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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 THE MICHELSON FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 94-3131676
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 2755 CAMPUS DRIVE	Room/suite 240	B Telephone number (650) 653-2422
City or town, state, and ZIP code SAN MATEO, CA 94403		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ Name 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) \$ 4,193,754.	J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

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	1,778,700.			
2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4 Dividends and interest from securities	120,519.	120,519.		STATEMENT 2
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	296,357.			STATEMENT 1
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	1,780,116.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		1,446,568.		
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	3,714.			
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	2,199,290.	1,568,087.	0.	STATEMENT 3
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0.	0.	0.	0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages				
15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a Legal fees				
b Accounting fees				
c Other professional fees	STMT 4 14,025.	0.	0.	14,025.
17 Interest				
18 Taxes	STMT 5 49,222.	19,222.	0.	0.
19 Depreciation and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses	STMT 6 95,017.	1,000.	0.	94,017.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	158,264.	20,222.	0.	108,042.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	596,870.			596,870.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	755,134.	20,222.	0.	704,912.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	1,444,156.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		1,546,865.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	7,831.	10,176.	10,176.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	159,064.	1,600,874.	1,600,874.
	3 Accounts receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	4 Pledges receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments - U.S. and state government obligations			
	b Investments - corporate stock STMT 7	1,843,847.	1,843,847.	2,582,704.
	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)			
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers)	2,010,742.	3,454,897.	4,193,754.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	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)			
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☐			
	24 Unrestricted and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☒			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0.	0.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0.	0.	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	2,010,742.	3,454,897.	
30 Total net assets or fund balances	2,010,742.	3,454,897.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,010,742.	3,454,897.		

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	2,010,742.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	1,444,156.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize)	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	3,454,898.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) OTHER ADJUSTMENT	5	1.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	3,454,897.

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Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a GOLDMAN SACHS - SEE STATEMENT A	D	VARIOUS	10/05/12
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 1,780,116.		333,548.	1,446,568.
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
a			1,446,568.
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	1,446,568.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	N/A

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

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

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

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see 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	1,319,319.	2,020,924.	.652830
2010	1,486,460.	2,890,964.	.514175
2009	559,660.	2,075,845.	.269606
2008	971,825.	2,653,226.	.366281
2007	1,149,573.	4,207,800.	.273200

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	2.076092
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	.415218
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2012 from Part X, line 5	4	3,402,590.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	1,412,817.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	15,469.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	1,428,286.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	704,912.

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 ☐ 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	30,937.
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	30,937.
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	30,937.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2012 estimated tax payments and 2011 overpayment credited to 2012	6a	32,988.	
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	32,988.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☒ if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	2,051.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2013 estimated tax ☐ 2,051. Refunded ☐ 0.	11		

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
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. \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV.	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ CA		
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	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		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

N/A

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 ► N/A	13	X	
14. The books are in care of ► MS. LOUISE LAUGHLIN Telephone no. ► (650) 653-2419 Located at ► 2755 CAMPUS DRIVE, SUITE 240, SAN MATEO, CA ZIP+4 ► 94403			
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?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b. If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here	N/A	
c. Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2012?		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? If "Yes," list the years ►	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b. Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.)	N/A	
c. If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ►		
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? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2012)	N/A	
4a. Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		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?		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

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

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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?

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

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
MICHAEL W. MICHELSON 2800 SAND HILL ROAD SUITE 200 MENLO PARK, CA 94025	PRESIDENT 1.00	0.	0.	0.
ELLEN A. MICHELSON 2800 SAND HILL ROAD SUITE 200 MENLO PARK, CA 94025	VICE-PRES 1.00	0.	0.	0.
SUSAN P. SCHOENTHALER 2800 SAND HILL ROAD SUITE 200 MENLO PARK, CA 94025	TREAS/CFO 1.00	0.	0.	0.

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

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

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

0

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

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

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

0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

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

	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments

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

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3

0.

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	3,057,070.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	397,336.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	3,454,406.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	3,454,406.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	51,816.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	3,402,590.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	170,130.

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	170,130.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2012 from Part VI, line 5	2a	30,937.
b	Income tax for 2012. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	30,937.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	139,193.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	139,193.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	139,193.

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	704,912.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	704,912.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	5	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	704,912.

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				139,193.
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	941,661.			
b From 2008	839,990.			
c From 2009	497,379.			
d From 2010	1,342,276.			
e From 2011	1,227,733.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	4,849,039.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2012 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$	704,912.			
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				139,193.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	565,719.			
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:				
a Corpus: Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	5,414,758.			
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	941,661.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2013. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	4,473,097.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2008	839,990.			
b Excess from 2009	497,379.			
c Excess from 2010	1,342,276.			
d Excess from 2011	1,227,733.			
e Excess from 2012	565,719.			

Part XV Supplementary Information (continued)**3** Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	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
a Paid during the year				
SEE STATEMENT B	NONE	IRC 501(C)(3)	UNRESTRICTED	596,870.
Total			3a	596,870.
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
Total			3b	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.

OMB No 1545-0047

2012

Name of the organization

THE MICHELSON FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

94-3131676

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization

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

☐ 527 political organization

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☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

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

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private 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)

Name of organization	Employer identification number
THE MICHELSON FOUNDATION	94-3131676

Part I **Contributors** (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	MICHAEL W. & ELLEN A. MICHELSON 2800 SAND HILL ROAD, SUITE 200 MENLO PARK, CA 94025	\$ 1,778,700.	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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Part II

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Name of organization

Employer identification number

THE MICHELSON FOUNDATION**94-3131676**

Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once) ▶ \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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REALIZED GAINS AND LOSSES

Supplemental Information - Consult your Form 1099 for tax reporting purposes

REALIZED GAIN AND LOSS SUMMARY

SHORT-TERM GAINS (LOSSES)		LONG-TERM GAINS (LOSSES)		ORDINARY GAINS (LOSSES)	
Net Covered Short-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00	Net Covered Long-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00	Net Ordinary Gains (Losses)	0.00
Net NonCovered Short-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00	Net NonCovered Long-Term Gains (Losses)	1,780,115.86		
Net 1099B Non Reportable Short-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00	Net 1099B Non Reportable Long-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00		
Net Miscellaneous Short-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00	Net Miscellaneous Long-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00	Net Miscellaneous Ordinary Gains (Losses)	0.00
Net Regulated Futures Contract Short-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00	Net Regulated Futures Contract Long-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00		
Total Short-Term Gains (Losses)	0.00	Total Long-Term Gains (Losses)	1,780,115.86	Total Ordinary Gains (Losses)	0.00

LONG-TERM GAINS (LOSSES)

Description (Product Identifier)	Date Acquired or Sold Short	Date Sold or Covered	Quantity	Sale Proceeds ⁵	Total accretion (Amortization)	Cost Basis ⁴	Total Gain (Loss)
NonCovered Long-Term Gains (Losses)							
LEGRAND FRANCE CMVN PRIV PL/REG-S REG S (9ED13CHW4)		10/05/2012	45,880.00	1,780,115.86	0.00	No Cost	1,780,115.86 ⁶
Net NonCovered Long-Term Gains (Losses)				1,780,115.86	0.00	\$1,483,759	\$296,357

STATEMENT A

⁴ Basis may have been increased by accruals of market discount and/or original issue discount or decreased by premium amortization. This increase or decrease of basis assumes the investor has elected to include market discount in income currently and/or amortize premium currently. You should consult with your own tax advisor to determine your correct basis.
⁵ Sale Proceeds may have been adjusted by an option premium due to an option assignment.
⁶ Due to incomplete cost basis, gains may be incorrectly stated and should not be used for tax reporting purposes. Please consult with your tax advisor.



Realized and unrealized gains and loss values do not include securities for which cost basis is unavailable. The recognition of any loss reflected herein may be disallowed or deferred by the application of capital loss limitations, wash sale rules or other special tax rules, and you are strongly urged to consult your own outside tax and other advisors about this and all tax-related matters addressed in any way herein. All information regarding the cost basis and acquisition dates of securities that you acquired elsewhere and that were subsequently delivered into your Goldman Sachs account(s) were provided by you and/or a third party and Goldman Sachs makes no representation as to the accuracy and completeness of such information and it should not be relied upon as such.

MICHELSON FOUNDATION
Charitable Contributions
As of December 31, 2012

Donee	MWM Foundation
American Prairie Foundation	\$ 2,500
Bucklelew Programs	60,000
Churchill Centre, The	10,000
CHP 11-99 Foundation	500
Community Gatepath (Golf)	2,500
COFAM	20,000
Dawn Redwoods Charitable Trust, The	2,500
Harvard Library in New York	250
Harvard Magazine	150
Harvard University	2,065
Kukio Community Fund	3,500
Lamplighters Music Theatre	15,000
Laurel House	6,000
Marsh Theater	25,000
Marsh Theater (Legrand - 500 shares)	17,000
Maverick Football	500
Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center	1,000
Merola Opera Program	9,250
Metropolitan Family Service (AGOG)	5,000
Michael J. Fox Foundation, The	2,000
Museum for Mental Health	40,000
Nashville Guild Opera	2,000
National World War II Museum, The	1,000
Navy Seal Foundation	5,000
New Conservatory Theater (Legrand - 1,200 shares)	40,800
Pan-Massachusetts Challenge	500
Park Square Theater (Legrand - 1,000 shares)	34,000
People Incorporated, Inc	20,000
Project Success (2 of 2) (database & communication initiatives)	25,000
Project Success (Legrand - 2,200 shares)	69,300
REDF	7,500
San Francisco Opera (Legrand - 670 shares)	21,105
San Mateo County Historical Assoc.	1,000
Smithsonian Council for American History	5,000
Tasks Unlimited (Legrand - 1,850 shares)	62,900
The First Tee of SF	5,000
Thomas Jefferson Foundation (Monticello Cabinet)	5,000
Touchstone Mental Health Community (Legrand - 1,700 shares))	53,550
West Side Eagles Pop Warner	3,500
Zenon Dance Comany	10,000
Total Charitable	\$ 596,870

STATEMENT B

FORM 990-PF	GAIN OR (LOSS) FROM SALE OF ASSETS	STATEMENT	1
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(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	MANNER ACQUIRED	DATE ACQUIRED	DATE SOLD	
GOLDMAN SACHS - SEE STATEMENT A	DONATED	VARIOUS	10/05/12	
(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) VALUE AT TIME OF ACQ.	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
1,780,116.	1,483,759.	0.	0.	296,357.
CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS FROM PART IV				0.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 6A				296,357.

FORM 990-PF	DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES	STATEMENT	2
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SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	COLUMN (A) AMOUNT
GOLDMAN SACHS #026-16493-9	120,519.	0.	120,519.
TOTAL TO FM 990-PF, PART I, LN 4	120,519.	0.	120,519.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER INCOME	STATEMENT	3
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DESCRIPTION	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
BOOK GAIN ON DONATION OF CONTRIBUTED SECURITY	3,714.	0.	0.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11	3,714.	0.	0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES			STATEMENT	4
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL FEES	14,025.	0.	0.	14,025.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	14,025.	0.	0.	14,025.	

FORM 990-PF	TAXES			STATEMENT	5
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
STATE TAXES	10.	10.	0.	0.	
FEDERAL TAXES	30,000.	0.	0.	0.	
FOREIGN TAXES	19,212.	19,212.	0.	0.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	49,222.	19,222.	0.	0.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT	6
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	11,136.	0.	0.	11,136.	
BANK FEE	1,000.	1,000.	0.	0.	
MANAGEMENT FEES	82,881.	0.	0.	82,881.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	95,017.	1,000.	0.	94,017.	

FORM 990-PF

CORPORATE STOCK

STATEMENT 7

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
GOLDMAN SACHS	482,300.	1,160,796.
PROCTER & GAMBLE	853,380.	896,148.
ROCKWOOD	508,167.	525,760.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	1,843,847.	2,582,704.