-making activities. Each of the Trustees and Officers is steeped in historical knowledge of Edison. Each is dedicated to Edison and his inspiration. Their backgrounds include business, medicine, finance, engineering, education, law and public relations. Each has an ingrained love and dedication for Edison's accomplishments in science and his ever-searching mind. Edison is one of mankind's greatest benefactors.

DAILY PROJECTS

Listed below are some of the Fund's daily activities that support its programs and grants:

1. Certain Trustees and staff pay periodic visits to museums and render assistance in special projects, advancing the Edison inspiration.
2. The Fund provides the services of a professional museum coordinator who travels (together with certain Trustees from time to time) the United States and systematically visits the museums at which the Fund has exhibits.
3. The Fund assists museums throughout the country in preparing and expanding science exhibits and also provides detailed historical information towards educating museum staffs in the proper captioning and interpretation of the artifacts.
4. The Fund works closely with producers of educational films and documentaries on Thomas A. Edison, providing access to photographs, the artifacts, editing the media copy and working with the writers and photographers. In 2011, the Fund has been

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exploring various TV programs on Edison for major networks

- 5 The Fund and the Park are associated with the Library of Congress Motion Picture Section and the Smithsonian Institute Department of Science and Invention The Fund and the Park donated original nitrate 35mm films providing priceless historical information to the Library of Congress as well as funds for the transfer
- 6 The Fund maintains an information service with respect to historical questions regarding Thomas Edison, his life and inventions
- 7 The Fund has the most extensive genealogical file of the Edison family It is made available to descendants of the Edison and related families, genealogical libraries, scholars, and Edison former associates, employees and their families
- 8 Staff of the Fund repairs Edison phonographs at museums throughout the United States either on site or shipped back to the Fund where they are put into working condition and returned to the museum at no cost In addition, the Fund provides good quality early cylinder records from the 1900's
- 9 The Fund provides, at no cost, videotapes of the "Great Train Robbery" filmed by Edison in the Watchung Mountains of New Jersey, circa 1905 It is the first Motion Picture to have a plot
- 10 In response to requests, the Fund provides authenticated speech material on the life and accomplishments of Thomas Alva Edison to educate museum personnel and science seminars

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- 11 Paramount among its public sector operations for the past quarter century, as described above, has been the providing of science teaching kits outlining simple experiments to teachers throughout the United States. The Fund recently converted the kits over to an online format which allows teachers and students easier access to the experiments. As background information and based upon one-quarter century experience, it has been conclusively evidenced that teachers are anxious for the simplest, easiest, most direct route to follow in teaching the science class. Young students are very impressionistic and have the ready ability to retain knowledge. The kit appeals to simplicity and contains easily-downloadable instructions that permit the teacher to distribute any of the 82 experiments and provide fun learning resulting in needed, universal, elementary science knowledge and establishing a foundation for future science education. As a philanthropic, charitable foundation, the Fund provides these free and the simple experiments are ageless and timeless for Grades 4 through Junior High. Our motto "Keep It Simple" providing the 1-2-3 in basic science that lasts forever and is never out of touch with the necessary, fundamental knowledge of science education needed by everyone, past, present and future. The experiments are reviewed by panels of experts in the education field and graded for effectiveness and suitable class level.
- 12 A major endeavor of the Fund is to continue to preserve of the Thomas Edison National Historical Park, located in West Orange, New Jersey, which appeared on the list as one of the ten most endangered sites in the country as reported by the National Trust For Historic Preservation. The Fund's concern is so great that it has incorporated a separate entity known as the "Edison Innovation Foundation" for the purpose of securing funds to assure the improvement

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2012 SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

In 2012, the Charles Edison Fund participated in the planning of several important new and past activities intended to serve as adjuncts to the program and projects of its public sector operations

- 1 As in the past, the Black Maria Film Festival helps raise students' and the public's appreciation of Thomas Edison's impact on history, film and media at over seventy colleges and universities, public libraries, museums, and cultural institutions throughout New Jersey (which was complemented by a statewide hour long TV show broadcast on New Jersey Network) and from Alabama to Alaska and abroad to Italy The Festival and Educational programs essentially introduce children and adults to film making process as well as the history of this industry A competition and award ceremony is the culmination of this event
- 2 The Fund worked with Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia to establish a Venture Fund for faculty in both the hard and soft sciences to develop ideas into practical products and processes This fund is prenatal in nature, thus providing the faculty the wherewithal to move an idea from their lab to an incubator
- 3 The Fund, through its affiliated Foundation, Edison Innovation Foundation ("EIF"), maintains an active internet and social media presence Every ten (10) days a science and technology Blog (www.EdisonMuckers.org), is posted commenting on current science or technology developments, often with a connection to the legacy of Thomas Alva Edison EIF, an affiliate of the Foundation, has a newly designed active website (www.ThomasEdison.org) which promotes science and technology education, particularly for woman and minorities The Foundation, through EIF, also is active on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest and YouTube

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- 4 A series of science education programs, for educators, youth and families, at the Chautauqua Institution, has been supported by the Fund and the Carnegie Science Center Presented by the education outreach staff from the Carnegie Science Center, the programs would be a combination of small group, hands-on activities, and larger public lectures and demonstrations
- 5 The Fund works with the Electronic Information and Education Service of New Jersey (EIES) in an effort to provide comprehensive, direct, immediate and convenient access to printed information for blind, visually and physically disabled persons throughout northern New Jersey utilizing state-of-art electronic technology
- 6 The Fund collaborated with Sterling Publishing (a subsidiary of Barnes & Noble) and author (Lenard DeGraaf) in the writing and publishing of a new comprehensive book on Thomas Alva Edison entitled "Edison- The Rise of Innovation" The book reviews, in text and photos, the multiple inventions of Thomas Edison and describes his amazing level of vision and innovation over his 50 plus year career The book is scheduled for final publication on October, 2013 and Bill Gates, a fan of Thomas Edison , has been invited to write an introduction
- 7 The Fund helped the Memorial High School Technology Department, headed by Ronald Grosinger to build an electric car ("Lotus 7") from the ground up using the blueprints from a 1950's Lotus 7 Recently, the Lotus 7 was invited to exhibit at the 2012 New York International Auto Show
- 8 Fifteen years ago, the Fund established a student summer intern program at the Edison National Historical Park in West Orange (the "Park") in which students participated in archival projects Both Seton Hall Prep and the Park personnel are enthusiastic about this project because it provides an avenue of learning for both as

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well as minority participation and representation at the Site. Last year, 5 students participated at the Park.

- 9 The Fund continues to work with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The goal of the Trust is to help protect America's historic and cultural heritage. To do this, the National Trust offers advice on preservation problems, works with individuals, preservation groups and public agencies to help it plan and carry out preservation programs, sponsors educational programs, issues publications and owns and operates historical museums and other properties.
- 10 The Fund was co-creator with New Jersey Technology Teachers Association ("NJTEEA") of an Alternative Energy Contest (Thomas Edison Invention Challenge) held each year for students (grades 6 to 12). The students, mainly from NJ schools are asked to compete by inventing a product or service in the fields of wind, solar power or geothermal energy. The winning teams receive trophies and exposure on the Foundations Blog, web site and special social media postings.