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Form

990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation

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

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2014

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For calendar year 2014, or tax year beginning 01-01-2014, and ending 12-31-2014

Name of foundation THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET C/O FROM THE TOP		A Employer identification number 04-3539095	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 295 HUNTINGTON AVENUE NO 201		B Telephone number (see instructions) (781) 356-2719	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BOSTON, MA 02115		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
G Check all that apply <div><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Name change</div>		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/> E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$ 2,953,399		J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)				
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	1,237	1,237		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities.	45,893	45,893		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	104,455			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 716,121				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) . . .		104,455		
	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) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 36,461	36,461		
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	188,046	188,046		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0		0
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8,800	4,400		4,400
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5,125	5,125		0
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . .	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2,200	0		0
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4,329	2,265		2,064
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	20,454	11,790		6,464
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	111,596			111,596
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	132,050	11,790		118,060
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	55,996			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		176,256		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

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	35,833	6,665	6,665
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	72,175	30,872	30,876
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	994,295	1,202,535	2,136,036
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule).	357,311	382,391	580,726
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans	81,822		
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)	243,752	184,470	199,096
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	0	34,251	0	
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	1,785,188	1,841,184	2,953,399	
Liabilities	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 (attach schedule)			
	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 ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.				
	24	Unrestricted	1,785,188	1,841,184	
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.				
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	1,785,188	1,841,184	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) . . .	1,785,188	1,841,184	

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)	11785188
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	55996
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	0
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	1841184
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	0
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	1841184

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	See Additional Data Table			
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	See Additional Data Table		
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(I) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a	See Additional Data Table		
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	104,455
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	

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 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))
2013	125,743	2,535,695	0 049589
2012	113,958	2,362,285	0 048241
2011	125,002	2,343,974	0 053329
2010	101,022	2,172,234	0 046506
2009	66,464	1,879,759	0 035358

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	0 233023
3	Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0 046605
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2014 from Part X, line 5.	4	2,912,383
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	135,732
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	1,763
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	137,495
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	118,060

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 page 18 of the instructions)

1a		Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1			
b		Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		13,525	
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-)		20	
3		Add lines 1 and 2.		3,525	
4		Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		0	
5		Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		3,525	
6		Credits/Payments			
a		2014 estimated tax payments and 2013 overpayment credited to 2014		6a	1,847
b		Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source		6b	
c		Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)		6c	2,500
d		Backup withholding erroneously withheld		6d	
7		Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.		7	4,347
8		Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached.		8	2
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	820
11		Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>		11	0

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities

1a		During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		1a		No
b		Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?		1b		No
		If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities.				
c		Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		1c		No
d		Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0 (2) On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0				
e		Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0				
2		Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS?		2		No
		If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.				
3		Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		3		No
4a		Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		4a	Yes	
b		If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		4b	Yes	
5		Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?		5		No
		If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.				
6		Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either				
		• By language in the governing instrument, or				
		• By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?		6		No
7		Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.		7	Yes	
8a		Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> MA				
b		If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation .		8b	Yes	
9		Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2014 or the taxable year beginning in 2014 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		9		No
10		Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.		10		No

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities *(continued)*

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	Yes	
Website address N/A				
14	The books are in care of GERALD SLAVET Telephone no (781) 356-2719 Located at 220 FORBES ROAD BRAINTREE MA ZIP+4 02184			
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 2014, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16	Yes	No
See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes", enter the name of the foreign country				

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.			Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly) (1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? Yes No (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?. Yes No (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? Yes No (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? Yes No (5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?. Yes No (6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). Yes No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.	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 2014?.	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2014, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2014?. If "Yes," list the years 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions).	2b		
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here 20 , 20 , 20 , 20			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?. Yes No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2014 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 2014.).	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2014?	4b		No

Part VII-B

Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to				
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc , organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?		5b		
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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		6b		No
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.				
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?		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
GERALD SLAVET	TRUSTEE	0	0	0
15 WINTHROP ROAD WELLESLEY, MA 02181	1 00			
SUSAN F SLAVET	TRUSTEE	0	0	0
15 WINTHROP ROAD WELLESLEY, MA 02181	1 00			
2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."				
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000.				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.		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	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B

Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
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	2,864,751
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	91,983
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	2,956,734
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	2,956,734
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	44,351
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	2,912,383
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	145,619

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	145,619
2a	Tax on investment income for 2014 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	3,525
b	Income tax for 2014 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	210
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	3,735
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	141,884
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	141,884
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	141,884

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	118,060
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	118,060
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	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	118,060

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 2013	(c) 2013	(d) 2014
1 Distributable amount for 2014 from Part XI, line 7				141,884
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2014				
a Enter amount for 2013 only.			0	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014				
a From 2009.				
b From 2010.				
c From 2011. 7				
d From 2012.				
e From 2013. 3,201				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	3,208			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2014 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 118,060				
a Applied to 2013, 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 2014 distributable amount.				118,060
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2014 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	3,208			3,208
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	0			
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 2013 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015				20,616
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2009 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . . .	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2010. . . .				
b Excess from 2011. . . .				
c Excess from 2012. . . .				
d Excess from 2013. . . .				
e Excess from 2014. . . .				

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

1a

If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2014, enter the date of the ruling.

b

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

☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2a	Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
		(a) 2014	(b) 2013	(c) 2012	(d) 2011	
b	85% of line 2a					
c	Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d	Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e	Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3	Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a	"Assets" alternative test—enter					
	(1) Value of all assets					
	(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b	"Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed. . .					
c	"Support" alternative test—enter					
	(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties).					
	(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).					
	(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
	(4) Gross investment income					

Part XVSupplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1

Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a

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

See Additional Data Table

b

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

2

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

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

a

The name, address, and telephone number or email address 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	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			3a	111,596
b Approved for future payment				
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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95	96
97	98
99	100

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

[illegible]

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

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule		
(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

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	*****	2016-03-15	*****	May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instr)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Signature of officer or trustee	Date	Title	

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name EDWARD MCNEIL	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PTIN P00090108
	Firm's name <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COHNREZNICK LLP			Firm's EIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 22-1478099	
	Firm's address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ONE BOSTON PLACE SUITE 500 BOSTON, MA 02108			Phone no (617) 648-1400	

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns a - d

(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)
US TRUST - SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAIN			
US TRUST - LONG TERM CAPITAL GAIN			
FROM K-1 ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS 1231 GAIN	P		
FROM K-1 KKR & CO - SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAIN	P		
FROM K-1 KKR & CO - LONG TERM CAPITAL GAIN	P		
FROM K-1 KKR & CO 1231 GAIN	P		
FROM K-1 OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT - SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAIN	P		
FROM K-1 OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT - LONG TERM CAPITAL GAIN	P		

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns e - h

(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)
254,202		246,936	7,266
455,382		364,718	90,664
41			41
92			92
6,394			6,394
10			10
		3	-3
		9	-9


Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns i - l

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	
			7,266
			90,664
			41
			92
			6,394
			10
			-3
			-9


Form 990PF Part XV Line 1a - 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).

GERALD SLAVET
SUSAN F SLAVET

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
30-MILE RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION PO BOX 132 MOUNT VERNON,ME 04352	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	3,500
BOSTON LYRIC OPERA COMPANY 11 AVE DE LAFAYETTE BOSTON,MA 02111	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
PAIR PROJECT 254 FRIEND STREET 5TH FLOOR BOSTON,MA 02114	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
WBUR 890 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE BOSTON,MA 02215	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
ACTORS SHAKESPEARE PROJECT 191 HIGHLAND AVENUE SUITE 2B SOMERVILLE,MA 02143	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL 5 PENN PLAZA NEWYORK,NY 10001	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE 605 THIRD AVENUE NEWYORK,NY 10158	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
BOSTON JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL 123 GOULD STREET NEEDHAM,MA 02494	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
BOSTON JEWISH MUSIC FESTIVAL 123 GOULD STREET NEEDHAM,MA 02494	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	5,258
BOWDOIN COLLEGE 4000 COLLEGE STATION BRUNSWICK,ME 04011	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
DAMON RUNYAN CANCER RESEARCH FUND ONE EXCHANGE PLAZA 55 BROADWAY SUITE 302 NEWYORK,NY 10006	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	588
DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS 333 SEVENTH AVENUE 2ND FLOOR NEWYORK,NY 10001	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	500
FROM THE TOP 295 HUNTINGTON AVENUE SUITE 201 BOSTON,MA 02115	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	79,000
HOUSES ON THE MOON THEATER COMPANY PO BOX 247 PLANETARIUM STATION NEWYORK,NY 10024	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
MAINE PUBLIC BROADCASTING 63 TEXAS AVE BANGOR,ME 04401	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	1,250
Total  3a				111,596

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
MOUNT VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT 7 BELGRADE ROAD MT VERNON, ME 04352	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	60
NATIONAL CENTER FOR JEWISH FILM BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY LOWN 102 MS053 WALTHAM, MA 04364	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
OXFAM 226 CAUSEWAY STREET 5TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02114	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
PARKER POND ASSOCIATON 321 TOWER ROAD VIENNA, ME 04360	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	62
PLAY ON PHILLY 4501 CHESTNUT ST PHILADELPHIA, PA 19139	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	100
PAN-MASS CHALLENGE 77 4TH AVENUE NEEDHAM, MA 02494	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	200
TEMPLE BETH ELOHIM 10 BETHAL ROAD WELLESLEY, MA 02481	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	8,910
WGBH ONE GUEST STREET BOSTON, MA 02135	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	200
BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA 301 MASSACHUSETTS AVE BOSTON, MA 02115	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	1,288
HEBREW SENIOR LIFE 1200 CENTRE STREET ROSLINDALE, MA 02131	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
NEW REPERTORY THEATRE 200 DEXTER AVE 7 WATERTOWN, MA 02472	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	200
NEW ENGLAND PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA 1600 PROVIDENCE HWY WALPOLE, MA 02081	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMOT PURPOSE	200
THE VILNA SHUL BOSTON CENTER FOR JEWISH CULTURE 18 PHILLIPS STREET BOSTON, MA 02114	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	250
NYAKA AIDS ORPHANS PROJECT 2970 E LAKE LANSING ROAD EAST LANSING, MI 48823	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS EXEMPT PURPOSE	5,530
Total  3a				111,596

TY 2014 Accounting Fees Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING	8,800	4,400		4,400

**TY 2014 Investments Corporate
Bonds Schedule**

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COLUMBIA BOND FUND	294,311	492,966
DOUBLELINE TOTAL RETURN	88,080	87,760

TY 2014 Investments Corporate
Stock Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP
EIN: 04-3539095

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
BORG WAGNER INC	37,955	76,930
CBS CORP	25,064	77,686
STARBUCKS CORP	37,833	57,435
ANHEUSER BUSCH INBEV SA	31,831	61,776
CVS HEALTH CORP	35,667	77,048
ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS LP	936	46,956
HALLIBURTON CO	33,657	39,330
SCHLUMBERGER LTD	13,621	34,324
BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY INC	30,065	52,553
CAPITAL ONE FINL CORP	39,491	57,785
DISCOVER FINL SVCS	14,590	65,490
MORGAN STANLEY	26,635	46,560
OCH-ZIFF CAP MGMT GROUP	55,194	52,560
RENAISSANCERE HOLDINGS LTD	28,359	58,332
WELLS FARGO & CO	37,072	60,302
ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC	9,554	51,808
CELGENE CORP	26,757	89,488
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	48,184	73,199
NOVO-NORDISK A S ADR	7,994	63,480
ROCHE HLDG LTD	37,560	54,325
DOVER CORP	26,412	50,204
UNITED RENTALS INC	40,230	102,010
APPLE INC	62,054	115,899
FACEBOOK INC	48,613	140,436
TE CONNECTIVITY LTD	34,785	63,250
HOME DEPOT INC	46,568	52,485
CHURCH & DWIGHT INC	47,723	55,167
CARDINAL HEALTH INC	45,289	48,643
GILEAD SCIENCES INC	41,188	56,556
ACCENTURE PLC	43,546	49,121

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
EMC CORP	47,492	47,765
KNOWLES CORP	5,208	8,243
SERVICENOW INC	46,875	54,280
AES CORP	42,885	41,310
AMERICAN WTR WKS CO INC	45,648	53,300

TY 2014 Investments - Other Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Category / Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
KKR & CO LP	AT COST	53,397	71,951
COLUMBIA EMERGING MARKETS FUND	AT COST	72,240	69,300
HITACHI	AT COST	58,833	57,845

TY 2014 Other Assets Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
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EIN: 04-3539095

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
CONTRIBUTIONS PAID IN		34,251	

TY 2014 Other Expenses Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ADMINISTRATIVE FEES	4,129	2,065		2,064
MA FILING FEES	200	200		0

TY 2014 Other Income Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
FROM K-1 ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS PARTNERS,L P	484	484	484
FROM K-1 KKR & CO LP	-566	-566	-566
FROM K-1 OCH-ZIFF CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC	2,292	2,292	2,292
FROM US TRUST	34,251	34,251	34,251

TY 2014 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
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EIN: 04-3539095

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT FEES	5,125	5,125		0

TY 2014 Taxes Schedule

Name: THE GESS FOUNDATION MR GERALD SLAVET
C/O FROM THE TOP

EIN: 04-3539095

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FEDERAL EXCISE TAXES	2,200	0		0