

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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2016

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2016 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation

A Employer identification number

CASLER FOUNDATION

36-3107246

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

5675 WINKER LANE

B Telephone number

815-997-3791

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372

C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐

G Check all that apply:

☐

Initial return

☐

Initial return of a former public charity

☐

Final return

☐

Amended return

☐

Address change

☐

Name change

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

H Check type of organization:

☒

Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐

Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust

☐

Other taxable private foundation

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16)

\$ 866,226.

J Accounting method:

☒

Cash

☐

Accrual

☐ Other (specify)F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

(Part I, 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).)

(a) Revenue and expenses per books

(b) Net investment income

(c) Adjusted net income

(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)

	(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			N/A	
2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	3.	3.		STATEMENT 2
4 Dividends and interest from securities	11,087.	11,087.		STATEMENT 3
5a Gross rents				
b Net rental income or (loss)				
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	76,464.			STATEMENT 1
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	261,579.			
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		99,993.		
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	2,059.	0.		STATEMENT 4
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	89,613.	111,083.		
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 5	1,300.	0.	0.
c Other professional fees				
17 Interest				
18 Taxes	STMT 6	100.	100.	0.
19 Depreciation and depletion				
20 Occupancy				
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses	STMT 7	2,975.	2,848.	0.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		4,375.	2,948.	0.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		40,250.		40,250.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		44,625.	2,948.	40,250.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	44,988.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		108,135.		
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
<b>Assets</b>	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	40,562.	15,974.	15,974.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ 289.			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	187.	289.	289.
	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 8	153,950.	129,262.	438,813.
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
Less accumulated depreciation ▶				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other STMT 9	294,489.	388,651.	411,150.	
14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
Less accumulated depreciation ▶				
15 Other assets (describe ▶)				
16 <b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	489,188.	534,176.	866,226.	
<b>Liabilities</b>	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 <b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.		
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	75,175.	75,175.	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund	0.	0.	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	414,013.	459,001.	
	30 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	489,188.	534,176.	
31 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	489,188.	534,176.		

**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	489,188.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	44,988.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	534,176.
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	534,176.

**Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b SEE ATTACHED STATEMENTS				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a			
b			
c			
d			
e 261,579.		161,586.	99,993.

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) 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	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			99,993.

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<div> <div>If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7</div> <div>If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7</div> </div>	2	99,993.
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). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3	N/A

**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	38,981.	769,931.	.050629
2014	36,725.	790,144.	.046479
2013	32,675.	713,745.	.045780
2012	35,400.	725,598.	.048787
2011	31,710.	682,864.	.046437

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	.238112
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	.047622
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5	4	794,194.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	37,821.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	1,081.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	38,902.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	40,250.

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)		1	1,081.
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			
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	1,081.
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	1,081.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	6a	280.	
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	280.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input checked="" 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	801.	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2017 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11		

**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
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 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) <input type="checkbox"/> IL		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by 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 <b>N/A</b>	X	
14 The books are in care of <b>DANIEL W. CASSENS</b> Telephone no. <b>815-997-3791</b> Located at <b>5675 WINKER LANE, PRIOR LAKE, MN</b> ZIP+4 <b>55372</b>		
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 <b>15</b> <b>N/A</b>		
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 <b>N/A</b>		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 <b>N/A</b>	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>N/A</b>		
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.) <b>N/A</b>	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. <b>N/A</b>		
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.) <b>N/A</b>	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

**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
N. JEAN CASSENS	TRUSTEE			
3914 EATON DRIVE				
ROCKFORD, IL 61114	1.00	0.	0.	0.
JEFFREY L CASSENS	TRUSTEE			
3109 KEIM ROAD				
COLUMBIA, IL 62236	1.00	0.	0.	0.
DANIEL W CASSENS	TRUSTEE			
5675 WINKER LANE				
PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372	1.00	0.	0.	0.
AMY L PAPALEXANDROU	TRUSTEE			
2808 JORWOODS DRIVE				
AUSTIN, TX 78745	1.00	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

**Part VIII** Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)***3** Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. 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 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

**Part IX-B** Summary of Program-Related Investments

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	
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	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	796,274.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	9,994.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	20.
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	806,288.
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	806,288.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	12,094.
5	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	794,194.
6	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	6	39,710.

**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	39,710.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5	2a	1,081.
b	Income tax for 2016. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	1,081.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	38,629.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	38,629.
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	38,629.

**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	40,250.
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	40,250.
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	1,081.
6	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	39,169.

**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
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				38,629.
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2015 only			0.	
<b>b</b> Total for prior years:		0.		
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016:				
<b>a</b> From 2011				
<b>b</b> From 2012	743.			
<b>c</b> From 2013				
<b>d</b> From 2014				
<b>e</b> From 2015	1,024.			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e	1,767.			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4: ► \$ 40,250.				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a			0.	
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
<b>d</b> Applied to 2016 distributable amount				38,629.
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	1,621.			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0.			0.
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	3,388.			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2015. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2016. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2017				0.
<b>7</b> Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions)	0.			
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7	0.			
<b>9</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	3,388.			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9:				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2012	743.			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2013				
<b>c</b> Excess from 2014				
<b>d</b> Excess from 2015	1,024.			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2016	1,621.			



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

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
<b>a Paid during the year</b>				
SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT	NONE	PUBLIC	SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT	40,250.
<b>Total</b>			<b>3a</b>	40,250.
<b>b Approved for future payment</b>				
NONE				
<b>Total</b>			<b>3b</b>	0.





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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	508.351 SHS ALLIANZ CONVERTIBLE BD FD	P	02/22/16	05/16/16
b	519.751 SHS GOLDMAN SACHS STRAT INC	P	12/31/15	02/22/16
c	40.75 DHD NUVEEN REAL ESTATE SECS	P	09/09/16	12/23/16
d	3215.758 SHS VANGUARD TOTAL BD FD	P	VARIOUS	12/23/16
e	527.869 SHS ALLIANZ CONVERTIBLE BD FD INSTL	P	VARIOUS	05/16/16
f	352.201 SHS DEUTSCHE CROCI INTER FD	P	VARIOUS	05/02/16
g	1038.947 SHS SACHS STRAT INC - INST	P	05/03/11	02/22/16
h	518.941 SHS IVY MIDCAP GROWTH FD	P	05/11/11	01/20/16
i	247.893 SHS NUVEEN REAL ESTATE SECS	P	05/03/11	12/23/16
j	1900 SHS WOODWARD INC	D	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
k	201.488 SHS DEUTSCHE CROCI INTER FD	P	VARIOUS	12/23/16
l	459.738 SHS IVY MIDCAP GROWTH FD	P	VARIOUS	01/20/16
m	102.756 SHS NUVEEN REAL ESTATE	P	11/01/12	12/23/16
n	11.391 SHS T ROWE PRICE STK FD INV	P	02/07/13	09/09/16
o	450.045 SHS VANGUARD TOTAL BD MKT FD	P	10/27/14	08/18/16

(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 14,671.		14,000.	671.
b 4,834.		5,000.	<166.>
c 892.		1,000.	<108.>
d 34,055.		35,000.	<945.>
e 15,234.		18,700.	<3,466.>
f 14,000.		16,492.	<2,492.>
g 9,662.		10,473.	<811.>
h 9,315.		10,000.	<685.>
i 5,424.		5,000.	424.
j 106,273.		1,159.	105,114.
k 8,231.		9,508.	<1,277.>
l 8,252.		11,300.	<3,048.>
m 2,248.		2,200.	48.
n 600.		449.	151.
o 5,000.		4,901.	99.

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) Losses (from col. (h)) Gains (excess of col. (h) gain over col. (k), but not less than "-0-")
a			671.
b			<166.>
c			<108.>
d			<945.>
e			<3,466.>
f			<2,492.>
g			<811.>
h			<685.>
i			424.
j			105,114.
k			<1,277.>
l			<3,048.>
m			48.
n			151.
o			99.

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 }

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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).  
If (loss), enter "-0-" in Part I, line 8

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CASLER FOUNDATION

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	946.171 SHS VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MKT INDEX	P	10/27/14	12/23/16
b	171.202 SHS VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MKT INDEX	P	11/01/12	11/29/16
c	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS			
d				
e				
f				
g				
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n				
o				

(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 10,020.		10,304.	<284.>
b 9,500.		6,100.	3,400.
c 3,368.			3,368.
d			
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Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Losses (from col. (h)) Gains (excess of col. (h) gain over col. (k), but not less than "-0-")
(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	
a			<284.>
b			3,400.
c			3,368.
d			
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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	99,993.
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). If (loss), enter "-0-" in Part I, line 8 }	3	N/A

FORM 990-PF

GAIN OR (LOSS) FROM SALE OF ASSETS

STATEMENT 1

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
508.351 SHS ALLIANZ CONVERTIBLE BD FD	14,671.	14,000.	0.	0.	671.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
519.751 SHS GOLDMAN SACHS STRAT INC	4,834.	5,000.	0.	0.	<166.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
40.75 DHD NUVEEN REAL ESTATE SECS	892.	1,000.	0.	0.	<108.>



(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
3215.758 SHS VANGUARD TOTAL BD FD	34,055.	35,000.	0.	0.	<945.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
527.869 SHS ALLIANZ CONVERTIBLE BD FD INSTL	15,234.	18,700.	0.	0.	<3,466.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
352.201 SHS DEUTSCHE CROCI INTER FD	14,000.	16,492.	0.	0.	<2,492.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
1038.947 SHS SACHS STRAT INC - INST	9,662.	10,473.	0.	0.	<811.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
518.941 SHS IVY MIDCAP GROWTH FD	9,315.	10,000.	0.	0.	<685.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
247.893 SHS NUVEEN REAL ESTATE SECS	5,424.	5,000.	0.	0.	424.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) VALUE AT TIME OF ACQ.	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
1900 SHS WOODWARD INC	106,273.	24,688.	0.	0.	81,585.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
201.488 SHS DEUTSCHE CROCI INTER FD	8,231.	9,508.	0.	0.	<1,277.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
459.738 SHS IVY MIDCAP GROWTH FD	8,252.	11,300.	0.	0.	<3,048.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
102.756 SHS NUVEEN REAL ESTATE	2,248.	2,200.	0.	0.	48.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
11.391 SHS T ROWE PRICE STK FD INV	600.	449.	0.	0.	151.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
450.045 SHS VANGUARD TOTAL BD MKT FD	5,000.	4,901.	0.	0.	99.

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
946.171 SHS VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MKT INDEX	10,020.	10,304.	0.	0.	<284.>

(A) DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	(B) GROSS SALES PRICE	(C) COST OR OTHER BASIS	(D) EXPENSE OF SALE	(E) DEPREC.	(F) GAIN OR LOSS
171.202 SHS VANGUARD TOTAL STOCK MKT INDEX	9,500.	6,100.	0.	0.	3,400.

CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS FROM PART IV	3,368.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 6A	76,464.

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FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 2

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SOURCE	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
ALPINE BANK & TRUST CO - CHECKING A/C	3.	3.	
TOTAL TO PART I, LINE 3	3.	3.	

FORM 990-PF	DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES	STATEMENT	3
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SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
ALPINE BANK & TRUST CO - BROKERAGE A/C	14,455.	3,368.	11,087.	11,087.	
TO PART I, LINE 4	14,455.	3,368.	11,087.	11,087.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER INCOME	STATEMENT	4
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DESCRIPTION	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
EXCISE TAX REFUND	2,059.	0.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11	2,059.	0.	

FORM 990-PF	ACCOUNTING FEES	STATEMENT	5
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
TAX PREPARATION FEES	1,300.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	1,300.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF	TAXES	STATEMENT	6
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DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
FOREIGN TAXES PAID	100.	100.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	100.	100.		0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT	7
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES	
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES	2,848.	2,848.		0.	
OFFICE EXPENSES	127.	0.		0.	
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	2,975.	2,848.		0.	

FORM 990-PF	CORPORATE STOCK		STATEMENT	8
DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE		FAIR MARKET VALUE	
SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT	129,262.		438,813.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	129,262.		438,813.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER INVESTMENTS		STATEMENT	9
DESCRIPTION	VALUATION METHOD	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE	
SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT	COST	388,651.	411,150.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 13		388,651.	411,150.	

CASLER FOUNDATION  
BOOK/FAIR MARKET VALUE BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2016

FEIN 36-3107246

	BEG OF YEAR BOOK VALUE	END OF YEAR BOOK VALUE	FMV
CASH			
CASH - ALPINE BANK	6,330	3,016	3,516
CASH - ALPINE BANK BROKERAGE	34,232	12,958	12,958
TOTAL	40,562	15,974	16,474
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE			
RICS - MUTUAL FUND DIST REC'D AFTER Y/E (PLUG TO BALANCE)	187	289	-
INVESTMENTS - CORPORATE STOCK			
WOODWARD CO	153,950	129,262	438,813
INVESTMENTS - OTHER			
CLEARBRIDGE SMALL CAP GROWTH	4,415	4,700	4,559
VANGUARD TOTAL STK MKT IDX	71,773	69,590	85,151
HARBOR INTERNATIONAL FUND	16,373	21,050	18,470
IVY MID CAP GROWTH FUND	19,848	17,000	17,391
T ROWE PRICE GROWTH STK FD INV	36,231	34,659	39,881
T ROWE PRICE EMERGING MKTS BOND I	-	10,000	9,556
VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX-ADM	6,925	9,144	11,627
BLACKROCK STRATEGIC INC OPPORT INS	9,616	22,000	21,737
GOLDMAN SACHS STRATEGIC INCOME	9,995	-	-
METROPOLITAN WEST HIGH YIELD BOND	10,427	17,371	16,054
METROPOLITAN WEST TOTAL RETURN BOND	19,268	45,340	45,253
ALLIANZ CONVERTIBLE BOND FUND INSTL	15,715	-	-
NUVEEN REAL ESTATE SECS	8,054	-	-
VANGUARD TOTAL BOND MKT INDEX	14,856	-	-
VANGUARD SHORT TERM INVEST GRADE	14,735	23,000	22,871
DEUTSCHE CROCI INTERNATIONAL FUND	23,155	-	-
VANGUARD DIVIDEND GROWTH-INV	17,268	39,500	39,604
VANGUARD S/T INFLATION PROTECT ADM	-	5,000	5,016
VANGUARD INFLATION PROTEXT ADM #5119	-	8,000	8,044
VANGUARD SELECTED VALUE	-	12,010	13,065
MASSMUTUAL SELECT MID CAP GROWTH	-	22,787	24,704
OPPENHEIMER DEVELOPING MARKETS I	-	17,500	18,018
INVESCO COMMODITY STRATEGY Y	-	10,000	10,149
TOTAL	298,654	388,651	411,150
TOTAL ASSETS	493,353	534,176	866,437

**Casler Foundation**

**Form 990PF, Part XV, Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year**

**Tax Year Ending December 31, 2016**

**FEIN: 36-3107246**

Date	Charity	Cause	Address	City	State	Zip	Total
	Carpenters Place	Homeless Support	1149 Railroad Avenue	Rockford	IL	61104	\$2,000.00
	Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute	Research and Education	656 Beacon Street 5th Floor	Boston	MA	2215	\$3,000.00
	Crusaders Health Foundation	Health Foundation	1200 W State Street	Rockford	IL	61102	\$4,000.00
	Discovery Center	Children's Education	711 N. Main Street	Rockford	IL	61103	\$500.00
	Friends of the Rockford Public Library	Literacy Education	215 N. Wyman Street	Rockford	IL	61101	\$500.00
	Good Samaritan Ministries	Religious Outreach	2307 Hull Street	Richmond	VA	23224	\$2,000.00
	Heartland Church	Religious Outreach	1280 S. Alpine Road	Rockford	IL	61108	\$4,000.00
	Hope for Christian Church	Church	9273 Coach Stop Road	Columbia	IL	62236	\$2,000.00
	Hope Kids National	Children's Social Welfare	P.O. Box 672	Cave Creek	AZ	85327	\$4,000.00
	Rockford Rescue Mission	Social Welfare	715 W. State Street	Rockford	IL	61102	\$500.00
	Leukemia Research Foundation	Medical Research	3520 Lake Ave Suite 202	Wilmette	IL	60091	\$3,000.00
	Life Network of Southern IL	Social Welfare	224 N. Main Street	Waterloo	IL	62298	\$2,000.00
	Int'l Disaster Emergency Service, Inc.	Social Welfare	P.O. Box 379	Noblesville	MN	46061	\$1,000.00
	WNIU Northern Public Radio	Educational	801 N. 1st Street	Dekalb	IL	60115	\$500.00
	Pinecrest Community	Social Welfare	414 S. Wesley Avenue	Mt. Morris	IL	61054	\$1,500.00
	Pioneer Bible Translators	Religious Outreach	7255 Camp Wisdom Road	Dallas	TX	75236	\$800.00
	Rock River Valley Pantry	Social Welfare	421 S. Rockton Avenue	Rockford	IL	61102	\$2,000.00
	Rockford Symphony Orchestra	Arts	711 N. Main Street	Rockford	IL	61103	\$500.00
	Salvation Army	Social Welfare	P.O. Box 4159	Rockford	IL	61110	\$200.00
	Severson Dells Nature Center	Educational	8786 Montague Road	Rockford	IL	61102	\$500.00
	St. Jude Children Research Hospital	Medical Research	501 St. Jude Place	Memphis	TN	38105	\$2,000.00
	Swedish American Foundation	Health Foundation	1415 East State Street	Rockford	IL	61104	\$2,500.00
	United Way of Rock River Valley	Social Welfare	612 N. Main Street Suite 300	Rockford	IL	61103	\$1,000.00
	Polo Historical Society	Educational	123 N. Franklin Avenue	Polo	IL	61064	\$250.00
Grand Total							\$40,250.00