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## 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

, and ending

Name of foundation  
**THE GESSNER FAMILY FOUNDATION**

Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
**P.O. BOX 1000**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**MASSILLON, OH 44648-1000**

G Check all that apply. ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity  
☐ Final return ☐ Amended return  
☐ Address change ☐ Name change

H Check type of organization. ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation  
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16)  
**\$ 4,492,185.** (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual  
☐ Other (specify)

A Employer identification number  
**27-0609120**

B Telephone number  
**330-833-5509**

C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐

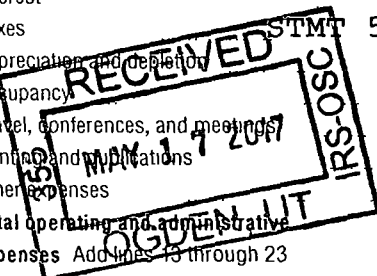
D 1 Foreign organizations, check here ☐  
2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐

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 ☐

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))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received	1,511,781.		N/A	
2	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
4	Dividends and interest from securities	76,943.	76,943.		STATEMENT 1
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	453,025.			
b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	3,197,281.			
7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		453,025.		
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)				
11	Other income	-239.	-239.		STATEMENT 2
12	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	2,041,510.	529,729.		
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.	0.	0.		0.
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees				
b	Accounting fees STMT 3	2,025.	1,013.		1,012.
c	Other professional fees STMT 4	17,713.	8,857.		8,856.
17	Interest				
18	Taxes STMT 5	36,815.	2,162.		34,653.
19	Depreciation and depletion				
20	Occupancy				
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22	Printing and publications				
23	Other expenses				
24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	56,553.	12,032.		44,521.
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	290,500.			290,500.
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	347,053.	12,032.		335,021.
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	1,694,457.			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		517,697.		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		Beginning of year	End of year	
				(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing				
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		110,651.	20,230.	20,230.
	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				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable ▶				
		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				
	b	Investments - corporate stock	STMT 7	2,168,255.	2,686,081.	2,953,619.
	c	Investments - corporate bonds	STMT 8	953,657.	1,269,782.	1,268,570.
	11	Investments - land, buildings and equipment basis ▶				
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶					
12	Investments - mortgage loans					
13	Investments - other	STMT 9	0.	249,766.	249,766.	
14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶					
	Less: accumulated depreciation ▶					
15	Other assets (describe ▶)					
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)		3,232,563.	4,225,859.	4,492,185.	
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				
	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		3,232,563.	4,225,859.	
30	Total net assets or fund balances		3,232,563.	4,225,859.		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		3,232,563.	4,225,859.		

## 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	3,232,563.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	1,694,457.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	4,927,020.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ SEE STATEMENT 6	5	701,161.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	4,225,859.

**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.)
<b>1a PUBLICALLY TRADED SECURITIES</b>	<b>P</b>		<b>12/31/16</b>
<b>b PUBLICALLY TRADED SECURITIES</b>	<b>P</b>		<b>12/31/16</b>
<b>c PUBLICALLY TRADED SECURITIES</b>	<b>P</b>		<b>12/31/16</b>
<b>d CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS</b>			
<b>e</b>			

(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)
<b>a 1,804,773.</b>		<b>1,802,719.</b>	<b>2,054.</b>
<b>b 867,109.</b>		<b>724,791.</b>	<b>142,318.</b>
<b>c 513,619.</b>		<b>216,746.</b>	<b>296,873.</b>
<b>d 11,780.</b>			<b>11,780.</b>
<b>e</b>			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(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))
<b>a</b>			<b>2,054.</b>
<b>b</b>			<b>142,318.</b>
<b>c</b>			<b>296,873.</b>
<b>d</b>			<b>11,780.</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>	<b>453,025.</b>
<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). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		<b>3</b>	<b>N/A</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 the instructions before making any entries.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2015	97,250.	1,929,682.	.050397
2014	34,811.	600,080.	.058011
2013	28,908.	544,687.	.053073
2012	39,493.	517,889.	.076258
2011	29,495.	514,672.	.057308

<b>2</b> Total of line 1, column (d)	<b>2</b>	<b>.295047</b>
<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>	<b>.059009</b>
<b>4</b> Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5	<b>4</b>	<b>3,769,449.</b>
<b>5</b> Multiply line 4 by line 3	<b>5</b>	<b>222,431.</b>
<b>6</b> Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	<b>6</b>	<b>5,177.</b>
<b>7</b> Add lines 5 and 6	<b>7</b>	<b>227,608.</b>
<b>8</b> Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	<b>8</b>	<b>335,021.</b>

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)**

1a 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 _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)			
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		1	5,177.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	5,177.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	5,177.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	6a	14,000.	
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	14,000.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	8,823.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2017 estimated tax	11	0.	

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
1b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see instructions for the 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		X
1c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. \$ 0.		
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.		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <u>OH</u>		
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	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

N/A

**Part VII-A** Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
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)		X
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► N/A	X	
14 The books are in care of ► ROBERT GESSNER Telephone no. ► 330-833-5509 Located at ► P.O. BOX 1000, MASSILLON, OH ZIP+4 ► 44648-1000		
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 N/A		
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 the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►	Yes	No
	16	X

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

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

	Yes	No
1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly): (1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ► N/A	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	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)): a At the end of tax year 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If "Yes," list the years ► 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.) N/A c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ►	2b	
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 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) N/A	3b	
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016?	4b	X

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**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)?

N/A

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?

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

6b

X

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

N/A

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.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE STATEMENT 10		0.	0.	0.

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

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

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

0

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**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 3,550,565.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b 26,521.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c 249,766.
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d 3,826,852.
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 3,826,852.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4 57,403.
5	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5 3,769,449.
6	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	6 188,472.

**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	1 188,472.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5	2a 5,177.
b	Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c 5,177.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3 183,295.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4 0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5 183,295.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6 0.
7	<b>Distributable amount as adjusted.</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7 183,295.

**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 335,021.
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	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4 335,021.
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	5 5,177.
6	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	6 329,844.

**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.

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**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				183,295.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
a Enter amount for 2015 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:				
a From 2011				
b From 2012	2,354.			
c From 2013	1,856.			
d From 2014	15,555.			
e From 2015	26,818.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	46,583.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$	335,021.			
a Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a			0.	
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				183,295.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	151,726.			
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	198,309.			
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 instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2017				0.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	198,309.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2012	2,354.			
b Excess from 2013	1,856.			
c Excess from 2014	15,555.			
d Excess from 2015	26,818.			
e Excess from 2016	151,726.			



**Part XV** Supplementary Information (continued)**3** Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

<div>Recipient</div> <div>Name and address (home or business)</div>	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
<b>a</b> Paid during the year				
BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB OF MASSILLON 730 DUNCAN STREET SW MASSILLON, OH 44647	NONE	501(C)(3)	HELPING LOCAL KIDS OF MASSILLON, OH	5,000.
FRIENDS OF MASSILLON PUBLIC LIBRARY 208 LINCOLN WAY E MASSILLON, OH 44646	ROBERT'S DAUGHTER KATHERINE IS A TRUSTEE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	17,000.
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY 1400 RAFF ROAD SW CANTON, OH 44710	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	3,000.
HEALTH FOUNDATION OF GREATER MASSILLON 1237 LINCOLN WAY EAST MASSILLON, OH 44646	ROBERT GESSNER IS A TRUSTEE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	4,000.
MASSILLON HERITAGE FOUNDATION 210 FOURTH STREET N.E. MASSILLON, OH 44646	TRUSTEES ARE MEMBERS	501(C)(3)	HISTORIC PRESERVATION	25,000.
<b>Total</b>	<b>SEE CONTINUATION SHEET(S)</b>			<b>3a</b> 290,500.
<b>b</b> Approved for future payment				
NONE				
<b>Total</b>			<b>3b</b>	0.





**Schedule B**(Form 990, 990-EZ,  
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**

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

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**2016**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)( ) (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

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

**Special Rules**

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

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

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2016)

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**Part I Contributors** (See instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	RICHARD W. GESSNER REV TR 2014 1705 11TH ST NE MASSILLON, OH 44646	\$ 997,133.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
2	SUSAN R GESSNER REV TR 2014 1705 11TH ST NE MASSILLON, OH 44646	\$ 499,648.	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
3	HYEWEON L. GESSNER 39374 SNICKERSVILLE TURNPIKE MIDDLEBURG, VA 20117	\$ 5,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
4	RICHARD W. GESSNER, JR. 39374 SNICKERSVILLE TURNPIKE MIDDLEBURG, VA 20117	\$ 10,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
			Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
			Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

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

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
2	4,796 SHS ISHARES TR RUSSELL 1000 GRW	\$ 499,648.	11/30/16
1	4,942 SHS ISHARES TR RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH	\$ 495,485.	04/27/16
1	1,146 SHS RAYTHEON	\$ 171,373.	11/30/16
1	2,151 SHS TIME WARNER	\$ 197,504.	11/30/16
1	1,208 SHS ISHARES TR RUSSELL 1000 VALUE	\$ 132,771.	11/30/16
		\$	

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**THE GESSNER FAMILY FOUNDATION****27-0609120****Part III**

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

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

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

**Part XV Supplementary Information**

<b>3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)</b>				
Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
JOHANNES SCHWALM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PO BOX 127 SCOTLAND, PA 17254	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	2,000.
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY 1800 M STREET NW #B50N WASHINGTON, DC 20036	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	1,000.
PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER 121 TREMONT AVE SE MASSILLON, OH 44646	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	5,000.
PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE NETWORK OF STARK COUNTY 408 9TH STREET SW CANTON, OH 44707	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	3,500.
SALVATION ARMY 315 6TH STREET NE MASSILLON, OH 44646	NANCY GESSNER IS A TRUSTEE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	3,500.
SPRING HILL HISTORIC HOME 1401 SPRINGHILL LANE NE MASSILLON, OH 44646	ROBERT GESSNER IS A TRUSTEE	501(C)(3)	HISTORIC PRESERVATION	30,000.
ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST 101 TREMONT AVE SE MASSILLON, OH 44646	RICHARD AND SUSAN ARE MEMBERS	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	40,000.
STARK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION 400 MARKET AVENUE N. STE. 200 CANTON, OH 44702	NANCY GESSNER IS A DIRECTOR	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	8,000.
STARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY 5100 PEACH ST NE LOUISVILLE, OH 44641	ROBERT GESSNER'S DAUGHTER KA	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	3,000.
STARK STATE COLLEGE FOUNDATION 6200 FRANK AVE NW NORTH CANTON, OH 44720	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	40,000.
Total from continuation sheets				236,500.

**Part XV** Supplementary Information**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year (Continuation)**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
THE MASSILLON MUSEUM 121 LINCOLN WAY E MASSILLON, OH 44646	ROBERT AND NANCY ARE MEMBERS/CO-CHAIRS OF CAP CAMPAIGN	501(C)(3)	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	57,500.
UNITED WAY OF WAYNE & HOLMES COUNTIES 215 S WALNUT STREET WOOSTER, OH 44691	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	5,000.
A PLACE TO BE 8 NORTH JAY STREET BOX 1472 MIDDLEBURG, VA 20118	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	5,000.
AKRON CANTON REGIONAL FOOD BANK 350 OPPORTUNITY PARKWAY AKRON, OH 44307	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	20,000.
MASSILLON KNIGHTS FOUNDATION 988 CHERRY ROAD NW MASSILLON, OH 44647	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	5,000.
THE FIRST TEE OF CANTON 2525 25TH STREET NE CANTON, OH 44705	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	5,000.
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI 2600 CLIFTON AVENUE CINCINNATI, OH 45221	NONE	501(C)(3)	GENERAL OPERATIONS	3,000.
Total from continuation sheets				

FORM 990-PF DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
DIVIDENDS	88,719.	11,780.	76,939.	76,939.	
STARK BOARD OF TRADE, LLC	4.	0.	4.	4.	
TO PART I, LINE 4	88,723.	11,780.	76,943.	76,943.	

FORM 990-PF OTHER INCOME STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
STARK BOARD OF TRADE, LLC	-239.	-239.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11	-239.	-239.	

FORM 990-PF ACCOUNTING FEES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
ACCOUNTANT FEES	2,025.	1,013.		1,012.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	2,025.	1,013.		1,012.

FORM 990-PF OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES STATEMENT 4

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
TRUST SERVICE FEES	17,713.	8,857.		8,856.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	17,713.	8,857.		8,856.

FORM 990-PF	TAXES	STATEMENT	5
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
2015 ANNUAL OH REG FEE	200.	200.		0.
2015 FED TAX LIABILITY	20,653.	0.		20,653.
2016 FED TAX ESTIMATES	14,000.	0.		14,000.
FOREIGN TAXES PAID ON DIVIDENDS	1,962.	1,962.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	36,815.	2,162.		34,653.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER DECREASES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	STATEMENT	6
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DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
BASIS DIFFERENCE IN CONTRIBUTED STOCK THAT WAS SOLD	461,309.
BASIS DIFFERENCE IN CONTRIBUTED STOCK HELD AT YEAR-END	239,852.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART III, LINE 5	701,161.

FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE STOCK	STATEMENT	7
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DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
CLOSED END EQUITY MUTUAL FUND	2,686,081.	2,953,619.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	2,686,081.	2,953,619.

FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE BONDS	STATEMENT	8
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DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
CLOSED END FIXED INCOME	1,269,782.	1,268,570.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10C	1,269,782.	1,268,570.

FORM 990-PF OTHER INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 9

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION METHOD	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
INVESTMENT IN STARK BOARD OF TRADE	COST	249,766.	249,766.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 13		249,766.	249,766.

FORM 990-PF PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS STATEMENT 10

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
RICHARD W. GESSNER P.O. BOX 1000 MASSILLON, OH 44648-1000	DIRECTOR 0.10	0.	0.	0.
SUSAN R. GESSNER P.O. BOX 1000 MASSILLON, OH 44648-1000	DIRECTOR 0.10	0.	0.	0.
ROBERT B. GESSNER P.O. BOX 1000 MASSILLON, OH 44648-1000	DIRECTOR 0.10	0.	0.	0.
ELIZABETH A. MCCALLISTER P.O. BOX 1000 MASSILLON, OH 44648-1000	DIRECTOR 0.10	0.	0.	0.
RICHARD W. GESSNER, JR. P.O. BOX 1000 MASSILLON, OH 44648-1000	DIRECTOR 0.10	0.	0.	0.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII		0.	0.	0.

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PART XV - LINE 1A  
LIST OF FOUNDATION MANAGERS

STATEMENT 11

NAME OF MANAGER

RICHARD W. GESSNER  
SUSAN R. GESSNER  
ROBERT B. GESSNER