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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

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2018

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2018, or tax year beginning 01-01-2018, and ending 12-31-2018

Name of foundation
THE WEGE FOUNDATION

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)
99 MONROE AVE NW 902

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210

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 foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 331,799,624

J Accounting method

☒ Cash

☐ Accrual

☐ Other (specify) _____
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

A Employer identification number
38-6124363

B Telephone number (see instructions)
(616) 957-0480

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)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc , received (attach schedule)			
	2 Check ▶ ☒ If the foundation is not required to attach Sch B			
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			
	4 Dividends and interest from securities . . .	5,075,330	5,075,330	
	5a Gross rents	4,800	4,800	
	b Net rental income or (loss) _____ 4,800			
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	26,422,155		
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a _____ 64,433,338			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2) . . .		26,422,155	
	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)	152,574	152,574		
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	31,654,859	31,654,859		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	423,628	129,962	293,666
	14 Other employee salaries and wages	263,712	263,712	0
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	173,714	127,363	46,351
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)			
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)			
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	2,254,787	2,254,787	0
	17 Interest	176,772	176,772	0
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) . . .	1,293,671	317,671	0
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion . . .	107,802	0	
	20 Occupancy			
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	31,611	0	31,611
	22 Printing and publications			
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	442,144	0	421,144
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	5,167,841	3,270,267	792,772
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	22,833,679		22,833,679
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	28,001,520	3,270,267	23,626,451
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12			
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	3,653,339		
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		28,384,592	
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -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	671,009	1,998,350	1,998,350
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,862,071	5,185,701	5,185,701
	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) ▶ _____ 188,833 Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____ 0	191,713	188,833	188,833
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)	33,645,892 	34,286,918	33,866,896
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	67,144,138 	60,745,654	86,409,933
	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)	21,601,992 	21,405,168	28,824,817
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____ 1,096,964 Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____ 427,315	777,451 	669,649	669,649
15 Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	 156,051,887 	161,804,140 	174,655,445	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	282,946,153	286,284,413	331,799,624	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		44,300	
	18 Grants payable	33,091,811	27,406,312	
	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)	33,091,811	27,450,612	
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	2,090,645	2,090,645	
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	247,763,697	256,743,156	
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	249,854,342	258,833,801	
31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	282,946,153	286,284,413		

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	249,854,342
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	3,653,339
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____ 	3	5,829,150
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	259,336,831
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____ 	5	503,030
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 .	6	258,833,801

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			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a 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	26,422,155
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))
2017	19,390,190	346,566,059	0 055949
2016	17,178,746	286,713,288	0 059916
2015	16,892,887	282,484,211	0 059801
2014	15,696,467	259,665,853	0 060449
2013	14,223,676	209,375,227	0 067934

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0 304049
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 060810
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2018 from Part X, line 5	4	347,507,579
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	21,131,936
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	283,846
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	21,415,782
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	23,626,451

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	283,846
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	283,846
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	283,846
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2018 estimated tax payments and 2017 overpayment credited to 2018	6a	465,878
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	50,000
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	0
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	515,878
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	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	232,032
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2019 estimated tax ☐ 232,032 Refunded ☐	11	0

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). 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	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? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities	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? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	3	No
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	Yes
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	Yes
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T	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	Yes
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	Yes
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ MI		
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	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 2018 or the taxable year beginning in 2018? See the instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV	9	No
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	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	Yes	
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	Yes	
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address WWW.WEGEFOUNDATION.COM	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of MARK VAN PUTTEN Telephone no (616) 957-0480			

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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 2018, 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 ▶	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. Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ☐	1b		No
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2018?	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 2018, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2018? ☐ 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 2018 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 2018).	3b		No
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 2018?	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		Yes	No
(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	
c	Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here.	☒		
	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		
	If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)			
6a	Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	☐ Yes ☒ No	6b	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			
7a	At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	☐ Yes ☒ No	7b	
b	If yes, did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?			
8	Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment during the year?	☐ Yes ☒ 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	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
See 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	(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
EMILY ALEMAN-MCALPINE	PROGRAM DIRECTOR	109,552	9,193	31,113
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 485036210	40 00			
LESLIE YOUNG	PROGRAM ASSOCIATE	63,582	1,871	24,592
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 485036210	40 00			
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
WARNER NORCROSS & JUDD LLP	LEGAL SERVICES	92,434
111 LYON STREET NW		
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503		
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	167,716,749
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	5,337,632
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	179,745,192
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	352,799,573
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	352,799,573
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	5,291,994
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4.	5	347,507,579
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	17,375,379

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	17,375,379
2a	Tax on investment income for 2018 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	283,846
b	Income tax for 2018 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	55,869
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	339,715
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	17,035,664
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	17,035,664
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	17,035,664

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	23,626,451
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	23,626,451
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	283,846
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	23,342,605

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 2017	(c) 2017	(d) 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Part XI, line 7				17,035,664
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2018				
a Enter amount for 2017 only.			0	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018				
a From 2013.	3,996,853			
b From 2014.	3,270,079			
c From 2015.	3,276,753			
d From 2016.	3,146,015			
e From 2017.	2,874,913			
f Total of lines 3a through e.	16,564,613			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2018 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>23,626,451</u>				
a Applied to 2017, but not more than line 2a			0	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).		0		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).	0			
d Applied to 2018 distributable amount.				17,035,664
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	6,590,787			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2018 (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	23,155,400			
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 2017 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2018 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2019				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2013 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).	3,996,853			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2019. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	19,158,547			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2014.	3,270,079			
b Excess from 2015.	3,276,753			
c Excess from 2016.	3,146,015			
d Excess from 2017.	2,874,913			
e Excess from 2018.	6,590,787			

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 2018, enter the date of the ruling. ▶					
b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)					
2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2018	(b) 2017	(c) 2016	(d) 2015	
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 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))	
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. to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.	
a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed MARK VAN PUTTEN 99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210 (616) 957-0480	
b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include DETAILED WRITTEN REQUEST THROUGH WEB SITE	
c Any submission deadlines ALL REQUESTS FOR GRANTS SHALL BE MADE BY SEPTEMBER 15 AND FEBRUARY 15 TO ALLOW TIME FOR PROPER RESEA	
d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors NONE	

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

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year SEE ATTACHED DETAIL SEE ATTACHED DETAIL GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49506	NONE	SEE ATTACHED	SEE ATTACHED	22,833,679
Total ▶ 3a				
b Approved for future payment SEE ATTACHED DETAIL SEE ATTACHED DETAIL GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49506	NONE	SEE ATTACHED	SEE ATTACHED	27,406,312
Total ▶ 3b				

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					
4 Dividends and interest from securities. . . .			14	5,075,330	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate					
a Debt-financed property.					
b Not debt-financed property.			17	4,800	
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income.			01	152,574	
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	26,422,155	
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		31,654,859	0
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e). (See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)			13	31,654,859	31,654,859

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

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Part XVII

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

described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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.

***** 2019-11-08 ***** May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown

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	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's Signature	Date	Check if self-employed ☐	PTIN P00144077
	CLAUDE A TITCHE III CPA				
	Firm's name ▶ BEENE GARTER LLP				Firm's EIN ▶ 38-1337372
	Firm's address ▶ 56 GRANDVILLE AVE SW STE 100 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503				Phone no (616) 235-5200

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)
1 PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES			
1 PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES			
PARTNERSHIP K-1S			
PARTNERSHIP K-1S			
SALE OF GREAT LAKES SCRIP LLC	D		
CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	P		

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

(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)
14,863,164		15,064,898	-201,734
37,668,955		22,946,285	14,722,670
344,749			344,749
10,624,918			10,624,918
188,116			188,116
743,436			743,436

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			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
			-201,734
			14,722,670
			344,749
			10,624,918
			188,116
			743,436

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
JONATHAN M WEGE	CHAIR, TRUSTEE, MEMBER 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
MARY GOODWILLIE NELSON	VICE PRESIDENT, TRUSTEE, MEMBER 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
CHRISTOPHER WEGE	VICE PRESIDENT, TRUSTEE, MEMBER 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
DIANA WEGE	VICE PRESIDENT, TRUSTEE, MEMBER 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
JOHANNA OSMAN	TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
CHRISTOPHER CARTER	TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
MARK VAN PUTTEN	PRESIDENT, CEO 40 00	326,295	23,375	25,313
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
W MICHAEL VAN HAREN	FORMER SECRETARY AND TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
PETER M WEGE II	MEMBER 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
JENNIFER WEGE	TRUSTEE 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
SUSAN GELL MEYERS	SECRETARY 1 00	0	0	0
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				
KATHLEEN FURTADO	TREASURER 40 00	97,333	8,168	31,035
99 MONROE AVE NW STE 902 GRAND RAPIDS, MI 495036210				

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TY 2018 Depreciation Schedule

Name: THE WEGE FOUNDATION

EIN: 38-6124363

Depreciation Schedule

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
99 MONROE IMPROVEMENTS	2015-04-21	8,936	1,490	SL	15 0000000000000	596	0		
3 LENOVO THINKPAD COMPUTERS	2016-01-14	6,591	4,021	SL	5 0000000000000	1,028	0		
LENOVO THINKPAD COMPUTER FOR JODY	2016-01-14	1,949	1,189	SL	5 0000000000000	304	0		
8 28' LED MONITORS	2016-01-14	1,760	1,074	SL	5 0000000000000	275	0		
NETWORK MERAKI ACCESS POINT WITH 3 YEAR LICENSE	2016-01-14	1,699	1,463	SL	3 0000000000000	157	0		
MERAKI ADVANCED SECURITY LICENSE 3 YEARS	2016-01-14	1,200	1,033	SL	3 0000000000000	111	0		
WARDROBE AND LEFT DESK FOR MARK AND DRAWERS FOR KATY'S STATION	2016-02-10	3,812	2,325	SL	5 0000000000000	595	0		
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2016-03-08	613	374	SL	3 0000000000000	204	0		
NEW CELL PHONES	2016-05-03	1,300	715	SL	5 0000000000000	234	0		
ARMS FOR MONITORS	2016-05-31	795	438	SL	5 0000000000000	143	0		
COMPUTER	2016-12-01	1,627	699	SL	5 0000000000000	371	0		
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	2010-03-18	12,996	12,996	SL	5 0000000000000	0	0		
99 MONROE IMPROVEMENTS	2014-12-01	664,804	138,500	SL	15 0000000000000	44,320	0		
BATHROOM RUG	2014-10-17	1,060	472	SL	7 0000000000000	151	0		
AUDIO/VIDEO	2014-11-24	3,564	2,228	SL	5 0000000000000	713	0		
FRAMING FOR ARTWORK	2014-11-25	16,005	7,144	SL	7 0000000000000	2,286	0		
FURNITURE & FIXTURES - 99 MONROE	2014-12-01	284,245	132,466	SL	7 0000000000000	43,366	0		
FRAMING FOR ARTWORK	2015-01-26	1,915	685	SL	7 0000000000000	274	0		
FURNITURE & FIXTURES - 99 MONROE	2015-04-21	9,106	3,252	SL	7 0000000000000	1,301	0		
99 MONROE IMPROVEMENTS	2017-01-01	16,000	533	SL	15 0000000000000	1,067	0		

Depreciation Schedule

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
CLICK SHARE TECHNOLOGY, WIRELESS SYSTEM LABOR AND DELIVERY	2017-03-21	7,435	1,487	200DB	5 000000000000	2,379	0		
VIDEO CONFERENCING	2017-06-28	1,580	316	200DB	5 000000000000	506	0		
2 INTERN STATIONS, CEO OFFICE, NEW PROGRAM SPACE, NEW CONFERENCE ROOM	2017-02-25	22,557	4,511	200DB	5 000000000000	7,218	0		
FILM ON CONFERENCE WINDOWS	2017-10-12	3,052	102	SL	15 000000000000	203	0		

TY 2018 Investments Corporate Stock Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363**Investments Corporation Stock Schedule**

Name of Stock	End of Year Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
CORPORATE STOCK	60,745,654	86,409,933

TY 2018 Investments Government Obligations Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363**US Government Securities - End
of Year Book Value:**

34,286,918

**US Government Securities - End
of Year Fair Market Value:**

33,866,896

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Book
Value:**

0

**State & Local Government
Securities - End of Year Fair
Market Value:**

0

TY 2018 Investments - Other Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363**Investments Other Schedule 2**

Category/ Item	Listed at Cost or FMV	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
HEDGE FUNDS	AT COST	20,138,486	27,576,412
ASSET BACKED SECURITIES	AT COST	1,266,682	1,248,405

TY 2018 Land, Etc. Schedule

Name: THE WEGE FOUNDATION

EIN: 38-6124363

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
99 MONROE IMPROVEMENTS	8,936	2,086	6,850	
3 LENOVO THINKPAD COMPUTERS	6,591	5,049	1,542	
LENOVO THINKPAD COMPUTER FOR JODY	1,949	1,493	456	
8 28' LED MONITORS	1,760	1,349	411	
NETWORK MERAKI ACCESS POINT WITH 3 YEAR LICENSE	1,699	1,620	79	
MERAKI ADVANCED SECURITY LICENSE 3 YEARS	1,200	1,144	56	
WARDROBE AND LEFT DESK FOR MARK AND DRAWERS FOR KATY'S STATION	3,812	2,920	892	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	613	578	35	
NEW CELL PHONES	1,300	949	351	
ARMS FOR MONITORS	795	581	214	
COMPUTER	1,627	1,070	557	
COMPUTER SOFTWARE	12,996	12,996	0	
99 MONROE IMPROVEMENTS	664,804	182,820	481,984	
BATHROOM RUG	1,060	623	437	
AUDIO/VIDEO	3,564	2,941	623	
FRAMING FOR ARTWORK	16,005	9,430	6,575	
FURNITURE & FIXTURES - 99 MONROE	284,245	175,832	108,413	
FRAMING FOR ARTWORK	1,915	959	956	
FURNITURE & FIXTURES - 99 MONROE	9,106	4,553	4,553	
99 MONROE IMPROVEMENTS	16,000	1,600	14,400	
CLICK SHARE TECHNOLOGY, WIRELESS SYSTEM LABOR AND DELIVERY	7,435	3,866	3,569	
VIDEO CONFERENCING	1,580	822	758	
2 INTERN STATIONS, CEO OFFICE, NEW PROGRAM SPACE, NEW CONFERENCE ROOM	22,557	11,729	10,828	
FILM ON CONFERENCE WINDOWS	3,052	305	2,747	

TY 2018 Other Assets Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363**Other Assets Schedule**

Description	Beginning of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Book Value	End of Year - Fair Market Value
PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS	131,119,963	141,457,201	149,721,818
WEDGE GROUP - PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS	5,066,884	424,865	712,642
FINE ART	408,360	408,360	408,360
SILVER COINS	566	566	566
CONTRACT PHARMACEUTICALS	9,265,552	9,265,552	13,360,000
AMERICAN GENERAL LIFE INS ANUITY	1	1	212,000
GRAM BOND	9,420,000	9,420,000	9,420,000
GRAM BOND - ACCRUED INTEREST		57,034	57,034
WF - PATHFINDER LLC	290,000	290,000	290,000
WEDGE GROUP - OTHER	360,000	360,000	357,000
WEDGE GROUP - HARDING ENERGY	120,561	120,561	116,025

TY 2018 Other Decreases Schedule

Name: THE WEGE FOUNDATION

EIN: 38-6124363

Description	Amount
BOOK TO TAX DIFFERENCE	503,030

TY 2018 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363**Other Expenses Schedule**

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS	46,097	0		46,097
OFFICE EXPENSES	311,036	0		311,036
CONSULTING FEE	7,180	0		7,180
EDUCATION	15,645	0		15,645
MEALS & ENTERTAINMENT	9,221	0		9,221
INSURANCE	24,803	0		24,803
PAYROLL FEES	3,739	0		3,739
ALIMONY	21,000	0		0
RETREAT	3,398	0		3,398
ANNUAL FEE	25	0		25

TY 2018 Other Income Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363**Other Income Schedule**

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
PARTNERSHIP K-1S	84,514	84,514	84,514
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	68,060	68,060	68,060

TY 2018 Other Increases Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363

Description	Amount
CHANGE IN GRANTS PAYABLE	5,685,499
GRAM BOND ACCRUED UNPAID INTEREST	57,034
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	86,617

TY 2018 Other Professional Fees Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
INVESTMENT FEES	970,556	970,556		0
PROFESSIONAL FEES-ATTY/CPA	172,916	172,916		0
PORTFOLIO EXPENSES	1,111,315	1,111,315		0

TY 2018 Taxes Schedule**Name:** THE WEGE FOUNDATION**EIN:** 38-6124363

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
FOREIGN TAX WITHHELD ON DIVIDENDS	250,072	250,072		0
EXCISE TAXES	976,000	0		0
PROPERTY TAXES	23,903	23,903		0
PAYROLL TAXES	43,696	43,696		0