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Form **990-PF**

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

, and ending

Name of foundation GERALD D & HELEN M. STEPHENS FOUNDATION			A Employer identification number 37-1224611	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 9025 N LINDBERGH DRIVE		Room/suite	B Telephone number (see instructions) (309) 692-1000	
City or town PEORIA	State IL	ZIP code 61615		
Foreign country name		Foreign province/state/county	Foreign postal code	
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☒ Address change ☐ Name change				
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation				
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 1,007,072		J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____		
F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐				

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	101,374			
	2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	27,191	27,191		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	11,739			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	31,516			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	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)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	140,304	27,191	0		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)	466	466		466
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	883	883		883
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	25	25		25
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	1,374	1,374	0	1,374
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	25,000			25,000
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	26,374	1,374	0	26,374	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	113,930				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		25,817			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0		

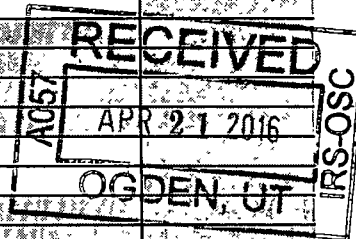
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Part II Balance Sheets		Beginning of year (a) Book Value	End of year	
			(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful 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)	31,382	121,039	121,039
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	380,006	367,834	606,607
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
Liabilities	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment, basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)	242,981	279,426	279,426
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment, basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	654,369	768,299	1,007,072
	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 ▶ ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	654,369	768,299	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	654,369	768,299	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	654,369	768,299	

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	654,369
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	113,930
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	768,299
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	768,299

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo, day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo, day, yr)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any		
a				
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	0
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8			3	0

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.**1** Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2014	25,263	714,676	0.035349
2013	1,597,345	1,843,757	0.866353
2012	104,412	1,495,730	0.069807
2011	362,616	1,565,952	0.231563
2010	774	1,343,955	0.000576
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 1.203648
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 0.240730
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5			4 558,601
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 134,472
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 258
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 134,730
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 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.			8 26,324

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter. (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)			
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1		516
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).			
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2		0
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3		516
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4		
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5		516
6	Credits/Payments:			
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a		
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b		
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c		
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d		
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7		0
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		516
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		0
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2016 estimated tax Refunded	11		0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? <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>		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ► \$ (2) On foundation managers. ► \$		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ► \$		
2 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>		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	N/A	
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T.</i>		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV</i>	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) IL		
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 <i>General Instruction G</i> ? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>		X

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
Website address ▶				
14	The books are in care of ▶ GERALD D. STEPHENS Telephone no. ▶ (309) 692-1000			
	Located at ▶ 9025 N LINDBERGH DRIVE PEORIA IL ZIP+4 ▶ 61615			
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 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?	16	Yes	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶			X

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

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) ☐ Yes ☒ No		
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ▶ ☐	1b	N/A
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	X
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a	At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015? ☐ Yes ☒ 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.)	2b	N/A
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 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? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.)	3b	N/A
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4b	X

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

5a During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:				
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 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)?		5b	N/A	
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?		6b		X
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.				
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?		7b	N/A	

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See Attached Statement	.00	0		
	.00	0		
	.00	0		
	.00	0		
	.00	0		

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

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

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

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

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 NONE	
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 NONE	
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	542,079
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	25,029
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	567,108
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	567,108
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	8,507
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	558,601
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	27,930

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	27,930
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	516
b	Income tax for 2015. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	516
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	27,414
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	27,414
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	27,414

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	26,374
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	
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	26,374
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	516
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	25,858

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				27,414
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015:				
a Enter amount for 2014 only			0	
b Total for prior years: 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:				
a From 2010				
b From 2011	287,171			
c From 2012	31,973			
d From 2013	1,507,159			
e From 2014				
f Total of lines 3a through e	1,826,303			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ 26,374				
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				26,374
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).)	1,040			1,040
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	1,825,263			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2014. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2015. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2016				0
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	1,825,263			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2011	286,131			
b Excess from 2012	31,973			
c Excess from 2013	1,507,159			
d Excess from 2014				
e Excess from 2015				

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

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 foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed					0
b 85% of line 2a					0
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					0
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					0
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					0
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					0
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					0
b "Endowment" alternative test—enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					0
c "Support" alternative test—enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					0
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					0
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					0
(4) Gross investment income					0

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

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

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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.

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

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

- a** The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:
- 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 <i>Paid during the year</i> EASTER SEALS 507 E ARMSTRONG PEORIA, IL 61604			PC	GENERAL	25,000
Total				3a	25,000
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>					
Total				3b	0

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

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

[illegible]

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

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.

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

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.				May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Signature of officer or trustee <i>[Signature]</i>		Date <i>4-8-16</i>	Title <i>PRESIDENT - DIRECTOR</i>	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name <i>C. W. Wade</i>	Preparer's signature <i>C. W. Wade</i>	Date <i>4/1/16</i>	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN <i>10-8824</i>
	Firm's name ▶				Firm's EIN ▶
	Firm's address ▶				Phone no ▶

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, Form 990-EZ, or Form 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

GERALD D. & HELEN M. STEPHENS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

37-1224611

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☐ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☒ 501(c)(3) taxable private 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 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 990-PF, 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 GERALD D. & HELEN M STEPHENS FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 37-1224611
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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
1	GERALD D. STEPHENS 29150 MARCELLO WAY NAPLES FL 34110 Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ 101,374	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	_____ _____ _____ Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ _____	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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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
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Name of organization

GERALD D. & HELEN M. STEPHENS FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

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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) ► \$0

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
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(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
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Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
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Line	Description	CUSIP #	Check "X" to include in Part IV	Check "X" if Purchaser is a Business	Acquisition Method	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Gross Sales Price	Cost or Other Basis	Valuation Method	Expense of Sale and Cost of Improvements	Depreciation and Adjustments		Net Gain or Loss
												Sales	Depreciation and Adjustments	
Amount Long Term CG Distributions Short Term CG Distributions														
1	275 SH RLI CORP				D	1/12/2012	9/23/2015	15,132	10,166			0	19,777	4,956
2	280 SH RLI CORP				D	1/12/2012	11/24/2015	16,384	9,611			0	11,739	6,773

Part I, Line 16a (990-PF) - Legal Fees

		466	466	0	466
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes (Cash Basis Only)
1	SUTKOWSKI LAW FIRM	466	466		466

Part I, Line 18 (990-PF) - Taxes

		883	883	0	883
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	Real estate tax not included in line 20	0			
2	Tax on investment income	0			
3	Income tax	883	883		883

Part I, Line 23 (990-PF) - Other Expenses

		25	25	0	25
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	STATE FEES	25	25		25

Part II, Line 10a (990-PF) - Investments - U.S. and State Government Obligations

		Federal		State/Local		121,039		31,382		121,039		121,039	
		31,382		0		0		0		0		0	
Description		Num. Shares/ Face Value	Book Value Beg. of Year	Book Value End of Year	Book Value End of Year	FMV Beg. of Year	FMV End of Year	FMV End of Year	FMV End of Year	FMV End of Year	FMV End of Year	State/Local Obligation	State/Local Obligation
1	LIQUID ASSET FUND		31,382	121,039	121,039	31,382	31,382	121,039	121,039	121,039	121,039		

Part II, Line 10b (990-PF) - Investments - Corporate Stock

		380,006		367,834		504,946		606,607
Description		Num. Shares/ Face Value	Book Value Beg. of Year	Book Value End of Year	FMV Beg. of Year	FMV End of Year		
1	RLI CORP STOCK	9,824	380,006	367,834	504,946	606,607		

Part II, Line 13 (990-PF) - Investments - Other

		242,981		279,426		279,426	
		Book Value	Book Value	Book Value	Book Value	FMV	FMV
		Beg of Year	End of Year	Beg of Year	End of Year	Beg of Year	End of Year
1	PAAG	AT COST		242,981	279,426	279,426	279,426

Part VIII, Line 1 (990-PF) - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Foundation Managers

	Name	Check "X" if Business	Street	City	State	Zip Code	Foreign Country	Title	Avg Hrs Per Week	Compensation	Benefits	Expense Account
1	GERALD D STEPHENS		29150 MARCELLO WAY	NAPLES	FL	34110		PRES DIR		0		
2	HELEN M STEPHENS		29150 MARCELLO WAY	NAPLES	FL	34110		SEC DIR		0		
3	EDWARD F SUTKOWSKI		416 MAIN ST SUITE 400	PEORIA	IL	61602		DIR		0		
4	JEFFREY STEPHENS		430 N PENNSYLVANIA	MORTON	IL	61550		DIR		0		
5	JANET STEPHENS		430 N PENNSYLVANIA	MORTON	IL	61550		DIR		0		