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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 THE VERNON J PICK FOUNDATION		<b>A Employer identification number</b> 41-1733851
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 5815 WEST MAIN STREET	Room/suite	<b>B Telephone number (see instructions)</b> (763) 479-2895
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359		<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> 672,274	<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 (a) books	Net investment (b) income	Adjusted net (c) income	Disbursements for charitable purposes (d) (cash basis only)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
	<b>2</b> Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is <b>not</b> required to attach Sch B				
	<b>3</b> Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	<b>4</b> Dividends and interest from securities	14,662	14,662	14,662	
	<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	31,937			
	<b>b</b> Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 142,015				
	<b>7</b> Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		31,937		
	<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)					
<b>12 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 11	46,599	46,599	14,662		
<b>Operating and Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	8,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
	<b>14</b> Other employee salaries and wages				
	<b>15</b> Pension plans, employee benefits				
	<b>16a</b> Legal fees (attach schedule)	2,336	2,036	2,036	300
	<b>b</b> Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	<b>c</b> Other professional fees (attach schedule)	6,992	6,992	6,992	
	<b>17</b> Interest				
	<b>18</b> Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	507	507	507	
	<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	17,835	13,535	13,535	4,300
	<b>25</b> Contributions, gifts, grants paid	25,000			25,000
<b>26 Total expenses and disbursements.</b> Add lines 24 and 25	42,835	13,535	13,535	29,300	
<b>27</b> Subtract line 26 from line 12					
<b>a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements</b>	3,764				
<b>b Net investment income</b> (if negative, enter -0-)		33,064			
<b>c Adjusted net income</b> (if negative, enter -0-)			1,127		

<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 . . . . .	11,896	21,033	21,033
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	18,705	11,853	11,853
	<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)	340,081	298,100	294,082
	<b>b</b> Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule) . . . . .	239,735	283,195	345,306
	<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 Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	610,417	614,181	672,274	
<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 Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22) . . . . .		0		
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b>			
	<b>24</b> Unrestricted . . . . .			
	<b>25</b> Temporarily restricted . . . . .			
	<b>26</b> Permanently restricted . . . . .			
	<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>and complete lines 27 through 31.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	610,417	614,181	
	<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 Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .	610,417	614,181		
<b>31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions) . . . . .	610,417	614,181		

**Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

<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>	610,417
<b>2</b>	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a . . . . .	<b>2</b>	3,764
<b>3</b>	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Add lines 1, 2, and 3 . . . . .	<b>4</b>	614,181
<b>5</b>	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	<b>5</b>	
<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>	614,181

**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	Date acquired	Date sold
		<b>(b)</b> P—Purchase D—Donation	<b>(c)</b> (mo, day, yr)	<b>(d)</b> (mo, day, yr)
<b>1a</b>	See Additional Data Table			
<b>b</b>				
<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>	See Additional Data Table			
<b>b</b>				
<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>	See Additional Data Table		
<b>b</b>			
<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>	31,937
<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	35,793	712,675	000 050223
2013	37,988	698,166	000 054411
2012	34,338	673,978	000 050948
2011	28,300	676,324	000 041844
2010	19,300	663,027	000 029109
<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b> of line 1, column (d).		<b>2</b> 000 226535
<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> 000 045307
<b>4</b>	Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.		<b>4</b> 683,861
<b>5</b>	Multiply line 4 by line 3.		<b>5</b> 30,984
<b>6</b>	Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).		<b>6</b> 331
<b>7</b>	Add lines 5 and 6.		<b>7</b> 31,315
<b>8</b>	Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.		<b>8</b> 31,800

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b . . . . .	<b>1</b>	331
<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>	
<b>3</b>	Add lines 1 and 2. . . . .	<b>3</b>	331
<b>4</b>	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	<b>4</b>	
<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>	331
<b>6</b>	Credits/Payments		
<b>a</b>	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	<b>6a</b>	
<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>	
<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>	331
<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>	
<b>11</b>	Enter the amount of line 10 to be <b>Credited to 2015 estimated tax</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Refunded</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>11</b>	

**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"/> \$ _____ <b>(2)</b> On foundation managers <input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____		
<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"/> \$ _____		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MN _____		
<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>13</b>	<b>Yes</b>			
<b>14</b>	The books are in care of ▶ <u>JAMES F HANSON</u> Telephone no ▶ <u>(763) 479-2895</u> Located at ▶ <u>5815 WEST MAIN STREET MAPLE PLAIN MN</u> ZIP+4 ▶ <u>55359</u>					
<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 . . . . . ▶ <table border="1"><tr><td><b>15</b></td><td></td></tr></table>	<b>15</b>				
<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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>		
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>		
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>		
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>		
	(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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>		
	(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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>		
<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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
<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 ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____		
<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"/> <b>Yes</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>		
<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? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015.) . . . . .	<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
FREDRICK A PICK 8090 ESTHER LANE NE BEMIDJI, MN 56601	DIR PRES 002 00	3,000		
JAMES F HANSON 5815 WEST MAIN STREET MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359	DIR TREAS 002 00	3,000		
DAVID M PICK 406 BEACON VALLEY RD LA CRESCENT, MN 55947	DIR 001 00	1,000		
JENNIFER LL HANSON 15615 24TH AVENUE N UNIT A PLYMOUTH, MN 55447	DIR 001 00	1,000		

**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

**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

**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
<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 . . . . . ▶

**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>	662,531
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances. . . . .	<b>1b</b>	31,744
<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>	694,275
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation). . . . .	<b>1e</b>	
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets. . . . .	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d. . . . .	<b>3</b>	694,275
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)  . . . . .	<b>4</b>	10,414
<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>	683,861
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5. . . . .	<b>6</b>	34,193

**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>	34,193
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5. . . . .	<b>2a</b>	331
<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>	331
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1. . . . .	<b>3</b>	33,862
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions. . . . .	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4. . . . .	<b>5</b>	33,862
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions). . . . .	<b>6</b>	
<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>	33,862

**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>	29,300
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B. . . . .	<b>1b</b>	
<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>	2,500
<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>	31,800
<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>	331
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4. . . . .	<b>6</b>	31,469

**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				33,862
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2014 only. . . . .			26,317	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___				
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
<b>a</b> From 2010. . . . .				
<b>b</b> From 2011. . . . .				
<b>c</b> From 2012. . . . .				
<b>d</b> From 2013. . . . .				
<b>e</b> From 2014. . . . .				
<b>f</b> <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e. . . . .				
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>31,800</u>				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			26,317	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions). . . . .				
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions). . . . .				
<b>d</b> Applied to 2015 distributable amount. . . . .				5,483
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus				
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
<b>6</b> <b>Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:</b>				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b . . . . .				
<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. . . . .				
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions . . . . .				
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions . . . . .				
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2015 . . . . .				28,379
<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). . . . .				
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions). . . . .				
<b>9</b> <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2016.</b> Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a . . . . .				
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2011. . . . .				
<b>b</b> Excess from 2012. . . . .				
<b>c</b> Excess from 2013. . . . .				
<b>d</b> Excess from 2014. . . . .				
<b>e</b> 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. . . . ▶

**b** Check box to indicate whether the organization 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	
<b>2a</b> Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed . . . . .					
<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) )

NONE

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

NONE

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

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

**a** The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed  
 FREDRICK A PICK  
 8136 LONG LAKE DRIVE NE  
 BEMIDJI, MN 56601  
 pickhomepaulbunyan.net

**b** The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include  
 APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM FREDRICK A PICK

**c** Any submission deadlines  
 MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR SUCH YEAR

**d** Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors  
 SCHOLARSHIPS TO MN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS MAJORING IN SCIENCE OR ENGINEERING

**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 Additional Data Table				
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				<b>25,000</b>
<b>b</b> <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				<b>3b</b>





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

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)	<b>(b)</b> How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	Date acquired <b>(c)</b> (mo, day, yr)	<b>(d)</b> Date sold (mo, day, yr)
62 988 JENSEN QUAL GR FD	P	2007-08-15	2015-01-14
37 481 PARNASSUS CORE	P	2007-08-15	2015-01-14
US T NOTE 2 625	P	2011-08-15	2015-04-28
US T NOTE 4 50	P	2011-11-15	2015-08-03
1535 471 ROYCE PREM FD	P	2007-08-15	2015-11-18
303 723 ROYCE PREM FD	P	2007-08-15	2015-11-18

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

<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)
2,480		1,688	792
1,480		1,380	100
42,336		43,866	-1,530
40,483		41,972	-1,489
28,616		15,442	13,174
5,648		5,730	-82

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

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			<b>(l)</b> Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
<b>(i)</b> F M V 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	
			792
			100
			-1,530
			-1,489
			13,174
			-82

**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>				
BRITA KIHLE 34487 520TH AVENUE SALOL, MN 56756	NONE		SCHOLARSHIP	2,500
MITCHELL DEER 26715 REA DRIVE LAPORTE, MN 56461	NONE		SCHOLARSHIP	2,500
MORGAN MILLER 8444 WHITE OAK STREET NE BEMIDJI, MN 56601	NONE		SCHOLARSHIP	2,500
LAUREN MCINTOSH 47054 COUNTY ROAD 7 GONVICK, MN 56644	NONE		SCHOLARSHIP	2,500
ALYSSA CROWE 51543 230TH STREET SALOL, MN 56756	NONE		SCHOLARSHIP	2,500
CARLETON COLLEGE 1 NORTH COLLEGE STREET NORTHFIELD, MN 55057	NONE		DONATION	12,500
<b>Total . . . . .</b>				<b>25,000</b>

**3a**

## TY 2015 Cash Distribution Explanation Statement

**Name:** THE VERNON J PICK FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 41-1733851

**Software ID:** 15000290

**Software Version:** 15.3.0.0

**Explanation:** THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANIZATION AGREED TO FUND A PROJECT OF AWARDING 6 SCHOLARSHIPS EACH IN THE AMOUNT OF 2,500.00 FOR THE 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR AND FURNISHED APPLICATION MATERIALS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS TO POTENTIAL APPLICANTS. THE ORGANIZATION SET ASIDE THE SUM OF 15,000.00 FOR SUCH PROJECT. A PORTION OF THE PROJECT ONE SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2,500.00 WAS NOT COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE TAXABLE YEAR OF THE ORGANIZATION IN WHICH THE SET ASIDE OCCURRED DECEMBER 31, 2015. THE REMAINING AMOUNT SET ASIDE FOR THE PROJECT WILL BE PAID BY OCTOBER 1, 2016.

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## TY 2015 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

**Name:** THE VERNON J PICK FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 41-1733851

**Software ID:** 15000290

**Software Version:** 15.3.0.0

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
62 988 JENSEN QUAL GR FD	2007-08	P	2015-01		2,480	1,688			792	
37 481 PARNASSUS CORE	2007-08	P	2015-01		1,480	1,380			100	
US T NOTE 2 625	2011-08	P	2015-04		42,336	43,866			-1,530	
US T NOTE 4 50	2011-11	P	2015-08		40,483	41,972			-1,489	
1535 471 ROYCE PREM FD	2007-08	P	2015-11		28,616	15,442			13,174	
303 723 ROYCE PREM FD	2007-08	P	2015-11		5,648	5,730			-82	

## TY 2015 General Explanation Attachment

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## TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

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Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
942 shares of WASATCH SMALL CAP GROWTH	29,868	38,899
1954 shares of WILLIAM BLAIR SMALL CAP VALUE FD	35,149	33,374
420 shares of DODGE COX STOCK FUND	46,470	68,292
1536 shares of JENSEN PORTFOLIO CLASS	41,156	56,103
279 shares of HARBOR INTERNATIONAL FUND	16,584	16,580
2700 shares of DIAMOND HILL LARGE CAP FD CL I	42,429	58,197
829 shares of VANGUARD INTL GROWTH FD	15,484	17,484
1522 shares of PARNASSUS EQUITY INCOME FUND	56,055	56,377

## TY 2015 Legal Fees Schedule

**Name:** THE VERNON J PICK FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 41-1733851

**Software ID:** 15000290

**Software Version:** 15.3.0.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LUTHER HECKT, P L L P	2,336	2,036	2,036	300

## TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule

**Name:** THE VERNON J PICK FOUNDATION

**EIN:** 41-1733851

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**Software Version:** 15.3.0.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
CHARLES SCHWAB CO , INC	6,972	6,972	6,972	
LAKE COMMUNITY BANK	20	20	20	

# TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

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**EIN:** 41-1733851

**Software ID:** 15000290

**Software Version:** 15.3.0.0

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
EXCISE TAX	507	507	507	