

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

<p>Name of foundation THE JOHN 15 FOUNDATION</p> <p>Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 2200 GEORGETOWN DRIVE SUITE 401</p> <p>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code SEWICKLEY, PA 15143</p> <p>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</p> <p>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</p> <p>I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ► \$ 284,844</p>		<p>A Employer identification number 38-7128626</p> <p>B Telephone number (see instructions) (724) 934-5600</p> <p>C If exemption application is pending, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
		<p>J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____</p> <p>(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)</p>	
<p>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))</p>		<p>(a) Revenue and expenses per books</p> <p>(b) Net investment income</p> <p>(c) Adjusted net income</p> <p>(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)</p>	
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc, received (attach schedule)	84,926	
	2 Check ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B		
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	12	12
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	2,049	2,049
	5a Gross rents		
	b Net rental income or (loss)		
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	28,059	
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	47,057	
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		28,059
	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)	139		
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	115,185	30,120	
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc		
	14 Other employee salaries and wages		
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits		
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)		
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)		
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	15	15
	17 Interest		
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	344	67
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion		
	20 Occupancy		
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		
	22 Printing and publications		
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)		
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses.	359	67
Add lines 13 through 23		15	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	29,500	29,500	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	29,859	67	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12	85,326		
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)	30,053		
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
	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing		9,264	17,964	17,964
	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 ►				
	Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ►				
	12 Investments—mortgage loans				
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)		115,485	160,301	266,880
	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)		124,749	178,265	284,844
	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	
	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				
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund				
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds		124,749	178,265	
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		124,749	178,265	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		124,749	178,265	

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	124,749
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	85,326
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	210,075
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	5	31,810
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	178,265

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 See Additional Data Table					
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 See Additional Data Table					
b					
c					
d					
e					
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69					
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))		
a See Additional Data Table					
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	28,059	
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		248	

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	58,612	133,236	0 439911
2015	32,352	88,194	0 366828
2014		99,259	
2013			
2012			
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 0 806739
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 403370
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5			4 197,421
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 79,634
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 301
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 79,935
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XIII, line 4			8 29,515

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

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ► <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)	1	601
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		
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	
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	601
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3 If zero or less, enter -0-	5	601
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017	6a	
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	3
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	604
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

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?	1a	Yes	No
b	Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)?	1b	Yes	No
<i>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</i>				
c	Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c	Yes	No
d	Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ► \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ► \$ _____			
e	Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ► \$ _____			
2	Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>	2	Yes	No
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? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3	Yes	No
4a	Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	Yes	No
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	Yes	No
5	Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>	5	Yes	No
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?	6	Yes	No
7	Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	7	Yes	No
8a	Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ►PA			
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? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>	8b	Yes	No
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 taxable year beginning in 2017 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9	Yes	No
10	Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	10	Yes	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 ►N/A	13	Yes
14	The books are in care of ►EDWARD B AUFMAN	Telephone no ►(724) 934-5600	
Located at ►2200 GEORGETOWN DRIVE SUITE 401 SEWICKLEY PA			ZIP+4 ►15143
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.		Yes	No
1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.	1b	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 ► 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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) ►	2b	<input type="checkbox"/>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	<input type="checkbox"/> 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	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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	Expense account, (e) other allowances
WILLIAM PLATKO JR 117 PINEHURST POINT DRIVE ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32092	CHAIRMAN 000 00	0	0	0
JUDE MILLER-PLATKO 117 PINEHURST POINT DRIVE ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32092	SECRETARY 000 00	0	0	0
EDWARD B AUFMAN 2200 GEORGETOWN DRIVE SUITE 401 SEWICKLEY, PA 15143	MANAGER 000 00	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	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) other allowances
NONE				

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

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	181,691
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	18,736
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	200,427
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	200,427
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	3,006
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3 Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	197,421
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	9,871

Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreignPart XI organizations check here ► and do not complete this part)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	9,871
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	601
b	Income tax for 2017 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	601
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	9,270
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	9,270
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	9,270

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	29,515
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	
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	29,515
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	
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	29,515

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				9,270
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017				
a Enter amount for 2016 only.				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017				
a From 2012.				
b From 2013.				
c From 2014.				
d From 2015.	27,924			
e From 2016.	52,226			
f Total of lines 3a through e.	80,150			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ _____ 29,515				
a Applied to 2016, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).				
d Applied to 2017 distributable amount.				9,270
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	20,245			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	100,395			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b.				
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.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions				
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)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a.	100,395			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2013.				
b Excess from 2014.				
c Excess from 2015.	27,924			
d Excess from 2016.	52,226			
e Excess from 2017.	20,245			

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 <input type="checkbox"/> 4942(j)(3) or <input type="checkbox"/> 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.			
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))
WILLIAM PLATKO JUDE MILLER-PLATKO

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 Paid during the year				
EVANGELISM EXPLOSION INTERNATIONAL 10 MISTY VALLEY PARKWAY ARDEN, NC 28704	NONE	PC	MISSIONARY OUTREACH	2,500
GOOD NEWS CHURCH 573 W TWIN COURT ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32095	NONE	PC	CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	25,000
PIERRE SMITH MONDELUS FOUNDATION 117 PINEHURST POINT DRIVE ST AUGUSTINE, FL 32092	SISTER FOUNDATI	PC	HAITI MISSIONARY OUTREACH	2,000
Total				29,500
b Approved for future payment				
Total				

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclusion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue					
a					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
2 Membership dues and assessments.					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	12	
4 Dividends and interest from securities.			14	2,049	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property.					
b Not debt-financed property.					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income.					
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	28,059	
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue					
a REFUND OF OVERPAID 2016 TAX					139
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal Add columns (b), (d), and (e).				30,120	
13 Total Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e).					30,259
(See worksheet in line 12 instructions for a more complete calculation.)					

Part VI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Part XVII

Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

	Yes	No
1a(1)		No
1a(2)		No
1b(1)		No
1b(2)		No
1b(3)		No
1b(4)		No
1b(5)		No
1b(6)		No
1c		No

a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of

b Other transactions

(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(1)	No
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization.	1b(2)	No
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets.	1b(3)	No
(4) Reimbursement arrangements.	1b(4)	No
(5) Loans or loan guarantees.	1b(5)	No
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations.	1b(6)	No

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees.

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.

2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations

described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

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.

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2018-05-14

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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below
(see instr.)? Yes No

Signature of officer or trustee

Date

✓ Title

**Sign
Here**

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

					(see instr?) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name		Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>
	ROBERT W SODINI			2018-05-14	PTIN P00945207
	Firm's name ► SODINI & COMPANY INC				Firm's EIN ► 25-1331612
Firm's address ► 1527 FREEPORT RD NATRONA HEIGHTS, PA 150651314				Phone no (724) 226-2211	

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns a - d

List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, (a) 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.)
5 OAKMARK INTERNATIONAL FUND	P	2016-11-28	2017-04-24
62 TCW SELECT EQUITIES FUND	P	2016-12-29	2017-05-12
18 OAKMARK INTERNATIONAL FUND	P	2015-12-17	2017-01-19
1 OAKMARK SELECT FUND	P	2015-12-17	2017-01-19
194 OAKMARK INTERNATIONAL FUND	D		2017-01-19
173 OAKMARK INTERNATIONAL FUND	D	2008-12-18	2017-04-24
114 OAKMARK SELECT FUND	D		2017-01-19
595 TCW SELECT EQUITIES FUND	D		2017-04-24
281 TCW SELECT EQUITIES FUND	D	2008-12-19	2017-05-12

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns e - h

(e) Gross sales price	Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	Cost or other basis (g) plus expense of sale	Gain or (loss) (h) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
152		130	22
1,615		1,389	226
439		397	42
56		50	6
4,561		2,116	2,445
4,422		1,871	2,551
4,944		2,520	2,424
15,000		7,757	7,243
7,259		2,768	4,491

Form 990PF Part IV - Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income - Columns i - l

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	Adjusted basis (j) as of 12/31/69	Excess of col (i) (k) over col (j), if any	
			22
			226
			42
			6
			2,445
			2,551
			2,424
			7,243
			4,491

TY 2017 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** THE JOHN 15 FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-7128626**Investments Other Schedule 2**

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
ARTISAN MID CAP FUND	AT COST	11,296	15,111
HARBOR INTERNATIONAL	AT COST	20,058	40,583
OAKMARK INTERNATIONAL FUND	AT COST	25,906	42,011
OAKMARK SELECT FUND	AT COST	57,917	109,267
FMI LARGE CAP FUND	AT COST	22,712	37,889
TCW SELECT EQUITIES	AT COST		
DOUBLELINE TOTAL RETURN	AT COST	6,576	6,360
LOOMIS SAYLES BOND FUND	AT COST	2,278	2,163
METRO WEST TOTAL RETURN	AT COST	5,257	5,271
PIMCO LOW DURATION	AT COST	8,301	8,225

TY 2017 Other Decreases Schedule

Name: THE JOHN 15 FOUNDATION

EIN: 38-7128626

Description	Amount
ADJUST TO TAX BASIS OF DONATED SECURITIES	31,810

TY 2017 Other Income Schedule

Name: THE JOHN 15 FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-7128626

Other Income Schedule

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
REFUND OF OVERPAID 2016 TAX	139		

TY 2017 Other Professional Fees Schedule

Name: THE JOHN 15 FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-7128626

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
PA DOS ANNUAL REGISTRATION	15			15

TY 2017 Taxes Schedule

Name: THE JOHN 15 FOUNDATION

EIN: 38-7128626

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOREIGN WITHHOLDING TAX	67	67		
EXCISE TAX (2016) NET INVESTMENT	277			

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

OMB No 1545-0047

► 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

2017**Name of the organization**
THE JOHN 15 FOUNDATION**Employer identification number**
38-7128626**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 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).

Name of organization THE JOHN 15 FOUNDATION		Employer identification number 38-7128626	
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	WILLIAM PLATKO JR JUDE MILLER- 117 PINEHURST POINT DRIVE	\$ 84,926	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
	ST AUGUSTINE, FL32092		Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			(Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
			Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input type="checkbox"/>
			(Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
			Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input type="checkbox"/>
			(Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/>
			Payroll <input type="checkbox"/>
			Noncash <input type="checkbox"/>
			(Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
		\$	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) <small>(See instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
1	51 ARTISAN MID CAP FUND	\$ 1,952	2017-12-26
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(See instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
1	1470 OAKMARK INTERNATIONAL FUND	\$ 41,703	2017-12-26
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(See instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
1	857 OAKMARK SELECT FUND	\$ 41,271	2017-12-26
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(See instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(See instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) <small>(See instructions)</small>	(d) Date received
		\$	

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