

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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2017

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For calendar year 2017, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017 , and ending 12-31-2017

Name of foundation Growing Hope Foundation		A Employer identification number 27-0523799	
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 11430 660th Ave		B Telephone number (see instructions) (507) 297-5787	
Room/suite		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Emmons, MN 560294012		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>	
G Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>	
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 587,035		J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	229,841			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities				
	5a Gross rents	16,225	16,225		
	b Net rental income or (loss)	13,529			
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			0	
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	246,066	16,225			
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	35,742	4,502		31,240
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)	1,380	690		690
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	8,475	0		8,475
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	10,036	3,304		6,732
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	6,509	3,150		3,359
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	1,489	467		1,022
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	63,631	12,113		51,518
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	37,060			37,060
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	100,691	12,113		88,578	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	145,375				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		4,112			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	11,535	13,535	13,535
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	4 Pledges receivable ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____ Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ 573,500 Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____	419,040	573,500	573,500
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____			
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)				
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	430,575	587,035	587,035	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.			
	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	0	0	
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund	0	0	
29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	430,575	587,035		
30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	430,575	587,035		
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	430,575	587,035		

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	430,575
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	145,375
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	11,085
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	587,035
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	587,035

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			

(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			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	2	
{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)	3	
{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }		

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? Yes No
 If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e) Do not complete this part

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2016	82,417	430,159	0.191597
2015	40,930	321,840	0.127175
2014	39,925	282,440	0.141357
2013	44,627	200,614	0.222452
2012	50,203	109,037	0.460422

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	1.143003
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.228601
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5	4	585,652
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	133,881
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	41
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	133,922
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	88,578

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate See the Part VI instructions

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	82
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	82
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	82
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017	6a	705
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	0
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	705
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid ▶	10	623
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2018 estimated tax ▶ 623 Refunded ▶	11	0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a		No
b		No
c		No
d		
e		
2		No
3		No
4a		No
b		
5		No
6	Yes	
7	Yes	
8a		
b	Yes	
9		No
10		No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions). 11 No
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions) 12 No
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address www.growinghopefoundation.org 13 Yes
14 The books are in care of Martin Little Telephone no (507) 525-0980

Located at 11430 660 Ave Emmons MN ZIP+4 560294012

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

16 At any time during calendar year 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 instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 16 Yes No

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

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

1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? Yes No
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? Yes No
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? Yes No
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? Yes No
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? Yes No
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). Yes No
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? 1b No
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 No
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))
a At the end of tax year 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 20, 20, 20, 20
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement-see instructions) 2b
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here 20, 20, 20, 20
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? Yes No
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 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). 3b
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes? 4a No
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017? 4b No

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (Continued)

5a	During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to			
	(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)?			5b
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.			<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)</i>			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?			6b
	<i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870</i>			No
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b	If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?			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 (see instructions).

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

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

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

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

3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services. **0**

Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

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

1	Expenses

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

1	Amount
All other program-related investments See instructions	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3 **0**

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	21,071
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	573,500
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	594,571
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	594,571
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	8,919
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4.	5	585,652
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	29,283

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	29,283
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	82
b	Income tax for 2017 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	82
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	29,201
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	29,201
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	29,201

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	88,578
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	88,578
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	0
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	88,578

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				29,201
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.	45,073			
b From 2013.	35,003			
c From 2014.	26,282			
d From 2015.	25,443			
e From 2016.	61,007			
f Total of lines 3a through e.	192,808			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 88,578				
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.				29,201
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	59,377			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				0
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	252,185			
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).	45,073			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	207,112			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2013.	35,003			
b Excess from 2014.	26,282			
c Excess from 2015.	25,443			
d Excess from 2016.	61,007			
e Excess from 2017.	59,377			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2017, enter the date of the ruling. ▶

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

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

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2017	(b) 2016	(c) 2015	(d) 2014	
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					

3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon

a "Assets" alternative test—enter

(1) Value of all assets

(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)

b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.

c "Support" alternative test—enter

(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)

(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).

(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization

(4) Gross investment income

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000) (See section 507(d)(2))
See Additional Data Table

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include

c Any submission deadlines

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors

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

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total ▶ 3a				37,060
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total ▶ 3b				0

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

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
Julie Fiske 11430 660th Ave Emmons, MN 560294012	President/Executive Director 30 00	30,921	0	0
Jerry N Epland 11430 660th Ave Emmons, MN 560294012	Vice President 4 00	0	0	0
Martin Little 11430 660th Ave Emmons, MN 560294012	Treasurer 3 00	2,821	0	0
Lois Epland 11430 660th Ave Emmons, MN 560294012	Secretary 4 00	0	0	0
Arlene Little 11430 660th Ave Emmons, MN 560294012	Director 1 00	1,000	0	0
Christopher Fiske 11430 660th Ave Emmons, MN 560294012	Director 2 00	1,000	0	0

Form 990PF Part XV Line 1a - List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000).

Jerry N Epland

Lois Epland

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
AZ-One1311 Crestview Road Albert Lea, MN 56007	None	PC	For supporting the scholarship mentoring program	9,000
Blessman Ministries2557 106th Street Urbandale, IA 50322	None	PC	To contribute to their general fund	11,400
Heartland Pregnancy Center 101 S Market St Suite 302 Ottumwa, IA 52501	None	PC	For assistance to youth	500
New Horizons Foundation Inc 4570 Hilton Parkway Suite 203 Colorado Springs, CO 80907	None	PC	For training of social workers and parents who have adopted orphaned children	1,000
Salvation Army302 Court Street Albert Lea, MN 56007	None	PC	For assistance to summer youth camps and summer lunch plans	4,000
Total 3a				37,060

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Salvation Army 401 NE Adams Street Peoria, IL 61603	None	PC	For assistance to summer youth camps and summer lunch plans	1,500
Smile Train 41 Madison Ave New York, NY 10010	None	PC	To contribute towards cleft palate repair	500
Youth For Christ 220 W Main Street Albert Lea, MN 56007	None	PC	Summer ministry	9,160
Total ▶ 3a				37,060

TY 2017 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** Growing Hope Foundation**EIN:** 27-0523799**Accounting Fees Schedule**

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Accounting Fees	8,475	0		8,475

TY 2017 Legal Fees Schedule**Name:** Growing Hope Foundation**EIN:** 27-0523799

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Legal Fees	1,380	690		690

TY 2017 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** Growing Hope Foundation**EIN:** 27-0523799**Other Expenses Schedule**

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Bank Fees	70	70		0
Insurance	553	211		342
Miscellaneous	16	0		16
Public Relations	500	0		500
Website	185	46		139
MN Annual Filing Fee	25	0		25
County Recording Fee	140	140		0

TY 2017 Other Increases Schedule**Name:** Growing Hope Foundation**EIN:** 27-0523799

Description	Amount
Change in FMV of Land	11,085

TY 2017 Taxes Schedule**Name:** Growing Hope Foundation**EIN:** 27-0523799

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Payroll Taxes	7,480	748		6,732
Real Estate Taxes	2,556	2,556		0

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

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

OMB No 1545-0047
2017

Name of the organization
Growing Hope Foundation

Employer identification number
27-0523799

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 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 other 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 33¹ 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 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

Name of organization Growing Hope Foundation	Employer identification number 27-0523799
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Part I **Contributors** (See instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	Jerry and Lois Epland 11430 660 Ave Emmons, MN560294012	\$ 218,375	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
2	Epland Brothers 12287 720th Ave Emmons, MN56029	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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Part II Noncash Property (See instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed			
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
1	20 acres of farmland	\$ 143,375	2017-12-08
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions)	(d) Date received
		\$	
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		\$	

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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.) ▶ \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

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

(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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_____	_____

(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
_____	_____
_____	_____

(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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