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Form 990-PF Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		Return of Private Foundation or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. Information about Form 990-PF and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990pf.			OMB No 1545-0052 2017 Open to Public Inspection
For calendar year 2017, or tax year beginning 01-01-2017, and ending 12-31-2017					
Name of foundation MERLIN FOUNDATION INC			A Employer identification number 46-1388787		
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 125 BANK ST NO 300		Room/suite		B Telephone number (see instructions) (406) 728-0864	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code MISSOULA, MT 59802			C If exemption application is pending, check here		
G Check all that apply Initial return Final return Address change Initial return of a former public charity Amended return Name change			D 1. Foreign organizations, check here 2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation		
H Check type of organization Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust Other taxable private foundation			E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here		
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16)\$ 1,163,257		J Accounting method Cash Accrual Other (specify) (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		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
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)	1,302		
	2	Check If the foundation is not required to attach Sch B			
	3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	16	16	
	4	Dividends and interest from securities	27,860	27,860	
	5a	Gross rents			
	b	Net rental income or (loss)			
	6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-9,683		
	b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	47,846		
	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	19,495	27,876	0	
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13	Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	0	0	0
	14	Other employee salaries and wages			
	15	Pension plans, employee benefits			
	16a	Legal fees (attach schedule)			
	b	Accounting fees (attach schedule)	1,650	825	0
	c	Other professional fees (attach schedule)			
	17	Interest			
	18	Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	125	125	0
	19	Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion			
	20	Occupancy			
	21	Travel, conferences, and meetings			
	22	Printing and publications			
	23	Other expenses (attach schedule)	9,584	9,024	0
	24	Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	11,359	9,974	0
	25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	54,000		
26	Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	65,359	9,974	0	
27	Subtract line 26 from line 12				
a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-45,864			
b	Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		17,902		
c	Adjusted net income(if negative, enter -0-)			0	
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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)			Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value			
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	5,870	9,026	9,026		
	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)	708,804	659,784	834,231		
	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)					
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____					
15	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	320,000	320,000	320,000			
16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	1,034,674	988,810	1,163,257			
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,000	1,000			
	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)	1,000	1,000			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.						
	24	Unrestricted					
	25	Temporarily restricted					
	26	Permanently restricted					
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 31.						
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	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	1,033,674	987,810			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	1,033,674	987,810			
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	1,034,674	988,810				

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	1,033,674
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-45,864
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	0
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	987,810
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	987,810

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)
1 a 500 SH GENERAL ELECTRIC	D	2013-03-26	2017-10-19
b 300 SH GILEAD SCIENCES	D	2015-08-18	2017-12-07
c 250 SH MERCK	D	2016-03-26	2017-12-07
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 12,270		11,480	790
b 21,826		35,126	-13,300
c 13,750		10,923	2,827
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			790
b			-13,300
c			2,827
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	-9,683
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 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	42,000	1,065,359	0 039423
2015	47,010	860,549	0 054628
2014	36,311	973,686	0 037292
2013	0	728,628	0 000000
2012			

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0 131343
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 032836
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5	4	1,117,333
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	36,689
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	179
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	36,868
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	54,000

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

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	179
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	179
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	179
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017	6a	0
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
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	0
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	0
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	179
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2018 estimated tax ☐ Refunded ☐	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a	No
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? <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>	1b	No
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c	No
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ☐ \$ _____ 0 (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$ _____ 0		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$ _____ 0		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>	2	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	No
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	
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	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	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
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ MT		
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
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	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	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 MELANY MICHAEL Telephone no (406) 728-0864			

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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			
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)		Yes	No
	(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			
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). ☐ Yes ☒ No 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))?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions).	☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?		5b		
	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.	☐			
c	If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	☐ Yes ☐ 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?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		6b	No	
	<i>If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870</i>				
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?		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	Expense account, (e) 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	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) 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.	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	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

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	806,901
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	7,447
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	320,000
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	1,134,348
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	1,134,348
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	17,015
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4.	5	1,117,333
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	55,867

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	55,867
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	179
b	Income tax for 2017 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	179
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	55,688
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	55,688
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	55,688

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	54,000
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	54,000
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	179
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	53,821

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				55,688
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017				
a Enter amount for 2016 only.			52,320	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017				
a From 2012.				
b From 2013.				
c From 2014.				
d From 2015.				
e From 2016.				
f Total of lines 3a through e.	0			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 54,000				
a Applied to 2016, but not more than line 2a			52,320	
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.				1,680
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))	0			0
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	0			
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				54,008
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).	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2013.				
b Excess from 2014.				
c Excess from 2015.				
d Excess from 2016.				
e Excess from 2017.				

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)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2017	(b) 2016	(c) 2015	(d) 2014	
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))
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	54,000
b <i>Approved for future payment</i>				
Total			▶ 3b	0

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

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	16	
4	Dividends and interest from securities.			14	27,860	
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	-9,683	
9	Net income or (loss) from special events					
10	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11	Other revenue a _____					
b	_____					
c	_____					
d	_____					
e	_____					
12	Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e).		0		18,193	0
13	Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e).			13		18,193

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

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

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

	Yes	No
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1a(1)	No
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1a(2)	No
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1b(1)	No
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1b(2)		No
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1b(3)		No
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1b(4)		No
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1b(5)		No
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1b(6)		No
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1c		No
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described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

(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.

**Sign
Here**

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2018-02-05

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Signature of officer or trustee

Date _____

Title

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below

(see instr)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN
	MICHAEL GAUS		2018-02-05		P00313627
	Firm's name ▶ GAUS & HANEY A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION				Firm's EIN ▶ 59-3785693
	Firm's address ▶ 5851 SAN FELIPE STE 895 HOUSTON, TX 77057				Phone no (713) 952-4336

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
SUSAN E O'CONNOR 125 BANK STSUITE 300 MISSOULA, MT 59802	CHAIRMAN 0 00	0	0	0
ROY S O'CONNOR 125 BANK STSUITE 300 MISSOULA, MT 59802				
CHRISTOPHER C O'CONNOR 125 BANK STSUITE 300 MISSOULA, MT 59802	DIRECTOR 0 00	0	0	0
MATTHEW C O'CONNOR 125 BANK STSUITE 300 MISSOULA, MT 59802				
PHILIP E O'CONNOR 125 BANK STSUITE 300 MISSOULA, MT 59802	TREASURER 0 00	0	0	0
AMELIA J O'CONNOR 125 BANK STSUITE 300 MISSOULA, MT 59802				

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).

SUSAN E O'CONNOR
ROY S O'CONNOR

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>				
WATSON CHILDREN'S CENTER 4978 BUCKHOUSE LANE MISSOULA, MT 59804	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT SAFE HAVEN FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF PROTEC FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT OF FAMILY CRISIS	1,500
COMMUNITY FOOD & AGRICULTURE COALITION PO BOX 7025 MISSOULA, MT 59807	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE, HEALTHY, FOOD SYSTEM COALITION	2,500
BIG SKY DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL 113 W FRONT ST 105 MISSOULA, MT 59802	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORTING SPONSOR GIFT FOR 2018 FILM FESTIVAL	2,500
IFP FISCAL SPONSORSHIP 30 JOHN STREET BROOKLYN, NY 11201	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT THE NEW NEIGHBORS FILM PROJECT	2,500
ECOLOGY PROJECT INTL 315 S 4TH ST EAST MISSOULA, MT 59801	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	WILDLIFE HABITAT PROTECTION	2,000
Total ► 3a				54,000

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
MONTANA TROUT UNLIMITED PO BOX 7186 MISSOULA, MT 59807	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	PROTECT RIVERS FROM MINING	2,000
INTL WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL 718 S HIGGINS AVE MISSOULA, MT 59801	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT 2018 FILM FESTIVAL	5,000
SAVE OUR WILD SALMON COALITION 811 FIRST AVENUE SUITE 305 SEATTLE, WA 98104	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	RESTORE RIVERS AND WATERSHED WILD SALMON NEED TO SURVIVE	4,500
PRICKLY PEAR LAND TRUST PO BOX 892 HELENA, MT 59624	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT AND CONSERVATION AND LOCAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL	2,250
EXPLORATION WORKS INC 995 CAROUSEL WAY HELENA, MT 59601	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT MONTANA CHILDREN WITH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR STEM KNOWLEDGE	2,250
Total ▶ 3a				54,000

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
DAVID SHERLOCK WILDLIFE TRUST 25283 CABOT ROAD 101 LAGUNA HILLS, CA 92653	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ELEPHANT & RHINO RESCUE & REHAB PROGRAM	5,000
OCEANIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY 336 BON AIR CENTER 384 GREENBRAE, CA 94904	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ADVOCACY TO PROTECT THE EARTH FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS	4,000
ANIMAL WONDERS 2355 SWANSON MEADOWS ROAD POTOMAC, MT 59823	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	PROVIDE HABITAT FOR DISPLACED WILDLIFE	2,000
MISSOULA BUTTERFLY HOUSE & INSECTARIUM PO BOX 8885 MISSOULA, MT 59807	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS	3,000
SOFT LANDING MISSOULA 939 STEPHENS AVE SUITE C MISSOULA, MT 59801	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	REFUGEE SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE	2,000
Total 				54,000
3a				

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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>				
MISSOULA FOOD BANK1720 WYOMING MISSOULA, MT 59801	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	AID AND SUPPORTFOR FAMILIES IN NEED OF FOOD ASSISTANCE	1,000
THE ROXY THEATRE718 S HIGGINS AVE MISSOULA, MT 59801	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT ALTERNATIVE CINEMA	1,000
SEND IT FOUNDATIONPO BOX 1841 TRUCKEE, CA 96161	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT OUTDOOR ADVENTURES FOR CANCER FIGHTING VICTIMS	2,000
HANA RETREATPO BOX 489 HANA, HI 96713	NONE	OTHER PUBLIC CHARITY	SUPPORT CULTURAL CENTER FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS	7,000
Total ▶ 3a				54,000

TY 2017 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** MERLIN FOUNDATION INC**EIN:** 46-1388787**Accounting Fees Schedule**

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
TAX PREPARATION FEE	1,650	825	0	0

TY 2017 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule

Name: MERLIN FOUNDATION INC

EIN: 46-1388787

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
STOCKS	659,784	834,231

TY 2017 Other Assets Schedule

Name: MERLIN FOUNDATION INC

EIN: 46-1388787

Other Assets Schedule

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
ART	320,000	320,000	320,000

TY 2017 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** MERLIN FOUNDATION INC**EIN:** 46-1388787**Other Expenses Schedule**

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEE	4,024	4,024	0	0
INVESTMENT CUSTODIAL FEE	5,000	5,000	0	0
FILING FEE	60	0	0	0
OUTSIDE SERVICES	500	0	0	0

TY 2017 Taxes Schedule**Name:** MERLIN FOUNDATION INC**EIN:** 46-1388787

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOREIGN TAX WITHHELD	125	125	0	0