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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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OMB No 1545-0052

2018

Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2018 or tax year beginning , and ending

Name of foundation: STEPHENSON FOUNDATION

A Employer identification number: 94-3320092

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address): 2800 SAND HILL ROAD — Room/suite: 101

B Telephone number: (650) 854-3927

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: MENLO PARK, CA 94025

C If exemption application is pending, check here ▶ ☐

G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ 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: [X] 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) ▶$ 22,582,845.

J Accounting method: [X] 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 ▶ ☐

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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))

	Line		(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			N/A	
	2	Check ▶ [X] if the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	259.	259.		STATEMENT 1
	4	Dividends and interest from securities	533,015.	530,660.		STATEMENT 2
	5a	Gross rents				
	b	Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a	Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	1,149,847.			
	b	Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a: 5,344,891.				
	7	Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		1,149,847.		
	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)				
	11	Other income	171.	171.		STATEMENT 3
	12	**Total.** Add lines 1 through 11	1,683,292.	1,680,937.		
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				
	b	Accounting fees				
	c	Other professional fees STMT 4	124,674.	110,484.		0.
	17	Interest				
	18	Taxes STMT 5	22,011.	22,001.		0.
	19	Depreciation and depletion				
	20	Occupancy				
	21	Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22	Printing and publications				
	23	Other expenses STMT 6	170.	0.		0.
	24	**Total operating and administrative expenses.** Add lines 13 through 23	146,855.	132,485.		0.
	25	Contributions, gifts, grants paid	1,147,863.			1,147,863.
	26	**Total expenses and disbursements.** Add lines 24 and 25	1,294,718.	132,485.		1,147,863.
	27	Subtract line 26 from line 12:				
	a	Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	388,574.			
	b	**Net investment income** (if negative, enter -0-)		1,548,452.		
	c	**Adjusted net income** (if negative, enter -0-)			N/A	

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Part II Balance Sheets

Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only

		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1.	1.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	297,220.	587,810.	587,810.
	3 Accounts receivable ▶ 42,248.			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	42,248.	42,248.	42,248.
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable ▶			
	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			
	b Investments - corporate stock STMT 7	19,141,338.	19,221,493.	21,148,614.
	c Investments - corporate bonds			
	11 Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	12 Investments - mortgage loans			
	13 Investments - other STMT 8	737,264.	721,395.	804,172.
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less accumulated depreciation ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16 **Total assets** (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	20,218,070.	20,572,947.	22,582,845.
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			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23 **Total liabilities** (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	**Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ ☐ 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 ▶ [X] 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	20,218,070.	20,572,947.	
	30 **Total net assets or fund balances**	20,218,070.	20,572,947.	
	31 **Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances**	20,218,070.	20,572,947.	

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	20,218,070.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	388,574.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	0.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	20,606,644.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS - FMV ADJUSTMENT	5	33,697.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 30	6	20,572,947.

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 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				
b	SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT			
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				
c				
d				
e	5,344,891.		4,195,044.	1,149,847.

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.

	(i) FMV 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				
b				
c				
d				
e				1,149,847.

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	1,149,847.
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). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3	N/A

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 doesn't 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))
2017	1,088,535.	23,637,001.	.046052
2016	1,141,345.	21,974,332.	.051940
2015	1,149,555.	23,412,276.	.049101
2014	1,116,678.	23,897,763.	.046727
2013	1,020,743.	22,593,059.	.045179

2 **Total** of line 1, column (d)	2	.238999
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	.047800
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2018 from Part X, line 5	4	24,709,947.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	1,181,135.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	15,485.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	1,196,620.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	1,147,863.

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 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	CAPITAL GUARDIAN #44-150800 - SEE STATEMENT ATTAC	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
b	CAPITAL GUARDIAN #44-150800 - SEE STATEMENT ATTAC	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
c	FIDELITY #Y89-891371 - SEE STATEMENT ATTACHED	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
d	FIDELITY #Y89-891371 - SEE STATEMENT ATTACHED	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
e	SC BUYOUTS LLC	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
f	SC FRANCHISE PARTNERS	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
g	SC X PRINCIPALS FUND	P	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
h	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS			
i				
j				
k				
l				
m				
n				
o				

	(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	811,947.		1,046,648.	-234,701.
b	2,521,843.		1,899,147.	622,696.
c	32,326.		28,557.	3,769.
d	1,558,308.		1,216,311.	341,997.
e			3,826.	-3,826.
f			297.	-297.
g			258.	-258.
h	420,467.			420,467.
i				
j				
k				
l				
m				
n				
o				

	Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Losses (from col. (h)) Gains (excess of col. (h) gain over col. (k), but not less than "-0-")
	(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				-234,701.
b				622,696.
c				3,769.
d				341,997.
e				-3,826.
f				-297.
g				-258.
h				420,467.
i				
j				
k				
l				
m				
n				
o				

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	1,149,847.
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). If (loss), enter "-0-" in Part I, line 8		3	N/A

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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	30,969.
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	30,969.
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	30,969.
6 Credits/Payments:				
a 2018 estimated tax payments and 2017 overpayment credited to 2018	6a	31,223.		
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	0.		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	20,000.		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	0.		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d			7	51,223.
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	20,254.
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: **Credited to 2019 estimated tax** ▶	20,254.	**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		X
b Did it spend more than $100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition	1b		X
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.			
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. ▶ $ 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?	2		X
If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.			
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? N/A	4b		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year?	5		X
If "Yes," attach the statement required by *General Instruction T*			
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. ▶ CA			
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 2018 or the tax year beginning in 2018? See the 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

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities *(continued)*

			Yes	No
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		X
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		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
	Website address ▶ N/A			
14	The books are in care of ▶ BARBARA STEPHENSON Telephone no. ▶ (650) 854-3927			
	Located at ▶ 2800 SAND HILL ROAD, SUITE 101, MENLO PARK, CA ZIP+4 ▶ 94025			
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 N/A			
			Yes	No
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?	16		X
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶			

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

			Yes	No
	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 N/A	1b		
	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 2018?	1c		X
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 ▶ 2017 , , ,			
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	X	
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to **any** of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ▶ , , ,			
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.) N/A	3b		
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		X
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		X

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

		Yes	No
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 N/A	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? N/A ☐ 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			
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	6b		X
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			
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? N/A	7b		
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(s) 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, and foundation managers and their compensation.

(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
BARBARA STEPHENSON 2800 SAND HILL ROAD, SUITE 101 MENLO PARK, CA 94025	PRESIDENT 1.00	0.	0.	0.
THOMAS F. STEPHENSON 2800 SAND HILL ROAD, SUITE 101 MENLO PARK, CA 94025	VICE PRESIDENT 1.00	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1). 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. 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 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B **Summary of Program-Related Investments**

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 ▶	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	24,213,219.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	738,810.
c	Fair market value of all other assets	1c	134,212.
d	**Total** (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	25,086,241.
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	25,086,241.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	376,294.
5	**Net value of noncharitable-use assets.** Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	24,709,947.
6	**Minimum investment return.** Enter 5% of line 5	6	1,235,497.

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	1,235,497.
2a	Tax on investment income for 2018 from Part VI, line 5 — 2a: 30,969.		
b	Income tax for 2018. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.) — 2b:		
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	30,969.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	1,204,528.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0.
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	1,204,528.
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	1,204,528.

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	1,147,863.
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	1,147,863.
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	5	0.
6	**Adjusted qualifying distributions.** Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	1,147,863.

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				1,204,528.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2018				
a Enter amount for 2017 only			1,148,568.	
b Total for prior years: ___, ___, ___		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018:				
a From 2013				
b From 2014				
c From 2015				
d From 2016				
e From 2017				
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2018 from Part XII, line 4: ▶$ 1,147,863.				
a Applied to 2017, but not more than line 2a			1,147,863.	
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				0.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
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	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 2017. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			705.	
f Undistributed income for 2018. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2019				1,204,528.
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	0.			
9 **Excess distributions carryover to 2019.** Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2014				
b Excess from 2015				
c Excess from 2016				
d Excess from 2017				
e Excess from 2018				

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

1 a 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 foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			
	(a) 2018	(b) 2017	(c) 2016	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2 a 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 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).)

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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.

NONE

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.

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

BARBARA STEPHENSON, (650) 854-3927
2800 SAND HILL ROAD, SUITE 101, MENLO PARK, CA 94025

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

WRITTEN

c Any submission deadlines:

NONE

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 STATEMENT ATTACHED				1,147,863.
Total			▶ 3a	1,147,863.
b *Approved for future payment*				
NONE				
Total			▶ 3b	0.

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.	Unrelated business income (a) Business code	Unrelated business income (b) Amount	Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514 (c) Exclusion code	Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514 (d) Amount	(e) Related or exempt function income
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	259.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities			14	533,015.	
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			14	171.	
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	1,149,847.	
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.		1,683,292.	0.

13 **Total.** Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e) 13 1,683,292.

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

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).
	N/A

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers to and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

			Yes	No
1	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?			
a	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:			
	(1) Cash	1a(1)		X
	(2) Other assets	1a(2)		X
b	Other transactions:			
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(1)		X
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization	1b(2)		X
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets	1b(3)		X
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements	1b(4)		X
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees	1b(5)		X
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations	1b(6)		X
c	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees	1c		X

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column **(b)** should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column **(d)** the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.

(a) Line no	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements
		N/A	

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
N/A		

Sign Here

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

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below? See instr ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature of officer or trustee	Date	Title
[signature]	11/14/19	Vice PRESIDENT

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN
KAREN VALLADAO	KAREN VALLADAO	11/11/19		P00534214

Firm's name ▶ FRANK, RIMERMAN & CO. LLP — Firm's EIN ▶ 94-1341042

Firm's address ▶ 1801 PAGE MILL ROAD PALO ALTO, CA 94304 — Phone no. (650) 845-8100

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FORM 990-PF INTEREST ON SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS STATEMENT 1

SOURCE	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
SEQUOIA CAPITAL FRANCHISE PARTNERS, LP	231.	231.	
SEQUOIA CAPITAL X PRINCIPAL'S FUND	28.	28.	
TOTAL TO PART I, LINE 3	259.	259.	

FORM 990-PF DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST FROM SECURITIES STATEMENT 2

SOURCE	GROSS AMOUNT	CAPITAL GAINS DIVIDENDS	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST-MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
CAPITAL GUARDIAN #150800 DIVIDENDS	304,512.	1,614.	302,898.	300,543.	
FIDELITY #Y89-891371	642,401.	418,853.	223,548.	223,548.	
FIDELITY #Z10-049204	5,979.	0.	5,979.	5,979.	
SEQUOIA CAPITAL X PRINCIPAL'S FUND	590.	0.	590.	590.	
TO PART I, LINE 4	953,482.	420,467.	533,015.	530,660.	

FORM 990-PF OTHER INCOME STATEMENT 3

DESCRIPTION	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST-MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
SEQUOIA CAPITAL FRANCHISE PARTNERS, LP	53.	53.	
SC BUYOUTS	92.	92.	
CAPITAL GUARDIAN	26.	26.	
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11	171.	171.	

FORM 990-PF	OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES			STATEMENT 4
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST-MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT FEES	109,659.	109,659.		0.
PORTFOLIO DEDUCTIONS	825.	825.		0.
ACCOUNTING FEES	14,190.	0.		0.
INVESTMENT INTEREST EXPENSE	0.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 16C	124,674.	110,484.		0.

FORM 990-PF	TAXES			STATEMENT 5
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST-MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
FOREIGN TAXES	22,001.	22,001.		0.
STATE TAXES	10.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 18	22,011.	22,001.		0.

FORM 990-PF	OTHER EXPENSES			STATEMENT 6
DESCRIPTION	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVEST-MENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
FILING FEES	170.	0.		0.
TO FORM 990-PF, PG 1, LN 23	170.	0.		0.

FORM 990-PF — CORPORATE STOCK — STATEMENT 7

DESCRIPTION	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
MUTUAL FUNDS (FIXED) HELD AT CAPITAL GUARDIAN - SEE STMT ATTACHED	3,168,063.	3,106,183.
SECURITIES HELD AT CAPITAL GUARDIAN - SEE STMT ATTACHED	6,770,161.	8,957,382.
SECURITIES HELD AT FIDELITY Y89-891371- SEE STMT ATTACHED	9,283,050.	9,084,830.
SEQUOIA CAPITAL - BARRACUDA STOCK	219.	219.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 10B	19,221,493.	21,148,614.

FORM 990-PF — OTHER INVESTMENTS — STATEMENT 8

DESCRIPTION	VALUATION METHOD	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
SEQUOIA CAPITAL BUYOUTS, LLC	FMV	-1,133.	-1,133.
SEQUOIA CAPITAL X PRINCIPAL'S FUND	FMV	51,080.	51,080.
SEQUOIA CAPITAL FRANCHISE PARTNERS, LP	FMV	71,448.	71,448.
CAPITAL GROUP ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES (OFFSHORE) LP	COST	600,000.	682,777.
TOTAL TO FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 13		721,395.	804,172.

FORM 990-PF — PART XV - LINE 1A — LIST OF FOUNDATION MANAGERS — STATEMENT 9

NAME OF MANAGER

BARBARA STEPHENSON
THOMAS F. STEPHENSON

Stephenson Foundation
Charitable Grants
12/31/2018

Payee		Amount	Address	Recipient Status	Purpose of Grant
A Foundation Building Strength	$	1,000	3825 El Camino Real, Palo Alto CA 94306	Public Charity	To support the search for treatments for Nemaline Myopathy
All Stars Helping Kids	$	10,000	2901 Tasman Drive Suite 218 Santa Clara CA 95054	Public Charity	To disrupt the cycle of poverty and encourage innovation by seed funding start up nonprofits in the Bay Area
American Cancer Society	$	1 000	250 Williams Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30303	Public Charity	To support the mission to free the world from cancer
American Enterprise Institue	$	25 000	1789 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington DC, 20036	Public Charity	To support research and education on issues of government politics, economics and social welfare
Atherton Police Officers Association	$	25,000	2421 Broadway Street, Redwood City, CA 94063	Public Charity	To support the Atherton Police Department
Atlantic Council of the United States	$	25,000	1030 15th Street NW, Suite 200 East Washington DC 20005	Public Charity	To promote constructive leadership and engagement in international affairs
Business Executives for National Security	$	100,000	1030 15th Street NW Suite 200 East, Washington, DC 20005	Public Charity	To support government leaders implement solutions to the most challenging problems in national security
Cal Matters	$	10 000	1404 Franklin St #500, Oakland, CA 94612	Public Charity	To prepare students in underserved communities for success in college and in life
California Center for Jobs and the Economy	$	15,000	1301 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814	Public Charity	To provide objective and definitive information pertaining to job creation and economic trends in the United States
Climate Leadership Council	$	50 000	1250 Connecticut Avenue NW Suite 615, Washington, DC 20036	Public Charity	To develop and promote a carbon dividends framework to reduce global CO2 emissions
Community School of Music and Arts	$	1 000	Finn Center, 230 San Antonio Circle, Mountain View, 94040	Public Charity	To support childhood education and arts
Conservation International	$	25 000	2011 Crystal Drive Suite 500 Arlington, VA 22202	Public Charity	To protect the environment and preserve national resources
Council of American Ambassadors	$	1,000	888 Seventeenth Street NW, Suite 306 Washington DC 20006	Public Charity	To support the role of the American ambassador and the country team in carrying out U S foreign policy at embassies around the world
Cure Alzheimer's Fund	$	25,000	34 Washington Street Suite 310 Wellesley Hills MA 02481	Public Charity	To support Alzheimer's research
Dawn Redwoods Trust	$	500	One Blackfield Drive Suite 331 Tiburon, CA 94920	Public Charity	To support Bohemians and Bohemian families in times of need
Ducks Unlimited	$	1,000	One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120-2351	Public Charity	To supports the conservation restoration and management of wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl
Foundation for Excellence in Education	$	25,000	215 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301	Public Charity	To support a student centered education system in the 21st Century
Friends of Harvard Baseball	$	10,000	124 Mount Auburn Street Cambridge, MA 02138-5795	Public Charity	To support Harvard Athletics Baseball
Friends of Harvard Basketball	$	2,000	124 Mount Auburn Street Cambridge, MA 02138-5795	Public Charity	To support Harvard Athletics Basketball
Friends of Harvard Basketball	$	2 000	124 Mount Auburn Street Cambridge, MA 02138-5795	Public Charity	To support Harvard Athletics Basketball
Friends of Harvard Football	$	2 000	124 Mount Auburn Street Cambridge, MA 02138-5795	Public Charity	To support Harvard Athletics Football
Friends of Harvard Football	$	10,000	124 Mount Auburn Street Cambridge MA 02138-5795	Public Charity	To support Harvard Athletics Football
George W Bush Presidential Center	$	250,000	2943 SMU Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75205	Public Charity	To develop future political leaders advance public policy and take action to solve political challenges
Grace Science Foundation	$	1 000	P O Box 114 Menlo Park CA 94026	Public Charity	To support cutting edge research
Hoover Institution	$	100,000	326 Galvez Street, Stanford, CA 94305 6105	Public Charity	To support the Schultz Stephenson Task Force on Energy Policy
International Center for Study of Violent Extremism	$	10 000	775 Lafayette Avenue #12F Brooklyn New York 11221	Public Charity	To support research and dialogue regarding international security issues to foster global peace efforts
KIPP Bay Area School	$	20,000	1404 Franklin St #500, Oakland, CA 94612	Public Charity	To prepare students in underserved communities for success in college and in life
Lincoln Network	$	10,000	10826 Greater Hills Street, Raleigh, NC 27614 8653	Public Charity	To support the advancement of economic and personal liberties through technological progress
Menlo Park Atherton Education Foundation	$	1,000	181 Encinal Ave, Atherton, CA 94027	Public Charity	To support comprehensive education for all students
Museum of Modern Art	$	49,495	151 Third Street, San Francisco, CA 94103	Public Charity	To expand the museum's impact within the community and provide opportunities for the integration of art into public life
Prospect Sierra School	$	5 000	2060 Tapscott Ave El Cerrito, CA 94530	Public Charity	Support faculty and students of local private school
SAFE Project	$	25 000	3118 Washington Boulevard Box #101734 Arlington VA 22201 9998	Public Charity	To provide support in fighting the addiction epidemic.
San Francisco Host Committee	$	2,300	601 Van Ness Avenue, Suite E240, San Francisco, CA 94102	Public Charity	To support global opportunities, programs and initiatives for the city
Securing America's Future Energy	$	10 000	111 19th Street NW Suite 406 Washington DC 20036	Public Charity	To improve America's energy security by reducing dependence on oil and promoting responsible use of domestic energy resources
Stanford Energy Policy Task Force (Hoover Institution)	$	232,568	326 Galvez Street Stanford, CA 94305 6105	Public Charity	Support Stanford Athletics Golf
Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)	$	50,000	366 Galvez Street, Stanford, CA 94305 6015	Public Charity	To support education in economic policy
Stanford University	$	5,000	326 Galvez Street, Stanford CA 94305 6105	Public Charity	Support Stanford Athletics Golf
Teach for America	$	5,000	685 Market Street, Suite 500 San Francisco CA 94105	Public Charity	To support education in the Bay Area
Wilmington Friends School	$	5 000	101 School Road Wilmington DE 19803	Public Charity	To provide education support
Total	$	1,147,863			