

Form 990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue ServiceReturn of Private Foundation
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2017

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For calendar year 2017 or tax year beginning 2017, and ending

THE CERES TRUST
10700 RESEARCH DRIVE #145
MILWAUKEE, WI 53226

A Employer identification number

20-5768077

B Telephone number (see instructions)

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

G Check all that apply
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return
☐ Address change
☐ Initial return of a former public charity
☐ Amended return
☐ Name changeH Check type of organization
☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust
☐ Other taxable private foundationI Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16)
\$ 17,914,638.J Accounting method
☒ Cash
☐ Accrual
☐ Other (specify)

(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses

(The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))

(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 (attach schedule)

550,691.

2 Check ☐ if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B

3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments

4 Dividends and interest from securities

375,622.

375,622.

5a Gross rents

b Net rental income or (loss)

6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10

4,200,631.

b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 5,833,605.

7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)

4,200,631.

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)

SEE STATEMENT 1

34,469.

5,875.

12 Total Add lines 1 through 11

5,161,413.

4,582,128.

0.

13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.

0.

14 Other employee salaries and wages

136,990.

136,990.

15 Pension plans, employee benefits

16a Legal fees (attach schedule) SEE ST 2

26,050.

26,050.

b Accounting fees (attach sch) SEE ST 3

15,740.

7,870.

7,870.

c Other professional fees (attach sch) SEE ST 4

161,651.

22,066.

139,585.

17 Interest

18 Taxes (attach schedule)(see instrs) SEE STM 5

9,901.

28.

9,873.

19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion SEE STMT 6

269.

20 Occupancy

21 Travel, conferences, and meetings

2,681.

2,681.

22 Printing and publications

74.

74.

23 Other expenses (attach schedule)

SEE STATEMENT 7

91,135.

14,903.

74,979.

24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23

444,491.

44,867.

398,102.

25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid PART XV

5,598,486.

5,598,486.

26 Total expenses and disbursements Add lines 24 and 25

6,042,977.

44,867.

0.

5,996,588.

27 Subtract line 26 from line 12.

a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements

-881,564.

b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)

4,537,261.

c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)

0.

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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				
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	3,256,255.	1,117,022.	1,117,022.	
	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 sch)				
		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)	5,031,217.	7,521,005.	9,487,826.	
	c	Investments — corporate bonds (attach schedule)	4,150,069.	3,354,557.	3,471,592.	
	11	Investments — land, buildings, and equipment basis				
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)					
12	Investments — mortgage loans					
13	Investments — other (attach schedule)	3,258,188.	3,740,394.	3,831,533.		
14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis	2,331.				
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)	1,929.	671.	402.		
15	Other assets (describe SEE STATEMENT 9)		6,263.	6,263.		
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	15,696,400.	15,739,643.	17,914,638.		
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
	18	Grants payable				
	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & 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 and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31. ☐					
	24	Unrestricted				
	25	Temporarily restricted				
	26	Permanently restricted				
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ☒					
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	15,696,400.	15,739,643.		
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund				
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds				
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	15,696,400.	15,739,643.		
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	15,696,400.	15,739,643.			

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	15,696,400.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-881,564.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) SEE STATEMENT 10	3	992,724.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	15,807,560.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) SEE STATEMENT 11	5	67,917.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) — Part II, column (b), line 30	6	15,739,643.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)		(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1 a SEE STATEMENT 12				
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				
b				
c				
d				
e				
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) FMV 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				
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
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)		If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) See instructions If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		3
				4,200,631.
				0.

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 doesn't 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))
2016	5,354,537.	18,476,930.	0.289796
2015	7,921,009.	22,542,955.	0.351374
2014	6,851,773.	17,560,199.	0.390188
2013	5,334,145.	17,086,431.	0.312186
2012	4,191,611.	18,798,501.	0.222976
2 Total of line 1, column (d)		2	
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period — divide the total on line 2 by 5 0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years		3	
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5		4	
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3		5	
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)		6	
7 Add lines 5 and 6		7	
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4		8	
		1.566520	
		0.313304	
		18,140,501.	
		5,683,492.	
		45,373.	
		5,728,865.	
		5,996,588.	

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)

1 a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter 'N/A' on line 1
Date of ruling or determination letter. (attach copy of letter if necessary – see instructions)

b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b

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-)

3 Add lines 1 and 2

4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)

5 **Tax based on investment income.** Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-

6 Credits/Payments

a 2017 estimated tax pmts and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017

b Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source

c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)

d Backup withholding erroneously withheld

7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d

8 Enter any **penalty** for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☒ if Form 2220 is attached

9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed

10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid

11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be credited to 2018 estimated tax

6 a	42,212.
6 b	
6 c	35,000.
6 d	
7	77,212.
8	54.
9	0.
10	31,785.
11	0.

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

1 a 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?

b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the 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

c Did the foundation file **Form 1120-POL** for this year?

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

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

4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?

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

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?

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

8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions

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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

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 2017 or the tax year beginning in 2017? See the instructions for Part XIV. If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV

10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses

SEE STATEMENT 13

	Yes	No
1 a		X
1 b		X
1 c		X
2		X
3		X
4 a		X
4 b	N/A	
5		X
6	X	
7	X	
8 b	X	
9		X
10	X	

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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 <u>WWW.CERESTRUST.ORG</u>	X	
14 The books are in care of <u>JAMES L. MOHR & ASSOCIATES LLP</u> Telephone no <u>(414) 302-4020</u> Located at <u>10700 RESEARCH DRIVE, SUITE 145 MILWAUKEE WI</u> ZIP + 4 <u>53226</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 — check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year <u>15</u> N/A		N/A
16 At any time during calendar year 2017, 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 <u></u>		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
1 a 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 ☐	1 b	N/A
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 2017?	1 c	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 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? If 'Yes,' list the years <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u>	☐ Yes ☒ No	
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.)	2 b	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 <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u> , <u>20</u>		
3 a 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 2017 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 2017.)	3 b	N/A
4 a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4 a	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 2017?	4 b	X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5 a** 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

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)

6 a 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?

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870

☐ Yes ☒ No**7 a** 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

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1** List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.

(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
JUDITH A. KERN 10700 RESEARCH DRIVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53226	TRUSTEE 0	0.	0.	0.
KENT WHEALY 10700 RESEARCH DRIVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53226	TRUSTEE 0	0.	0.	0.

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(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
KATHRYN GILJE 5117 LAWTON AVENUE OAKLAND, CA 94618	40	136,990.	0.	0.

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
EVERGREEN WEALTH ADVISORS LLC 150 S. WACKER DRIVE #2400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	CONSULTING	137,500.
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 (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	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	1 a	11,720,775.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1 b	1,665,626.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1 c	5,030,351.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1 d	18,416,752.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1 e	0.
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	18,416,752.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	276,251.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	18,140,501.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	907,025.

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	907,025.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2 a	45,373.
b	Income tax for 2017. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2 b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2 c	45,373.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	861,652.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	861,652.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	861,652.

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	1 a	5,996,588.
b	Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	1 b	
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)	3 a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3 b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	5,996,588.
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	45,373.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	5,951,215.

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 2016	(c) 2016	(d) 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Part XI, line 7				861,652.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017				
a Enter amount for 2016 only			0.	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017				
a From 2012	3,263,538.			
b From 2013	4,408,042.			
c From 2014	6,024,505.			
d From 2015	6,802,443.			
e From 2016	4,442,910.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	24,941,438.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 5,996,588.				
a Applied to 2016, 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 2017 distributable amount				861,652.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	5,134,936.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (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	30,076,374.			
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 2016 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount — see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2017 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2018				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 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	3,263,538.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	26,812,836.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2013	4,408,042.			
b Excess from 2014	6,024,505.			
c Excess from 2015	6,802,443.			
d Excess from 2016	4,442,910.			
e Excess from 2017	5,134,936.			

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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
<i>a</i> Paid during the year SEE ATTACHED SPREADSHEET	NONE	PC	SEE STATEMENT	5,598,486.
Total				3 a 5,598,486.
<i>b</i> Approved for future payment				
Total				3 b

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.**
► **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

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2017

Name of the organization

THE CERES TRUST

Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

Section:

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

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- ☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check 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).

BAA 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) (2017)

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

(a) Number	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	JUDITH A. KERN & KENT WHEALY 10700 RESEARCH DRIVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53226	\$ 2,425,882.	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
2	WARSH-MOTT LEGACY 469 BOHEMIAN HWY FREESTONE, CA 95472	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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Part II

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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 information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____ N/A

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
	N/A		

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(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

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Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee

(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

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STATEMENT 1
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11
OTHER INCOME

	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
GROSVENOR	\$ 5,875.	\$ 5,875.	
UNSPENT GRANT FUNDS	28,594.		
TOTAL	<u>\$ 34,469.</u>	<u>\$ 5,875.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

STATEMENT 2
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 16A
LEGAL FEES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
REINHART BOERNER VAN DEUREN	\$ 26,050.			\$ 26,050.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 26,050.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 26,050.</u>

STATEMENT 3
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 16B
ACCOUNTING FEES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
JAMES L. MOHR AND ASSOCIATES	\$ 15,740.	\$ 7,870.		\$ 7,870.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 15,740.</u>	<u>\$ 7,870.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 7,870.</u>

STATEMENT 4
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 16C
OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTANTS	\$ 139,585.			\$ 139,585.
INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES - MARQUETTE	17,444.	\$ 17,444.		
INVESTMENT EXPENSES - US TRUST #6038	3.	3.		
INVESTMENT MGMT FEES - US TRUST #6038	4,619.	4,619.		
TOTAL	<u>\$ 161,651.</u>	<u>\$ 22,066.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 139,585.</u>

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STATEMENT 5
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 18
TAXES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
FOREIGN TAXES	\$ 28.	\$ 28.		
PAYROLL TAXES	9,873.			\$ 9,873.
TOTAL	\$ 9,901.	\$ 28.	\$ 0.	\$ 9,873.

STATEMENT 6
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 19
ALLOCATED DEPRECIATION

DATE ACQUIRED	COST BASIS	PRIOR YR DEPR	METHOD	RATE	LIFE	CURRENT YR DEPR	NET INVEST INCOME	ADJUSTED NET INCOME
COMPUTER								
1/08/14	2,019	1,438	200DB	0.1152		233	0	0
MONITOR, KEYBOARD, MOUSE								
3/12/14	312	222	200DB	0.1152		36	0	0
SOFTWARE								
7/27/17	7,516		S/L	0.1667		1,253	0	0

STATEMENT 7
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 23
OTHER EXPENSES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
AMORTIZATION	\$ 1,253.			N/A
FUNDER ENGAGEMENT EXPENSES	12,442.			\$ 12,442.
GRANTEE EXPENSES	41,389.			41,389.
GROSVENOR K-1	14,903.	\$ 14,903.		
OFFICE EXPENSE	297.			297.
PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES	1,274.			1,274.
PUBLIC EDUCATION EXPENSES	512.			512.
RENTAL EXPENSES	12,663.			12,663.
TELEPHONE, INTERNET	1,398.			1,398.
WEB DESIGN & MAINTENANCE	5,004.			5,004.
TOTAL	\$ 91,135.	\$ 14,903.	\$ 0.	\$ 74,979.

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STATEMENT 8
FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 14
LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

CATEGORY	BASIS	ACCUM. DEPREC.	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,331.	\$ 1,929.	\$ 402.	\$ 402.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,331.</u>	<u>\$ 1,929.</u>	<u>\$ 402.</u>	<u>\$ 402.</u>

STATEMENT 9
FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 15
OTHER ASSETS

	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
NET INTANGIBLE ASSETS	\$ 6,263.	\$ 6,263.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 6,263.</u>	<u>\$ 6,263.</u>

STATEMENT 10
FORM 990-PF, PART III, LINE 3
OTHER INCREASES

BOOK GAIN GREATER THAN TAX GAIN	\$ 992,724.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 992,724.</u>

STATEMENT 11
FORM 990-PF, PART III, LINE 5
OTHER DECREASES

TIMING DIFFERENCES	\$ 67,917.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 67,917.</u>

STATEMENT 12
FORM 990-PF, PART IV, LINE 1
CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME

ITEM	(A) DESCRIPTION	(B) HOW ACQUIRED	(C) DATE ACQUIRED	(D) DATE SOLD
1	.48 BRITISH AMERN TOB PLC	PURCHASED	7/25/2017	8/29/2017
2	US TRUST #6038	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
3	US TRUST #6038	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
4	SPRINT NEXTEL SECURITIES LITIGATION	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	2/23/2017
5	BAXTER INTL INC SECURITIES LITIGATION	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	3/27/2017
6	WEATHERFORD INTL SECURITIES LITIGATION	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	4/18/2017
7	BANK NY MELLON SECURITIES LITIGATION	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	5/15/2017
8	GROSVENOR	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	10/20/2017
9	CHARLES SCHWAB	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	9/18/2017
10	CHARLES SCHWAB	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	9/18/2017
11	GROSVENOR K-1	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	VARIOUS

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STATEMENT 12 (CONTINUED)
FORM 990-PF, PART IV, LINE 1
CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME

ITEM	(A) DESCRIPTION	(B) HOW ACQUIRED	(C) DATE ACQUIRED	(D) DATE SOLD
12	CHARLES SCHWAB	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	9/18/2017
13	CAPITAL GAIN DIVIDENDS			

ITEM	(E) GROSS SALES	(F) DEPREC. ALLOWED	(G) COST BASIS	(H) GAIN (LOSS)	(I) FMV 12/31/69	(J) ADJ. BAS. 12/31/69	(K) EXCESS (I) - (J)	(L) GAIN (LOSS)
1	30.		33.	-3.				\$ -3.
2	282,056.		249,589.	32,467.				32,467.
3	755,784.		815,678.	-59,894.				-59,894.
4	95.		0.	95.				95.
5	310.		0.	310.				310.
6	103.		0.	103.				103.
7	573.		0.	573.				573.
8	1769270.		0.	1769270.				1769270.
9	16,007.		17,484.	-1,477.				-1,477.
10	2525638.		537,542.	1988096.				1988096.
11	21.		0.	21.				21.
12	14,048.		12,648.	1,400.				1,400.
13								469,670.
TOTAL								\$ 4200631.

STATEMENT 13
FORM 990-PF, PART VII-A, LINE 10
SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS DURING THE TAX YEAR

NAME OF SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR	ADDRESS OF SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR
JUDITH KERN & KENT WHEALY	10700 RESEARCH DRIVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53226