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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 12-01-2015 , and ending 11-30-2016

Name of foundation THE SILK FOUNDATION C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK		A Employer identification number 26-1484066	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 190 CARONDELET PLAZA		Room/suite 	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ST LOUIS, MO 63105		B Telephone number (see instructions) (314) 505-8305	
G Check all that apply ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐ D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐ E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐ F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐	
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) \$ 7,689,358		J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	

Part I	Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))	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)				
	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	209,129	209,129		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	45,445			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 497,946				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV , line 2)		45,445		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	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	254,574	254,574		
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	54,000	54,000		
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule).	491			
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule).	3,875			
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	25,296	25,296		
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	3,660	3,660		
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings.				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule).				
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	87,322	82,956		0
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	390,000			390,000
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	477,322	82,956		390,000
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-222,748			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		171,618		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	53,808	149,516	149,516
	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)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	4,283,825	4,129,027	5,266,365
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)	1,841,587	1,679,226	1,662,216
	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)	674,952	673,655	611,261
	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)		6,854,172	6,631,424	7,689,358
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule).			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23	Total liabilities(add lines 17 through 22)			0
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			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	6,854,172	6,631,424	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances(see instructions)		6,854,172	6,631,424
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances(see instructions)		6,854,172	6,631,424	

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	6,854,172
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a			2	-222,748
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____			3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3			4	6,631,424
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	6,631,424

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 (b) D—Donation	Date acquired (c) (mo , day, yr)	Date sold (d) (mo , day, yr)
1a See Additional Data Table				
b				
c				
d				
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 See Additional Data Table			
b			
c			
d			
e			

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

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	45,445
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	400,000	7,984,056	0 050100
2013	414,100	8,365,581	0 049500
2012	382,290	7,994,937	0 047817
2011	388,226	7,620,190	0 050947
2010	352,639	7,827,259	0 045053

2 Total of line 1, column (d).	2	0 243417
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 048683
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5.	4	7,489,608
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3.	5	364,617
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b).	6	1,716
7 Add lines 5 and 6.	7	366,333
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4.	8	390,000

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 VII

Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see page 18 of the instructions)

1a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ 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	1,716
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	
3 Add lines 1 and 2.		3	1,716
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	1,716
6 Credits/Payments			
a 2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	3,424	
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	3,424
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	
10 Overpayment.If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid.		10	1,708
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2015 estimated tax ☐ 1,708 Refunded ☐		11	

Part VII-A

Statements Regarding Activities

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

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <u>N/A</u>	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of ► <u>THE NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY</u> Telephone no ► <u>(314) 505-8305</u> Located at ► <u>190 CARONDELET PLAZA ST LOUIS MO</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>63105</u>			
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? 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? ☐ 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)? ☐ Yes ☒ No Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ► ☐	1b		
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015? ☐ Yes ☒ No	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? ☐ 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). ☐ Yes ☒ No	2b		No
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). ☐ Yes ☒ No	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
SUSAN GODWIN KOFKOFF  6 WIND RUSH CREEK EAST ST LOUIS, MO 63141	PRESIDENT 0 00	18,000	0	0
RICHARD KOFKOFF  6 WIND RUSH CREEK EAST ST LOUIS, MO 63141	SECRETARY 0 00	18,000	0	0
GARY GODWIN  4100 LACLEDE ST LOUIS, MO 631082851	TREASURER 0 00	18,000	0	0

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) 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 GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	390,000
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 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶

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	7,504,943
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	98,720
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	7,603,663
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	7,603,663
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	114,055
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	7,489,608
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	374,480

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	374,480
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	1,716
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	1,716
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	372,764
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	372,764
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	372,764

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	390,000
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	390,000
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	1,716
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	388,284

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				372,764
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only.			386,389	
b Total for prior years 2014 , 2013 , 2012				
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 ▶ \$ 390,000				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			386,389	
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.				3,611
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.				369,153
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

b Check box to indicate whether the organization

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	

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Part XV

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

Contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation
 y have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))

10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the stock of a partnership) in which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

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

Contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept
makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under

mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

mitted and information and materials they should include

as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other

Part XV

Supplementary Information(continued)

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year See Additional Data Table				
Total			▶ 3a	390,000
b Approved for future payment				
Total			▶ 3b	

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

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

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

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

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.		
	***** _____ Signature of officer or trustee	2017-03-03 _____ Date	***** _____ Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below
 (see instr.)? ☒ **Yes** ☐ **No**

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name HELEN A FLOROS CPA	Preparer's Signature	Date 2017-03-03	Check if self-employed ☒	PTIN P00739674
	Firm's name ▶ CONNER ASH PC			Firm's EIN ▶ 43-1012822	
	Firm's address ▶ 12101 WOODCREST EXECUTIVE DR STE 30 ST LOUIS, MO 63141			Phone no (314) 205-2510	

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, (a) 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)
2214 84 MFB NORTHN FUNDS EMERGING MK	P	2010-02-03	2015-12-08
1442 17 MFO DFA US L/C VALUE PORTFOL	P	2014-01-16	2016-11-17
6042 3 MFB NORTHN HI YIELD FXD INC F	P	2013-12-19	2015-12-08
921 94 MFO DIMENSIONAL FD ADVISORS I	P	2014-02-20	2016-11-17
1755 MFO DFA US L/C VALUE PORTFOLIO	P	2014-12-16	2016-02-18
2092 05 MFB NORTHN FUNDS EMERGING MK	P	2010-02-03	2016-11-17
1267 03 MFO DFA US L/C VALUE PORTFOL	P	2014-03-20	2016-07-06
3003 MFB NORTHN HI YIELD FXD INC FD	P	2008-04-03	2016-11-17
1371 74 MFO DIMENSIONAL FD ADVISORS	P	2014-02-20	2016-07-06
500 MFC FLEXSHARES TR TR IBOXX 3 YR	P	2014-07-22	2016-07-06

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

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
20,000		23,544	-3,544
50,000		45,400	4,600
40,000		45,103	-5,103
15,000		18,448	-3,448
50,000		56,025	-6,025
20,000		22,238	-2,238
40,000		40,105	-105
20,000		22,012	-2,012
20,000		27,449	-7,449
12,495		12,537	-42

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Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
			-3,544
			4,600
			-5,103
			-3,448
			-6,025
			-2,238
			-105
			-2,012
			-7,449
			-42

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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)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
589 62 MFB NORTHN MID CAP INDEX FD F	P	2014-12-18	2016-07-06
527 15 MFB NORTHN FDS SHORT BD FD	P	2015-04-15	2016-07-06
911 58 MFB NORTHERN FUNDS BD INDEX F	P	2015-04-15	2016-07-06
2166 85 MFB NORTHN FUNDS EMERGING MK	P	2010-02-03	2016-07-06
4441 04 MFB NORTHN HI YIELD FXD INC	P	2008-04-03	2016-07-06
916 59 MFB NORTHERN FUNDS BD INDEX F	P	2015-04-15	2016-07-21
3003 MFB NORTHN HI YIELD FXD INC FD	P	2008-04-03	2016-07-21
300 3 MFO DFA US L/C VALUE PORTFOLIO	P	2014-01-16	2016-08-18
619 58 MFO DIMENSIONAL FD ADVISORS I	P	2014-02-20	2016-08-18

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(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)
10,000		10,265	-265
10,000		10,053	-53
10,000		9,909	91
20,000		23,034	-3,034
29,000		32,553	-3,553
10,000		9,963	37
20,000		22,012	-2,012
10,000		9,453	547
10,000		12,398	-2,398

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Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
			-265
			-53
			91
			-3,034
			-3,553
			37
			-2,012
			547
			-2,398

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

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a Paid during the year				
JEWISH STUDENT UNION 8251 MARYLAND AVENUE 15 CLAYTON,MO 63105	NONE		CHARITABLE	12,500
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY ONE BROOKINGS DRIVE ST LOUIS,MO 63130	NONE		CHARITABLE	50,000
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT ONE BURLINGTON DRIVE BURLINGTON,VT 05405	NONE		CHARITABLE	5,000
ST LOUIS PSYCHOANALYTIC INST 8820 LADUE ROAD 3RD FLOO ST LOUIS,MO 63124	NONE		CHARITABLE	20,000
CROWN CENTER FOR SENIOR LIVING 8350 DELCREST DRIVE ST LOUIS,MO 63124	NONE		CHARITABLE	15,000
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER 12 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DR ST LOUIS,MO 63146	NONE		CHARITABLE	1,000
GESHER MUSIC FESTIVAL 2 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DR ST LOUIS,MO 63146	NONE		CHARITABLE	10,000
SAUL MIROWITZ JEWISH COMMUNITY SCHOOL 348 SOUTH MASON ROAD CREVE COEUR,MO 63141	NONE		CHARITABLE	20,000
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI 1 UNIVERSITY BLVD ST LOUIS,MO 63121	NONE		CHARITABLE	10,000
ST LOUIS SYMPHONY 718 N GRAND BLVD ST LOUIS,MO 63103	NONE		CHARITABLE	20,000
ST LOUIS PUBLIC RADIO 3655 OLIVE STREET ST LOUIS,MO 63108	NONE		CHARITABLE	10,000
US HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM 100 RAOUL WALLENBERG PLAC WASHINGTON,DC 20024	NONE		CHARITABLE	5,000
HOLOCAUST MUSEUM & LEARNING CENTER 12 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DRIVE ST LOUIS,MO 63146	NONE		CHARITABLE	3,000
JEWISH BOOK FESTIVAL 2 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DRIVE ST LOUIS,MO 63146	NONE		CHARITABLE	2,500
JEWISH FEDERATION 12 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DR ST LOUIS,MO 63146	NONE		CHARITABLE	150,000
Total ▶ 3a				390,000

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Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
NEW JEWISH THEATRE 2 MILSTONE CAMPUS DR CREVE COEUR,MO 63146	NONE		CHARITABLE	1,000
ST LOUIS HILLEL 6300 FORSYTH BLVD ST LOUIS,MO 63105	NONE		CHARITABLE	50,000
ST LOUIS JEWISH LIGHT 6 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DR STE 3010 ST LOUIS,MO 63146	NONE		CHARITABLE	5,000
Total ▶ 3a				390,000

TY 2015 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** THE SILK FOUNDATION

C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK

EIN: 26-1484066

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING FEES	3,875			

TY 2015 Compensation Explanation

Name: THE SILK FOUNDATION
C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK
EIN: 26-1484066

Person Name	Explanation
SUSAN GODWIN KOFKOFF	INDIVIDUAL IS PAID A BOARD OF DIRECTOR FSS NORTHERN TRUST BANK MANAGES THE INVESTMENTS
RICHARD KOFKOFF	INDIVIDUAL IS PAID A BOARD OF DIRECTOR FSS NORTHERN TRUST BANK MANAGES THE INVESTMENTS
GARY GODWIN	INDIVIDUAL IS PAID A BOARD OF DIRECTOR FSS NORTHERN TRUST BANK MANAGES THE INVESTMENTS

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Bonds Schedule**Name:** THE SILK FOUNDATION

C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK

EIN: 26-1484066

Name of Bond	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
INV. - CORPORATE BONDS	1,679,226	1,662,216

TY 2015 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** THE SILK FOUNDATION

C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK

EIN: 26-1484066

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
INV. - CORPORATE STOCK	4,129,027	5,266,365

TY 2015 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** THE SILK FOUNDATION

C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK

EIN: 26-1484066

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
INV. - REAL ESTATE FUND		332,078	328,361
COMMODITIES FUND		341,577	282,900

TY 2015 Legal Fees Schedule

Name: THE SILK FOUNDATION
C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK
EIN: 26-1484066

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
LEGAL FEES	491			

TY 2015 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: THE SILK FOUNDATION
C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK
EIN: 26-1484066

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
AGENCY FEES	25,296	25,296		

TY 2015 Taxes Schedule

Name: THE SILK FOUNDATION
C/O NORTHERN TRUST BANK

EIN: 26-1484066

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
TAXES	3,660	-888		
FOREIGN TAX PAID		4,548		