

Form 990-PF

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue ServiceReturn 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 \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_

Name of foundation

**MARGARET RIVERS FUND**

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

**P O BOX 197**

Room/suite

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

**STILLWATER MN 55082**

G Check all that apply:

  
  


Initial return

  
  


Initial return of a former public charity

Final return

Amended return

Address change

Name change

H Check type of organization:  Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust  Other taxable private foundationI Fair market value of all assets at  
end of year (from Part II, col (c),  
line 16) ► \$ **29,179,804** (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

J Accounting method

 Cash  Accrual Other (specify)

A Employer identification number

**41-6017102**

B Telephone number (see instructions)

**651-430-3935**C If exemption application is pending, check here ► D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ► 2. Foreign organizations meeting the  
85% test, check here and attach computation ► E If private foundation status was terminated under  
section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ► F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination  
under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ► **Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses** (The total of  
amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal  
the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))

		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)				
2	Check ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	<b>144,938</b>	<b>144,938</b>	<b>144,938</b>	
4	Dividends and interest from securities	<b>411,667</b>	<b>411,667</b>	<b>411,667</b>	
5a	Gross rents				
b	Net rental income or (loss)				
6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	<b>533,557</b>			<b>RECEIVED</b>
b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	<b>7,684,729</b>			
7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		<b>58,949</b>		
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)	<b>419</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>419</b>	
12	Total. Add lines 1 through 11	<b>1,090,581</b>	<b>615,973</b>	<b>557,024</b>	
13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	<b>22,200</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>11,100</b>	<b>11,100</b>
14	Other employee salaries and wages				
15	Pension plans, employee benefits				
16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)				
b	Accounting fees (attach schedule)	<b>6,660</b>	<b>3,330</b>	<b>3,330</b>	<b>3,330</b>
c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)	<b>71,616</b>	<b>35,808</b>	<b>35,808</b>	<b>35,808</b>
17	Interest				
18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	<b>14,626</b>	<b>7,313</b>	<b>7,313</b>	<b>7,313</b>
19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
20	Occupancy	<b>6,612</b>	<b>3,306</b>	<b>3,306</b>	<b>3,306</b>
21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
22	Printing and publications				
23	Other expenses (att sch)	<b>6,617</b>	<b>3,308</b>	<b>3,309</b>	<b>3,309</b>
24	Total operating and administrative expenses.				
	Add lines 13 through 23	<b>128,331</b>	<b>64,165</b>	<b>64,166</b>	<b>64,166</b>
25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	<b>1,849,260</b>			<b>1,849,260</b>
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	<b>1,977,591</b>	<b>64,165</b>	<b>64,166</b>	<b>1,913,426</b>
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	<b>-887,010</b>			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		<b>551,808</b>		
c	Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			<b>492,858</b>	

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Part II	Balance Sheets	Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
			59,811	49,834	49,834
Assets	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing			
	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 (att. schedule) ►	0		
		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)	Stmt 8	2,852,960	2,706,010
	b	Investments – corporate stock (attach schedule)	See Stmt 9	9,790,063	11,521,836
	c	Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule)	See Stmt 10	4,415,951	3,950,981
	11	Investments – land, buildings, and equipment basis ►			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch ) ►			
	12	Investments – mortgage loans			
	13	Investments – other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ►	7,234		
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach sch ) ► Stmt 11	7,234		
	15	Other assets (describe ► See Statement 12 )		4,273,391	2,276,505
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)		21,392,176	20,505,166
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 ► )		0	0
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.			► <input type="checkbox"/>	
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31.			► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	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		21,392,176	20,505,166
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)		21,392,176	20,505,166
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)		21,392,176	20,505,166

## 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	21,392,176
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-887,010
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	20,505,166
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ►	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) – Part II, column (b), line 30	6	20,505,166

**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 brck warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)			(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr )	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr )
1a <b>US TRUST</b>					
b					
c					
d					
e					
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g))		
a <b>58,949</b>			<b>58,949</b>		
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) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (l) over col (j), if any			
a					<b>58,949</b>
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	<b>58,949</b>	
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		

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

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

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

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

 Yes  No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2016	<b>1,891,543</b>	<b>26,515,047</b>	<b>0.071338</b>
2015	<b>2,063,771</b>	<b>27,880,955</b>	<b>0.074021</b>
2014	<b>2,091,583</b>	<b>29,273,408</b>	<b>0.071450</b>
2013	<b>1,837,381</b>	<b>28,387,369</b>	<b>0.064725</b>
2012	<b>1,773,105</b>	<b>26,603,950</b>	<b>0.066648</b>

2 Total of line 1, column (d)

**2 0.348182**

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 0.069636**

4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5

**4 27,560,260**

5 Multiply line 4 by line 3

**5 1,919,186**

6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)

**6 5,518**

7 Add lines 5 and 6

**7 1,924,704**

8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4

**8 1,913,426**

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)

1 11,036

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

2 0

c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)

3 11,036

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

5 0

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

6 Credits/Payments.

6a	5,600
6b	
6c	
6d	

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

7 5,600

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 5,436

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

10 0

11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2018 estimated tax ► Refunded ► 11 0

## 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? Yes  No  1a 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 1b X

c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year? 1c X

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? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities. 2 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 3 X

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

b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? 4b X

5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T 5 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? 6 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 7 X

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

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b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation 8b 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 taxable year beginning in 2017? See instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV 9 X

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

## 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

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

13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► **N/A**

14 The books are in care of ► **LAWRENCE SEVERSON**  
P O BOX 197

Telephone no. ► **651-430-3935**

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ZIP+4 ► **55082**Located at ► **STILLWATER**

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

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 ►

	Yes	No
16		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.

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

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?

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**

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.)

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?

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 )

4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?

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?

	Yes	No
1b		
1c		
2b		

N/A	
3b	

N/A	
4b	

**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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
	(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 Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here	<b>N/A</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>5b</b>
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? If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)	<b>N/A</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
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? If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<b>6b</b>
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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>N/A</b>	<b>7b</b>

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
JEAN BARRY 5995 OREN AVENUE NORTH STE 103	STILLWATER MN 55082	VP/TREASURER 4.00	6,600	0
ROBERT BRIGGS 5995 OREN AVENUE NORTH STE 103	STILLWATER MN 55082	DIRECTOR 4.00	6,600	0
LAWRENCE SEVERSON 5995 OREN AVENUE NORTH STE 103	STILLWATER MN 55082	PRES/SECR 8.00	9,000	0

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

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

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

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**

**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. 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		

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**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
<b>1</b>	<b>TO SUPPORT QUALIFIED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE GOALS ARE TO IMPROVE HUMAN SERVICES. DONATIONS TO 37 ORGANIZATIONS.</b>	<b>866,300</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>TO SUPPORT QUALIFIED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE GOAL IS TO IMPROVE PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES. DONATIONS TO 37 ORGANIZATIONS.</b>	<b>472,500</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>TO SUPPORT QUALIFIED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE GOALS ARE TO IMPROVE EDUCATION. DONATIONS TO 24 ORGANIZATIONS.</b>	<b>185,960</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>TO SUPPORT QUALIFIED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE GOALS ARE TO IMPROVE ART AND CULTURE. DONATIONS TO 23 ORGANIZATIONS.</b>	<b>145,000</b>

**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	27,925,137
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	54,822
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	27,979,959
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	27,979,959
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	419,699
5	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	27,560,260
6	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	6	1,378,013

**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	1,378,013
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5	2a	11,036
b	Income tax for 2017. (This does not include the tax from Part VI )	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	11,036
3	Distributable amount before adjustments Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	1,366,977
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	1,366,977
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	<b>Distributable amount as adjusted</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5 Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	1,366,977

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc , purposes	1a	1,913,426
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc – total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1b	
b	Program-related investments – total from Part IX-B	2	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	3a	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:	3b	
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	4	1,913,426
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	5	0
4	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	6	1,913,426
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		
6	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4		

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				1,366,977
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	455,537			
b From 2013	431,940			
c From 2014	644,747			
d From 2015	685,423			
e From 2016	576,947			
f Total of lines 3a through e	2,794,594			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4 ► \$ <u>1,913,426</u>				
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				1,366,977
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	546,449			
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:	3,341,043			
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5				
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)	455,537			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	2,885,506			
10 Analysis of line 9.				
a Excess from 2013	431,940			
b Excess from 2014	644,747			
c Excess from 2015	685,423			
d Excess from 2016	576,947			
e Excess from 2017	546,449			

**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				►			
1b	Check box to indicate whether the foundation 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							
2b	85% of line 2a							
2c	Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed							
2d	Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities							
2e	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:							
3a	"Assets" alternative test – enter:							
	(1) Value of all assets							
	(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)							
3b	"Endowment" alternative test – enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed							
3c	"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 foundation 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) )

**N/A**

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

**N/A****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., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d See instructions

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

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

**See Statement 13**

c Any submission deadlines:

**N/A**

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

**N/A**

## 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
<b>Name and address (home or business)</b> <i>a Paid during the year</i> <b>SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT</b> <b>SEE SCHEDULE OF GRANTS</b> <b>STILLWATER MN 55028</b>	NONE	PUBLIC	VARIOUS	1,849,260
<b>Total</b>			► 3a	1,849,260
<i>b Approved for future payment</i> <b>N/A</b>				
<b>Total</b>			► 3b	

## Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations )

## **Part XVI-B Relationship of Act**

**Line No.** Explain below how each activity for which

**Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes**

Line No. ▼	Explain below how each activity for which income is reported in column (e) of Part XVI-A contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the foundation's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes) (See instructions )
N/A	



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### Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 6a - Sale of Assets

Whom Sold	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	How Received		Expense	Depreciation	Net Gain / Loss
				Sale Price	Cost			
US TRUST BANK OF AMERICA ST COVERED		1/01/00	1/01/00	\$ 3,064,755	\$ 3,078,384	\$		\$ -13,629
US TRUST BANK OF AMERICA ST NON-COV		1/01/00	1/01/00	\$ 228,880	\$ 232,379			\$ -3,499
US TRUST BANK OF AMERICA LT COVERED		1/01/00	1/01/00	\$ 2,905,731	\$ 2,379,157			\$ 526,574
US TRUST BANK OF AMERICA LT NON-COV		1/01/00	1/01/00	\$ 1,426,174	\$ 1,460,995			\$ -34,821
US TRUST BANK OF AMERICA ST NOT RPTD		1/01/00	1/01/00	\$ 144	\$ 156			\$ -12
US TRUST BANK OF AMERICA LT NOT RPTD		1/01/00	1/01/00	\$ 96	\$ 101			\$ -5
Total				\$ 7,625,780	\$ 7,151,172	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 474,608

### Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 11 - Other Income

Description	Revenue per Books	Net Investment Income		Adjusted Net Income
		\$ 419	\$ 419	
CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENTS				\$ 419
Total				\$ 419

### Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Description	Total	Net Investment		Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
		\$ 3,330	\$ 3,330		
ACCOUNTING	\$ 6,660			\$ 3,330	\$ 3,330
Total	\$ 6,660			\$ 3,330	\$ 3,330

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### Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16c - Other Professional Fees

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
MANAGEMENT	\$ 71,616	\$ 35,808	\$ 35,808	\$ 35,808
Total	\$ 71,616	\$ 35,808	\$ 35,808	\$ 35,808

### Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18 - Taxes

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
FEDERAL INCOME TAX	\$ 3,307	\$ 1,654	\$ 1,653	\$ 1,653
FOREIGN INCOME TAX	\$ 11,319	\$ 5,659	\$ 5,660	\$ 5,660
Total	\$ 14,626	\$ 7,313	\$ 7,313	\$ 7,313

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### Statement 6 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 19 - Depreciation

Description		Prior Year Depreciation	Method	Life	Current Year Depreciation	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
Date Acquired	Cost Basis						
COPIER 8/15/98	\$ 1,989	\$ 1,989	S/L		\$ 7		\$ 7
FURNITURE & FIXTURES 6/30/95	1,706	1,706	S/L		\$ 7		\$ 7
FURNITURE & FIXTURES 7/01/00	450	450	S/L		\$ 7		\$ 7
CONFERENCE CHAIR & 8 CHAIRS 8/28/01	1,500	1,500	200DB		\$ 7		\$ 7
CANON COPIER 12/03/01	884	884	200DB		\$ 7		\$ 7
PRINTER 11/20/08	705	705	200DB		\$ 5		\$ 5
Total	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,234			\$ 0		\$ 0

### Statement 7 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23 - Other Expenses

Description		Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Expenses					
BANK CHARGES		\$ 30	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 15
OFFICE EXPENSE		\$ 386	\$ 193	\$ 193	\$ 193
TELEPHONE		\$ 992	\$ 496	\$ 496	\$ 496
INSURANCE		\$ 507	\$ 253	\$ 254	\$ 254
INVESTMENT EXPENSE		\$ 4,677	\$ 2,339	\$ 2,338	\$ 2,338
MISCELLANEOUS		\$ 25	\$ 12	\$ 13	\$ 13
Total		\$ 6,617	\$ 3,308	\$ 3,309	\$ 3,309

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**Statement 8 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10a - US and State Government Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>	<u>Basis of Valuation</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>
US GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS	\$ 2,852,960	\$ 2,706,010	Cost	\$ 2,662,380
Total	\$ 2,852,960	\$ 2,706,010		\$ 2,662,380

**Statement 9 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10b - Corporate Stock Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>	<u>Basis of Valuation</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>
CORPORATE STOCKS	\$ 9,790,063	\$ 11,521,836	Cost	\$ 20,038,837
Total	\$ 9,790,063	\$ 11,521,836		\$ 20,038,837

**Statement 10 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10c - Corporate Bond Investments**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>	<u>Basis of Valuation</u>	<u>Fair Market Value</u>
CASH EQUIVALENTS	\$ 390,078	\$ 385,349	Cost	\$ 385,678
CORPORATE BONDS	4,025,873	3,565,632	Cost	3,591,511
Total	\$ 4,415,951	\$ 3,950,981		\$ 3,977,189

**Statement 11 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 14 - Land, Building, and Equipment**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Beginning Net Book</u>	<u>End Cost / Basis</u>	<u>End Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net FMV</u>
Total	\$ 0	\$ 7,234	\$ 7,234	\$ 0

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### Statement 12 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 15 - Other Assets

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Fair Market Value
HEDGE FUNDS	\$ 2,325,314	\$ 2,177,014	\$ 2,357,017
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS (REIT)	1,174,508		
TANGIBLE ASSETS	773,569	99,491	94,547
Total	\$ 4,273,391	\$ 2,276,505	\$ 2,451,564

### Statement 13 - Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2b - Application Format and Required Contents

#### Description

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN LETTER FORM. THEY SHOULD INCLUDE THE CHARITY'S NAME, ADDRESS AND FEDERAL I.D. NUMBER AND A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARITY AND ITS INTENDED USE OF THE GRANT.