

Form **990-PF**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation**

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For calendar year 2019 or tax year beginning , 2019, and ending

THE CERES TRUST
10361 INNOVATION DRIVE #150
MILWAUKEE, WI 53226

A Employer identification number

20-5768077

B Telephone number (see instructions)**C** If exemption application is pending, check here ▶ ☐ 6**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 ▶ ☐

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 04
☐ 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, column (c), line 16)
▶ \$ 15,223,066

J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
☐ Other (specify) (Part I, column (d), must be on cash basis)

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions).)

(a) Revenue and expenses per books

(b) Net investment income

(c) Adjusted net income

(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc. received (attach schedule)

1,276,413

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

305,318

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5a Gross rents**b** Net rental income or (loss)**6a** Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10

2,033,514

b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 4,463,643**7** Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)

2,033,514

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)

SEE STATEMENT 1

59,803

12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11

3,675,048

2,338,832

0

13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.

0

14 Other employee salaries and wages

136,990

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15 Pension plans, employee benefits**16a** Legal fees (attach schedule) SEE ST 2

41,009

41,009

b Accounting fees (attach sch) SEE ST 3

15,981

7,991

7,990

c Other professional fees (attach sch) SEE ST 4

171,051

20,051

151,000

17 Interest**18** Taxes (attach schedule) (see instrs) SEE STM 5

10,226

10,226

19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion SEE STMT 6

133

20 Occupancy**21** Travel, conferences, and meetings

6,665

6,665

22 Printing and publications**23** Other expenses (attach schedule)

SEE STATEMENT 7

160,722

158,217

24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23

542,777

28,042

512,097

25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid PART XV

4,984,329

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26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25

5,527,106

28,042

0

5,496,426

27 Subtract line 26 from line 12**a** Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements

-1,852,058

b Net investment income (if negative, enter 0)

2,310,790

c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter 0)

0

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions.)		
		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash — non-interest-bearing			
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	2,523,418.	941,859.	941,859.
	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 sch) Less allowance for doubtful accounts			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments — U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments — corporate stock (attach schedule)	5,872,408.	5,872,408.	8,347,573.
	c Investments — corporate bonds (attach schedule)	2,728,197.	2,745,354.	2,908,911.
	11 Investments — land, buildings, and equipment basis Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule)			
	12 Investments — mortgage loans			
	13 Investments — other (attach schedule)	2,885,250.	2,616,961.	3,023,470.
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment basis 2,331. Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) SEE STMT 8 2,331.		133.	
15 Other assets (describe SEE STATEMENT 9)	3,758.	1,253.	1,253.	
16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	14,013,164.	12,177,835.	15,223,066.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable			
	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe)			
23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0.	0.		
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30. ☐			
	24 Net assets without donor restrictions			
	25 Net assets with donor restrictions			
	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 26 through 30. ☒			
	26 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	14,013,164.	12,177,835.	
	27 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	28 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	29 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	14,013,164.	12,177,835.	
30 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	14,013,164.	12,177,835.		

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 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	14,013,164.
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-1,852,058.
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) SEE STATEMENT 10	3	16,729.
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	12,177,835.
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize)	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) — Part II, column (b), line 29	6	12,177,835.

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.)
1 a SEE STATEMENT 11				
b				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) ((e) plus (f) minus (g))
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a			
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	2,033,514.
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	0.

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))
2018	5,311,938.	16,726,780.	0.317571
2017	5,951,215.	18,140,501.	0.328062
2016	5,354,537.	18,476,930.	0.289796
2015	7,921,009.	22,542,955.	0.351374
2014	6,851,773.	17,560,199.	0.390188

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	1.676991
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	0.335398
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2019 from Part X, line 5	4	15,186,838.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	5,093,635.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	23,108.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	5,116,743.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	5,496,426.

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

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

1 a 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	23,108.
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	23,108.
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	23,108.
6 Credits/Payments			
a 2019 estimated tax pymts and 2018 overpayment credited to 2019	6 a	31,344.	
b Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	6 b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6 c	25,000.	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6 d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	56,344.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☒ if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	0.	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	33,236.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2020 estimated tax	11	0.	
		33,236.	Refunded

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1 a 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?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition. If the answer is 'Yes' to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		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? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		N/A
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by <i>General Instruction T</i>		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	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	X	
8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. <u>WI</u>		
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 <i>General Instruction G</i> ? If 'No,' attach explanation	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 2019 or the tax year beginning in 2019? See the instructions for Part XIV. If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses SEE STATEMENT 12	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		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		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address <u>WWW.CERESTRUST.ORG</u>	X	
14 The books are in care of <u>MOHR CPAS LLP</u> Telephone no <u>(414) 244-9940</u> Located at <u>10361 INNOVATION DRIVE STE 150 MILWAUKEE WI</u> ZIP + 4 <u>53226</u>		
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 <u>N/A</u>		N/A
16 At any time during calendar year 2019, 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?		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

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1 a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check 'No' if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days)	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here ☐		N/A
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 2019?		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 2019, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XIII, lines 6d and 6e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2019? If 'Yes,' list the years <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u>	☐ Yes ☒ No	
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement — see instructions)		N/A
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u> , <u>20__</u>		
3 a 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 2019 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 Form 4720, Schedule C, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2019)		N/A
4 a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		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 2019?		X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5a** During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to

(1) Carry on propaganda; or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?

☐ Yes ☒ No

(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions

☒ Yes ☐ No

(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?

☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If any answer is 'Yes' to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here

☐**c** If the answer is 'Yes' to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?☒ Yes ☐ No

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?

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870

☐ Yes ☒ No**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

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. 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
JUDITH A. KERN 10361 INNOVATION DRIVE STE 150 MILWAUKEE, WI 53226	TRUSTEE 0	0.	0.	0.

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(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
KATHRYN GILJE 5117 LAWTON AVENUE OAKLAND, CA 94618	40	136,990.	0.	0.

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
EVERGREEN WEALTH ADVISORS LLC 150 S. WACKER DRIVE #2400 CHICAGO, IL 60606	CONSULTING	151,000.
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 (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	0.

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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	1 a	8,934,952.
b Average of monthly cash balances	1 b	1,565,709.
c Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1 c	4,917,449.
d Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1 d	15,418,110.
e Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1 e	0.
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0.
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	15,418,110.
4 Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	231,272.
5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	15,186,838.
6 Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	759,342.

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	759,342.
2 a Tax on investment income for 2019 from Part VI, line 5	2 a	23,108.
b Income tax for 2019 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2 b	
c Add lines 2a and 2b	2 c	23,108.
3 Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	736,234.
4 Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	40,663.
5 Add lines 3 and 4	5	776,897.
6 Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7 Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	776,897.

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	1 a	5,496,426.
b Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	1 b	
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)	3 a	
b Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3 b	
4 Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	5,496,426.
5 Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions	5	23,108.
6 Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	5,473,318.

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 2018	(c) 2018	(d) 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Part XI, line 7				776,897.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2019.				
a Enter amount for 2018 only			0.	
b Total for prior years 20 __, 20 __, 20 __		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019				
a From 2014 6,024,505.				
b From 2015 6,802,443.				
c From 2016 4,442,910.				
d From 2017 5,134,936.				
e From 2018 4,496,040.				
f Total of lines 3a through e	26,900,834.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2019 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 5,496,426.				
a Applied to 2018, 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 2019 distributable amount				776,897.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	4,719,529.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2019 (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	31,620,363.			
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 2018 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount — see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2019 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2020				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 2014 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	6,024,505.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	25,595,858.			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2015 6,802,443.				
b Excess from 2016 4,442,910.				
c Excess from 2017 5,134,936.				
d Excess from 2018 4,496,040.				
e Excess from 2019 4,719,529.				

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 SPREADSHEET	NONE	PC	SEE STATEMENT	4,984,329.
Total				3 a 4,984,329.
b Approved for future payment				
Total				3 b

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations)

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

Schedule B

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

Schedule of Contributors

- Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one)

Filers of:**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

Form 990-PF

☐ 527 political organization☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000, or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ► \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer 'No' on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part II Contributors (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	JUDITH A. KERN 10361 INNOVATION DRIVE MILWAUKEE, WI 53226	\$ 3,041,053.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☒ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
2	CS FUNDS 469 BOHEMIAN HIGHWAY FREESTONE, CA 95472	\$ 10,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
3	THE CHORUS, INC 800 BOYLSTON ST, SUITE 1560 BOSTON, MA 02199-8129	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
4	FUND FOR DEMOCRATIC COMMUNITIES 315 SPRING GARDEN ST, SUITE 2A GREENSBORO, NC 27401	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
5	SURDNA FOUNDATION 200 MADISON AVENUE, 25TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	\$ 5,000.	Person ☒ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
		\$	Person ☐ Payroll ☐ Noncash ☐ (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)

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Part II

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
1	SEE ATTACHED SECURITIES		
		\$ 2,541,053.	VARIOUS
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
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		\$	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$	

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2019)

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ▶ \$ _____ N/A

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	N/A		

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

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

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

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

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

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held

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

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STATEMENT 1
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 11
OTHER INCOME

	(A) REVENUE PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME
BANK OF AMERICA	\$ 19,140.		
UNSPENT GRANT FUNDS	40,663.		
TOTAL	\$ 59,803.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.

STATEMENT 2
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 16A
LEGAL FEES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
REINHART BOERNER VAN DEUREN	\$ 41,009.			\$ 41,009.
TOTAL	\$ 41,009.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 41,009.

STATEMENT 3
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 16B
ACCOUNTING FEES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
MOHR CPAS LLP	\$ 15,981.	\$ 7,991.		\$ 7,990.
TOTAL	\$ 15,981.	\$ 7,991.	\$ 0.	\$ 7,990.

STATEMENT 4
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 16C
OTHER PROFESSIONAL FEES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
CONSULTANTS	\$ 151,000.			\$ 151,000.
INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES - MARQUETTE	16,184.	\$ 16,184.		
INVESTMENT MGMT FEES - US TRUST #6038	3,867.	3,867.		
TOTAL	\$ 171,051.	\$ 20,051.	\$ 0.	\$ 151,000.

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STATEMENT 5
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 18
TAXES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 10,226.			\$ 10,226.
TOTAL	\$ 10,226.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 10,226.

STATEMENT 6
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 19
ALLOCATED DEPRECIATION

DATE ACQUIRED	COST BASIS	PRIOR YR DEPR	METHOD	RATE	LIFE	CURRENT YR DEPR	NET INVEST INCOME	ADJUSTED NET INCOME
COMPUTER 1/08/14	2,019	1,904	200DB	0.0576		115	0	0
MONITOR, KEYBOARD, MOUSE 3/12/14	312	294	200DB	0.0576		18	0	0
SOFTWARE 7/27/17	7,516	3,758	S/L	0.3333		2,505	0	0

STATEMENT 7
FORM 990-PF, PART I, LINE 23
OTHER EXPENSES

	(A) EXPENSES PER BOOKS	(B) NET INVESTMENT INCOME	(C) ADJUSTED NET INCOME	(D) CHARITABLE PURPOSES
AMORTIZATION	\$ 2,505.			N/A
COMPUTER EXPENSE	1,387.			\$ 1,387.
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	7,600.			7,600.
FUNDER ENGAGEMENT EXPENSES	47,244.			47,244.
GRANTEE EXPENSES	75,801.			75,801.
OFFICE EXPENSE	127.			127.
PAYROLL PROCESSING FEES	1,408.			1,408.
POSTAGE	74.			74.
RENTAL EXPENSES	17,744.			17,744.
TELEPHONE, INTERNET	1,295.			1,295.
WEB DESIGN & MAINTENANCE	5,537.			5,537.
TOTAL	\$ 160,722.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 158,217.

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STATEMENT 8
FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 14
LAND, BUILDINGS, AND EQUIPMENT

CATEGORY	BASIS	ACCUM. DEPREC.	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,331.	\$ 2,331.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,331.</u>	<u>\$ 2,331.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

STATEMENT 9
FORM 990-PF, PART II, LINE 15
OTHER ASSETS

	BOOK VALUE	FAIR MARKET VALUE
NET INTANGIBLE ASSETS	\$ 1,253.	\$ 1,253.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,253.</u>	<u>\$ 1,253.</u>

STATEMENT 10
FORM 990-PF, PART III, LINE 3
OTHER INCREASES

TIMING DIFFERENCES	\$ 16,729.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 16,729.</u>

STATEMENT 11
FORM 990-PF, PART IV, LINE 1
CAPITAL GAINS AND LOSSES FOR TAX ON INVESTMENT INCOME

ITEM	(A) DESCRIPTION	(B) HOW ACQUIRED	(C) DATE ACQUIRED	(D) DATE SOLD
1	BANK OF AMERICA #6038	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	7/18/2019
2	BANK OF AMERICA #6038	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	7/18/2019
3	17661.604 BAILLARD REAL ESTATE INV TRUST	PURCHASED	VARIOUS	9/30/2019
4	CHARLES SCHWAB	DONATED	VARIOUS	7/29/2019
5	216 MASTERCARD	DONATED	VARIOUS	7/30/2019
6	CHARLES SCHWAB	DONATED	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
7	CHARLES SCHWAB	DONATED	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
8	CAPITAL GAIN DIVIDENDS			

ITEM	(E) GROSS SALES	(F) DEPREC. ALLOWED	(G) COST BASIS	(H) GAIN (LOSS)	(I) FMV 12/31/69	(J) ADJ. BAS. 12/31/69	(K) EXCESS (I) - (J)	(L) GAIN (LOSS)
1	375,515.		394,806.	-19,291.				\$ -19,291.
2	860,999.		865,902.	-4,903.				-4,903.
3	500,000.		418,008.	81,992.				81,992.
4	47,605.		46,907.	698.				698.
5	60,148.		31,886.	28,262.				28,262.
6	1256344.		449,224.	807,120.				807,120.
7	1200526.		223,396.	977,130.				977,130.
8								162,506.
							TOTAL	<u>\$ 2033514.</u>

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STATEMENT 12
FORM 990-PF, PART VII-A, LINE 10
SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTORS DURING THE TAX YEAR

<u>NAME OF SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR</u>	<u>ADDRESS OF SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTOR</u>
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JUDITH A KERN	10361 INNOVATION DRIVE SUITE 150 MILWAUKEE, WI 53226
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PART VII-B
LINE 5C

THE FOUNDATION IS CLAIMING EXEMPTION FROM EXCISE TAX FOR THE FOLLOWING GRANTS
BECAUSE IT HAS MAINTAINED EXPENDITURE RESPONSIBILITY:

(1) INSIGHT PRODUCTIONS, INC.

(A) 1076 MOSS HOLLOW ROAD
P.O. BOX 96
MARLBORO, VT 05344

(B) GRANT WAS MADE ON JUNE 15, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$301,928.

(C) THE GRANT WAS MADE TO SUPPORT CAN'T SEE THE WOODS FOR THE TREES
FILM PROJECT.

(D) THE GRANTEE HAS EXPENDED \$247,799.

(E) THE GRANTEE HAS NOT DIVERTED ANY PORTION OF THE FUNDS FROM THE
PURPOSE OF THE GRANT.

(F) A REPORT FOR THIS GRANT WAS RECEIVED IN JANUARY 2016, JULY 2016, FEBRUARY
2017 AND MAY 2017.

(2) INSIGHT PRODUCTIONS, INC.

(A) 1076 MOSS HOLLOW ROAD
P.O. BOX 96
MARLBORO, VT 05344

(B) GRANT WAS MADE ON AUGUST 6, 2018 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.

(C) THE GRANT WAS MADE TO SUPPORT BURNED - OUTREACH AND AUDIENCE ENGAGEMENT
CAMPAIGN.

(D) THE GRANTEE HAS EXPENDED \$50,000.

(E) THE GRANTEE HAS NOT DIVERTED ANY PORTION OF THE FUNDS FROM THE
PURPOSE OF THE GRANT.

(F) A REPORT FOR THIS GRANT WAS RECEIVED FEBRUARY 14, 2020.

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**FMV OF ASSETS (990-PF)
SAVINGS AND TEMPORARY CASH INVESTMENTS**

U.S. TRUST #6038	\$	939,555.
BANK OF AMERICA CHECKING ACCOUNT - 9728		0.
BANK OF AMERICA CHECKING ACCOUNT - 6723		1,949.
CHARLES SCHWAB #6003		355.
TOTAL	\$	<u>941,859.</u>

**FMV OF ASSETS (990-PF)
CORPORATE STOCK [O]**

U.S. TRUST #6038	\$	8,347,573.
TOTAL	\$	<u>8,347,573.</u>

**FMV OF ASSETS (990-PF)
CORPORATE BONDS [O]**

U.S. TRUST #6038	\$	2,908,911.
TOTAL	\$	<u>2,908,911.</u>

**FMV OF ASSETS (990-PF)
OTHER [O]**

BAILLARD REAL ESTATE INV TRUST	\$	3,023,470.
TOTAL	\$	<u>3,023,470.</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET
CORPORATE STOCK (FORM 990-PF)[O]**

U.S. TRUST #6038

TOTAL \$ 5,872,408.
\$ 5,872,408.**BALANCE SHEET
CORPORATE BONDS (FORM 990-PF)[O]**

U.S. TRUST #6038

TOTAL \$ 2,745,354.
\$ 2,745,354.**BALANCE SHEET
OTHER (FORM 990-PF)[O]**

BAILLARD REAL ESTATE INV TRUST

TOTAL \$ 2,616,961.
\$ 2,616,961.