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Return of Private Foundation

or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2013 or tax year beginning December 30, 2012, and ending December 28, 2013

Name of foundation
Ace Hardware Foundation

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
2200 Kensington Court; Attn: Tax Department

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Oak Brook, IL 60523

G Check all that apply
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return
☐ Address change
☐ Initial return of a former public charity
☐ Amended return
☐ Name change

H Check type of organization
☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust
☐ Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) **\$ 682,720**
J Accounting method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
☐ Other (specify) _____
 (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

A Employer identification number
36-3820478

B Telephone number (see instructions)
(630) 990-6600

C If exemption application is pending check here ☐

D 1 Foreign organizations check here ☐
 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test check here and attach computation ☐

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A) check here ☐

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B) check here ☒

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)	5,982,765			
	2 Check ☒ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	9 Income modifications				
	10 a 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)				
	12 Total Add lines 1 through 11	5,982,765	0	0	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	18,121			18,121
	22 Printing and publications	36,804			36,804
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule) Stmt 1	1,796,586			1,796,586
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,851,511	0	0	1,851,511
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	4,368,738			4,368,738
	26 Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25	6,220,249	0	0	6,220,249
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-237,484			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		0		
	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 (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
				(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing		338,549	500,198	500,198
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			0	
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			0	
	5	Grants receivable				
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			0	
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges				
	10 a	Investments - U S and state government obligations (attach schedule) .				
	b	Investments - corporate stock (attach schedule)				
	c	Investments - corporate bonds (attach schedule)				
	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			0	
	12	Investments - mortgage loans				
	13	Investments - other (attach schedule)				
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			0	
15	Other assets (describe ▶ See Statement 2)	568,573	182,522	182,522		
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	907,122	682,720	682,720		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	117,418	130,500		
	18	Grants payable				
	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons .				
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)				
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)				
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	117,418	130,500		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.					
	24	Unrestricted				
	25	Temporarily restricted	789,704	552,220		
	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 instructions)	789,704	552,220		
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	907,122	682,720		

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	789,704
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-237,484
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	552,220
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	552,220

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

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))
2012	4,424,777	772,285	5.7295
2011	5,685,752	889,654	6.3910
2010	2,175,475	406,829	5.3474
2009	2,114,332	645,608	3.2749
2008	2,318,071	2,016,399	1.1496
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			21.8924
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			4.3785
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2013 from Part X, line 5			1,248,418
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5,466,198
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			0
7 Add lines 5 and 6			5,466,198
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			6,220,249

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	
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	0
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	0
6 Credits/Payments			
a 2013 estimated tax payments and 2012 overpayment credited to 2013	6a	15	
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	0	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7		15
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		0
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		15
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2014 estimated tax ☒ 15 Refunded ☐ 11	11		0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the 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 N/A		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 N/A		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? N/A		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T. See Schedule II	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) ☒ Illinois		
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 2013 or the taxable year beginning in 2013 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV. N/A		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses. N/A		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions).	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address <u>N/A</u>	13	X	
14	The books are in care of <u>Daniel J. Ricci</u> Telephone no <u>(630) 990-6600</u> Located at <u>2200 Kensington Court; Oak Brook, IL</u> ZIP+4 <u>60523-2100</u>			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	15		
16	At any time during calendar year 2013, 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 <u> </u>	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)? ^{N/A} ☐ Yes ☒ No Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here <u> </u>	1b	X
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2013?	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 2013, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2013? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years <u> </u>		
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement - see instructions)	2b	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <u> </u>		
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 2013 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 2013) ^{N/A} ☐ Yes ☒ No	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 2013?	4b	X

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)? ^{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? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No **6b** X

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? ^{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 (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 Attached Schedule III		0	0	0

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE		0	0	0

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ☐ 0

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

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
None		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶		

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc	Expenses
1 <u>Golf Outing</u>	579,808
2 <u>Hawaii Shootout</u>	264,984
3 <u>Dealer Fundraisers</u>	163,342
4 <u>Ace Shows</u>	107,490

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 <u>N/A</u>	0
2 <u>N/A</u>	0
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3 <u>N/A</u>	0
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	0

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	1,267,429
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	1,267,429
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	1,267,429
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	19,011
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4.	5	1,248,418
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	62,421

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	62,421
2a	Tax on investment income for 2013 from Part VI, line 5	2a	0
b	Income tax for 2013 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	0
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	62,421
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	62,421
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	62,421

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	6,220,249
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	6,220,249
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	6,220,249

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 2012	(c) 2012	(d) 2013
1 Distributable amount for 2013 from Part XI, line 7				62,421
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2013				
a Enter amount for 2012 only				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2013				
a From 2008 2,217,929				
b From 2009 2,082,063				
c From 2010 2,155,134				
d From 2011 5,641,299				
e From 2012 4,386,185				
f Total of lines 3a through e	16,482,610			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2013 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 6,220,249				
a Applied to 2012, but not more than line 2a . . .				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)				
d Applied to 2013 distributable amount				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus . .				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2013 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	6,157,828			62,421
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	10,324,782			
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				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount - see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2012 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount - see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2013 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2014				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 2008 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions) . . .				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2014. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	10,324,782			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2009 2,082,063				
b Excess from 2010 2,155,134				
c Excess from 2011 5,641,299				
d Excess from 2012 4,386,185				
e Excess from 2013 6,157,828				

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

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2013, 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)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2013	(b) 2012	(c) 2011	(d) 2010	
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	0	0	0	0	0
b 85% of line 2a	0	0	0	0	0
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					0
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					0
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c	0	0	0	0	0
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test - enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					0
b "Endowment" alternative test - enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					0
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)					0
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					0
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					0
(4) Gross investment income					0

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 address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

Jimmy Alexander, 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523 (630) 990-6600

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

Name and purpose of charitable organization, contact person, reason why funds are being requested

c Any submission deadlines

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

Only organizations qualifying under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code

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				
Children's Miracle Network 4525 S. 2300 East, Suite 202 Salt Lake City, UT 84117	N/A	Public	Children's Medical Care	4,335,909
American Red Cross 2025 E. Street, NW Washington, DC 20006	N/A	Public	Natural Disaster Relief	32,829
Total			3a	4,368,738
b Approved for future payment				
N/A				
Total			3b	0

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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

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

[illegible]

- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

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

**Sign
Here**

Signature of officer or trustee

8/4/2014
Date

VP & TREASURER

Title

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

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date

Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
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Firm's name Firm's EIN

Firm's address ►

Phone no

Form 872-B (Rev. July 2003)	Consent to Extend the Time to Assess Miscellaneous Excise Taxes	In reply refer to Taxpayer Identification Number 36-3820478
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Ace Hardware Foundation, taxpayer(s)
(Name(s))

of 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523-2013 and the
(Number, Street, City or Town, State, ZIP Code)

Commissioner of Internal Revenue consent and agree to the following:

(1) The amount of liability for Excise tax, imposed on the taxpayer(s) by
(Kind)

section 4940 of the Internal Revenue Code due for the period 1/1/2010 - 12/31/2014
(Internal Revenue Code, Revenue Act, etc.)

may be assessed at any time on or before 05/15/2019
(Expiration date)

(2) The collection provisions and limitations now in effect will also apply to any tax assessed within the extended period.

(3) The taxpayer(s) may file a claim for credit or refund and the Service may credit or refund the tax within 6 months after this agreement ends.

**MAKING THIS CONSENT WILL NOT DEPRIVE THE TAXPAYER(S) OF ANY APPEAL
RIGHTS TO WHICH THEY WOULD OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED.**

YOUR SIGNATURE HERE → _____ (Date signed)

TAXPAYER'S REPRESENTATIVE

SIGN HERE → _____ (Date signed)

CORPORATE NAME → Ace Hardware Foundation

CORPORATE OFFICER(S) SIGN HERE → Eric D. Farn Vice President 12/28/09
(Title) (Date signed)

→ _____ (Title) (Date signed)

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE SIGNATURE AND TITLE

BY Robert Choi (Division Executive Name - see instructions) (Division Executive Title - see instructions)
(Authorized Official Signature and Title - see instructions)

APR 10 2010
(Date signed)

ACE HARDWARE FOUNDATION**EIN # 36-3820478****TAX YEAR: 12/30/2012 - 12/28/2013****SCHEDULE OF INFORMATION FOR FORM 990-PF****SCHEDULE I**

Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Page 1

Line 23, Other Expenses

State Filing Fees	15
Management and General	271,438
Program Expense	<u>1,525,133</u>
Total	<u><u>1,796,586</u></u>

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Page 2

Line 15, Other Assets, Beginning

Intercompany Receivables	380,191
Other Account Receivables	153,495
Other Current Assets	<u>34,887</u>
	<u><u>568,573</u></u>

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Page 2

Line 15, Other Assets, Ending

Intercompany Receivables	122,297
Other Account Receivables	14,770
Other Current Assets	<u>45,455</u>
	<u><u>182,522</u></u>

ACE HARDWARE FOUNDATION

EIN # 36-3820478

TAX YEAR: 12/30/2012 - 12/28/2013

SCHEDULE OF INFORMATION FOR FORM 990-PF

SCHEDULE II

Ace Hardware Foundation has filed to terminate its private foundation status under section 507(b)(1)(B) under the Internal Revenue Code during a 60 month period beginning January 1, 2010. Ace Hardware Foundation intends to operate as an organization described in sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Code during the 60 month period.

**ACE HARDWARE FOUNDATION
2200 KENSINGTON COURT
OAK BROOK, IL 60523**

OFFICERS

Jimmy Alexander	President 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523
Peter M Ting	Vice President and Treasurer 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523
Jeffrey A Klos	Assistant Treasurer 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523
Howard E Japlon	Secretary 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523
William M Christou	Assistant Secretary 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523
Kerilyn M Johnson	Assistant Secretary 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523
Ayesha Awan	Assistant Secretary 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523

DIRECTORS

Jimmy Alexander	2200 Kensington Court Oak Brook, IL 60523
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John S Venhuizen	2200 Kensington Court Oak Brook, IL 60523

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No 1545-1709

► File a separate application for each return
► Information about Form 8868 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form8868

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box ☒ **X**
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form)

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

Electronic filing (e-file). You can electronically file Form 8868 if you need a 3-month automatic extension of time to file (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T), or an additional (not automatic) 3-month extension of time. You can electronically file Form 8868 to request an extension of time to file any of the forms listed in Part I or Part II with the exception of Form 8870, Information Return for Transfers Associated With Certain Personal Benefit Contracts, which must be sent to the IRS in paper format (see instructions). For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed)

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete

Part I only ☐

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

Type or print	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions	Employer identification number (EIN) or
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Ace Hardware Foundation	36-3820478
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions	Social security number (SSN)
	2200 Kensington Court; Attn: Tax Department	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions	
	Oak Brook, IL 60523	

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) 0 4

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01	Form 990-T (corporation)	07
Form 990-BL	02	Form 1041-A	08
Form 4720 (individual)	03	Form 4720 (other than individual)	09
Form 990-PF	04	Form 5227	10
Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	05	Form 6069	11
Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

- The books are in the care of ► Daniel Ricci, 2200 Kensington Court, Oak Brook, IL 60523

Telephone No ► (630) 990-6596 FAX No ► (630) 928-9272

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐ If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until August 15, 2014, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
► ☐ calendar year 2013 or
► ☒ tax year beginning December 30, 2012, and ending December 28, 2013

2 If the tax year entered in line 1 is for less than 12 months, check reason ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return
☐ Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions	3a \$	0.00
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b \$	15.00
c Balance due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions	3c \$	0.00

Caution If you are going to make an electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see instructions

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- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box ☐ **Note** Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** (on page 1)

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed)

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of exempt organization or other filer, see instructions		Enter filer's identifying number, see instructions	
	Ace Hardware Foundation		Employer identification number (EIN) or	
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions		36-3820478	
	2200 Kensington Court, Attn: Tax Department		Social security number (SSN)	
	City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions			
	Oak Brook, IL 60523			

Enter the Return code for the return that this application is for (file a separate application for each return) ☐ ☐

Application Is For	Return Code	Application Is For	Return Code
Form 990 or Form 990-EZ	01		
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Form 990-T (trust other than above)	06	Form 8870	12

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in the care of ☐ Telephone No. ☐ Fax No. ☐
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box ☐
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) ☐ If this is for the whole group, check this box ☐ If it is for part of the group, check this box ☐ and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for
- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until ☐ , 20 ☐
- 5 For calendar year ☐ , or other tax year beginning ☐ , 20 ☐ , and ending ☐ , 20 ☐
- 6 If the tax year entered in line 5 is for less than 12 months, check reason ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension ☐

8a	If this application is for Forms 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a	\$
b	If this application is for Forms 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b	\$
c	Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c	\$

Signature and Verification must be completed for Part II only.

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature ☐ Title ☐ VP and Treasurer Date ☐ 05/06/2014

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