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Form **990-PF**
 Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2016, or tax year beginning 01-01-2016 , and ending 12-31-2016

Name of foundation DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 20-4779170	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) PO BOX 262		B Telephone number (see instructions) (760) 876-4100	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code LONE PINE, CA 93545		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>	
H Check type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 1,899,502		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
J 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)			

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)				
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	47,709	47,709		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	47,042			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 596,201				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		47,042		
	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	94,751	94,751			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0		0
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	6,525	0		6,525
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	5,547	796		80
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	256	0		
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	5,146	0		5,146
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	12,900	9,932		2,968
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	30,374	10,728		14,719
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	87,476			87,476
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	117,850	10,728		102,195	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-23,099				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		84,023			
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	8,159	8,769	8,769
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	97,086	109,198	109,198
	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)	42,259	28,431	32,579
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)	1,705,882	1,684,436	1,749,193
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ 1,281 Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____ 1,227	310	54	54
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	0	-291	-291	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	1,853,696	1,830,597	1,899,502	
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	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0	0	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund	0	0	
29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	1,853,696	1,830,597		
30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	1,853,696	1,830,597		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	1,853,696	1,830,597		

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	1,853,696
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-23,099
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	0
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	1,830,597
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	0
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 .	6	1,830,597

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 See Additional Data Table				
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 See Additional Data Table				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(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
(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))				
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				
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 47,042
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		{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7		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))
2015	90,278	1,974,003	0 045733
2014	101,853	2,010,399	0 050663
2013	92,212	1,925,905	0 047880
2012	56,872	1,786,144	0 031841
2011	109,190	1,765,552	0 061845
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 0 237962
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 047592
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5			4 1,876,542
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 89,308
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 840
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 90,148
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4			8 102,195
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 instructions)

Table with 11 rows for excise tax calculations. Includes categories like 'Exempt operating foundations', 'Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements', and 'Tax based on investment income'. Total amount owed is 3,160.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

Table with 10 rows for activity statements. Questions include 'During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation?', 'Did it spend more than \$100 during the year for political purposes?', and 'Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year?'. Includes 'Yes' and 'No' columns.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions). 11 No
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions) 12 No
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address WWW BRANSONFOUNDATION ORG 13 Yes
14 The books are in care of DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION Telephone no (760) 876-4100

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15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here 15

16 At any time during calendar year 2016, 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.

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
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 2016? 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 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? 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
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 2016 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 2016). 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 2016? 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
 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
See Additional Data Table				

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

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

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

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

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".		
(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services.		0

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.	Expenses
1	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	1,789,395
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	115,724
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	1,905,119
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	1,905,119
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	28,577
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4.	5	1,876,542
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	93,827

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	93,827
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	840
b	Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	840
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	92,987
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	92,987
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	0
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	92,987

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	102,195
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes.	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4.	4	102,195
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	840
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	101,355

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 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
1 Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				92,987
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
a Enter amount for 2015 only.			94,411	
b Total for prior years 20___, 20___, 20___		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016				
a From 2011.				
b From 2012.				
c From 2013.				
d From 2014.				
e From 2015.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	0			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>102,195</u>				
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a			94,411	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).		0		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).	0			
d Applied to 2016 distributable amount.				7,784
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0			0
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	0			
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.		0		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2017				85,203
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).	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2012.				
b Excess from 2013.				
c Excess from 2014.				
d Excess from 2015.				
e Excess from 2016.				

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 2016, enter the date of the ruling. ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)

2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2016	(b) 2015	(c) 2014	(d) 2013	
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.					
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)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) 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))

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
 DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION
 PO BOX 262
 LONE PINE, CA 93545
 (760) 876-4100

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include
 THERE ARE NO OFFICIAL FORMS BUT WRITTEN REQUEST WITH AS MUCH DOCUMENTATION IS HELPFUL TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING THE MERITS OF THE PROJECT

c Any submission deadlines
 THE FOUNDATION ACCEPTS PROPOSALS FOR GRANTS YEAR ROUND, BUT WILL ANNOUNCE GRANT AWARDS IN JUNE

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors
 THE ORGANIZATION PROVIDES AWARDS TO PROMOTE ENVIROMENTAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL PROGRESS

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> See Additional Data Table				
Total			▶ 3a	87,476
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			▶ 3b	0

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.)
ARTISAN INTL FUND	P		
FIDELITY & GUARANTY FGL	P		
GUGGENHEIM S&P 500	P		
HARBOR INTL FUND	P		
ISHARES U S PREFERRED STOCK	P		
JANUS RESEARCH FD	P		
METROPOLITAN WEST TOTAL RTN	P		
OAKMARK INTL SMALL CAP FD	P		
ARTISAN INTL FUND	P		
DEUTSCH X TRKS MSCI ETF	P		

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)
149		156	-7
18,243		19,176	-933
21,976		21,990	-14
1,144		1,187	-43
8,334		8,180	154
3,233		2,486	747
3,279		3,099	180
671		812	-141
34,119		35,656	-1,537
13,105		15,120	-2,015

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			(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	
			-7
			-933
			-14
			-43
			154
			747
			180
			-141
			-1,537
			-2,015

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.)
DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY	P		
FIRST TRUST FINANCIALS	P		
GUGGENHEIM BLSHS 2016 CORP	P		
GUGGENHEIM BLSHS 2017 CORP	P		
GUGGENHEIM S&P 500 PURE	P		
HARBOR INTERNATIONAL FUND	P		
ISHARES U.S. PREFERRED STOCK	P		
JANUS RESEARCH FD	P		
METROPOLITAN WEST TOTAL RTN	P		
OAK MARK INTL SMALL CAP	P		

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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)
12,939		11,090	1,849
31,596		22,944	8,652
66,166		66,629	-463
67,817		68,115	-298
40,930		39,550	1,380
26,235		27,229	-994
32,849		32,820	29
33,657		25,877	7,780
116,965		110,555	6,410
13,029		15,771	-2,742

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(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	
			1,849
			8,652
			-463
			-298
			1,380
			-994
			29
			7,780
			6,410
			-2,742

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

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VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MARKET	P		
FIDELITY & GUARANTY BASIS CORRECTION	P		
GUGGENHEIM S&P 500 BASIS CORRECTION	P		
CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	P		

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)
48,341		20,717	27,624
104			104
167			167
1,153			1,153

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(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	
			27,624
			104
			167
			1,153

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

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
BRUCE BRANSON PO BOX 262 LONE PINE, CA 93545	CHAIRMAN/CEO 0 50	0	0	0
JAMES JOHNSON PO BOX 262 LONE PINE, CA 93545	CFO 0 50	0	0	0
DOROTHY BRANSON PO BOX 262 LONE PINE, CA 93545	DIRECTOR 0 50	0	0	0
BEN BRANSON PO BOX 262 LONE PINE, CA 93545	VICE PRESIDENT/SECRETARY 0 50	0	0	0
ELIZABETH BRANSON PO BOX 262 LONE PINE, CA 93545	PRESIDENT 2 00	0	0	0
MATTHEW BRANSON PO BOX 262 LONE PINE, CA 93545	TREASURER 0 50	0	0	0

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment					
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount	
Name and address (home or business)					
a <i>Paid during the year</i>					
CALIFORNIA POETS IN THE SCHOOLS 2131 19TH AVE 203 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94116	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	POETRY WORKSHOPS IN SCHOOL	12,650	
DEATH VALLEY NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION PO BOX 188 DEATH VALLEY, CA 92328	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	SCOTTY'S CASTLE	3,000	
EASTERN SIERRA INSTITUTE OF COLLABORATIVE EDUCATION PO BOX 454 BISHOP, CA 93514	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	WATERSHED PROJECT	19,895	
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PO BOX 627 LONE PINE, CA 93513	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	PROGRAM SUPPORT	10,000	
EASTERN SIERRA WILDLIFE CARE PO BOX 368 BISHOP, CA 93514	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS	10,600	
LONE PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT PO BOX 159 LONE PINE, CA 93545	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	FUNDING FOR OPERA CLUB	9,331	
WILD IRIS FAMILY COUNSELING & CRISIS CENTER 120 S MAIN ST 12 LONE PINE, CA 93545	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	OPERATION SUPPORT	11,000	
K-2 ADVENTURES 17893 N 984TH WAY SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	OPERATION SUPPORT	1,000	
THERAPY PARTNERS 3054 LEEMAN FERRY RD J HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801	NONE	PUBLIC CHARITY	BOOKS FOR KIDS READING PROGRAM	10,000	
Total ▶				87,476	
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TY 2016 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 20-4779170

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
ACCOUNTING	6,525	0		6,525

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TY 2016 Depreciation Schedule

Name: DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION

EIN: 20-4779170

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
COMPUTER	2012-03-13	1,281	971	SL	5 000000000000	256	0		

TY 2016 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 20-4779170

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
DANA HOLDING CORPORATION	11,993	14,235
AT&T INC.	7,020	8,506
SOUTHERN COMPANY	9,418	9,838

TY 2016 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 20-4779170

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
DOUBLELINE TOTAL RETURN	AT COST	152,128	147,664
FEDERATED TOTAL RETURN BOND FD	AT COST	58,372	58,008
METROPOLITAN WEST TOTAL RETURN	AT COST	176	170
VANGUARD INTERM TERM	AT COST	129,780	125,978
VANGUARD TOTAL BOND	AT COST	274,179	275,047
COLUMBIA ACORN INTL FD	AT COST	25,997	24,178
LAZARD INTL STRATEGIC	AT COST	68,350	55,678
MATTHEWS ASIA DIVIDEND FUND	AT COST	9,411	10,390
VANGUARD MID CAP GROWTH	AT COST	21,705	24,129
GUGGENHEIM WE TECH ETF	AT COST	16,551	21,698
GUGGENHEIM WEIGHT ETF	AT COST	76,158	86,640
ISHARES TR RUSSELL 2000	AT COST	54,019	103,403
POWERSHARES WATER RESC PORT ETF	AT COST	13,507	12,295
PWRSHS FTSE RAFI DVPD MKT	AT COST	40,738	37,550
PWRSHS FTSE RAFI US 1500 SML MID ETF	AT COST	25,037	28,823
VANGUARD FTSE EMERGING MKTS ETF	AT COST	23,549	20,083
VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MARKET ETF	AT COST	39,619	67,757
DOUBLELINE EMRG MKTS	AT COST	48,072	49,583
VANGUARD HIGH YIELD CORP	AT COST	121,552	120,513
NORTHERN SMALL CAP CORE FUND	AT COST	31,193	35,554
SEAFARER OVERSEAS GWTH	AT COST	30,758	32,155
ISHARES MSCI EAFE ETF	AT COST	56,173	43,946
ISHARES MSCI EAFE SMALL CAP ETF	AT COST	25,078	24,920
ISHARES MSCI MARKETS MIN VOL ETF	AT COST	18,198	14,673
SCHWAB FUNDA EMG MKTS LARGE COM	AT COST	23,949	28,680
SCHWAB FUNDAMENTAL INL SMAL COM ETF	AT COST	29,645	31,218
WISDOMTREE INTL SMALLCP DIV ETF	AT COST	12,118	12,004
VANGUARD INFLATION	AT COST	25,820	24,461
FMI INTL FD	AT COST	36,404	38,744
ISHARES GOLD ETF	AT COST	24,018	22,160

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
POWERSHARES PREF PORT ETF	AT COST	60,269	57,202
SPDR DOW JONE GLOBAL	AT COST	44,340	46,860
UNITED STATES COMMODITY	AT COST	20,993	20,000
VANGUARD CONSUMER	AT COST	30,056	32,158
VANGUARD GLBAL EX US	AT COST	16,524	14,871

**TY 2016 Land, Etc.
Schedule****Name:** DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 20-4779170

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
COMPUTER	1,281	1,227	54	

TY 2016 Other Assets Schedule**Name:** DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 20-4779170**Other Assets Schedule**

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
VANGUARD INFLATION BASIS CORRECTION		-291	-291

TY 2016 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 20-4779170**Other Expenses Schedule**

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT MGMT FEES	9,932	9,932		0
POSTAGE	48	0		48
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	1,120	0		1,120
INSURANCE	1,800	0		1,800

TY 2016 Taxes Schedule**Name:** DONALD AND RUBY BRANSON FOUNDATION**EIN:** 20-4779170

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOREIGN TAX	796	796		0
FTB FILING FEE	10	0		10
REG OF CHARITABLE TRUST	50	0		50
FED EXCISE TAX	4,671	0		0
SECRETARY OF STATE	20	0		20