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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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OMB No 1545-0052

2012

Open to public inspection

For calendar year 2012 or tax year beginning JUN 1, 2012, and ending MAY 31, 2013

Name of foundation RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 26-2749281
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 4270 FOUNTAIN LANE NORTH		B Telephone number 763-550-1962
City or town, state, and ZIP code PLYMOUTH, MN 55446-2430		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) \$ 2838327.		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 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		2337250.		N/A	
2 Check ☐ If the foundation is not required to attach Sch B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments		815.	815.		STATEMENT 1
4 Dividends and interest from securities		55334.	55334.		STATEMENT 2
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		10432.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a		10432.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			10432.		
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		524.	524.		STATEMENT 3
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		2404355.	67105.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc		0.	0.		0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages					
15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
16a Legal fees					
b Accounting fees STMT 4		750.	0.		0.
c Other professional fees STMT 5		93.	0.		0.
17 Interest					
18 Taxes STMT 6		1624.	0.		0.
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings					
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses STMT 7		10.	0.		0.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		2477.	0.		0.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		23200.			23200.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		25677.	0.		23200.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		2378678.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			67105.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				N/A	

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			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2024.	44150.	44150.
	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 STMT 8	0.	51076.	49911.
	b Investments - corporate stock STMT 9	0.	2285476.	2744266.
	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)	2024.	2380702.	2838327.
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
19 Deferred revenue				
20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
21 Mortgages and other notes payable				
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			
	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	2024.	2380702.	
30 Total net assets or fund balances	2024.	2380702.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2024.	2380702.		

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	2024.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	2378678.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	2380702.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	0.
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	2380702.

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 CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS			
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 10432.			10432.
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			10432.
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	10432.
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	20105.	5226.	3.847111
2010	21955.	8682.	2.528795
2009	21465.	4689.	4.577735
2008	17015.	7938.	2.143487
2007			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	13.097128
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	3.274282
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2012 from Part X, line 5	4	1334997.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	4371157.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	671.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	4371828.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	23200.

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)		1	1342.
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		2	0.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).		3	1342.
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		5	1342.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)			
5 Tax based on investment income Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-			
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2012 estimated tax payments and 2011 overpayment credited to 2012	6a		
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7		0.
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8		31.
9 Tax due If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		1373.
10 Overpayment If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2013 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐	11		

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for definition)? If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. \$ 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) <u>WI</u>		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation		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

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► N/A	13	X	
14	The books are in care of ► LINDA BOSS Telephone no. ► 763-550-1962 Located at ► 4270 FOUNTAIN LANE NORTH, PLYMOUTH, MN ZIP+4 ► 55446-2430			
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	1b	
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2012?	1c	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a	At the end of tax year 2012, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2012? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ► , , ,		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions.) N/A	2b	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► , , ,		
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ 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	3b	
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2012?	4b	X

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

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 509(a)(1), (2), or (3), or section 4940(d)(2)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

N/A

5b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here

☒

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

N/A

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

6b

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

X

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

N/A

7b

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

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 11		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 DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS	
	23200.
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	1332133.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	23194.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	1355327.
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	1355327.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	20330.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1334997.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	66750.

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	66750.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2012 from Part VI, line 5	2a	1342.
b	Income tax for 2012. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	1342.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	65408.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	65408.
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	65408.

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	23200.
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	23200.
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	23200.

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				65408.
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				
b From 2008	16618.			
c From 2009	21231.			
d From 2010	21521.			
e From 2011	19844.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	79214.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2012 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$	23200.			
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				23200.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2012 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	42208.			42208.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	37006.			
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	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2013. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	37006.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2008				
b Excess from 2009				
c Excess from 2010	17162.			
d Excess from 2011	19844.			
e Excess from 2012				

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

N/A

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

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section

☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

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.

3 Subtract line 2d from line 2c. 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 foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year-see instructions.)**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

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

a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

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

c Any submission deadlines:

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

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

Recipient 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				
BENEDICTINE MISSION HOUSE P.O. BOX 528 SCHULER, NE 68661-0528	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	
			CHARITABLE	500.
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 22128 GREEN BAY, WI 54305-2128	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	
				2500.
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES 228 W. LEXINGTON ST. BALTIMORE, MD 21204-3443	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	
				1000.
CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN AND AGING 1 ELMWOOD AVE KANSAS CITY, KS 66103	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	
				500.
COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY INTERNATIONAL N. AFRICA 790 STOUT ROAD COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80921	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	
				500.
Total	SEE CONTINUATION SHEET(S)			23200.
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
Total				0.

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

- | | | Yes | No |
|----------|--|-------|----|
| 1 | Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations? | | |
| a | Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of: | | |
| | (1) Cash | 1a(1) | X |
| | (2) Other assets | 1a(2) | X |
| b | Other transactions: | | |
| | (1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization | 1b(1) | X |
| | (2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization | 1b(2) | X |
| | (3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets | 1b(3) | X |
| | (4) Reimbursement arrangements | 1b(4) | X |
| | (5) Loans or loan guarantees | 1b(5) | X |
| | (6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations | 1b(6) | X |
| c | Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees | 1c | X |
| d | If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received. | | |

[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

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
N/A		

**Sign
Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer or trustee

Date _____

SECR/TREAS

Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date _____

Check ☐ if
self-employed

PTIN

KATHLEEN M. HERMANS

Preparer's Signature
Karen M. Demarco

10/2/13

P00118408

Firm's name ► **HERMANS & ASSOCIATES, CPA'S SC**

Firm's EIN ► 39-1421794

Firm's address ► 1901 S WEBSTER AVE, SUITE 3
GREEN BAY, WI 54301

Phone no. 920-435-6121

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

Employer identification number

RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION

26-2749281

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note.** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions**General Rule**

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

Special Rules

- ☐ For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III
- ☐ For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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

RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION**26-2749281****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	RUTH MERKEY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST 42740 FOUNTAIN LANE NORTH PLYMOUTH, MN 55446	\$ 2337250.	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

Name of organization

Employer identification number

RUTH AND WILLIAM MERKEY FOUNDATION**26-2749281**

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
	(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

Part XV Supplementary Information

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)				
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
CROSIER BROTHERS AND FATHERS P.O. BOX 500 ONAMIA, MN 56359-0500	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1000.
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS 333 7TH AVE. NEW YORK, NY 10001	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	500.
EDMUNDITE MISSIONS 1428 BROAD ST. SELMA, AL 36701-4304	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	400.
EWTN 5817 OLD LEADS RD IRONDALE, AL 35210-2164	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1000.
FRANCISCAN MISSIONS P.O. BOX 130 WATERFORD, WI 53185	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	200.
HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES 518 WASHINGTON ST. NORTH EASTON, MA 02356-1200	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	200.
PAULS PANTRY 1529 LEO FRIGO WAY GREEN BAY, WI 54302-1163	N/A	N/A	CHARITALBE	1000.
PROJECT HOPE 255 CARTER HALL LANE MILLWOOD, VA 22646	N/A	N/A	CHARITALBE	800.
SACRED HEART SOUTHERN MISSION 6050 HWY 161N WALLS, MS 38680-0190	N/A	N/A	CHARITALBE	500.
SALESIAN MISSIONS 2 LEFEVRE LN. NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10802-0030	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	500.
Total from continuation sheets				18200.

Part XV Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

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
SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF THE HOLY CROSS 3110 NICOLET DR. GREEN BAY, WI 54311-7212	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	4000.
ST. AGNES PARISH 1484 NINTH ST. GREEN BAY, WI 54304	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1000.
TRINITY MISSIONS P.O. BOX 7130 SILVER SPRING, MD 20907-7130	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	300.
XAVIER SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND 154 E. 23RD ST. NEW YORK, NY 10010-4599	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1000.
AMERICAN BIRD CONSERVANCY P.O. BOX 249 4249 LAUDOUN AVE. THE PLALINS, VA 20198-2237	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	400.
EAST MEETS WEST FOUNDATION 1611 TELEGRAPH AVE., SUITE 1420 OAKLAND, CA 94612	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	800.
MARYKNOLL FATHERS AND BROTHERS P.O. BOX 302 MARYKNOLL, NY 10545-0302	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1200.
RUSHES WILDERNESS FOUNDATION 3014 RUSHES ROAD BAILEYS HARBOR, WI 54202-9145	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	1700.
SALVATORIANS 1303 MILWAUKEE DRIVE SALVATORIAN CENTER, WI 53062	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	600.
SAMARITAN'S PURSE P.O. BOX 3000 BOONE, NC 28607	N/A	N/A	CHARITABLE	600.
Total from continuation sheets				

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3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)

Total from continuation sheets

FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	AMOUNT
M & I	4.
RUTH MERKEY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	810.
WELLS FARGO	1.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 3, COLUMN A	815.

FORM 990-PF DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES STATEMENT 2

SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	COLUMN (A) AMOUNT
RUTH MERKEY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	37174.	10432.	26742.
WELLS FARGO	28592.	0.	28592.
TOTAL TO FM 990-PF, PART I, LN 4	65766.	10432.	55334.

FORM 990-PF OTHER INCOME STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
OTHER PORTFOLIO INCOME FROM RUTH MERKEY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	258.	258.	
ROYALTY INCOME	266.	266.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11	524.	524.	

FORM 990-PF	ACCOUNTING FEES			STATEMENT 4
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
ACCOUNTING FEES	750.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	750.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES			STATEMENT 5
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
MISC	93.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	93.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF	TAXES			STATEMENT 6
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
FOREIGN TAX	943.	0.		0.
FOREIGN TAX FROM RUTH MERKEY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	681.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	1624.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT	7
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	10.	0.		0.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	10.	0.		0.	

FORM 990-PF	U.S. AND STATE/CITY GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS			STATEMENT	8
DESCRIPTION	U.S. GOV'T	OTHER GOV'T	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	
SENTINEL SHORT MATURITY GOVERNMENT FUND	X		51076.	49911.	
TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS			51076.	49911.	
TOTAL STATE AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS					
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10A			51076.	49911.	

FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE STOCK		STATEMENT	9
DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE		FAIR MARKET VALUE	
ALTRIA GROUP INC.	106167.		120033.	
ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORP	20906.		32014.	
BANK MONTREAL QUEBEC	225638.		259302.	
ENERPLUS CORP	2652.		3116.	
FIDELITY NATIONAL INFORMATION SVCS	509993.		732993.	
GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY	14520.		18656.	
KRAFT FOODS GROUP	30360.		42230.	
MESA ROYALTY TRUST UBI	10324.		9644.	
MONDELEZ INTL INC	56209.		67793.	
PEPSICO INCORPORATED	80976.		96924.	
PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL INC	272351.		302276.	
UNION PACIFIC CORP	107591.		156166.	
WEYCO GROUP INC	795895.		846584.	
YUM BRANDS INC	30830.		32520.	
FRANKLIN INCOME FUND	21064.		24015.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	2285476.		2744266.	

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LIST OF SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS
PART VII-A, LINE 10

STATEMENT 10

NAME OF CONTRIBUTOR

ADDRESS

RUTH MERKEY

1702 SPENCE ST
GREEN BAY, WI 54304

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PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS
TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS

STATEMENT 11

NAME AND ADDRESS

TITLE AND
AVRG HRS/WKCOMPEN-
SATIONEMPLOYEE
BEN PLAN EXPENSE
CONTRIB ACCOUNTRUTH MERKEY
1702 SPENCE ST
GREEN BAY, WI 54304DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT
5.00

0. 0. 0.

LINDA BOSS
4270 FOUNTAIN LANE NORTH
PLYMOUTH, MN 55146-2430DIRECTOR//SECRETARY/TREASU
2.00

0. 0. 0.

HELEN FISHER
967 S. DOUGLAS AVE.
STURGEON BAY, WI 54235DIRECTOR
1.00

0. 0. 0.

SR. ROSE JOCHMAN
2422 GEMINI RD
GREEN BAY, WI 54311DIRECTOR
1.00

0. 0. 0.

KATHY ROLLING
1570 MESA DR
GREEN BAY, WI 54313DIRECTOR
1.00

0. 0. 0.

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

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