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

Name of foundation THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 32-0037914
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 302 E BEARDSLEY AVE	Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (574) 264-0330
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ELKHART, IN 46514		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G 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		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <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		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) \$ 2,101,546	J Accounting method <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ <i>(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)</i>	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses <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 (a)	Net investment income (b)	Adjusted net income (c)	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	61,383			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	33,161	33,161	33,161	
	5a Gross rents	13,910	13,910	13,910	
	b Net rental income or (loss) <u>13,910</u>				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	106,018			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a <u>951,652</u>				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		106,018		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	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)	85,604	0	85,604		
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	300,076	153,089	132,675		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	73,686	0	0	73,686
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	126,891	0	0	200,577
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	1,519	0	0	1,519
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule).	9,373	4,686	0	4,687
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	27,936	10,223	0	17,713
	17 Interest	255	0	0	255
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	16,718	0	0	16,718
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	8,304	0	0	
	20 Occupancy	27,230	0	0	27,230
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	3,918	0	0	3,918
	22 Printing and publications	7,081	0	0	7,081
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule).	402,001	0	0	402,001
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	704,912	14,909	0	755,385
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	2,400			2,400
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	707,312	14,909	0	757,785	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-407,236				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		138,180			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			132,675		

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	9,039	12,272	12,272
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	27,328	3,404	3,404
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶ <u>12,000</u> Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	26,000	12,000	12,000
	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	9,395	8,623	8,623
	10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	576,194	392,500	437,235
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)	518,681	315,494	322,277
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ <u>418,668</u> Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ <u>198,299</u>	229,969	220,369	220,369
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	1,141,642	1,111,995	1,085,366	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	2,538,248	2,076,657	2,101,546	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	23,441	6,405	
	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)	23,441	6,405	
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	2,514,807	2,070,252	
	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)	2,514,807	2,070,252		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	2,538,248	2,076,657		

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	2,514,807
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-407,236
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	16,466
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	2,124,037
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	53,785
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	2,070,252

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, (a) 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)		How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation (b)	Date acquired (c) (mo, day, yr)	Date sold (d) (mo, day, yr)
1 a	KEYBANK ST GAINS	P	2015-01-01	2015-12-31
b	KEYBANK LT GAINS	P	2015-01-01	2015-12-31
c	ECCF REALIZED GAINS	P	2014-01-01	2015-12-31
d	KEYBANK OTHER LTG NOT REPORTED ELSEWHERE	P	2013-01-01	2015-12-31
e				

(e) Gross sales price	Depreciation allowed (f) (or allowable)	Cost or other basis (g) plus expense of sale	Gain or (loss) (h) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 335,023		339,728	-4,705
b 608,741		505,906	102,835
c 6,078			6,078
d 1,810			1,810
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h)) (l)
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	
a			-4,705
b			102,835
c			6,078
d			1,810
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	106,018
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))
2014	447,978	1,324,319	0.338270
2013	472,064	1,403,312	0.336393
2012	603,926	1,540,226	0.392102
2011	532,687	1,816,161	0.293304
2010	416,665	2,045,055	0.203743

2	Total of line 1, column (d).	2	1.563812
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	0.312762
4	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	1,036,516
5	Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	324,183
6	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	1,382
7	Add lines 5 and 6.	7	325,565
8	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	757,785

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)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculation. Includes categories like 'Exempt operating foundations', 'Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements', and 'Tax based on investment income'. Total amount owed is 815.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Includes questions about influencing legislation, political purposes, unrelated business income, and substantial contributors. Includes Yes/No columns.

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? Website address ► WWW.RUTHMERE.ORG	13		No
14 The books are in care of ► RUTHMERE HEADQUARTERS Telephone no ► (574) 264-0330 Located at ► 302 E BEARDSLEY AVE ELKHART IN ZIP+4 ► 46514			
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		<input type="checkbox"/>
16 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 ►	16	Yes	No

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? <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? (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). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. ► <input type="checkbox"/>	1b		No
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 2015?	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 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 ► 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). 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 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>).	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 2015?	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))? 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 **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** **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 **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	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
See Additional Data Table				

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	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
NONE				

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

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)

Part VIII

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 RUTHMERE MUSEUM AND HAVILAH BEARDSLEY HOUSE	747,699
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	1,026,278
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	26,023
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	1,052,301
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	1,052,301
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	15,785
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	1,036,516
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	51,826

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	
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	
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	

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	757,785
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	757,785
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	1,382
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	756,403

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
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.				
b Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010.				
b From 2011.				
c From 2012.				
d From 2013.				
e From 2014.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.				
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ _____				
a Applied to 2014, 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 2015 distributable amount.				
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.				
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.				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions.				
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015.				
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).				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.				
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011.				
b Excess from 2012.				
c Excess from 2013.				
d Excess from 2014.				
e Excess from 2015.				

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. . . . ▶ 2006-11-29

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			(e) Total
(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
51,826	66,216	70,166	77,011	265,219
44,052	56,284	59,641	65,459	225,436
757,785	449,520	473,063	604,485	2,284,853
0	0	0	0	0
757,785	449,520	473,063	604,485	2,284,853

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 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.

34,551	44,144	46,777	51,341	176,813
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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 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))

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 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 <i>Paid during the year</i> FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 302 E BEARDSLEY AVE ELKHART, IN 46514	NONE	EXEMPT	CHARITABLE	2,400
Total ▶ 3a				2,400
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total ▶ 3b				0

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation

(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
ROBERT B BEARDSLEY 5510 BAYVIEW DRIVE FT LAUDERDALE, FL 33308	PRESIDENT JAN-MAY 0 00	0	0	0
GEORGE E FREESE 3117 CRABTREE LANE ELKHART, IN 46514	TREASURER 0 00	0	0	0
DORINDA MILES SMITH 833 LINWOOD RD BIRMINGHAM, AL 35222	SECRETARY 0 00	0	0	0
TERI L STOUT 54560 MEADOW BANK LANE ELKHART, IN 46514	VICE PRESIDENT 0 00	0	0	0
JOAN BEARDSLEY NORRIS 6835 N PEPPER TREE LN PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0
ROBERT J DEPUTY 22628 WEATHERBY LN ELKHART, IN 46514	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0
ARTHUR J DECIO 3215 GREENLEAF BLVD ELKHART, IN 46514	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0
CHARLES R LOVING 15881 LAKESHORE DR N GRANGER, IN 46530	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0
EDWARD A BEARDSLEY 6300 N CAMELBACK MANOR PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253	VP JAN-MAY, PRESIDENT MAY-DEC 0 00	0	0	0
WILLIAM FIRSTENBERGER 209 NORTHERN LITES DR MIDDLEBURY, IN 46540	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 40 00	73,686	0	0
JAMES A BRIDENSTINE 218 MONROE STREET KALAMAZOO, MI 49006	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0
CAMERON T COMBS 5235 CONNECTICUT AVE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20015	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0
LISA DUBE'-SCHERR 40 EAST ERIE STREET CHICAGO, IL 60611	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0
CONSTANCE FULMER 120 W LEXINGTON AVENUE ELKHART, IN 46516	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING FEES	9,373	4,686	0	4,687

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COMMON STOCK	392,500	437,235

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
EQUITY MUTUAL FUNDS	AT COST	62,997	86,270
NON-US MUTUAL FUNDS	AT COST	44,648	43,747
MONEY MARKET FUNDS	AT COST	15,338	15,338
MORTGAGE BACKED SECURITIES	AT COST	6,365	5,112
FIXED INCOME MUTUAL FUNDS	AT COST	155,272	152,026
ACCRUED INCOME	AT COST	1,434	1,434
MASTER LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	AT COST	29,440	18,350

TY 2015 Other Assets Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
CHARITABLE REMAINDER UNIT TRUST	1,022,195	968,410	968,410
ELKHART CO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION	119,447	143,585	116,956

TY 2015 Other Decreases Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Description	Amount
CHANGE IN CRUT VALUE	53,785

TY 2015 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
MUSEUM RESTORATION	235,375	0	0	235,375
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	42,055	0	0	42,055
MISCELLANEOUS	39,364	0	0	39,364
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONS	27,589	0	0	27,589
INSURANCE	24,420	0	0	24,420
PROGRAM EXPENSES	17,936	0	0	17,936
OFFICE SUPPLIES	13,393	0	0	13,393
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,230	0	0	1,230
BANK FEES	639	0	0	639

TY 2015 Other Income Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
RUTHMERE MUSEUM TOURS	23,931		23,931
PROGRAMS/CONCERTS	4,596		4,596
WEDDINGS	4,050		4,050
MISC OTHER	3,599		3,599
GIFT SHOP	119		119
MEMBERSHIP DUES AND ASSESSMENTS	49,309		49,309

TY 2015 Other Increases Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Description	Amount
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT, NO INCOME IMPACT	16,466

TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
MANAGEMENT FEES	10,223	10,223	0	0
CONTRACT SERVICES	17,713	0	0	17,713

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule**Name:** THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 32-0037914

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
IN BUSINESS ENTITY FEE	7	0	0	7
PAYROLL TAXES	16,594	0	0	16,594
REAL ESTATE	117	0	0	117

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990

Name of the organization THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION

Employer identification number 32-0037914

Organization type (check one)

- Filers of: Section: Form 990 or 990-EZ Form 990-PF with checkboxes for 501(c)() organization, 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust, 527 political organization, 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation, 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust, 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation.

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule. Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule See instructions

General Rule

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor Complete Parts I and II See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1 Complete Parts I and II
For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals Complete Parts I, II, and III
For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc , purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000 If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc , purpose Do not complete any of the parts unless the General Rule applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc , contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$

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

Name of organization THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 32-0037914
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Part I Contributors (see Instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed			
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
—	See Additional Data Table _____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)
—	_____ _____	\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)
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Name of organization
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32-0037914

Part II **Noncash Property**
(see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

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	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
	_____ _____ _____	_____ \$	_____

Name of organization

THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

32-0037914

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

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

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

Additional Data

Software ID:
Software Version:
EIN: 32-0037914
Name: THE RUTHMERE FOUNDATION

Form 990 Schedule B, Part I - Contributors (see Instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	HERITAGE FINANCIAL GROUP 120 W LEXINGTON AVE ELKHART, IN 46516	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)
2	JOAN NORRIS 6835 N PEPPER TREE LANE PARADISE VALLEY, AZ 85253	\$ 10,500	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)
3	CONNIE FULMER 120 W LEXINGTON AVE ELKHART, IN 46516	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)
4	BILL DEPUTY FOUNDATION 4200 MIDDLEBURY ST ELKHART, IN 46516	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)
5	ARTHUR DECIO 3215 GREENLEAF BLVD ELKHART, IN 46514	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)
6	CFEC PO BOX 2932 ELKHART, IN 465152932	\$ 13,640	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)

Form 990 Schedule B, Part I - Contributors (see Instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	INOVA 3110 OLD US 20 ELKHART, IN 46514	\$ 5,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contribution)