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Return of Private Foundation

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Form 990-PF

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2017 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation THE MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY FOUNDATION		A Employer identification number 26-3035459
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 6700 WESTOWN PARKWAY	Room/suite	B Telephone number (515) 243-8171
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266-7754		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return ☐ Address change ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Amended return ☐ 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) \$ 908,916.	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 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		308,047.		N/A	
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		11,645.	11,645.		STATEMENT 1
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10		6,957.			
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	41,209.				
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			6,957.		
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					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		326,649.	18,602.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc		0.	0.		0.
14 Other employee salaries and wages					
15 Pension plans, employee benefits					
16a Legal fees STMT 2		108.	0.		0.
b Accounting fees STMT 3		2,133.	0.		0.
c Other professional fees STMT 4		537.	0.		0.
17 Interest					
18 Taxes STMT 5		1,834.	0.		0.
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings					
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses STMT 6		3,087.	0.		0.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		7,699.	0.		0.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		192,284.			192,284.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		199,983.	0.		192,284.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12.					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		126,666.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			18,602.		
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 (a) Book Value	End of year (b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	726,209.	852,875.	908,916.
	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			
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	Liabilities	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶		
Less accumulated depreciation ▶				
12 Investments - mortgage loans				
13 Investments - other				
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 1)		726,209.	852,875.	908,916.
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 ☒ and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted	591,209.	687,875.	
	25 Temporarily restricted	135,000.	165,000.	
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
30 Total net assets or fund balances	726,209.	852,875.		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	726,209.	852,875.		

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	726,209.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	126,666.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	852,875.
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	852,875.

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 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES			VARIOUS	VARIOUS
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 41,209.		34,252.	6,957.
b			
c			
d			
e			

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

(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	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a			6,957.
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	6,957.
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.)

N/A

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			
2015			
2014			
2013			
2012			

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

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 ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary-see instructions)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☐ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	372.
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	372.
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	372.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017	6a	0.	
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	0.	
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	0.	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	0.	
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	0.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	0.	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	372.	
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 2018 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐	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
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.		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. ☐ \$ 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>IA</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 2017 or the tax year beginning in 2017? See the 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 ▶ LARRY TAYLOR Telephone no. ▶ (515) 243-8171 Located at ▶ 6700 WESTOWN PKWY, WEST DES MOINES, IA ZIP+4 ▶ 50266		
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 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 ▶		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? ☐ 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 ▶ 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 2017?	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 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? ☐ Yes ☒ 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	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. ▶		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 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.) 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 2017?	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, and 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 7		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 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	512,339.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	235,158.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	747,497.
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	747,497.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	11,212.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	736,285.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	36,814.

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	36,814.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2a	372.
b	Income tax for 2017. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	372.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	36,442.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	36,442.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0.
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	36,442.

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	192,284.
b	Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B	1b	0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4	4	192,284.
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	0.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	192,284.

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2016	(c) 2016	(d) 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Part XI, line 7				36,442.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017				
a Enter amount for 2016 only			0.	
b Total for prior years.		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017:				
a From 2012	166,921.			
b From 2013	98,818.			
c From 2014	195,060.			
d From 2015	121,536.			
e From 2016	109,993.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	692,328.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$	192,284.			
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				36,442.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	155,842.			
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	848,170.			
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 instr.			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	166,921.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	681,249.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2013	98,818.			
b Excess from 2014	195,060.			
c Excess from 2015	121,536.			
d Excess from 2016	109,993.			
e Excess from 2017	155,842.			

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
a Paid during the year				
AGC OF IOWA FOUNDATION 701 E COURT AVE SUITE B DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	FOSTER EDUCATION, SUPPORT RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT	650.
BEACON OF LIFE 1717 WOODLAND AVE DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	TO EMPOWER WOMEN IN CRISIS TO ACHIEVE POSITIVE LONG-TERM CHANGE.	160.
BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION 1500 BIRCHMONT AVE NE BEMIDJI, MN 56601	NONE	PUBLIC	TO FUND SCHOLARSHIPS, SUPPORT STUDENT RECRUITMENT EFFORTS, FACULTY RESEARCH AND FOUNDATION OPERATIONS.	100.
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CENTRAL IOWA 9051 SWANSON BOULEVARD CLIVE, IA 50325	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORT FOR MENTORING PROGRAM	2,000.
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER KC 1709 WALNUT ST KANSAS CITY, MO 64108	NONE	PUBLIC	ORGANIZATION MATCHES CHILDREN OF ONE-PARENT FAMILIES, IN ONE-TO-ONE FRIENDSHIPS. CREATING	200.
Total	SEE CONTINUATION SHEET(S)			192,284.
b Approved for future payment				
NONE				
Total				0.

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers to and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

Part I		Yes	No
1	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:		
	(1) Cash		X
	(2) Other assets		X
b	Other transactions.		
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization		X
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization		X
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets		X
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements		X
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees		X
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations		X
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees		X
d	If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.		

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

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
N/A		

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here   

Signature of officer or trustee Date 18-14-2018 Title Treasurer

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below? See instr. ☒ Yes ☐ No

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
	STEPHEN L KOEHN	<i>Stephen L Koehn CPA</i>	8-6-18		P00089588
	Firm's name ▶ MERIWETHER, WILSON, AND COMPANY, PLLC			Firm's EIN ▶ 42-0731256	
	Firm's address ▶ 4500 WESTOWN PARKWAY, SUITE 140 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266-6717			Phone no. 515-223-0002	

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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
BLOOD SWEAT & BEERS 3512 INGERSOL AVE DES MOINES, IA 50312	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORT FOR LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY FUNDRAISING RACE	750.
CENTRAL IOWA AGFP CHAPTER 37 LIBERTY BELL BLVD PLEASANT HILL, IA 50327	NONE	PUBLIC	PROMOTES PHILANTHROPY BY EMPOWERING PEOPLE & ORGANIZATIONS TO PRACTICE ETHICAL AND EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL	650.
CENTURION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 64545 TUCSON, AZ 85728	NONE	PUBLIC	TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRIMARILY IN THE AREAS OF HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION	600.
CHARLOTTE'S WINGS 1392 OTTER DRIVE ROCHESTER HILLS, MI 48309	NONE	PUBLIC	DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING AILING CHILDREN THROUGH DONATIONS OF NEW BOOKS TO THE CHILDREN AND	250.
CHILDREN & FAMILIES OF IOWA 1111 UNIVERSITY AVE DES MOINES, IA 50314	NONE	PUBLIC	PROVIDES RESOURCES NEEDED TO HELP VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PROVIDE SAFETY AND PREVENTION FOR ABUSED	500.
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CLINICS OF MINNESOTA 2525 CHICAGO AVE MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55404	NONE	PUBLIC	PROGRAM SUPPORT	200.
CHILDRENS CANCER CONNECTION 2708 GRAND AVE DES MOINES, IA 50312	NONE	PUBLIC	TO SERVE FAMILIES WITH CHILDHOOD CANCERS WITH QUALITY PROGRAMS FOR EDUCATION, RECREATION AND SUPPORT.	500.
CYSTIC FIBROSIS FOUNDATION 4150 WESTOWN PKWY #206 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	NONE	PUBLIC	RESEARCH FOR A CURE FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE WITH THE DISEASE	1,000.
DES MOINES COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE 831 42ND ST DES MOINES, IA 50312	NONE	PUBLIC	TO ENCOURAGE SELF-DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE DRAMATIC ARTS, EXPLORE THE SKILLS OF THE THEATRE,	1,000.
DES MOINES METRO OPERA 106 WEST BOSTON AVE INDIANOLA, IA 50125	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORTS THE OPERA IN DES MOINES.	2,000.
Total from continuation sheets				189,174.

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DES MOINES PERFORMING ARTS 221 WALNUT STREET DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	ENGAGE THE MIDWEST IN WORLD-CLASS ENTERTAINMENT, EDUCATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES	4,500.
DES MOINES SYMPHONY 1011 LOCUST #200 DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORTS THE SYMPHONY IN DES MOINES.	2,500.
FOOD BANK OF IOWA 2220 EAST 17TH ST DES MOINES, IA 50316	NONE	PUBLIC	ALLEVIATING HUNGER THROUGH FOOD DISTRIBUTION, PARTNERSHIP AND EDUCATION.	1,000.
FRIENDS OF IOWA PUBLIC TELEVISION P.O. BOX 6400 JOHNSTON, IA 50131	NONE	PUBLIC	TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR QUALITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING THAT EDUCATES, ENLIGHTENS AND ENTERTAINS IOWANS	100.
GOSHEN VALLEY BOYS RANCH 387 GOSHEN CHURCH WAY WALESKA, GA 30183	NONE	PUBLIC	TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT FACING OUR MOST VULNERABLE YOUTH.	250.
HAND IN HAND 3860 MIDDLE ROAD BETTENDORF, IA 52722	NONE	PUBLIC	CREATE FUN RECREATIONAL AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS LIVING WITH	125.
HOPE MINISTRIES PO BOX 862 DES MOINES, IA 50304	NONE	PUBLIC	MEETING THE SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL, AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO ARE	1,000.
IOWA COLLEGE FOUNDATION 505 5TH AVENUE #1034 DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION BY SECURING FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR MEMBER	1,000.
IOWA STATE FAIR BLUE RIBBON FOUNDATION P.O. BOX 57130 DES MOINES, IA 50317	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORT FOR FAIR PROGRAMS	3,000.
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION 2505 UNIVERSITY BLVD, P.O. BOX 2230 AMES, IA 50010	NONE	PUBLIC	ESSENTIAL IN BUILDING THE FINANCIAL BASE TO SUSTAIN LONG-TERM GROWTH OF ISU.	5,000.
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JDRF INTERNATIONAL - GREATER IA CHAPTER 3580 EP TRUE PARKWAY #101 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50265	NONE	PUBLIC	TO FIND A CURE FOR DIABETES AND ITS COMPLICATIONS THROUGH THE SUPPORT OF RESEARCH.	2,000.
KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOUNDATION 116 SOUTH EAST STREET CARROLL, IA 51401	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM	500.
KVC HEALTH SYSTEMS 21350 W 153RD STREET OLATHE, KS 66061	NONE	PUBLIC	COMMITTED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROVIDING MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, SOCIAL	400.
LYMPHOMA & LEUKEMIA SOCIETY 2700 WESTOWN PKWY #260 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	NONE	PUBLIC	CURE LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA, HODGKIN'S DISEASE AND MYELOMA, AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF	3,500.
MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION IA 3024 104TH STREET URBANDALE, IA 50322	NONE	PUBLIC	GRANTING WISHES OF CHILDREN WITH LIFE-THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO ENRICH THE HUMAN	2,100.
MEALS FROM THE HEARTLAND 357 LINCOLN STREET WEST DES MOINES, IA 50265	NONE	PUBLIC	EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO SAVE THE STARVING	1,000.
MID-IOWA COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 5123 SCOUT TRAIL DES MOINES, IA 50321	NONE	PUBLIC	TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND YOUNG ADULTS TO BUILD CHARACTER, TO TRAIN IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF	5,000.
ORCHARD PLACE FOUNDATION 2116 GRADE AVE DES MOINES, IA 50312	NONE	PUBLIC	DEVELOP STRONG FUTURES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH MENTAL HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL CHALLENGES.	1,000.
PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC 2771 104TH ST SUITE I URBANDALE, IA 50322	NONE	PUBLIC	THE TOURNAMENT RAISES MONEY FOR LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN	6,250.
PUPPY JAKE FOUNDATION 4020 JOHN LYNDE RD DES MOINES, IA 50312	NONE	PUBLIC	HELPING MILITARY VETERANS THROUGH TRAINED SERVICE DOGS	70,500.
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RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE 1441 PLEASANT STREET DES MOINES, IA 50314	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN RECEIVING CRITICAL MEDICAL CARE IN DES MOINES.	3,250.
SALISBURY HOUSE FOUNDATION 4025 TONAWANDA DRIVE DES MOINES, IA 50312	NONE	PUBLIC	HELPS TO PRESERVE THE HOUSE AND GARDENS; PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMING FOR	500.
SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA 401 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PKWY DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	PROGRAMS TO ENGAGE & INSPIRE IOWANS IN LIFELONG SCIENCE LEARNING	1,000.
ST JUDES CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL 501 ST JUDE PLACE MEMPHIS, TN 38105	NONE	PUBLIC	TO ADVANCE CURES, AND MEANS OF PREVENTION, FOR PEDIATRIC CATASTROPHIC DISEASES THROUGH RESEARCH AND	250.
ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH 1102 NW WEIGEL DRIVE ANKENY, IA 50023	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORT FOR CHURCH PROGRAMS.	400.
THE SURETY FOUNDATION 1101 CONNECTICUT AVENUE NW #800 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	NONE	PUBLIC	PROVIDES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER IN SURETY.	5,000.
THE TERRACE HILL SOCIETY FOUNDATION 2300 GRAND AVE DES MOINES, IA 50312	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORTS THE UPKEEP OF THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION IN DES MOINES.	500.
UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL IOWA 1111 NINTH STREET, SUITE 100 DES MOINES, IA 50314	NONE	PUBLIC	IMPROVES LIVES BY MOBILIZING THE CARING POWER OF COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD TO ADVANCE THE COMMON	6,500.
UNITY POINT HEALTH FOUNDATION 1200 PLEASANT ST DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORT FOR THE BLANK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL THAT SERVES THE CHILD LIFE PROGRAM AND THE CENTER FOR ADVOCACY	1,000.
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS FOUNDATION PO BOX 13178 AUSTIN, TX 78711	NONE	PUBLIC	OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES AS WELL AS PROGRAMMING AND RESOURCES	4,000.
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VARIETY, THE CHILDRENS CHARITY OF IOWA 505 5TH AVE SUITE 310 DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	HELPING UNDERPRIVILEGED, AT-RISK AND SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN IN IOWA.	12,154.
WEST DES MOINES EMS ASSOCIATION 8055 MILLS CIVIC PKWY WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266	NONE	PUBLIC	TO PROVIDE TIMELY, PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CARE AND MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF	100.
YMCA OF GREATER DES MOINES 501 GRAND AVENUE DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	YOUTH DEVELOPMENT	6,500.
YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES & SHELTERS OF IOWA 918 SE 11TH ST DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	SUPPORT OF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE AND FAMILIES TOGETHER	2,000.
YOUTH HOMES OF MID AMERICA P.O. BOX 39 JOHNSTON, IA 50131	NONE	PUBLIC	TO PROVIDE TROUBLED YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES A PATH TO INDEPENDENCE.	2,750.
DES MOINES WATER WORKS PARKS FOUNDATION PO BOX 12009 DES MOINES, IA 50312	NONE	PUBLIC	IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CENTAL IOWANS BY ENHANCING WATERWORKS PARK	5,000.
USED CAR DEALERS OF CO CHARITY FUND 950 WADSWORTH BLVD #101 LAKEWOOD, CO 80214	NONE	PUBLIC	REPRESENT THE GOODWILL OF USED CAR DEALERS IN COLORADO	2,500.
IOWA ATHLETICS DEVELOPMENT 5410 CARVER HAWKEYE ARENA IOWA CITY, IA 52242	NONE	PUBLIC	PROVIDES SUPPORT TO THE GENERAL ATHLETIC BUDGET	2,400.
HCI CARE SERVICES 2901 WESTOWN PKWY W DES MOINES, IA 50266	NONE	PUBLIC	PROMOTING DIGNITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE AND EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY BASED CARE	1,500.
HBA OF IA EDUCATION CORPORATION 400 E COURT DES MOINES, IA 50309	NONE	PUBLIC	TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE HOME BUILDING INDUSTRY	1,200.
Total from continuation sheets				

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NYSADA PO BOX 7347 ALBANY, NY 12224	NONE	PUBLIC	PROVIDING EDUCATION AND INSURANCE IN THE AUTOMATIVE INDUSTRY	1,500.
COURAGE LEAGUE SPORT 4405 121ST ST URBANDALE, IA 50322	NONE	PUBLIC	PHILOSOPHY IS EVERYBODY DESERVES TO PLAY	1,090.
BEST BUDDIES OF IA 7648 HICKMAN RD DES MOINES, IA 50324	NONE	PUBLIC	GLOBAL VOLUNTEER MOVEMENT THAT CREATES 1 TO 1 FRIENDSHIPS FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES	1,000.
GREATER HOUSTON COMM FOUNDATION 5120 WOODWAY DR HOUSTON, TX 77056	NONE	PUBLIC	HELPING DONORS CREATE LASTING LEGACIES	1,000.
SAVE THE CHILDREN USA 501 KINGS HWY FAIRFIELD, CT 06825	NONE	PUBLIC	NON-PROFIT HELPING DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN	1,000.
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON BOX 354070 SEATTLE, WA 98195	NONE	PUBLIC	CONDUIT FOR GIVING TO WASHINGTON STUDENTS	900.
LOS ALAMITOS ED FOUNDATION 10293 BLOOMFIELD ST LOS ALAMITOS, CA 90720	NONE	PUBLIC	PROVIDING ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES TO STUDENTS WITHIN THE	800.
AMERICAN RED CROSS PO BOX 37839 BOONE, IA 50037	NONE	PUBLIC	VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF WORK TO PROVIDE VITAL SERVICES DURING EMERGENCIES	730.
IOWA GIRLS CODE 218 N HYLAND AVE AMES, IA 50014	NONE	PUBLIC	TO TEACH GIRLS IN CODING AND TECHNICAL PROJECTS	500.
AFTER THE IMPACT 8770 W BRYB MAWR CHICAGO, IL 60631	NONE	PUBLIC	TO FACILITATE TREATMENT AND SUPPORT OF MILITARY VETERANS	500.
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Name and address (home or business)				
EASTER SEALS OF IA 401 NE 66TH AVE DES MOINES, IA 50313	NONE	PUBLIC	PROVIDES SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITES HAVE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES	500.
GRAPEVINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION 636 S MAIN GRAPEVINE, TX 76051	NONE	PUBLIC	PROVIDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO GRAPEVINES PHYSICAL HERITAGE	500.
VARIOUS PUBLIC CHARITIES VARIOUS DES MOINES, IA 50310	NONE	PUBLIC	VARIOUS PUBLIC CAUSES	2,475.
Total from continuation sheets				

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NAME OF RECIPIENT - AGC OF IOWA FOUNDATION

FOSTER EDUCATION, SUPPORT RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION TO THE
GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER KC

ORGANIZATION MATCHES CHILDREN OF ONE-PARENT FAMILIES, IN ONE-TO-ONE
FRIENDSHIPS. CREATING FRIENDSHIPS THAT OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAPPEN.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - CENTRAL IOWA AGFP CHAPTER

PROMOTES PHILANTHROPY BY EMPOWERING PEOPLE & ORGANIZATIONS TO PRACTICE
ETHICAL AND EFFECTIVE PROFESSIONAL FUNDRAISING

NAME OF RECIPIENT - CENTURION OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRIMARILY IN THE
AREAS OF HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION AND MENTORSHIP.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - CHARLOTTE'S WINGS

DEDICATED TO SUPPORTING AILING CHILDREN THROUGH DONATIONS OF NEW BOOKS
TO THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN HOSPITAL AND HOSPICE CARE.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - CHILDREN & FAMILIES OF IOWA

PROVIDES RESOURCES NEEDED TO HELP VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, PROVIDE
SAFETY AND PREVENTION FOR ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - DES MOINES COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE

TO ENCOURAGE SELF-DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE DRAMATIC ARTS, EXPLORE THE
SKILLS OF THE THEATRE, FOSTER AN APPRECIATION FOR THEATRE AND ACQUAINT
STUDENTS WITH TECHNICAL THEATRE KNOWLEDGE.

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NAME OF RECIPIENT - FRIENDS OF IOWA PUBLIC TELEVISION

TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR QUALITY ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMMING THAT EDUCATES,
ENLIGHTENS AND ENTERTAINS IOWANS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - HAND IN HAND

CREATE FUN RECREATIONAL AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR CHILDREN AND
ADULTS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - HOPE MINISTRIES

MEETING THE SPIRITUAL, PHYSICAL, AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND
CHILDREN WHO ARE HOMELESS OR IN NEED OF HOPE.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - IOWA COLLEGE FOUNDATION

PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION BY
SECURING FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR MEMBER PRIVATE COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - KVC HEALTH SYSTEMS

COMMITTED TO ENRICHING THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROVIDING
MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE, SOCIAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - LYMPHOMA & LEUKEMIA SOCIETY

CURE LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA, HODGKIN'S DISEASE AND MYELOMA, AND IMPROVE THE
QUALITY OF LIFE OF PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION IA

GRANTING WISHES OF CHILDREN WITH LIFE-THREATENING MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO

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ENRICH THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE WITH HOPE, STRENGTH AND JOY.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - MID-IOWA COUNCIL - BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TO PROVIDE A PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND YOUNG ADULTS TO BUILD CHARACTER, TO
TRAIN IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP, AND TO DEVELOP MENTAL AND
PHYSICAL FITNESS - MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF BOYS AGED 7
THROUGH 20.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - PRINCIPAL CHARITY CLASSIC
THE TOURNAMENT RAISES MONEY FOR LOCAL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN THE ARTS, CULTURE, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - SALISBURY HOUSE FOUNDATION
HELPS TO PRESERVE THE HOUSE AND GARDENS; PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND
CULTURAL PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS AND OTHER OF ALL AGES, INCOMES, AND
LIFE EXPERIENCES.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - ST JUDES CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL
TO ADVANCE CURES, AND MEANS OF PREVENTION, FOR PEDIATRIC CATASTROPHIC
DISEASES THROUGH RESEARCH AND TREATMENT

NAME OF RECIPIENT - UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL IOWA
IMPROVES LIVES BY MOBILIZING THE CARING POWER OF COMMUNITIES AROUND
THE WORLD TO ADVANCE THE COMMON GOOD.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - UNITY POINT HEALTH FOUNDATION
SUPPORT FOR THE BLANK CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL THAT SERVES THE CHILD LIFE
PROGRAM AND THE CENTER FOR ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH THAT ARE PROVIDED TO

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PATIENTS AND FAMILIES AT LITTLE TO NO COST.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - WEST DES MOINES EMS ASSOCIATION

TO PROVIDE TIMELY, PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CARE AND MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE
LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF EMS.

NAME OF RECIPIENT - LOS ALAMITOS ED FOUNDATION

PROVIDING ENRICHMENT CLASSES AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES TO STUDENTS
WITHIN THE DISTRICT

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.

OMB No 1545-0047

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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) (2017)

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THE MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY FOUNDATION**26-3035459****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	MERCHANTS BONDING COMPANY 2100 FLEUR DR DES MOINES, IA 50321	\$ 280,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

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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 info once) ▶ \$

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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
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	11,645.	0.	11,645.	11,645.	
TO PART I, LINE 4	11,645.	0.	11,645.	11,645.	

FORM 990-PF LEGAL FEES STATEMENT 2

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
LEGAL FEES	108.	0.		0.
TO FM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16A	108.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF ACCOUNTING FEES STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
ACCOUNTING AND TAX PREPARATION	2,133.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16B	2,133.	0.		0.

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
OTHER	537.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	537.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF TAXES STATEMENT 5

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
EXCISE TAX	175.	0.		0.
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	1,659.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	1,834.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF OTHER EXPENSES STATEMENT 6

DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST- MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
BANK CHARGES	250.	0.		0.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH COUNCIL EXPENSE	1,075.	0.		0.
BILL WARNER SR MEMORIAL CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC EXPENSE	1,756.	0.		0.
PAYPAL FEES	6.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	3,087.	0.		0.

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PART VIII - LIST OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS
TRUSTEES AND FOUNDATION MANAGERS

STATEMENT 7

NAME AND ADDRESS	TITLE AND AVRG HRS/WK	COMPEN- SATION	EMPLOYEE BEN PLAN CONTRIB	EXPENSE ACCOUNT
LARRY TAYLOR 4127 PLUMWOOD WEST DES MOINES, IA 50265	PRESIDENT 0.00	0.	0.	0.
WILLIAM WARNER, JR 3917 155TH STREET URBANDALE, IA 50323	SECRETARY & TREASURER 0.00	0.	0.	0.
MELISSA WARNER 4628 N AVENIDA DEL PUENTE PHOENIX, AZ 85018	DIRECTOR 0.00	0.	0.	0.
JANET TAYLOR 7117 PELICAN BAY BLVD UNIT 607 NAPLES, FL 34108	DIRECTOR 0.00	0.	0.	0.
LLOYD TAYLOR 7117 PELICAN BAY BLVD UNIT 607 NAPLES, FL 34108	DIRECTOR 0.00	0.	0.	0.
BILL TAYLOR 5115 S. KENTON WAY ENGLEWOOD, CO 80111	DIRECTOR 0.00	0.	0.	0.
JEFF TAYLOR 919 RAVENDALE PLACE CARY, NC 27513	DIRECTOR 0.00	0.	0.	0.
TOTALS INCLUDED ON 990-PF, PAGE 6, PART VIII		0.	0.	0.