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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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OMB No 1545-0052

**2015**

**Open to Public Inspection**

**For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015**

Name of foundation Joel E Smilow Charitable Trust		<b>A Employer identification number</b> 06-6299809
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 830 Post Road East Suite 105		<b>B Telephone number (see instructions)</b> (203) 221-3068
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Westport, CT 06880		<b>C</b> If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>G</b> Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		<b>D 1.</b> Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> <b>2.</b> Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>H</b> 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		<b>E</b> If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I</b> Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) <b>\$</b> 5,454,228	<b>J</b> 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.)	<b>F</b> If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses</b> <i>(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))</i>		Revenue and expenses per books <b>(a)</b>	Net investment income <b>(b)</b>	Adjusted net income <b>(c)</b>	Disbursements for charitable purposes <b>(d)</b> (cash basis only)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	<b>2</b> Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is <b>not</b> required to attach Sch B				
	<b>3</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	27,093	27,093		
	<b>4</b> Dividends and interest from securities	52,558	52,558		
	<b>5a</b> Gross rents				
	<b>b</b> Net rental income or (loss)				
	<b>6a</b> Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	39,187			
	<b>b</b> Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 657,440				
	<b>7</b> Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		39,187		
	<b>8</b> Net short-term capital gain				
	<b>9</b> Income modifications				
	<b>10a</b> Gross sales less returns and allowances				
<b>b</b> Less Cost of goods sold					
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
<b>11</b> Other income (attach schedule)	1,372	1,372			
<b>12 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 11	120,210	120,210			
<b>Operating and Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0		0
	<b>14</b> Other employee salaries and wages				
	<b>15</b> Pension plans, employee benefits				
	<b>16a</b> Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	<b>b</b> Accounting fees (attach schedule)	4,500	2,250		2,250
	<b>c</b> Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	<b>17</b> Interest				
	<b>18</b> Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)				
	<b>19</b> Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	<b>20</b> Occupancy				
	<b>21</b> Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	<b>22</b> Printing and publications				
	<b>23</b> Other expenses (attach schedule)				
	<b>24 Total operating and administrative expenses.</b> Add lines 13 through 23	4,500	2,250		2,250
	<b>25</b> Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,818,200			1,818,200
<b>26 Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25	1,822,700	2,250		1,820,450	
<b>27</b> Subtract line 26 from line 12					
<b>a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements</b>	-1,702,490				
<b>b Net investment income</b> (if negative, enter -0-)		117,960			
<b>c Adjusted net income</b> (if negative, enter -0-)					

<b>Part II Balance Sheets</b>		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		
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b>	Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .		5,532,475		
	<b>2</b>	Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .			4,448,238	4,448,238
	<b>3</b>	Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____				
	<b>4</b>	Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____				
	<b>5</b>	Grants receivable . . . . .				
	<b>6</b>	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions). . . . .				
	<b>7</b>	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____				
	<b>8</b>	Inventories for sale or use . . . . .				
	<b>9</b>	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .				
	<b>10a</b>	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)		269,728	269,728	308,213
	<b>b</b>	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule) . . . . .		1,514,681	896,428	697,777
	<b>c</b>	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule) . . . . .				
	<b>11</b>	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____				
	<b>12</b>	Investments—mortgage loans. . . . .				
	<b>13</b>	Investments—other (attach schedule) . . . . .				
	<b>14</b>	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____				
<b>15</b>	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)					
<b>16</b>	<b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)		7,316,884	5,614,394	5,454,228	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b>	Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .				
	<b>18</b>	Grants payable . . . . .				
	<b>19</b>	Deferred revenue . . . . .				
	<b>20</b>	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	<b>21</b>	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule). . . . .				
	<b>22</b>	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)				
	<b>23</b>	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22) . . . . .		0	0	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b>					
	<b>24</b>	Unrestricted . . . . .		7,316,884	5,614,394	
	<b>25</b>	Temporarily restricted . . . . .				
	<b>26</b>	Permanently restricted . . . . .				
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 31.</b>					
	<b>27</b>	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .				
	<b>28</b>	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund				
	<b>29</b>	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	<b>30</b>	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .		7,316,884	5,614,394	
<b>31</b>	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .		7,316,884	5,614,394		

<b>Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>		
<b>1</b>	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) . . . . .	<b>1</b> 7,316,884
<b>2</b>	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a . . . . .	<b>2</b> -1,702,490
<b>3</b>	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	<b>3</b> 0
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1, 2, and 3 . . . . .	<b>4</b> 5,614,394
<b>5</b>	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	<b>5</b> 0
<b>6</b>	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 . . . . .	<b>6</b> 5,614,394

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, <b>(a)</b> 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		How acquired <b>(b)</b> P—Purchase D—Donation	Date acquired <b>(c)</b> (mo, day, yr)	Date sold <b>(d)</b> (mo, day, yr)
<b>1 a</b>	24,700 Public Storage Pfd	P	2010-11-11	2015-10-07
<b>b</b>	Silverpoint Capital - Capital gain distributions	P		
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b>				

<b>(e)</b> Gross sales price	<b>(f)</b> Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	<b>(g)</b> Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	<b>(h)</b> Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
<b>a</b> 617,500		618,253	-753
<b>b</b> 39,940			39,940
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			<b>(l)</b> Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
<b>(i)</b> FMV as of 12/31/69	<b>(j)</b> Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	<b>(k)</b> Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
<b>a</b>			-753
<b>b</b>			39,940
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

<b>2</b>	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 }	<b>2</b>	39,187
<b>3</b>	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		}	<b>3</b>

**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

<b>(a)</b> Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	<b>(b)</b> Adjusted qualifying distributions	<b>(c)</b> Net value of noncharitable-use assets	<b>(d)</b> Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2014	992,816	7,631,279	0.130098
2013	2,295,276	8,260,855	0.277850
2012	17,622,520	18,814,519	0.936645
2011	3,437,721	22,683,729	0.151550
2010	3,202,003	30,631,614	0.104533

<b>2</b>	Total of line 1, column (d).	<b>2</b>	1.600676
<b>3</b>	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	<b>3</b>	0.320135
<b>4</b>	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	<b>4</b>	6,351,382
<b>5</b>	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	<b>5</b>	2,033,300
<b>6</b>	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	<b>6</b>	1,180
<b>7</b>	Add lines 5 and 6.	<b>7</b>	2,034,480
<b>8</b>	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	<b>8</b>	1,820,450

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)**

<b>1a</b>	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ <b>(attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)</b>		
<b>b</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 . . . . .	<b>1</b>	2,359
<b>c</b>	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
<b>2</b>	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	<b>2</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Add lines 1 and 2. . . . .	<b>3</b>	2,359
<b>4</b>	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b>	<b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0- . . . . .	<b>5</b>	2,359
<b>6</b>	<b>Credits/Payments</b>		
<b>a</b>	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	<b>6a</b>	7,848
<b>b</b>	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868). . . . .	<b>6c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Backup withholding erroneously withheld . . . . .	<b>6d</b>	
<b>7</b>	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d. . . . .	<b>7</b>	7,848
<b>8</b>	Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Tax due.</b> If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter <b>amount owed</b> . . . . .	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Overpayment.</b> If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the <b>amount overpaid</b> . . . . .	<b>10</b>	5,489
<b>11</b>	Enter the amount of line 10 to be <b>Credited to 2015 estimated tax</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 5,489 <b>Refunded</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>11</b>	0

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> 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? . . . . .		No
<b>b</b> Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? . . . . . <i>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.</i>		No
<b>c</b> Did the foundation file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year? . . . . .		No
<b>d</b> Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year <b>(1)</b> On the foundation <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>0</u> <b>(2)</b> On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>0</u>		
<b>e</b> Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ <u>0</u>		
<b>2</b> Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? . . . . . <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.</i>		No
<b>3</b> 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? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i> . . . . .		No
<b>4a</b> Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? . . . . .		No
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year? . . . . .		
<b>5</b> Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? . . . . . <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i>		No
<b>6</b> 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? . . . . .	Yes	
<b>7</b> Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV.</i> . . . . .	Yes	
<b>8a</b> Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <input type="checkbox"/> CT		
<b>b</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? <i>If "No," attach explanation.</i>	Yes	
<b>9</b> 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 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i> . . . . .		No
<b>10</b> Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses.</i> . . . . .		No

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)**

<b>11</b>	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).	<b>11</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>12</b>	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)	<b>12</b>		<b>No</b>
<b>13</b>	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address <b>N/A</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>14</b>	The books are in care of <b>Mr Joel E Smilow</b> Telephone no <b>(203) 221-3068</b> Located at <b>830 Post Road East-Suite 105 Westport CT</b> ZIP+4 <b>06880</b>			
<b>15</b>	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of <b>Form 1041</b> —Check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <b>15</b>			
<b>16</b>	At any time during calendar year 2015, 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 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	<b>16</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

**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.**

		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>1a</b>	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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? ( <b>Exception.</b> 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) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>b</b>	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did <b>any</b> 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)? <input type="checkbox"/> Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>1b</b>	
<b>c</b>	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 2015?	<b>1c</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>2</b>	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))		
<b>a</b>	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____		
<b>b</b>	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is <b>not</b> 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 <b>all</b> years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions)	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to <b>any</b> of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____, <b>20</b> ____		
<b>3a</b>	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? ( <i>Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.</i> )	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4a</b>	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	<b>4a</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>b</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 2015?	<b>4b</b>	<b>No</b>

**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 4945(d)(4)(A)? (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)?  Yes  No  
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  
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?  Yes  No

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

**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
Joel E Smillow 830 Post Road East Suite 105 Westport, CT 06880	Manager 0 00	0	0	0
Deborah Berger 830 Post Road East Suite 105 Westport, CT 06880	Trustee 0 00	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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) 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
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	

**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
<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
All other program-related investments. See instructions	
<b>3</b>	

**Total.** Add lines 1 through 3. . . . . 0

**Part X Minimum Investment Return**

(All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities. . . . .	<b>1a</b>	1,679,405
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances. . . . .	<b>1b</b>	4,768,699
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions). . . . .	<b>1c</b>	0
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c). . . . .	<b>1d</b>	6,448,104
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation). . . . .	<b>1e</b>	0
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets. . . . .	<b>2</b>	0
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d. . . . .	<b>3</b>	6,448,104
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). . . . .	<b>4</b>	96,722
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	6,351,382
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5. . . . .	<b>6</b>	317,569

**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.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6. . . . .	<b>1</b>	317,569
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5. . . . .	<b>2a</b>	2,359
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI ). . . . .	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b. . . . .	<b>2c</b>	2,359
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1. . . . .	<b>3</b>	315,210
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions. . . . .	<b>4</b>	0
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4. . . . .	<b>5</b>	315,210
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions). . . . .	<b>6</b>	0
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount</b> as adjusted Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1. . . . .	<b>7</b>	315,210

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes		
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc —total from Part I, column (d), line 26. . . . .	<b>1a</b>	1,820,450
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B. . . . .	<b>1b</b>	0
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc , purposes. . . . .	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required). . . . .	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule). . . . .	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	1,820,450
<b>5</b>	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). . . . .	<b>5</b>	0
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4. . . . .	<b>6</b>	1,820,450

**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 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				315,210
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2014 only.			0	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___		0		
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
<b>a</b> From 2010.	1,718,450			
<b>b</b> From 2011.	2,312,615			
<b>c</b> From 2012.	16,687,615			
<b>d</b> From 2013.	1,887,543			
<b>e</b> From 2014.	613,404			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e.	23,219,627			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 $\blacktriangleright$ \$ 1,820,450				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			0	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).		0		
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).	0			
<b>d</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount.				315,210
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	1,505,240			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 <i>(If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)</i>				0
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	24,724,867			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.		0		
<b>c</b> 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		
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions.		0		
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions.			0	
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015.				0
<b>7</b> 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			
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).	1,718,450			
<b>9</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	23,006,417			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2011.	2,312,615			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2012.	16,687,615			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013.	1,887,543			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2014.	613,404			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2015.	1,505,240			

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

**1a** If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, 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)

**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			<b>(e) Total</b>
	<b>(a) 2015</b>	<b>(b) 2014</b>	<b>(c) 2013</b>	<b>(d) 2012</b>	
<b>b</b> 85% of line 2a . . . . .					
<b>c</b> Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed . . . . .					
<b>d</b> Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities . . . . .					
<b>e</b> Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities Subtract line 2d from line 2c . . . . .					
<b>3</b> Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
<b>a</b> "Assets" alternative test—enter					
<b>(1)</b> Value of all assets . . . . .					
<b>(2)</b> Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
<b>b</b> "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed. . . . .					
<b>c</b> "Support" alternative test—enter					
<b>(1)</b> Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties) . . . . .					
<b>(2)</b> Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii). . . . .					
<b>(3)</b> Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
<b>(4)</b> Gross investment income					

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

**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

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

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**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

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**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

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

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**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

**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)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				<b>3a</b> 1,818,200
<b>b</b> <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				<b>3b</b> 0





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

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i>				
A Better Chance of Westport Inc PO Box 2153 Westport, CT 06880		PC	General Operating Support	12,500
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American Liver Foundation 39 Broadway Suite 2700 New York, NY 10006		PC	General Operating Support	500
Barbara Sinatra Center 39000 Bob Hope Drive Rancho Mirage, CA 92270		PC	General Operating Support	250
Madison Square Boys & Girls Club 733 3rd Ave 200 New York, NY 10017		PC	General Operating Support	25,500
Boys & Girls Club of Lower Naugatuck One Positive Place Shelton, CT 06484		PC	General Operating Support	25,000
Caramoor Center for Music and Arts PO Box 816 Katonah, NY 10536		PC	General operating support	5,000
Jewish Family Services 325 Reef Road Fairfield, CT 06824		PC	General operating support	35,000
Desert Community Foundation 75-105 Merle Drive Suite 300 Palm Desert, CA 92211		PC	General operating support	350
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine 733 North Broadway Baltimore, MD 21205		PC	General Operating Support General Operating Support	10,000
Connecticut Council for Education Reform 195 Church St 7th Floor New Haven, CT 06510		PC	General operating support	10,000
Kaufman Music Center 129 West 67th Street New York, NY 10023		PC	General operating support	7,500
Eisenhower Medical Center 39000 Bob Hope Drive Rancho Mirage, CA 92270		PC	General Operating Support	25,500
McCallum Theater 73000 Fred Waring Drive Palm Desert, CA 92260		PC	General Operating Support	10,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio 600 SW 19th Street San Antonio, TX 78207		PC	General Operating Support	200,000
<b>Total . . . . .</b>			<b>3a</b>	1,818,200

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Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i>				
National Dance Institute 217 West 147th Street New York, NY 10039		PC	General operating support	750
National Parks Conservation Assoc 777 6th Street NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 200013723		PC	General Operating Support	500
NYU Langone Medical Center One Park Avenue 17th Floor New York, NY 10016		PC	General Operating Support	102,500
Palm Springs Friends of Philharmonic PO Box 12770 Palm Springs, CA 922582770		PC	General Operating Support	5,000
Philanthropy Roundtable 1730 M Street NW Suite 601 Washington, DC 20036		PC	General Operating Support	2,000
New York Philharmonic 10 Lincoln Center Plaza New York, NY 100236970		PC	General operating support	5,000
Israel Tennis Centers Foundation 3275 West Hillsboro Boulevard - Suite 102 Deerfiled Beach, FL 33442		PC	General operating support	25,000
Boys and Girls Clubs of Coachella Valley 42-600 Cook Street - Suite 120 Palm Desert, CA 92211		PC	General operating support	225,000
RePublic Schools 3307 Brick Church Pike Nashville, TN 37207		PC	General Operating support	650,000
Temple Israel 14 Coleytown Road Westport, CT 06880		PC	General Operating Support	2,500
The Jewish Museum 1109 5th Avenue New York, NY 10128		PC	General Operating Support	15,000
The Castleton Festival 7 Castleton Meadows Lane Castleton, VA 22716		PC	General operating support	1,000
The Southport Conservancy PO Box 744 Southport, CT 06890		PC	General operating support	1,000
USOC One Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909		PC	General operating support	75,000
The Metropolitan Museum of Art 1000 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10028		PC	General Operating Support	600
<b>Total . . . . .</b>			<b>3a</b>	1,818,200

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Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i>				
West Point Association of Graduates 698 Mills Road West Point, NY 10996		PC	General Operating Support	1,000
Westport Country Playhouse 25 Powers Court Westport, CT 06880		PC	General Operating Support	5,000
William F Buckley Jr Program at Yale 234 Church Street 7th Floor New Haven, CT 06510		PC	General Operating Support	500
African Parks Foundation of America PO Box 2262 New York, NY 10021		PC	General operating support	12,500
Yale School of Drama 1120 Chapel Street New Haven, CT 06511		PC	General operating support	2,500
Yale University 157 Church Street New Haven, CT 06510		PC	General Operating Support	15,000
Yankee Institute for Public Policy 800 Connecticut Blvd Suite 302 East Hartford, CT 06018		PC	General Operating Support	1,000
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission 47470 Van Buren St Indio, CA 92201		PC	General Operating Support	255,000
Morys Preservation Inc 306 York Street New Haven, CT 065113627		PC	General Operating Support	10,000
Smile Train 41 Madison Avenue 28th Floor New York, NY 10010		PC	General Operating Support	25,000
Best Friends Animal Society 5001 Angel Canyon Road Kanab, UT 84741		PC	General Operating Support	250
<b>Total . . . . .</b>			<b>3a</b>	1,818,200

## TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule

**Name:** Joel E Smilow Charitable Trust

**EIN:** 06-6299809

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Accounting fees	4,500	2,250		2,250

**TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule****Name:** Joel E Smilow Charitable Trust**EIN:** 06-6299809

<b>Name of Stock</b>	<b>End of Year Book Value</b>	<b>End of Year Fair Market Value</b>
5,845 Shs IShares Brazil	295,882	120,875
16,350 Shs IShares China Large-Cap ETF	600,546	576,902

## TY 2015 Investments Government Obligations Schedule

**Name:** Joel E Smilow Charitable Trust

**EIN:** 06-6299809

**US Government Securities - End of  
Year Book Value:** 269,728

**US Government Securities - End of  
Year Fair Market Value:** 308,213

**State & Local Government  
Securities - End of Year Book  
Value:** 0

**State & Local Government  
Securities - End of Year Fair  
Market Value:** 0

## TY 2015 Other Income Schedule

**Name:** Joel E Smilow Charitable Trust

**EIN:** 06-6299809

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
Securites litigation payments	1,372	1,372	1,372